



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

## JULY 2012

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### HOLIDAY GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICK UP SCHEDULE

#### Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Garbage and recycling pick up will be normal pick up on Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and July 3.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 4, 5, and 6 pick up will be one day later than your normal scheduled pick up.

### FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Join us as we celebrate Independence Day with one of the best firework shows around the area. The festivities will be held at Centennial Park.

Fireworks, sponsored by Munster Civic Foundation, will begin at 9:15pm, Tuesday, July 3, at Centennial Park. Refreshments will be available beginning at 6:00 pm. Musical entertainment provided by "Jamrose" featuring Nicole Jamrose starting at 7:30pm until 9:00pm. After the fireworks, "Jamrose" will return with more music until 11:00pm.

Throughout the festivities, there will be food, beer, and wine available for purchase.

On Wednesday, July 4, at 2:00pm, the annual Town of Munster and Lions Club Independence Day Parade begins. The parade route starts at Fisher and Calumet and proceeds north on Calumet to Ridge Road then east to the reviewing stand at the Munster Town Hall. Be sure to mark your calendars now to view the fireworks on July 3rd and celebrate the parade July 4th in Munster.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY KIDDIE PARADE



The Independence Day Kiddie Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. The parade will start at 10:00 am. at Foliage and Oriole. Kids of all ages are encouraged to decorate their bikes, big wheels, wagons, or even walk in the parade. At the conclusion of the parade, first, second, and third place prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bicycle, wagon, etc. Refreshments will be served.

This is the 72nd year for the Kiddie Parade, which is sponsored by the Munster Fire Department Association and formerly by the White Oak Association.

### REMINDER: MUNSTER'S FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

- Fireworks may be used on the user's property or the property of someone who granted permission. They are **NOT** allowed in Munster parks.
- Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult to discharge them.
- **Legal hours / dates:** between June 29 and July 3, and from July 5 through July 9, between 5:00pm and two hours after sunset. On July 4, between 10:00am - midnight. Violators can be cited by the Munster Police.

The Munster Police Department urges residents to use extreme caution when discharging fireworks and to respect the safety and property of others as well. For more information about this ordinance, contact the Police Department at 836-6600.

### MUNSTER'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council invite ALL Munster residents to this year's annual *National Night Out Against Crime* celebration on Tuesday, August 7, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Munster Community Pool. This exciting annual event encourages police and community partnerships. Events include; free swimming for Munster residents (must show driver's license, ID card, or school ID), great door prizes, kids games and bouncers, a helicopter landing, the Magic of Steve Kellogg, live DJ music, police cars, fire trucks, a US Army exhibit with dog tags for kids, K-9 demonstrations, a fun photo booth, a Regional SWAT Team exhibit, ambulances, giveaways from local businesses, citizen award presentations, and crime prevention information for residents.

Parking will be available in the Munster Community Pool lot and the south parking lot of Munster High School. For more information about the National Night Out Against Crime or if you would like to provide a donation, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org). All residents are asked to turn on their porch lights that evening in support of the event.

### FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY: FIREWORKS

#### What You Can Do To Protect Your Family

- The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home - **period**. Attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.

- Kids should never play with fireworks. Sparklers can reach 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit - hot enough to melt gold.
- Steer clear of others - fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
- Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.
- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

With simple precautions, help us meet our goal of decreasing Firework related fires and injuries. For more information on fire safety, call the Munster Fire Department at 836-6960 or visit [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org).

### **ELLIOTT FIFTH GRADERS HONORED BY TOWN FOR POLICE K-9 FUNDRAISER**

Elliott Elementary School fifth grade students Brooklynn Baltensberger, Emma Uylaki, and Madison Lewis recently presented a check for \$261.56 to Munster Police Chief Steve Scheckel for use towards the Munster Police Department's new police canine program. The girls spent a portion of their spring break in late March raising the money through a bake sale. The students were subsequently presented with special recognition certificates from Chief Scheckel and town Councilman David Nellans at the Munster Town Council meeting on June 4. The Munster Police Department would like to thank and commend these students for their hard work and generosity.

### **MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING**

The Munster Police Department will be holding their next quarterly Crime Watch Meeting for ALL interested residents and business representatives on Thursday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Munster Town Hall's Main Meeting Room.

Recent crime activity will be presented through maps and statistics, and those in attendance will be able to ask questions and raise concerns to police officials. Crime prevention information, brochures, and materials will also be available. For more information contact Officer James Ghrist at 836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS WAYS TO PREVENT THEFTS FROM VEHICLES THIS SUMMER**

- Take all valuables out of your vehicles such as purses, wallets, GPS units, laptops, and large amounts of change.
- **ALWAYS** keep your vehicle locked.
- Do not leave items in your vehicles while at the park or pool. Make use of lockers at the pool to store your items.
- Try to park in a well-lit area if possible, and activate your car alarm if you have one installed.

