



1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## AUGUST

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### Community News

#### *The Dog Days of Summer*

I thought I would share a little information about Munster Pet Licenses. The Town of Munster code requires registration for each of your pet dogs and cats. The license is available all year round through the Clerk-Treasurer's (CT) office. If you have put off getting your 2021 license, we can still get you registered. Annual renewals are available beginning each December. Registration forms are online and in the CT office. You will need a copy of your pet's vaccination certificate, rabies certification number, and a \$10 fee for each pet. In 2020, we collected \$5,720 in miscellaneous revenue from issuing pet licenses. The money helps to support the Code Enforcement Officer, who handles stray animals and animals at large.

**Go Green Option** Many residents asked for paperless utility bills, and we are able to do that for you. You have been receiving your invoice either in the mail or electronically. If you are happy with your bill's current delivery method, do nothing, we will not be changing it for you. If you are interested in receiving your utility bill with a link to **News You Can Use**, contact me at [wmis@munster.org](mailto:wmis@munster.org), and we will get you set up with paperless invoices.

**Payment Choices** The Town **will not be changing to only online payments**. We continue to offer our residents various payment methods, and you can select which method works best for you. We do accept payment in the Clerk-Treasurer's office with cash, checks, or credit cards. The mail and our Red Drop Box are acceptable methods for sending checks. Additionally, we encourage residents to enroll in ACH autopayment through the Town. If you are already enrolled in ACH, do nothing; you are already set up for timely payment. Payments arranged directly through our office, whether in person, drop box, mail, or ACH, will not be subject to a convenience fee. Whether your invoice was delivered electronically or via the mail, you are able to pay your invoice online. The Town's authorized payment provider, Invoice Cloud, does allow for both one-time and autopay scheduled payments. There will be a convenience fee for only payments made online through Invoice Cloud.

These new changes have caused some confusion with a few of our residents, and we appreciate your questions. We encourage your feedback and suggestions for the betterment of Munster. If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share, please feel welcome to contact me at (219)836-6945 or [wmis@munster.org](mailto:wmis@munster.org)



### MUNSTER'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster invite and encourage all residents to participate in Munster's 26th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Munster Community Pool located at 8837 Calumet Avenue. This fun and exiting event is held annually to promote positive police and community partnerships through a variety of both educational activities and fun for all ages.

**The Main Event will be preceded at 4:30 p.m. with our National Night Out Community Parade** which will run from the corner of Park Drive and Columbia Avenue south on Columbia Avenue to the south lot of Munster High School. The parade will include emergency vehicles, school groups, community organizations, and more. Residents are encouraged to line Columbia Avenue to show your support for our event and then you can walk directly over to our main event at the pool.

**The Main National Night Out Event will begin at 5:00 p.m.** at the Munster Community Pool with a performance of the National Anthem. The event's activities will include free swimming for Munster residents (please show state or school ID), door prizes, kids games, emergency vehicles, K-9 demonstrations, a police helicopter landing, over 75 booth participants. Also included in event is The John Meisner Magic Show, a video gaming van, food vendors, music, free child identification cards, crime prevention information, Citizenship Award presentations, special guests (including ESPN 1000 radio personality John "Jurko" Jurkovic, former NFL player Tim Tyrrell, and former NFL coach Angel Lopez), musical performances, barrel car train rides, blood drive (see further below for more info), free glow necklaces for kids, and an awesome closing **Fireworks Show** generously sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's Fireworks.

The American Red Cross will set up on-site prior to the start of the event and will be running a blood drive throughout the evening from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Walk-ups are welcome, however, you can pre-register your blood donation by calling **1-800-RED-CROSS** or entering the sponsor code "mcpool".

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Munster residents and businesses are also encouraged to **DISPLAY BLUE LIGHTS** from July 29th through August 3rd in support of our event. To promote positive police and community partnerships, members of the community are also encouraged to **POST IMAGES TO SOCIAL MEDIA** displaying positive interaction with the Munster Police Department during past years (with #munsternno2021).

