



NEWS YOU CAN USE

1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

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JULY 3, 2016 FIREWORKS

The Town of Munster will once again be hosting its annual fireworks show, on July 3, 2016, at Centennial Park. This may present some difficulties for some attendees due to the construction of Centennial Village at the north end of Centennial Park. The construction may impede access to the park from the north and will significantly reduce the amount of greenspace available for viewing the fireworks display. The planners for this event are working to address these issues and identify alternate viewing sites.

Residents planning to attend the fireworks show should be aware of these issues and watch future issues of the News You Can Use and/or the Town of Munster website for additional information related to this event.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK UP

Waste Management picks up the garbage and recycling in the Town and their hours of pick up are from 6 am to 5 pm, please have your garbage and recycling out no later than 6 am on your regular pick up day. According to Munster Code:

"The resident shall be responsible for placing the containers at the curb not earlier than 12:00 noon on the day proceeding the designated collection day, and for promptly retrieving the container after emptying by the end of the day of collection".

If you would like an additional trash or recycling cart, you can call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971 or Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.

POLICE & FIRE CHARITY EVENT

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council will be hosting the 4th Annual Police & Fire Charity Softball Event on Sunday, May 22nd at 1:30pm at Community Park. Tickets are only \$5 (available at the event gates) and all proceeds will benefit the Cancer Resource Centre. For more information please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

**Town Hall will be closed on
Memorial Day
Monday, May 30, 2016**



MUNSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Munster Fire Department is looking for new membership. If you are interested in applying please contact the Fire Chief's Office at 219-836-6960. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 am - 2 pm and Friday 9 am - 1 pm.

The Munster Fire Department is primarily a paid on call department. We are an organization with goals, policies, and performance standards. This philosophy provides the ability to protect the citizens, visitors and property of the Town of Munster.

A firefighter is a trained individual who promptly responds to mitigate a wide range and variety of emergency and non-emergency situations where life, property or the environment is at risk. A firefighter's assignments vary based on training, experience and ability.

A firefighter's duties include fire suppression (including structural, transportation and all other types of fires); fire prevention and public education and may include emergency medical services assistance, hazardous materials response and preparedness, technical rescues (extrication, water, high angle or confined space); urban search and rescue, disaster preparedness and mitigation; community service activities; and any activity related to public safety.

Eligibility requirements for the Munster Fire Department includes:

- 18 years of age and a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
- Residency within 1 mile of the Town of Munster or work solely within the Town of Munster.
- Must possess a valid driver's license without record of suspension or revocation in any state and provide proof of insurance.
- No felony convictions or disqualifying criminal history within the past seven years.
- You will need to attend a fire academy class at no cost to you which will prepare you for your job tasks.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICK UP SCHEDULE

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 30th, 2016, all garbage and recycling will be picked up one day later. Pick up will be Tuesday through Saturday.

MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION 836-PARK (7275)



18th Annual Car Show
Pool Parking Lot
Saturday, May 7th 9am - 4pm
Feature Car: Pontiac Firebird

Browse the cars along with our many other sponsors, arts and crafts vendors and business vendors. New this year: Kid Car Show
Rain Date 5/14. Check in starting at 7 am, cars must be parked by 10 am

Cash for Clutter
Pool Parking Lot

Saturday, May 21st 8am - 2pm

Spring clean your house and make some money by selling your belongings or come hunt among the treasurers and find something unique! Each space purchased is 9' x 16' long.

Munster Community Pool
Opening Day, Saturday May 28
from 11am - 6pm

Daily Admission, Pool Passes, Birthday Parties, Group Rates, Discount Coupon Books, Private Parties, Swim lessons and more!



Sunday Concert Series
Heritage Park Gazebo
6:30 - 8:30pm

June 12 - Second Hand Soul - Plays funky hits of the 70s, one hit wonders, the disco and soulful songs of the era that you will move and dance! **June 26 - High Noon Band** - High Noon's energy on stage combines old favorites, chart toppers and original music in all genres from rock to country and old to new.

Movie in the Park

Monday, June 13 beginning at dusk Bring your blanket or chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars. The Lego Movie (Bounce House will be available for play prior and concessions will be sold.)

