



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK & OPEN HOUSE

The Munster Fire Department would like to announce its annual Fire Prevention Week and Open House! Fire Prevention Week is October 5<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the Week is “**Don’t Wait – Check the date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years!**” During this week, firefighters visit the local schools to bring the prevention week theme and fire safety awareness to the students.

On Saturday, October 15, 2016, the Munster Fire Department will be hosting its annual Fire Prevention Week Open House. The event, which runs from 11 am – 3:30 pm, is FREE and open to the public. Fire Station No. 2, located at 550 Fisher Street, will host the event, as in years past. We encourage all residents of Munster and surrounding communities to attend and bring their families & friends. There is something to do for everyone. Some of the events for the day include: Antique fire engine rides, live extrication demonstrations, fire safety house, informational displays, hands-on training with a fire hose, free literature, door prizes, food, a live house fire demonstration and much more!

The live house fire demonstration is at 3 pm. An actual 12' x 12' furnished room will be set on fire, to show the rapid spread and the devastating effects that fire can have on a structure and its contents. The importance of leaving a building and not returning during a fire as well as getting out as fast and safely as possible will also be some important safety messages stressed during our demonstration.

The Munster Fire Department is currently seeking donations towards this year’s Fire Prevention Week and Open House. This annual event is funded solely through the generosity of local residents and businesses. **If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to the Munster Fire Dept. Attn: Deputy Chief David Strbjak, 550 Fisher Street Munster, IN 46321.**

For more information, please contact the Munster Fire Department’s – Fire Prevention Division at (219) 836-6960 or email [dstrbjak@munster.org](mailto:dstrbjak@munster.org).

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ALE FEST  
CENTENNIAL PARK  
SAT., OCTOBER 15  
1 - 4:30 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 tasting and live music featuring Zydeco Voodoo.

Tickets on sale now at [WWW.MUNSTERALEFEST.COM](http://WWW.MUNSTERALEFEST.COM)

*NEW THIS YEAR!* All VIPs will receive a commemorative Munster Ale Fest Beer Stein.

- **VIP: \$80** (enter one hour early, unlimited samples, commemorative stein, VIP parking pass, private VIP area in clubhouse, which includes light appetizers, exclusive beer and cider and private restrooms.)
- **General Admission: \$45**
- **Onsite: \$55**
- **VIP Designated Driver: \$25**
- **Designated Driver: \$15**

To become a sponsor and promote your business at this event call Donna at 219-836-7275.

### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY COLLECTION

Trash and Recycling Collection will be picked up one day later due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 5th. Collection will be Tuesday thru Saturday.



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# MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION

## 836-PARK (7275)

Fall has arrived along with the following Munster Parks and Recreation special events:

### Music in the Park Concert Series/ Final Concert

**Friday, September 9**  
7 - 11 pm



#### Centennial Park

Get Ready to Rock with LAVA Rock and 80's Enough. Free Admission and parking. Concessions available for purchase. Beer Garden \$5 cover.



### CASH FOR CLUTTER

**Saturday, September 17**  
8 am - 2 pm

#### Munster Pool Parking Lot

Bring your clutter to our Community Garage Sale or come and browse through the many treasures. Sign up before 9/10 and save \$10 on your registration.

### BIG WHEEL 500

**Sunday, September 25**

1 - 3 pm

#### Frank Hammond Park Track

Ages 3-6 race for ribbons and trophies. Each driver must bring their own vehicle and helmet. Big Wheel must have plastic tires ONLY.



### SUNDAY MARKET IN THE PARK

**Sundays, through Sept. 25**

8 am - 1pm

#### Centennial Park, North Parking Lot

If you are interested in sponsoring any of these great events, please call 219-836-7275.

### Youth Sports

9/26-10/24	Mon	5:15-6:00 pm	Adult/Tot Sports
9/8-10/20	Thurs	5:15-6:15 pm	Basketball 101
9/24-10/24	Mon	7:00-8:00 pm	Dodgeball
9/28-11/02	Wed	5:15-6:00 pm	Lil' Dribblers
9/14-10/19	Wed	9:00-9:45 am	Mini Kickers
9/18-10/23	Sun	1:00-2:30 or 2:30-4:00	NFL Flag Football
9/26-10/24	Mon	6:00-6:45 pm	Sports and More
9/27-11/1	Tues	5:15-6:00 pm	T-ball Skills Clinic
9/8-10/20	Thurs	7:30-8:30 pm	Volleyball Skills & Drills
9/8-10/20	Thurs	6:30-7:30 pm	VolleyKidz
9/1-11/03	Thurs	7:15-8:00 pm	Wado-Ki Karate
9/12-10/12	M/W	5:30-6:30 pm	Youth Tennis Lessons
9/13-10/13	T/TH	5:30-6:30 pm	Youth Tennis Lessons
9/13-10/18	T or W	4:30-5:30 pm	Youth Golf
9/14-10/19	T or W	5:45-6:45 pm	Youth Golf

