



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Town of Munster, 1005 Ridge Road

APRIL 2023

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From the Clerk-Treasurer's Office

In the Clerk-Treasurer's office we, like most of you, look forward to the first blooms of springtime. Our department is "springing" forward as we have successfully completed our state mandated financial reports for 2022 to Indiana Gateway. We can now begin preparation of our 2023 reports. The seasons of the Clerk-Treasurer's office aren't as lovely as spring flowers but are essential to the financial health of our Town!

Town of Munster residents frequently ask questions about their Town of Munster utility. We have addressed many of them in the January, February, and March 2023 issues of the News You Can Use. To view past issues of News You Can Use visit the Town of Munster website: www.munster.org.

The Indiana state legislature is currently meeting, and we follow what is happening closely down in Indianapolis. We look for items that could have an impact on our Town revenues and our procedures. I share my thoughts, concerns, and possible impact the legislation may have on both our Town and our residents with our local legislators.

If you have questions and concerns, please contact me at (219)836-6945 or wmis@munster.org.

Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer



Speed Team!



At the Town Manager's office, we often hear concerns from residents about neighborhood speeding. In response, we have convened a multi-disciplinary team with staff from Police, Fire, Public Works, Engineering, and Planning. The "Speed Team" meets biweekly and is working to develop a standardized approach to addressing speeding in our neighborhoods.

The speed limit on most streets in Town is 25 MPH.

This speed limit provides safety for all road users – dog walkers, children playing in front yards, bicyclists, AND drivers. As speed increases, the likelihood of fatality or serious injury to pedestrians in a motor vehicle crash increases. As speed increases, the time required to stop increases and the cone of vision for drivers narrows.

As drivers, we know this speed is hard to maintain, especially on our straight, flat, wide streets.

The Speed Team has several tools in its toolbox to alter the physical driving environment to make speeding uncomfortable; from roadway striping to curb bump outs, to driver feedback signs and speed humps. As feasible, we are implementing these tools on our neighborhood streets.

Jill DiTommaso, Deputy Town Manager

Town of Munster Polling Locations Election Day– Tuesday, May 2, 2023

6:00 am - 6:00 pm

M01	Eads School	8000 Jackson St.
M02	Munster High School	8808 Columbia Ave.
M04	Munster Library	8701 Calumet Ave.
M05	Eads School	8000 Jackson St.
M06	Munster Town Hall	1005 Ridge Rd.
M08	Wilbur Wright Middle	8650 Columbia Ave.
M09	Carmelite Hall	1628 Ridge Rd.
M11	Elliott Elementary	8718 White Oak Ave.
M12	Carmelite Hall	1628 Ridge Rd.
M13	Frank Hammond	1301 Fran-Lin Pkwy.
M14	Frank Hammond	1301 Fran-Lin Pkwy.
M15	Elliott Elementary	8718 White Oak Ave.
M16	Frank Hammond	1301 Fran-Lin Pkwy.
M18	Wilbur Wright	8650 Columbia Ave.
M19	Westminster Church	8955 Columbia Ave.
M20	Elliott School	8718 White Oak Ave.
M21	Wilbur Wright Middle	8650 Columbia Ave.
M22	Wilbur Wright Middle	8650 Columbia Ave.
M24	Munster High School	8808 Columbia Ave.
M25	Munster High School	8808 Columbia Ave.

To locate your precinct information and polling location visit www.indianavoters.in.gov



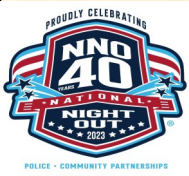
Branch Collection starts Monday, April 3, 2023, weather permitting. Branches will be picked up with the chipper. Branches should be no longer than 5' long and 7" in diameter. Twigs and yard waste should be put into your garbage cans or bagged and will be picked up with your garbage.

Town of Munster Offices Closed

Good Friday - April 7, 2023

Closed for Early Voting

Regular garbage pickup on Good Friday



MUNSTER POLICE SEEKING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT DONATIONS

The Munster Police Department is seeking monetary donations *through June 16th* towards Munster's 28th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 1st in and around the area of the Munster Community Pool. This nationally-recognized event is held each year to promote positive police and community partnerships through a variety of both fun and educational activities for all ages. The event is completely funded through donations from the public.

If you would like to provide a donation, please make checks payable to the **TOWN OF MUNSTER (memo: NNO)** and mail them to the **Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 46321**. Thank you in advance for your support and please mark your calendars now for this year's fun and exciting event! For more information about sponsorships or this year's event, please contact Officer Ghrist at (219) 836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.