Shake, Rattle and Roll Music in the Park

Friday, June 17 from 7-11pm Lance Lapinski & The Lovers with special guest Leader of the Pack

MULTI-DAY TRAVEL

Spotlight on New Orleans
UK by Rail (Scotland, Ireland, and London)
Magical Christmas Markets (Austria & Germany)
A Blue Christmas with Elvis
Albuquerque by Rail or Air (Your choice)
Blue Ridge Mountain Oktoberfest
Branson Blast
Gettysburg Rivers & Rails
Jekyll Island
Yosemite, Lake Tahoe & Wine Country

All Medical Courses begin on **June 20**...register soon! Courses include: Clinical Medical Assistant with Clinical Externship, EKG Technician with Certification, Medical Billing & Coding, Pharmacy Technician with Clinical Externship, and Assisted Living Technician with Externship. Healthcare providers are seeking CMA's in this growing field!



Summer camps (FHH) - Kid's Camp (ages: 6-12), All About Sports Camp (ages: 6-12), Counselors-in-Training (ages: 12-14) Stop into the office or contact Jill Higgins for more information. All camps go on a weekly field trip*, have extended hours, visit the Munster Community Pool, have themed days and more!

Full day (7am-6pm), Half day (12pm-6pm) and Tu/Th (7am-6pm - *No Field Trips). Starting soon!

Summer Enrichment (FHH) - 4 weeks - June 6-July 1
8:20-10:20am and 10:30am-12:30pm classes

Soaring to new heights in academic learning this summer! Over 50 classes to choose from for pre-K thru 8th grade.

Look for the Summer Enrichment guide in your child's backpack sometime this month! Sign up prior to the given deadline to ensure your class will run.

Do you prefer your child do both Summer Camp and Summer Enrichment?

If so, you HAVE THAT OPTION with **Just Morning Care***! Drop your child off as early as 7am and we'll take them to their classes. If they sign up for ½ day camp, we'll pick them up from their classes and bring them back to camp. *Additional fees apply.



Munster now has Pickleball!

The court is located at Frank H. Hammond park. To learn the basic rules of the game and to develop as a player, register for lessons - Thursdays, June 2-30, from 7- 8 pm. This mixture of tennis, badminton and ping-pong type play is fun for all ages!

ACTIVE ADULT

5/11 Fairyland & Train Gardens
6/2-30 Pickleball Lessons
6/8 Instagram/Snapchat/Twitter
6/13 CPR Certification
6/15 Facebook
6/21 Extremity Pain Solutions & Essential Oils (FREE)
6/22 Blogging

TRIPS & TRAVEL

6/10 Saugatuck - Coastal Getaway
6/17 "And They're Off" - trip to Arlington Race Track & "Miller Lite in the Park Fridays"
6/23 Treasures of Lake Forest
6/27 Frederik Meijer Sculpture Gardens (Grand Rapids, MI)
7/8 Historic Cedarburg (Wisconsin)
7/20 Chicago Cubs Game

Keen-Agers

5/20 I am Rosie the Riveter (Lunch & Show)
6/2 Breakfast & Conversation

BRANCHES

The Public Works Department has the chipper out every week day picking up branches. The chipper starts in the northwest section of town and continues throughout the week picking up branches. The chipper will continue the route each day starting where they left off the previous day. Due to storms it may take longer than a week for the chipper to make it thru the town. **Please be patient, we will get to your branches. DO NOT CALL IN FOR BRANCH PICK UP.** The chipper goes up and down every street in town picking up branches, they will get to you.

If you have pulled out bushes with a root ball, please call the Public Works Office at 836-6971 for a pick up. Root balls must be removed from the bush and put in a separate pile. The chipper cannot pick up root balls.

Twigs and yard waste should be put into your garbage cans or bagged. **Leaves are not considered yard waste.** You cannot put leaves in the garbage, Waste Management will not pick them up. Small piles of branches should either be put in the garbage can or bundled/ tied and set next to the garbage can, these will be picked up by Waste Management. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF

Computers and Electronics – The Munster Public Works Department has a recycling shed for electronics at the Public Works Garage, 508 Fisher Street, in the recycling area to the right of their driveway. The shed is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no attendant on sight to help unload the computers and electronics.

Latex Paint – latex paint can be put into your regular garbage IF IT IS COMPLETELY DRY. You will need to take the top off and put either kitty litter or sand into the paint and let it sit out for a couple of days to dry up. Once it is dried out, you can place it in the garbage. If it is not dry, once the hopper compresses on the garbage truck, you will have paint down your street. **PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS COMPLETELY DRY.**

You can also take latex paint for recycling to the City of Hobart Yard, 340 S. Shelby Street, Hobart. Drop off days will be Monday – Friday 7 am to 2:45 pm, Saturdays 8 am to 11:45 am. **No oil based paint will be accepted.** Any questions please call Hobart City Yard at 219-942-6121.