### Adult Sports

9/13-10/11	Tues	7:00-9:00 pm	Adult Beginner Tennis
9/12-10/12	M/W	7:00-9:00 pm	Adult Drill & Play
9/27-12/20	Tues	8:00-10:00 pm	Adult Open Basketball
9/12-10/17	Mon	5:30-6:30 pm	Ladies Golf
9/15-10/20	Thurs	5:30-6:30 pm	Men's Golf
9/12-9/30	M/W/F	9:00-10:00 am	Yoga and Breathing
9/12-9/30	T/TH	6:00-7:00 pm	Yoga and Breathing
9/22-10/27	Thurs	7:00-8:00 pm	ZUMBA

All Workout classes with Fitness Pointe have a strict deadline of **October 5**. Please go online at [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org) or look in your brochure on page 13 for class options.

### Youth Education

9/12-10/17	Mon	3:55-4:30 pm	ABCs of Gymnastics
9/20-10/25	Tues	8:45-9:20 am	ABCs of Gymnastics
9/12-10/3	Mon	4:00-5:00 pm	Advanced Ballet/Tap
9/24	Sat	9:00-1:00 pm	Babysitter Lessons
9/9-9/3	Fri	5:30-6:30 pm	Ballet, Tap & Tumble
9/19-10/24	Mon	6:00-7:30 pm	Beginner Chess
9/21-10/26	Mon	4:00-5:30 pm	Chinese Holidays
9/20-11/22	Tues	6:30-7:30 pm	Guitar Lessons
9/21-10/26	Wed	6:00-7:30 pm	Geography through Games
9/6-9/27	Tues	4:45-5:45 pm	Move 'n Groove
9/12-10/17	Mon	5:15-5:50 pm	Parent-n-Tot Gymnastics
9/20-10/25	Tues	9:25-10:00 am	Parent-n-Tot Gymnastics
9/12-10/17	Mon	4:30-5:15 pm	School Age Gymnastics

### Active Adult

9/7-9/28	Wed	7:30-8:30 pm	Adult Tap
9/28	Wed	6:30-7:30 pm	Why Pay an Attorney for a Will, Trust or Power of Attorney?
10/10	M/TH	6:00-9:30 pm	EKG Technician, Pharmacy Technician & Clinical Medical Asst.
10/8	Sat	10:00-2:00 pm	Let's Upcycle

### KEEN-AGER PROGRAMS

9/8	Thurs	11 am-1:30 pm	Lunch with a Local
9/16	Fri	11 am-1:30 pm	Trivia Lunch

### Trips and Travel

9/15	Thurs	9:00 am-4:00 pm	"Downtown" Abbey
9/17	Sat	7:15 am-1:15 pm	Chicago River Bridges Cruise Tour
9/20	Tues	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Four Winds Casino
10/3	Wed	1:00-2:00 pm	FREE Travel Show with Mayflower Tours
10/4	Tues	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Octoberfest Celebration
10/20	Thurs	8:30 am-4:30 pm	Jewelry, Bags & More!
10/25	Tues	8:00 am-5:00 pm	All New Chicago Churches Tour
10/26	Wed	1:00-2:00 pm	FREE Travel Show with Collette Vacations

### Multi-Day Travel

Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains, The Best of Eastern Canada, Christmas on the Danube, Discover Panama, Pacific Northwest & California, Rome & the Amalfi Coast, Venice & Florence & Rome, A Blue Christmas with Elvis, Alaska Adventure Cruise, Arizona's Desert Getaway, Backroads of Sunny Florida - 2017 Value Tour, Cherry Blossom Time in our Nation's Capital, Great Parks & Ghost Towns & Sedona's Red Rocks, Hawaii Four Islands, Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice, Ireland Coast-to-Coast, Jekyll Island, Portugal & the Duoro River Cruise and San Antonio Fiesta.

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**.



## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Parents are asked to remember the following safety tips as we begin our new school year:

- Please follow the proper drop-off and pick-up procedures for your child's school to ensure a smoother process for everyone. Never leave your vehicle parked along the curb or in the pick-up line, and do not pick up or drop off your child in unauthorized areas.
- Be patient when picking up or dropping off your children and never drive around lines or cut through parking lots.
- Please be aware of children and parents who are crossing at intersections or walking out from behind vehicles. Slow down in school zones (20 mph speed limit) and always yield to pedestrians. Avoid using electronic devices while you are in school zones and keep music turned down so that you can remain alert for what is going on around you.
- Please speak with children who walk to school about strangers and about how to react if they are approached or if they get lost. Always make sure to accompany small children to school for their safety.
- Be aware that you **MUST** stop for school bus stop arms, unless there is an unimproved median or barrier in the center of the street. Even on multi-lane streets such as Ridge Road, you **MUST** stop for the safety of the children boarding or departing from the bus. School bus drivers have been trained to report violators to the Munster Police Department.