- Don't leave your purse in your vehicle while going in to pay for gas.
- Always report suspicious persons in your neighborhood immediately.

### **FRAN-LIN PARKWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Construction has begun again in the southbound lane of Fran-Lin. We ask that all through traffic use Fran-Lin west to Southwood to 45th as a southbound detour during the entire duration of the project. The contractor is starting at White Oak in the southbound lane, and working south. The first road closure will be southbound traffic from White Oak to past Chestnut. The duration of this and future closures will be longer than last year when a storm sewer was installed, because this year the roadway is being removed along with one to two feet of poor soil.

Fran-Lin (southbound lanes only) will next be closed from just south of Chestnut to just north of Azalea for approximately three to four weeks, depending on weather. During that time the street will not be accessible for use by residents to enter their driveways. Residents may park on the curb of the northbound lanes or on side streets. After the roadway is excavated and new stone base is installed in this segment, the pavement will be installed. The contractor will be required to open the road to traffic before the next section is closed.

During this entire time the northbound lane will remain open. After all work is done in the southbound lane, the pavement is restored, and the street opened, thru traffic should use 45th to Southwood to Fran-Lin in order to avoid the construction zone. There will be inconvenience involved with this construction, but the town will minimize the area and duration of the disruption.

If you have any questions about the project or if you live in this neighborhood and have special medical or other accessibility needs, email or call James Mandon, PE, town engineer, at 836-6995. If you would like to receive regular construction updates, email a request to [jmandon@munster.org](mailto:jmandon@munster.org).

### **MANOR AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT TO BEGIN JULY 9**

Construction to replace the water main on Manor Avenue from Evergreen to Timrick will not begin until July 9, in order to avoid having this neighborhood under construction during the July 4 holiday. This section of main has been the subject of numerous leaks and is under mature maple and other deep rooted parkway trees. The replacement main will be located under the sidewalk so the existing main can be kept in service until the new main is installed. There will be a few hours when water will not be available as the old main is disconnected and the new main tied into the rest of the system on either end. Residents will receive several days notice of both the start of construction and the limited time without water. If you have questions or comments about this project, contact James Mandon, PE, town engineer, at 836-6995, or [jmandon@munster.org](mailto:jmandon@munster.org).

## DRAINAGE AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS BEING COMPLETED ON STATE LINE

Last fall storm sewers and a new driving surface was installed on State Line from Broadmoor north to Adelaide. Drains were installed in the parkway next to the sidewalk to drain both street and sidewalk. The town received permission to connect the drains to the storm sewer on the Lansing side of the street, since there is no storm sewer on the Munster side. The street pavement was removed and the stone reshaped and compacted. A new asphalt driving surface was then installed. Design complications required the north remainder of State Line drainage work to be delayed until this year. Work recently began to install storm sewers and drains for this portion of the roadway. After this installation, the entire street will be paved. Once again, the Village of Lansing is permitting the town to connect to their storm sewer. In exchange, both sides of the street will be drained into the new sewer and both sides will be paved. If you have questions or comments about this project, call James Mandon, PE, at 836-6995.

## BRANCHES AND YARD WASTE

Branches will be picked up by the public works department with the chipper. Branches should not be longer than five feet. Crews will try to pick up the branches once a week. There may be times when town crews may be delayed because of storms and their aftermath, resulting in collection running up to one week behind. Please be patient, crews will get to your branches.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO CALL IN FOR BRANCH PICK UP.** The town has two chippers out on the streets which go down every street in town.

If you cut down a tree, or there is an excessive pile of branches, you will be charged for the pick up. A letter will be left on your door with the charge amount and the branches will not be picked up until you return the letter to the town, signed.

If a contractor is hired to perform any type of work, the contractor is required to be licensed by the town. The contractor is also responsible to haul away all debris from the site. **The town will not be responsible to clean up debris from a contractor.**

**Twigs and yard waste should be put into your garbage cans or bagged. Small branches should be bundled and tied. These bundled twigs and yard waste will be picked up by Republic Services on your regular collection day. LEAVES ARE NOT CONSIDERED YARD WASTE AND WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BY REPUBLIC SERVICES.** If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

## THE PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF .....

**Ink Cartridges** - Cartridge World is an ink cartridge recycling center located at 8214 Calumet Avenue, Munster, and can be reached at 513-0565 or [www.cartridgeworldusa.com](http://www.cartridgeworldusa.com).

**Latex Paint** - Latex paint can be put into your regular garbage **IF IT IS COMPLETELY DRIED OUT.** 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 until it dries. Once it is dried out, you may place it in the garbage. If it is not dry, once the hopper compresses on the garbage truck, paint will splatter down your street. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THE PAINT IS COMPLETELY DRIED OUT.** You can also take latex paint to the City of Hobart City yard, 340 S. Shelby Street, Monday thru Friday, 7:00am - 2:45pm and Saturdays 8:00am - 11:45am.