*Last year's National Night Out event was ranked as the #1 NNO event in the United States* in our population category thanks to great participation and support from the public.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held the following day on Wednesday, August 4th (rain hotline available that day at (219)836-6650. **For more information about our parade and main National Night Out event, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. You can also visit our event's Facebook page We hope to see you there!**



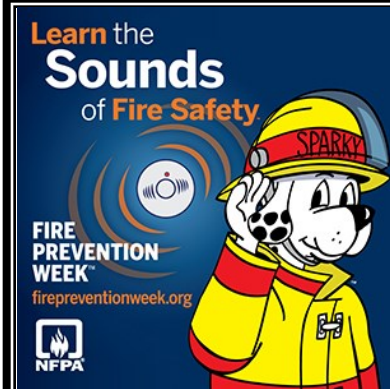
### SOFTBALL GAME FUNDRAISER FOR THE MUNSTER H.S. "BEST BUDDIES" CLUB

The Munster Police Department will be hosting a Softball Game fundraiser to raise funds for Munster High School's "Best Buddies" Club on **Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Community Park**. The Best Buddies Club promotes and encourages friendships between students with or without intellectual or developmental disabilities. The teams will be comprised of Munster Police officers, Munster firefighters, and staff members from some of Munster's public and parochial schools. The game will also include a performance of the National Anthem, a first pitch ceremony, and some giveaways. The game is also being held adjacent to the Munster Community Market (where live music will be performed) so participants can stop by there to purchase goods, food, or beverages. Parking is available at Munster High School or in portions of Community Park.

**There is a suggested \$5.00 donation for each attendee and additional donations are also welcome and appreciated.** For more information about this event, please contact Officer Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. Please stop out to support this important student organization!



## Exciting News



### Fire Prevention Week

**Mark your Calendar!  
The Fire Department  
Open House is Back!  
Saturday, October 9th**

**Fire Station #2  
550 Fisher St.  
Munster, IN  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



### Attention Town of Munster Water Customers:

The Town of Munster has contracted with M.E. Simpson Company to begin it's routine flushing of water mains Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 (weather permitting) and continue for approximately (3) weeks .

**The area to be flushed will include: Everything East of Harrison Avenue, between Ridge Rd and 45<sup>th</sup> St.**

This operation will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Residents can expect discolored water during this time. The discoloration will clear up as we move out of your area. Run your water until it's clear before drinking or washing clothes.

This operation allows an opportunity to check the function of Munster fire hydrants and is necessary to flush out the water mains in order to provide the best quality water year-round to our residents.

We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you!



**American Legion's  
Officer of the Year Award  
State of Indiana 2020-2021  
Officer Jonathan Hernandez  
Congratulations!**



**Household Hazardous Waste  
Saturday, August 21, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Highland Public Works  
8001 Kennedy Ave, Highland IN  
www.lcswmd.com**



# MUNSTER PARKS & RECREATION

## 219-836-PARK



### Munster Pool

Monday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Concessions available for purchase and you are required to wear proper swim attire.

**Last day for Munster Pool to be open is August 8, 2021**



### Community Market

Community Park  
Sunday, August 1, 2021  
Sunday, August 15, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

August 1st will consist of our Land O' Frost Field Days w/ entertainment by the Sky at Night.

August 15th will consist of our Kiddie Karnival games/ activities with entertainment by James Gedda.

Activities will take place all day with musical entertainment beginning at 12:00 p.m. each day.



### Movie in the Park

Centennial Park  
Monday, August 9, 2021  
Dusk

Bring your blankets or chair and enjoy a movie under the stars.

Concessions will be available to purchase. Special Susan's School of Dance performance on the stage at 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: Susan's School of Dance and Supercuts.



### Summer Concert Series

Munster Town Hall  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by: People's Bank

August 1, 2021 (makeup from 7/11) Stingrays.

August 8, 2021 Steel Country.



