

HELP WANTED

MUNSTER PUBLIC WORKS SEEKS SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Munster Public Works is seeking seasonal maintenance employees for the Street, Sewer and Water Departments. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid driver's license. General labor duties will include but not limited to mowing, weeding, weed whipping, watering, trashing, painting, cleaning and other duties as assigned. Seasonal employees are required to wear long pants and steel toed shoes (t-shirts will be provided). Hours are Monday-Friday 7 am to 3 pm. You may be required to work special events, weekends or holidays.

Please apply at the Public Works Garage, 508 Fisher Street, Monday-Friday, 7 am to 3 pm. Applications will be accepted until May 31st.



EARLY VOTING

Munster Town Hall will again serve as a satellite location for early voting for May's primary election.

Early Voting begins on **April 5, 2016.**

Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays & Fridays from April 5 - April 29th from 9 am to 3 pm

Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 9 am to 7 pm

Saturdays, April 23 and 30 from 9 am to 2 pm

Monday May 2nd from 9 am to 12 pm

Questions can be directed to the Board of Elections and Registration, (219) 755-3795.

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

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	April 4	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	April 5	12:00 pm	Centennial Park
Board of Zoning Appeals	April 12	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	April 12	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	April 18	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	April 19	7:00 pm	Conference Room "A"
Board of Safety	April 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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NEWS YOU CAN USE

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NIPSCO CONTINUES UPGRADES TO ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Today, NIPSCO announced plans to begin work on a natural gas upgrade project in the Towns of Munster and Highland. This project is just one of the existing and future investments planned as part of the company's long-term effort to modernize the gas and electric infrastructure across its entire service area.

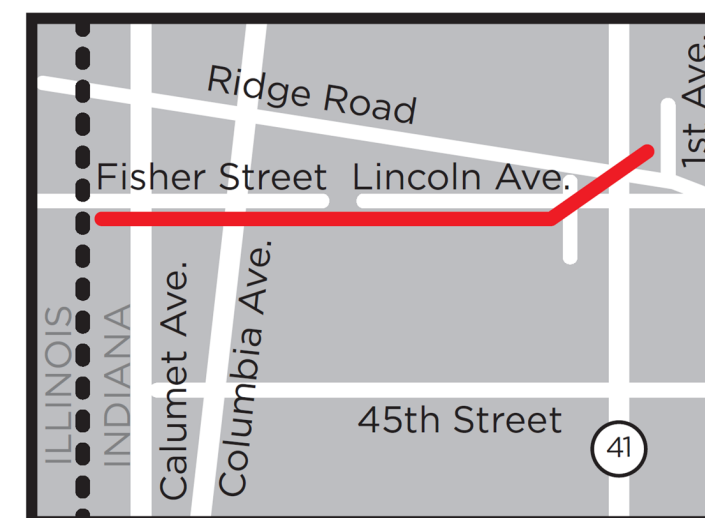
Beginning in April, NIPSCO will start construction to replace 3.5 miles of underground natural gas transmission lines. Construction will begin from the Indiana/Illinois state line along Fisher Street to Indianapolis Boulevard and continue through the Ridge Road intersection to Highland. Construction is expected to run from April through November 2016.

Notifications have been sent to residents in the immediate area and NIPSCO has been working closely to coordinate logistics with Town officials, the school system and hospital. As work approaches, NIPSCO will also work with local media and the Towns of Highland and Munster to keep residents notified of project schedules, road and bike trail closures and other updates.

Environmental surveys for the project were completed to fully assess environmentally sensitive features within the proximity of the project. As with every project, NIPSCO's project team worked with the regulating agencies and local stakeholders to avoid, minimize and mitigate environmental impacts for this project.

NIPSCO reminds customers who travel near construction areas to please exercise caution to ensure personal safety and the safety of construction crews working on this project.

The new natural gas lines are being installed to provide safer and more reliable service to area residents and businesses in the future.



HELP WANTED

The Town of Munster Parks Department is now accepting applications or resumes for Part-Time Summer Employment in Park and Golf Maintenance.

Applicants must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and have a general understanding and knowledge of landscaping tools and equipment. Applicants must frequently lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Hours of work would be Monday-Friday 7 am to 3 pm and may be expected to work special events on weekends.

Applications can be picked up at the Park Department in Munster Town Hall, M-F from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.



