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Munster/Highland: PARTNERS IN FITNESS

Munster Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce our new partnership with the Town of Highland. As a Munster resident, you will be able to take advantage of Highland resident rates for membership at the Fitness Center at Lincoln Center. This state of the art facility boasts a variety of cardio equipment, including 10 treadmills, 11 stationary bikes, 10 ellipticals, 2 rowers, 2 StairMasters, a hand bike, a NuStep, strength training machines, and a free weight area. Lockers and showers are also available to members. Childcare services are also available for an additional fee.

The Fitness Center is located at 2450 Lincoln Street, Highland, IN

Hours: Monday-Friday: 5 am - 10 pm, Saturday & Sunday: 7 am - 7 pm

Membership Information (Effective January 20, 2016):

Highland/Munster Individual Prices

Category	Daily Rate	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Adult 18-64 Years	\$8	\$50	\$108	\$162	\$240
Students/65+	\$8	\$44	\$95	\$142	\$210

Highland/Munster Annual Household Package Pricing

Head of Household	2nd Adult Same House	3 or more Adults Same House	Student/ 65+ Years
\$240	\$180	\$120	\$120

To take advantage of the reciprocal membership agreement, you must show a current/valid state-issued ID showing Munster residency (bills or mail will not be accepted as form of ID). Those registering for 6 month or less will be required to pay entire fee up front. Only yearly memberships are eligible for installment billing from a checking account. (Minimum age for fitness center is 14 years).

TOWN OF MUNSTER SOLICITING FOOD & BEVERAGE PROPOSALS



The Town of Munster is requesting proposals from established restaurateurs, caterers and businesses interested in taking over the restaurant and banquet services at Centennial Park Clubhouse. Additionally, or as an Alternative: Munster Community Pool and Community Park concession stands may be included. For more information, please contact Greg Vitale at (219) 836-6965 or gvitale@munster.org or to pick up a proposal packet.

Are you looking for a part-time, seasonal position with Munster Parks? At the **Part-Time Job/Volunteer Fair**, on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 3:30 - 6:00 pm, all those interested in working at Munster Pool, camps or concessions are welcome to apply. Applications are online at www.munster.org. If attending, please dress appropriately and be ready to interview.

MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION

836-PARK (7275)

Saturday, February 6
Wilbur Wright Middle School
6 - 9 pm

Join us for **Daddy Daughter Date Night**. This is a cherished annual event bringing Dads together with their little girls for an evening of dinner and dancing.



Saturday, February 13
9 am - 4 pm

Come browse our **Winter Arts & Crafts Fair** and **Business & Consumer Fair**, at Munster High School, free admission, parking and concessions available. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Barb at (219) 836-6923 or bholajter@munster.org

Wednesday, February 24
Centennial Park Clubhouse
6 - 9 pm

Visit our **Winter Bridal Fair**. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Jessica at (219) 836-6922 or jcostello@munster.org.



Youth Education

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| 1/10-2/28 | Dancing Gym Bears (4-6 yrs.) |
| 1/10-2/28 | Patti's Little Gymnast (4-6 yrs.) |
| 1/10-2/28 | Trampoline and Tumble (6-12 yrs.) |
| 1/11-1/30 | ACT Prep with Sylvan (14-18 yrs.) |
| 1/11-2/29 | Music Together in Munster (up to 5 yrs.) |
| 1/12-2/2 | Mommy & Me Art (2-3 yrs.) |
| 1/12-2/16 | Gymnastics with Tumblebears (up to 3 yrs.) |
| 1/12-2/16 | Preschool Gymnastics (3-5 yrs.) |
| 1/13 | Robotics for Kids (6-13 yrs.) |
| 1/16-3/5 | Children's Beginning Drawing (9-11 yrs.) |
| 1/20 | Engineering for Kids (6-13 yrs.) |
| 1/27-3/16 | Beginner Chess (7-14 yrs.) |
| 2/1-3/21 | Guitar Lessons (11-adult) |

Swim Lessons Begin on February 7, for all ages!

Youth Sports

T-Ball, Tot Athletics, Volleyball, Intro to Sports, Basketball Basics, Basketball 101, and Dribble, Kick and Goal all beginning in early February...check it out online at www.munster.org.

