



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## AUGUST 2016

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### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster invite all residents to participate in Munster's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be

held on Tuesday, August 2 from 5 pm to 9 pm at the Munster Community Pool. This event is held annually to promote police and community partnerships through a variety of both fun and educational activities for all ages.

This year's celebration will include free swimming for Munster residents (with state ID), door prizes, kids games and bounce houses, police cars, fire trucks, K-9 demonstrations, a police helicopter landing, handouts and giveaways from local businesses, a SWAT vehicle and exhibit, free child identification cards, self-defense demonstrations, The Magic of Steve Kellogg, costumed characters, a souvenir photo booth, face painting, balloon animals, glow necklaces for kids, crime prevention information, barrel car train rides for kids, music and food. The event will conclude with a fantastic FIREWORKS SHOW sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's.

The American Red Cross will also be on-site to sponsor a blood drive in memory of fallen Indiana police officers. Walk-ups are welcome to participate throughout the evening.

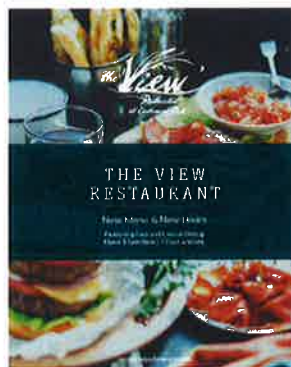
All residents are asked to turn on their porch lights in support of the event that evening. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org). We hope to see you there!



### PUBLIC SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 15

Munster's public schools begin the 2016-2017 school year on Monday, August 15. Parents dropping off or picking up their children are asked to follow the proper procedures that are provided by your child's school, and to drive safely and cautiously in school zones. Never park in unauthorized areas and please try to refrain from the use of electronic devices in school zones for the safety of pedestrians and other motorists. Always look out for children crossing streets and report suspicious activity around the schools immediately by calling 911. The Munster Police Department wishes everyone a safe school year.

If you anticipate needing your water bill to sign your child up for school, be sure to make a copy of this bill. We are not able to produce copies at the Town Hall.



Try **The View Restaurant** At Centennial Park with new menu and new hours! Come and see the new atmosphere and menu after your golf game or for lunch or dinner. The View is now open 7 days a week from 11 am to 8 pm.

### Introducing the Centennial Perks Pass

Earn Points on Golf, Food & More at the Golf Course & The View Restaurant!

Earn One Point Per Dollar Spent

100 Points = \$10 OFF Reward Coupon

**SIGNING BONUS!**

Provide your email address and receive \$5 off your next visit!



### SAVE THE DATE!

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Munster AleFest  
Centennial Park  
Saturday, October 15  
1 - 5 pm

Bring your taste for great beer and spirit for fun to the Munster Ale Fest as you sample from a wide variety of local and nationwide craft brews. Explore the flavors of the newest craft breweries as they develop their ongoing craft for making delicious brews. Munster Ale Fest will have some of the finest local food vendors serving tasty bites to accompany your tastings and live music featuring Zydeco Voodoo.

Ticket on sale Now at [www.munsteralefest.com](http://www.munsteralefest.com)

VIP: \$80 (12:00-1:00 pm)

VIP Designated Driver: \$25

General Admission: \$45

Designated Driver: \$15

On-site if available: \$55

To learn how to become a sponsor, please contact Donna Chant at (219) 836-7275 or [parkoffice@munster.org](mailto:parkoffice@munster.org)

## MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION 836-PARK (7275)

There's still a lot of summer left - spend it enjoying activities and special events in the parks!

### Music in the Park - "Get Ready to Rock"

Friday, August 12, 7 - 11 pm, Centennial Park Stage  
Concessions, FREE Parking, FREE admission, \$5 Cover for Beer Tent Lava Rock with special guests 80's Enough Sponsored by South Shore Arts, Indiana Arts Commission & Franklin Pest Solutions

### Movies in the Park - "Inside Out"

Monday, August 8, Begins at Dusk, Centennial Park Entertainment Stage Concessions & Bounce House, FREE Parking, FREE Admission  
Sponsored by NIPSCO, Susan's School of Dance, Franklin Pest Solutions & Backyard Bouncers



### Summer Arts & Crafts Fair - New Location!

August 13 & 14, 9 am - 4 pm, Community Park, FREE admission & parking. Concessions available. Vendor space available. Call Barb at 219-836-6923 for details.