4TH ANNUAL POLICE & FIRE SOFTBALL EVENT

Tickets are now available for the 4th Annual Police & Fire Charity Softball Event, which will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 1:30 pm in Community Park (on the two fields behind the Social Center). The event is being hosted by the Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council, and all proceeds will benefit the Cancer Resource Centre of Munster. Tickets are only \$5.00 each.

This year's event will include teams of police officers and firefighters from Munster, Highland, Dyer, and Lansing and will consist of two sets of simultaneous games to determine the champion. The event will also include door prizes, DJ music, bounce houses for kids, a performance of the National Anthem, first pitch ceremony, an emergency vehicle display, and a closing donation presentation. The American Red Cross will also be on-site collecting blood donations. Walk-ups are welcome, however, residents can pre-schedule their donation time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by visiting redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor code "pdfd."

For more information, please contact Officer Ghrist at 219-836-6639. We hope to see you there!

MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION
836-PARK (7275)

Munster Parks Welcomes Spring!

To assure your child's spot, register early for Summer Camps! New this year is a two-day (T/TH) camp option. Also, if you register for 9 weeks, by May 27, the 10th week is FREE!

It's time to start thinking about Munster Community Pool. Early bird memberships are available through May 27. To take advantage of the discount, please stop by the Parks Department in Town Hall. The pool is also a great place to hold birthday parties and corporate events.

MOTHER DAUGHTER SPA
Saturday, April 2
1:30 - 3:00 pm or 3:15 - 4:45 pm
Mario Tricoci Salon (pre-registration required)
Join the stylists at Mario Tricoci as they primp and pamper you and your daughter. Salon services include: polish change, make-up and hair style. All guests will receive a goodie bag. Snacks and beverages. \$15R pp/\$20NR pp. Few spots remaining.

CASH FOR CLUTTER
Saturday, May 21/rain date 5/22 8 am - 2 pm
Community Park, Pool Parking Lot
\$16.05 R/\$26.75 NR
Clear the clutter and easy some quick cash or come browse for treasures for your home or family. Pre-registration required.

18th ANNUAL CAR SHOW
Saturday, May 7 9 am - 4 pm
Rain Date: May 14
Community Park, Pool Parking Lot
\$20 Pre-Registration/\$25 On-Site
Enter your car or truck in this spectacular car show or join us for a terrific display of vehicles. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each class as well as "Best of Show" and "People's Choice". Entry forms are available in the park office and at local area business sponsors. Be sure to browse our many auto-related vendors, artists and crafters, and other business vendors. Call Barb 219-836-6923 for vendor opportunities. Feature Car of the Year: Pontiac Firebird.

TRIPS AND TRAVEL
4/7 Tippecanoe, Chocolate and a Winery, Too!
5/18 Milwaukee Highlights & Treasures Tour
5/24 Four Winds Casino
6/23 Treasures of Lake Forest
7/13 Wandering Tree Estates (only 10 spots remain)

Keen-Agers
4/15 Stories about the Titanic (Lunch & Show)
5/20 I am Rosie the Riveter (Lunch & Show)

ACTIVE ADULT
4/4-5/21 Yoga and Breathing (times/days vary)
4/6 Estate Planning
4/11 Macro & Close Up Photography
4/11-5/4 Body Blast
4/13 Gardening on a Shoestring
5/2-5/25 Adult Drill and Play
5/11 Fairy & Train Gardens
5/16 CPR Certification

YOUTH EDUCATION/SPORTS
4/4-4/25 Basketball Basics (4-6 yrs)
4/5-5/10 Parent -N-Tot Gymnastics (up to 3 yrs)
4/5-4/26 T-Ball 101 (4-7 yrs)
4/5-5/10 Preschool Gymnastics (3-5 yrs)
4/6-4/27 Dribble, Kick & Goal (4-7 yrs)
4/7-5/19 The Art of Shooting a Basketball (7-12 yrs)
4/7-5/19 Volleyball Skills & Drills (8-12 yrs)
4/7-5/19 Basketball 101 (7-12 yrs)
4/13 Engineering for Kids (6-13 yrs)
4/13-5/18 Mini Kickers (2-3 yrs)
4/14-6/9 Wado-Ki Karate (4-6 & 6+)
4/16 Engineering for Kids (6-13 yrs)
4/30-5/21 Tot Athletics (18 mos.-3 yrs)
4/30-5/21 Intro to Sports (3-5 yrs)
5/14 Baby Sitter Lessons & Training (11+ yrs)