The Munster Police Department maintains directed school zone patrols during arrival and dismissal and will issue citations for individuals who are speeding or disregarding crossing guards, stop signs, or other signage.

Make sure to avoid parking in handicapped zones, which is punishable by a fine. Please leave these spaces for people who need to use them.

Please report individuals who are driving recklessly in the school zones immediately by calling 911 along with a description of the vehicle and/or license plate. Any ongoing safety issues should be reported to your child's principal or the appropriate school resource officer (Officer James Ghrist, elementary schools, 219-836-6639, or Officer Joe Pacheco, middle/high schools, 219-836-6629).



The 2016 Fall Recreation Guide is in the mail! If you did not receive one, please stop by Munster Town Hall or the Community Park Social Center to pick up a copy.

## TEMPORARY SIGNS

As election season approaches, the Town of Munster wishes to remind all residents of restrictions pertaining to temporary yard signs. As per Section 26-1025 of the Munster Town code, a property owner is not required to obtain a permit for a yard sign on residential property. The maximum area for a yard sign is 4 sq. ft. Yard signs shall not be located within the public right-of-way and are required to be placed a minimum of 5 ft. from the public right-of-way. Up to three yard signs are allowed per parcel at any one time. Town officials will be enforcing these regulations and issuing notices of violation as needed.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Lake County Solid Waste Management District has a program for residents of Lake County to dispose of household hazardous waste. Any question on the Household Hazardous Waste pick up should be directed to Lake County Solid Waste Management District at 219-769-3820.

The Munster Public Works Facility **DOES NOT** accept household hazardous waste.

### SEPTEMBER

*Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>*, 9 am to 2 pm at Lake Co. Highway Dept, Rt 2 & Rt 41, (18211 Wicker Avenue, Lowell)

### OCTOBER

*Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>*, 9 am to 2 pm at Griffith Public Works, 134 South Colfax, Griffith

## MOSQUITO CONTROL IN MUNSTER

Each year, the Town of Munster takes an integrated approach to controlling the mosquito population. The combined efforts of the Town and residents are key to reducing populations. Two mosquito-borne illnesses of concern for Indiana residents are West Nile Virus and Zika Virus. Please see the tips below for how you can assist in controlling mosquito populations and reducing your risk of bites.

### Help Eliminate Mosquitoes in Your Yard

Empty, remove, cover, or turn over receptacles with the potential to hold water. Clean bird baths twice weekly. Discard old tires or store them indoors. Repair leaky plumbing and outside faucets. Make sure gutters and downspouts are free of blockage and are properly draining. Fill holes in trees with sand. Empty your pets' water dishes daily. Drain or fill low areas on your property that hold water for more than three days.

### Ways to Reduce Mosquito Bites

Wear light-colored clothing, long-sleeved shirts or jackets and long slacks. Avoid mosquito-infested areas or stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active. Avoid physical exertion and use colognes and perfumes sparingly, as these may attract mosquitoes. Use mosquito repellent, according to directions, when you are outdoors. It is generally recommended that adults use products with 30% or less DEET. Children should use products with 10% or less DEET. You can also use products containing picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus as repellents. These products typically provide longer-lasting protection.

*For questions or further information, please contact the Public Works Department at (219) 836-6970.*

IN OBSERVANCE OF  
LABOR DAY  
TOWN HALL WILL BE  
CLOSED ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016



**MONSTER DASH**  
5K Walk/Run  
Saturday, October 1  
8 am START  
Centennial Park (Stage)

Come in costume. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners and Best Costume for Child and Adult. \$25 before 9/16, after 9/16 or onsite \$20. Register online today!

**PUMPKINS,  
WITCHES, AND  
HAYRIDES, OH MY!**

Saturday, October 1  
10 am - 4 pm  
Centennial Park,  
North Parking Lot



Free games, trick or treating, and costume contest with prizes. Wristband sales for hayrides, pumpkins, petting zoo, bounce houses and more!

Vendors needed; please call 219-836-7275.

**TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	September 6	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	September 6	12:00 pm	Centennial Park
Board of Zoning Appeals	September 13	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	September 13	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety	September 15	7:00 am	Conference Room "C"
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	September 19	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	September 20	7:00 pm	Conference Room "A"

**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.

**TOWN COUNCIL & CLERK-TREASURER TELEPHONE AND E-MAIL LIST**

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