### "Pooch"apalooza Dog Fair

Sunday, August 14, 9 am - 4 pm, Community Park, Free admission & parking. Concessions available. Contests and prizes. Sponsored by Jay Platt DDS, Lansing Cleaners & NIPSCO

Have you been thinking about a career change? Are you interested in adding a new skill to your resume? Do you want to join the growing number of people entering the medical field? If yes, please consider joining one of our classes. We will be offering the following courses this fall: EKG Technician, Pharmacy Technician and Clinical Medical Assistant. Courses will begin on Monday, October 10. These classes are held at Munster High School on Monday and Thursday evenings, from 6:00 - 9:30 pm. The Clinical Medical Assistant program also includes 6 Saturdays, 9 am - 4 pm, at Munster Town Hall. Both the Pharmacy Technician and Clinical Medical Assistant program include externships with local companies. The EKG Technician course is the only one we offer at which you will be able to sit for the certification. All certifications are national. Our students have found employment at Walgreen's, Target, Davita Dialysis, Community Hospital and other medical businesses in Indiana and Illinois. Please contact Barb at (219) 836-7275 for more information.



Register Now!

Final Deadline for Fall Soccer - Friday, August 12



### Summer Concert Series

FREE admission. Concessions available. Heritage Park Gazebo,  
August 7 - Cirrus Falcon, 6:30 - 8 pm  
August 21 - Final Groove, 6:30 - 8 pm

### Photo Shoot at Centennial Park

Saturday, August 13, 9 am - noon  
with award-winning photographer Michael Kobe.



### Sunday Market

Centennial Park, North Parking Lot, Sundays 8 am - 1 pm

Traveling with Munster Parks and Recreation can be fun, entertaining, educating and provide a chance for socialization with people from Munster and nearby communities. There are several trips remaining this summer and running through December.

These include:

Wed., Sept. 7 Amish Country (A visit with a local guide to Deutsch Kase Haus Cheese Factory for cheese, European-style meats and Amish Goods. You will also have a thresher meal in an Amish home and visit a camel farm!)

Sat., Sept. 17 Chicago River Bridges Cruise (Spend time with noted author Patrick McBriarty as you learn about the history and development of the engineering marvel - Chicago River Bridges and enjoy lunch at Little Italy's Pompei on Taylor St.)

Thurs., Sept 15 "Downtown" Abbey (See where the wealthiest Chicago residents lived from 1880-1920 and stop by Glessner Family mansion, tour St. James Cathedral, and lunch at the private Union League Club (business casual dress code required.)

Jewelry Show

Italian Immigrant Experience

Illuminations (Morton Arboretum)

Churches Tour

Little Traveler

Lawry's & Zoolights

There's still time to book a birthday party or private event at Munster Community Pool this summer.

Please check out the website

www.munster.org or give us a call at (219) 836-7275.



Open Daily 11:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturdays 11:00 - 6:00 pm

Sundays 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Many customers are using online registration. Simply go to [www.munster.org](http://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**.

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## 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 the driveway. The shed is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is not an 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 and the lid is removed. To dry out latex paint, kitty litter or sand can be added to the paint. Once the paint mixture solidifies it can be placed in the garbage with the lid removed. If it is not dry when the garbage truck hopper compresses the paint can, paint is expelled into the streets. Please make sure paint is completely dry before disposal.

**Latex Paint Recycling** – The City of Hobart Yard, 340 S. Shelby Street, Hobart accepts latex paint for recycling. Drop off days are 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.

**Oil Based Paint and Solvents** – Oil based paint and solvents are hazardous waste items. Hazardous waste is collected by Lake County Solid Waste District. Additional household hazardous waste disposal information and list of scheduled disposal sites can be obtained at

[www.lcswmd.com/householdhazardouswaste/htm](http://www.lcswmd.com/householdhazardouswaste/htm)

**Large Items (Sofas, Household Furniture, Carpeting, Bicycles, Mattresses, Etc.)** – Waste Management will pick up ONE large item per week with your normal garbage collection. It is not necessary to call or schedule a pickup.