**Oil Based Paint and Solvents** - Oil based paint and solvents must be taken to a household hazardous waste pick up. Munster's Household Hazardous Waste pick up will be Saturday, October 27, 2012.

**Carpet** - Carpet will need to be cut into 5" lengths, rolled and bound with either electrical tape, string or rope and put out on your regular scheduled pick up day. **If the carpet is not bound, it will not be picked up.**

## MUNSTER PARKS & RECREATION 836-PARK

July is **National Parks and Recreation** month, so come out to the parks and enjoy walking, biking, swimming, picnicking, golfing, camps, and special events. If you are at Centennial Park, stop by **The View Restaurant** for a bite to eat and enjoy the beautiful setting overlooking Maynard Lake.

### *The Grape Escape*

Centennial Park

Saturday, July 21 - 12:00 - 8:00 pm



Sample selections of wines, enjoy food from around region, listen to the sounds of **Michael Turner Band** (of the Ohio Players) and **Mellencougar**, browse the **fine arts fair, artists and crafters, businesses**, as well as our **ethnic market** featuring home-made goods, fresh fruit and vegetables.

**\$5 Entry Fee** to tasting area (includes tastings).

Interested vendors, call Barb at .836-6923.

Food vendors contact Donna at 836-6920.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Heritage Park (corner of Ridge & Columbia)

Sundays 6:30-8:00pm

- **July 8 - AC\*Rock**, Performing everyone's favorites from 'the 50s through '90s.
- **July 22 - Parrothead Express**, This trio features music from Jimmy Buffett, The Beach Boys, The Safaris, The Ventures and more!
- **August 5 - Billy Croft & the Five Alarm**, Music from the best of current country rock legends like The Eagles and Kenny Chesney, to the classics of George Strait and Elvis Presley.

- **August 19 - The Neverly Brothers**, Plays all your favorite hits from 1950s up through the 1964 British invasion groups.

Sponsored by **Citizens Financial Bank**. Concession will be available.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**  
**Concert Series**  
**FRIDAYS 7:00-11:00pm**

**July 20**

- American English (Beatles Tribute) w/special guests  
 Fortunate Sons (CCR Tribute)

**August 17 - Emcee: Tom Lounges**

- Old Skool Unplugged
- Pawnz
- The Dancing Noodles

Sponsored by **Franciscan Alliance**.

Concessions will be available.

Beer Garden \$5 cover (includes one complimentary drink).

Have you been to **Munster Community Pool** this summer? What a great way to relax and hang out with your kids! There is still time to register for swimming and diving lessons. **July pool events** include: **Hawaiian Luau** on Saturday, July 14, 3:00-6:00pm and **CSRI (Cooperative Special Recreation Initiative) Pool Party** on Wednesday, July 18, from 7:00-

9:00pm. Music by Doug Norris & Perf 1st Musical. Don't forget to book your **birthday, graduation, or corporate parties** at Munster Community Pool. We offer both birthday parties during pool hours and private parties after hours.

There are plenty of **Summer Camps** available this summer: **Kids Camp Original, Sports Camp, Chicago Bulls Basketball School, Chicago White Sox Training Center, All Around Skills Camps, All Star Shooting Camp, Challenger British Soccer Camp, Girl's Volleyball Camp, Volleyball Professionals Camp, 2-hour Tennis Camp, and Smash and Splash Camp**. Call Jill at 836-6926 for more details.

Are you enjoying the **Farmer's Market** at Centennial park this season? We have a wide variety of vendors and the fresh produce that can't be beat! Sundays through September 23, 8:00am - 1:00pm. If you would like to become a vendor, call Tracy at 836-6922 for more details.

On July 30, join us at Centennial Park for **Movies in the Park** featuring "**The Smurfs**." Students from **Susan's School of Dance** will be performing before the show. Concessions and Bounce Houses will be available.

**FALL SOCCER EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** ends on Friday, July 27, at 4:30pm.

**Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival** will present *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on **Saturday, July 28**, at 6:30pm, at Centennial Park Entertainment Stage.

**TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR JULY 2012**

Town Council Work Study	Mon., July 2	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Meeting	Mon., July 9	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	Tues., July 10	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	Tues., July 10	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Mon., July 16	7:00 pm	Munster Town Hall
Board of Safety	Thurs., July 19	7:30 am	Conference Room "C"
Town Council Meeting	Mon., July 23	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room

**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>.
- Interested in giving back to your community through service on a Town of Munster Board? Apply to become a representative of the Hammond Sanitary District Board or a member of MUNCAB. Applications can be found in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office in the town hall or the Town of Munster website at [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org). Call 836-6940 for more information.

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