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| 1/6-3/9 | Winter Soccer Camp (7-9 yrs.) |
| 1/7-2/18 | Wado-Ki Karate (4-6 yrs. And 6+ yrs.) |

Keen-Ager Members

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| 1/18-2/8 | Alzheimer's Care |
| 2/11 | Valentine's Day Bingo |
| 2/19 | Jacqueline Kennedy - Our First Lady
(Lunch & Show) |

CONTINUING EDUCATION

It's time to think about furthering your career with a Continuing Education Course. All courses begin in early March, so don't delay in registering. The following classes can be taken online or in classroom: Clinical Medical Assistant Program with Clinical Externship, Dialysis Technician, EKG Technician with Certification, Pharmacy Technician with Clinical Externship and Phlebotomy Technician.

Active Adult

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| 1/11-2/29 | Principals of Figure Drawing |
| 1/13-3/2 | Beginning Drawing for Adults |
| 1/20 | Ipad 101 |
| 1/27 | ESL Class Introduction |
| 1/27 | Excel In-a-Day |
| 1/28 | Conversational Spanish |

Wellness & Fitness

Fitness Pointe classes include: Aqua Pilates, Aqua Workout, Bike & Tone, Dance & Tone, Deep Water Aerobics, Low Express, Pilates Sculpt, PiYo, PowerCore, R.I.P.P.E.D., Restorative Yoga, Tai Chi, Totally Toned Arms, Virtual Cycle and Zumba. Fitness Pointe has a **STRICT** registration deadline of **Wednesday, January 13**.

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| 1/11-2/3 | Body Blast |
| 1/04-2/4 | Yoga & Breathing |
| 1/12-3/17 | Zumba |



Trips & Travel

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| 1/26 | Four Winds Casino |
| 2/24 | 3M's Tour - Merchandise Mart, Money & Manny |
| 3/9 | "Bye Bye Birdie" Must register by Jan. 9 |
| 3/14 | Shedd Aquarium |
| 3/14 | Flower & Garden Show |
| 3/14 | Your Choice: Water Tower Place or Navy Pier |
| 3/22 | Trip to the Blue Chip Casino |
| 4/28 | Irving Berlin at the Royal George (This will fill quickly!) |

Multi-Day Travel

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| 5/1-6 | Chicago Cubs vs. Pittsburgh Pirates |
| 5/15-20 | Arizona's Historic Trains |
| 6/13-20 | Yosemite, Lake Tahoe & Wine Country |
| 7/12-17 | The Great Train Race |
| 7/17-21 | Spotlight on San Francisco (book by 2/10) |
| 8/6-12 | New York's Haunted History Trail |
| 8/20-27 | Northern National Parks (book by 2/12) |
| 9/16-25 | Hawaii by Land & Sea (book by 3/9) |

Most programs & trips have a fee associated with them. Call for more details (219) 836-7275. All programs require pre-registration by calling or registering online.

Greetings to everyone for a Happy
New Year!





MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Munster Police Department will be holding their first quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting of the year on Thursday, January 28,

2016 at 7:00 pm at the Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room). This meeting will provide residents and business representatives with crime statistics from the past calendar quarter and for all of 2015 in comparison to previous years, along with a chance for participants to ask questions or raise concerns to police officials. In addition, Lake County Sheriff John Buncich will be providing a presentation to the public about resources and support that the Lake County Sheriff's Department makes available to Munster and other surrounding law enforcement agencies. Crime prevention materials will be available for pick-up, and a \$25 Target gift card will be awarded as a door prize at the conclusion of the meeting. For more information please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

"SNOWFLURRY 2016" FOR FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS

Any current fifth grader at Eads, Elliott, Frank Hammond, St. Thomas More, or St. Paul's Lutheran School are invited and encouraged to participate in Snowflurry 2016, which will take place on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 8:30 am at Wilbur Wright Middle School. This annual event, which is held as an extension of the Munster Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program, involves hundreds of fifth graders each year being led in a variety of both fun and educational activities centered around making positive decisions and treating others with respect.

Pre-registration is required in order to participate, and students will be provided with permission slips from their homeroom teachers beginning January 5, 2016. The cost is \$10 per student, and each student will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Permission slips and fees must be turned in to homeroom teachers no later than **Thursday, January 21st** and no late entries or walk-ins on the day of the event will be accepted.