### Pennsy Bike Ride

Saturday, August 28, 2021  
10:00 p.m.  
Rohrman Park (Start) - 6750 Rohrman Rd.  
Schererville, IN

Partnership event between Munster and Schererville Parks. Take part in a 15 mile

organized bike ride starting at Rohrman Park, traveling north to Munster's Centennial Park and then back. Bike lights and helmets are highly recommended for all participants. All registered participants will be entered into a drawing for various prizes.



### Fall Soccer

Deadline: Friday, August 13, 2021

Open to youth ages 4-13. Games run 9/11-10/16. We are still seeking volunteer coaches. If interested or have questions, please contact Skyler at (219)836-6922 or sramberger@munster.org.



### Bow Wow and Meow Pet Fair

Centennial Park  
Sunday, August 22, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pet Fair is dedicated to the pets in your lives and will feature vendors, contests, demonstrations, animal care tips, and training methods. Sponsored by: Lansing Cleaners and The Pangere Corporation.



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Community Market

Summer Concert Series featuring Stingrays (makeup from 7/11)

2-Hour Tennis Camp

Challenger British Soccer Camp

Wiffleball League

Lady Churchill Lunch and Show

Last Day Munster Pool is open.

Summer Concert Series featuring Steel Country

Canine Cannonball

CSRI Munster's Got Talent

Movie in the Park featuring Playing w/ Fire

Kool-Aid and Kanvas

Premier Travel Show (FREE)

Fall Soccer Final Deadline

Community Market

Scavenger Hunt (Bike Challenge)

Picnic Playdate

Popcorn and a Movie

Bow Wow and Meow Pet Fair

Baseball BINGO

Intro to Fishing

Chicago Premium Outlets

Pennsy Bike Ride



**We're working on our Fall Recreation Guide. Stay glued to your mailboxes as they're due out by the end of the month.**



**Munster Pool is open until Sunday, August 8, 2021. See you next season!**



## PREVENTING DISTRACTION SCAMS & THEFTS

Since June 10th, the Munster Police Department has responded to several calls for service in reference to reported distraction scams and thefts. During these incidents, male suspects reportedly identified themselves as either being from the water department, needing to check the home's water system, or advising that they had work to do in their backyard. While the victim was being distracted in a back room of the home or in the backyard, a second suspect enters the home to steal items. No one was injured during these incidents.

Residents should stay alert for these types of scams which usually target senior citizens and involve suspects pretending to be utility workers or town officials who are investigating an emergency situation involving the resident's water or power supply. These suspects will often wear hard hats, reflective vests, or false identification to make them appear to be legitimate utility workers and will also carry two-way portable radios at times to communicate with an accomplice.

Residents are encouraged to always keep their exterior doors closed and locked at all times, including storm doors when present, and to speak with unknown visitors through a side window. Residents should also keep overhead garage doors closed and locked, especially if you have a connecting garage, and carry a key and cell phone with you while working outside so that you can keep your home secured and report suspicious activity when necessary.

**PLEASE CALL 911** to report suspicious individuals on your property right away and never allow strangers into your home who you did not call personally for home service or repairs.



**Non - Emergency (219)660-0001**  
**Police Records (219)836-6630/6650**  
**Code Enforcement (219)836-6659**



**Munster Police Records Division**  
**Monday & Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

## TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 2021

Notes: The schedule below is subject to change. Please contact Munster Town Hall at (219)836-6900 to confirm meetings. Also a schedule of these meetings and others are maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website. Public meetings may be available utilizing Zoom technology. Visit the Town of Munster website: [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org), select Agendas & Meetings or contact the appropriate department to access the meeting ID and passcode.

Town Council/Redevelopment Commission Meeting	August 2, 2021	7:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Meeting	August 3, 2021	Noon	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	August 10, 2021	6:45 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Plan Commission Meeting	August 10, 2021	7:30 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Town Council/Redevelopment Commission Meeting	August 16, 2021	7:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Meeting	August 17, 2021	5:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Safety Meeting	August 26, 2021	7:00 a.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)



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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