**Carpet** – Waste Management picks up carpeting that is cut into 4ft by 6ft sections, rolled and bound. It can be bound with electrical tape or string and put out on your normal collection day. If the carpet is not bound, it will not be picked up.

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



### TRAVEL WITH MUNSTER PARKS

Munster Parks and Recreation also offers multi-day travel throughout the US and abroad via motor-coach, air, cruise ships and riverboat cruises. The best way to find out about these tours is by attending one of our Travel Presentations with Mayflower Tours or Collette Vacations. Our next Mayflower Tour FREE show takes place on Tuesday, August 30, from 1 - 2 pm at Munster Town Hall. Selected trips include: Panama, Rome & The Amalfi Coast, Pacific NW & California, The Best of Eastern Canada (Montreal, Quebec City, Niagara Falls & Toronto), Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains, Christmas on the Danube, A Blue Christmas with Elvia, Hawaii Four Islands, Backroads of Sunny Florida, Alaska Adventure Cruise, Great Britain – Castles, Countryside & Capitals, and Cherry Blossom Time in our Nation's Capital, to name a few. Participants can actually travel the world. Just give us a call and tell us where you'd like to travel and we'll get in touch with our travel partners. We are happy to make your travel dreams come true.

## LAWN MAINTENANCE CODE

62-113 code states residents are required to maintain all lawn areas including easements and alley areas. Length of grass areas shall not exceed six inches and weeds shall be cut.

### TREE TRIMMING OF PARKWAY TREES - CUTTING BACK TREES AND BUSHES IN ALLEYS

According to Munster Code, upkeep of the parkway trees is the responsibility of the property owner. Trees should be trimmed to a proper height so as not to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. There are numerous trees that are growing into the streets hitting vehicles. The Public Works Department will be cutting back these trees throughout the spring and summer months to avoid damage to vehicles. The tree limbs hanging into the street will be cut back to the curb line.

Some alleys within the Town are overgrown with bushes and trees. When town trucks and/or garbage trucks are unable to drive through these alleys without damaging the vehicles, the Public Works Department will cut back these obstructions and overgrowth areas.

If you do not want your trees or bushes cut back by the town, please keep your trees and bushes maintained far enough back so that they are not growing into the street or alley. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.



### WELCOME CHARLES COLLINS

The Town of Munster would like to welcome Charles Collins as the new Chief Building Inspector. Mr. Collins has 18 years of municipal government experience with 29 years of construction experience and related fields. Mr. Collins has held the position of Building Commissioner with the City of La Porte, IN for over 9 years and brings with him a wealth of knowledge in building services & code compliance. Chuck is a current member of the Indiana Builders Association and the Indiana Association of Building Officials.

### WELCOME STEPHEN GUNTY

The Town of Munster would like to welcome Stephen Guntz as the new Public Works Director. Stephen brings a wealth of municipal experience, having served in 6 cities with populations as large as 66,000 in 3 different states (IL, WI, ME) throughout his 25-year municipal career. His diverse roles have included Public Works, Municipal & HR Management, Economic Development and most recently he was Lansing's Public Works Director. Stephen earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Governors State University and a Bachelor's in Business from Indiana University.

## CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE ON SALE

The Munster Civic Foundation is holding a close-out sale this summer of remaining merchandise from the Centennial Celebration. The items below are all available for purchase, plus assorted apparel. Items can be purchased at the Town Manager's Office, located in Town Hall at 1005 Ridge Rd, with cash, credit card, or check made out to the Town of Munster. Stock is limited on most items, so purchase quick before they run out! Call the Town Manager's Office at (219) 836-6900 with questions about remaining stock. Photos of all merchandise are available on the Town homepage, [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org), under "Recent News."

ITEMS	PRICE	DETAILS
Munster History Books	\$28	Leather-bound available for \$65
Silver Commemorative Coins	\$20	
Lapel Pins	\$1.50	
Patches	\$1	
Poster - Kaske House	\$15	Signed copies available for \$25
Poster - Performing Arts Center	\$20	Signed copies available for \$30
Historical DVD "A Year in Review"	\$4	
Champagne Flutes	\$7	



## TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 2016

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	August 1	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	August 2	12:00 pm	Centennial Park
Board of Zoning Appeals	August 9	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	August 9	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	August 15	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	August 16	7:00 pm	Conference Room "A"
Board of Safety	August 18	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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