Current Munster High School students who would like to help lead the fifth graders in activities that day can do so by signing up beginning January 5th on a clipboard outside of School Resource Officer Joseph Pacheco's office in Student Services. Volunteer sign-ups will be open until all 140 volunteer spots are filled, so if you are interested in helping out please sign-up as soon as possible to reserve your spot. For more information about Snowflurry 2016, please contact D.A.R.E. Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.



THERE WILL NOT BE REFUSE & RECYCLING PICK UP ON:

New Year's Day – Friday, January 1, 2016

Refuse and recycling will be picked up one day later after the holiday.

Friday's pick up will be picked up on Saturday



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Weather permitting, Christmas trees will be picked up by the Public Works Department for 3 weeks after New Years, starting January 4, 2016 and ending January 22, 2016. Trees placed out on the curb will be picked up in 72 hours. Please make sure all decorations are off the tree. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

One of the hallmarks of American government is citizen participation in determining how we will be governed. Although there are few local elected offices, residents are appointed to positions on various boards, commissions, and committees that help run local government. Within the Civil Town of Munster, there are six such groups that meet occasionally: Plan Commission, Board of Parks & Recreation, Board of Safety, Board of Zoning Appeals, Economic Development Commission, and Nominating Committee. Additionally, the Munster Town Council also makes occasional appointments to the Hammond Sanitary District Board, Hammond Sanitary District Technical Review Committee, Munster Civic Foundation Executive Committee, and the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority.

The selection process for these groups involves completing an application, being screened by the Nominating Committee, and receiving an appointment by the Town Council. Applications are available at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office or online at www.munster.org. Click "Government," "Office of the Clerk-Treasurer," "General Information," and you will see the application under the "Useful Links" section. Perhaps a more expedient method of accessing the application is to search for "Application for Boards & Commissions" from the Town's homepage.

Please respond now if you are interested in being of service to your hometown.

Thank You 2015 "COPS & KIDS" Program Sponsors

The Munster Police Department and Munster Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #147 would like to thank the many residents, businesses, and community organizations that provided donations towards this past December's annual "Cops & Kids" holiday shopping program. Thanks to your generosity and support, our department was able to take over 50 children in need shopping for toys or clothing during the holidays who might not have received anything this year. We would like to especially thank the Munster Junior Woman's Club and Bangs Hair Studio in Dyer for holding a "Cut-A-Thon" fundraiser for our program this year.

For more information about this and any of the police department's community policing programs, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

According to Munster Code, Sec. 26:1203, in order for emergency vehicles to respond quickly to calls, please display house numbers in a position easily observed and readable from the public right of way. All number should be at least three inches high and be a contrasting color from the background.

To Residents and Supporters of the Munster Fire Department:



As 2015 draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to recognize your efforts for public fire education over the past year. With your help, we held numerous public fire education programs. Some of these programs included, fire station tours and education, fire safety presentations to over 1,000 students in the Munster schools during Fire Prevention Week and our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House held on October 10, 2015. Without the help of Munster businesses and residents, we would not have been able to host these events. On behalf of the Munster Fire Department, I would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" for your support and generous donations. Your support allows us to make a difference in educating all Munster residents and their children.

David Strbjak, Battalion Chief
Fire Prevention Director

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 2016

Park Board Meeting	January 5	12:00 pm	Centennial Park
Board of Zoning Appeals	January 12	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	January 12	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	January 18	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	January 19	7:00 pm	Conference Room "A"
Board of Safety	January 21	7:00 am	Conference Room "C"

Notes: The above schedule is subject to change. Please telephone Town Hall at 836-6900 to confirm meetings. A schedule of these meetings and others is maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website: <http://www.munster.org>.

Tune into WJOB 1230 AM Radio and listen to "Community Programming Initiative" which members of the Munster Town Council discuss issues in town, the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m.

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Town of Munster 2016 Trash and Recycling Calendar - January to June

Waste Management - 1-800-796-9696

Public Works - 836-6970 or 836-6971

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2016 HOLIDAYS - January to June

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2016

Memorial Day - Monday, May 30, 2016

Holidays - Trash and Recycling will be delayed 1 day after the holiday

Trash is picked up every week - Recycling is picked up every other week

Green week for recycling pick up - on calendar

Gold week for recycling pick up - on calendar