MULTI-DAY TRIPS
5/15-20 Arizona's Historical Trains
6/13-20 Yosemite, Lake Tahoe & Wine Country
7/12-17 The Great Train Race
7/17-21 Spotlight on San Francisco
8/4-11 Pacific Northwest by Rail
8/10-15 Iceland - Land of Fire & Ice (Filling quickly)
8/14-22 Great Volcanoes of America's West
8/20-27 Northern National Parks (Yellowstone & Grand Tetons)
9/16-25 Hawaii by Land & Sea
9/18-25 America's Historic Rivers & Rails
9/26-29 Branson Blast

Hope to see you in the Parks!
Many customers are using the new online registration. Simply go to www.munster.org and click on the soccer ball (far right) to be directed to the site. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 219-836-7275.

DRAIN GRATES
April Showers
April showers bring more than May flowers. Spring rains can cause flooding of yards and streets. Most of the time flooding can be prevented by making sure the drain grates are kept free of debris. It doesn't take much to clog a drain and have it cause significant flooding of streets and/or yards. As material such as leaves, twigs, and litter are washed from the ground surface it collects onto the drain grating and acts like a rubber plug. The flow of water runoff into the drainage system is drastically reduced when material collects near or on the drain grate. Residents can do their part by helping keep drains near your home free of debris.

BRANCH COLLECTION
Starting April 4th, weather permitting; branches will be picked up with the chipper on the same day as your garbage and recycling pick up. These branches should be no longer than 5' long and 3" in diameter. In the spring and fall there are a lot of branches out and there may be times when we are a day or two later picking up the branches due to the heavy volume or rainy weather. Twigs and yard waste should be put into your garbage cans or bagged. Small branches should be bundled and tied; these will be picked up with your garbage. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION
Starting Monday, April 4th through Friday, April 22nd, between the hours of 7 am and 2 pm. Munster will be having the spring leaf collection, weather permitting. Do not put leaves in your garbage can, plastic bags or in brown bags, Waste Management will not pick them up. Rake your leaves to the curb for the spring leaf collection.

Since pick-up quantities are not known, it is difficult to predict exactly which neighborhood will be picked up on which day, so please have your leaves out on Monday. We will start on the northwest section of Town on Monday, April 6th and work south. If the Town is completed before the week is over, we will go through the Town again. Please place your leaves in a continuous long pile. We will be using a leaf vacuum to collect your leaves. If your street has curbs, please place your leaves right behind the curb on the grass parkway. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE STREET. If your street does not have curbs, please place your leaves on the edge of the street pavement. Also, please be careful not to mix leaves with large sticks, rocks or other debris, which could cause injury to an employee or damage to the equipment. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

HAVE "COFFEE WITH A COP" AT MUNSTER DONUT
The Munster Police Department will be holding their next "Coffee with a Cop" Event on Saturday, April 16th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at Munster Donut, located at 8314 Calumet Avenue. Several Munster Police officers will be on-site at the business that morning to either talk with interested residents about their concerns or if they just want to get to know some of our officers. In addition, our police K-9 "Django" will be outside and the department will also have a patrol car in the parking lot for residents to take an up close look at. Coffee and donuts will be available for regular purchase. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

CHOICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
The Choice Community Council of Munster, which is an open-forum for any Munster resident who would like to help plan or volunteer for programs aimed at drug, gang and violence prevention in Munster, will be holding their next quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 pm at the Munster Town Hall (in Conference Room A). Please note that this is NOT a Crime Watch Meeting. Interested residents can help to plan some of our upcoming community policing events such as the Charity Softball Event and the National Night Out Against Crime. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING
The Munster Police Department will be holding their second quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting of the year on Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 pm at the Munster Town Hall (in the Main Meeting Room). All residents and business representatives are invited to attend this important meeting, which provides information about recent crime activity and statistics while also allowing participants to ask questions or raise concerns to police officials. In addition, the meeting will include a presentation on Child Abduction Awareness and Prevention and crime prevention materials will be available for pick-up. A \$25 Target gift card will also be awarded as a door prize. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.