Large Items (Sofas, Household Furniture, Carpeting, Bicycles, Mattresses, Etc.) – Waste Management will pick up ONE large item a week with your normal garbage, you do not need to call in for the pick up.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971 or Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.

Oil Based Paint and Solvents – you will need to take these items to a household hazardous waste pick up. Munster's Household Hazardous Waste pick up will be Saturday, May 7th, 9am to 2pm at the Public Works Garage, 508 Fisher Street.

Carpet – Waste Management will pick up carpet that is cut into 5 foot lengths, rolled and bound. It can be bound with electrical tape or string and put out on your normal pick up day. If the carpet is not bound, it will not be picked up.



Lake County Solid Waste District Household Waste Schedule

These collections are for household residents of Lake County, IN and are not open to businesses, schools, churches, organizations or residents of another county.

For further information contact (219) 769-3820

APRIL

Saturday, April 30, 9 am - 2 pm

Hudson Campbell Center, 455 Massachusetts, Gary

MAY

Saturday, May 7, 9 am - 2 pm

Munster Public Works, 508 Fisher Street, Munster

JUNE

Saturday June 4, 9 am - 2 pm

Hobart City Barns, 340 South Shelby, Hobart

Saturday June 11, 9 am - 2 pm

Lake Co Fairgrounds, 889 Court Street, Crown Point

JULY

Saturday July 23, 9 am - 2 pm

Hammond Public Works, 601 Conkey Street, Hammond

AUGUST

Saturday, August 27, 9 am - 2 pm

Highland Public Works, 8001 Kennedy Avenue, Highland

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 10, 9 am - 2 pm

Lake County Highway Dept., 18211 Wicker Avenue, Lowell

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 15, 9 am - 2 pm

Griffith Public Works, 134 South Colfax, Griffith

As you have likely noticed, NIPSCO has begun work on their natural gas upgrade project in the Towns of Munster and Highland.

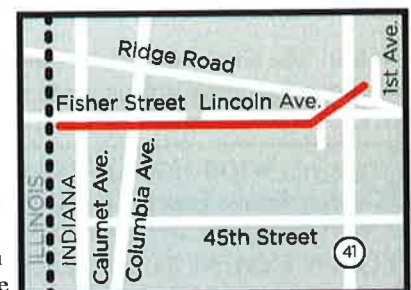
Construction began at the state line along Fisher Street as well as the Boulevard in Highland. Fisher will remain lane-restricted until about the week of May 16th. Construction is expected to run from April through November 2016.

This project will require closing Calumet Avenue for one weekend.

Right now, that weekend is scheduled to be the one beginning on June 10. It will re-open on Monday the 13. This date may change based on NIPSCO's progress. If this date changes, the Town will make updates to this schedule available via NIXLE alert, print, and social media.

Please exercise caution to ensure personal safety and the safety of construction crews working on this project.

For more information on NIPSCO's modernization efforts, visit NIPSCO.com/future.





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Live Music and Kids Activities

Centennial Park—1005 S Centennial Drive, Munster
Sundays, May 1 through September 25
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday Market in the Park
Centennial Park North Parking Lot
Sundays, starting May 1 from 8am - 1pm

Produce, plants, home-made jams and jellies, baked goods, cheese, local crafts, jewelry and more. Live entertainment beginning May 8 and continuing every other weekend. Follow us on Facebook at : www.facebook.com/munsterfarmersmarket for the latest updates.



National Arbor Day is April 29, 2016

The Town of Munster together with the Munster Library will recognize National Arbor Day 2016 by giving away 200 White Oak and Flowering Dogwood seedlings with instructions for planting to Munster residents. 100 seedlings will be available to Munster residents at the Munster Library Friday, April 29, 2016 and Saturday, April 30, 2016. Additional seedlings will also be available to Munster residents at Town Hall and Public Works in the main entrances. This program aims to promote stewardship of the environment as well as to educate the public about the importance of trees, tree maintenance and proper tree selection. We are proud to announce the Arbor Day Foundation named The Town of Munster a Tree City USA, Growth Award Winner.

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

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	May 2	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	May 3	12:00 pm	Centennial Park
Board of Zoning Appeals	May 10	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	May 10	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	May 16	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	May 17	7:00 pm	Conference Room "A"
Board of Safety	May 19	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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