D.A.R.E. PROGRAM CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

This April, the Munster Police Department will be joining departments around the United States in celebrating the **40th Anniversary of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program**, which was founded in 1983 by the Los Angeles Police Department. In addition, we will also be celebrating the **35th Anniversary of the program being presented in Munster**. Since 1988, the D.A.R.E. Program has been provided to thousands of children and provides lessons on drug prevention, stranger-danger, internet safety, bullying prevention, managing stress, making healthy choices, and using help networks. Parents will be notified by the elementary schools about plans for recognizing and celebrating these milestones as they approach. Thank you to the members of our community for helping to keep this important safety program going strong for almost four decades.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, April 22, 2023
Munster Police Department Lobby
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.



LAKE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Join the Journey

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, April 22, 2023
Munster Public Works
508 Fisher St.
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
www.lcswmd.com

The LCSWMD Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is for residents of Lake County and is NOT for businesses, schools, organizations or those who live outside Lake County, Indiana. Businesses, schools and organizations of Lake County, Indiana can call (219)853-2420 for resource information.

Participants will be required to show proof of Lake County, Indiana residency before drop-off



For complete information on the West Lake Corridor Project, please visit their website at
www.nictdwestlake.com

- Detailed construction updates provided
- Project update newsletter posted
- Contact information for project listed



Sign up for email project updates here
<https://linktr.ee/fhprbwlc>

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION



Starting Monday, April 3, 2023, **weather permitting for 2 weeks**, Munster will be having the spring leaf collection. **Do not put leaves in your garbage can, plastic bags or in brown bags. Waste Management will not pick them up.** Rake your leaves to the curb for the spring leaf collection.

Since pick-up quantities are not known, it is difficult to predict exactly which neighborhood will be picked up on which day, so please have your leaves out. We will start on the northwest section of Town and work south.

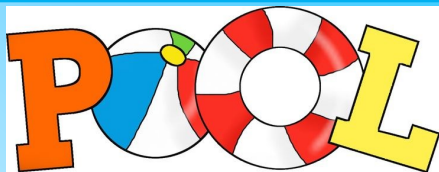
Please place your leaves in a continuous long pile. We will be using a leaf vacuum to collect your leaves. If your street has curbs, please place your leaves right behind the curb on the grass parkway. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE STREET.** If your street does not have curbs, please place your leaves on the edge of the street pavement. Also, please be careful not to mix leaves with large sticks, rocks or other debris, which could cause injury to an employee or damage to the equipment. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at (219)836-6971.



APRIL



- 4/1 Community Egg Hunts
- 4/2 Sundae Bunny Day
- 4/2 Learn to Skate Clinic
- 4/3 Medicare & Scamming – PPO Honor Plan
- 4/3 Spring Tennis details will be announced – call us at (219)836-7275 for more information.
- 4/3 Tai Chi Gong
- 4/4 Skateboarding: Leveling Up
- 4/6 VolleyKidz
- 4/6 Jr. Volleykidz
- 4/8 Spring Soccer Games begin
- 4/11 First Time Homebuyers w/ People's Bank
- 4/12 Brewery Tour w/ Alter Brewing Company
- 4/15 Home Alone Training
- 4/16 Cuban Salsa Dance
- 4/17 Ladies Golf
- 4/17 Men's Golf
- 4/17 Cupcakes & Competition
- 4/18 Youth Golf
- 4/18 The Unsinkable Molly Brown Lunch/Show
- 4/18 Koolaid and Kanvas
- 4/19 Tiny Tykes
- 4/20 Earth Day BINGO
- 4/20 ZUMBA
- 4/21 Servsafe Food Manager
- 4/22 Lake County Hot Spots
- 4/24 Craft in a Box DEADLINE (Popsicle Button American Flag)



Munster Pool Season passes are currently on sale. When coming to the Park Office to register, please bring each person in your family that will be purchasing a season pass so updated pictures can be taken. Early-bird deadline for season passes is May 12th.

Now accepting **Private Party rentals, Birthday Party Rentals** and **Group Rentals** for Munster Pool. For availability, call us at (219)836-7275. Private parties must submit a questionnaire before reservations are taken. Email jhiggins@munster.org for the questionnaire.



VolleyKidz

Frank Hammond Gym: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Thursdays: 04/6-04/27

Available to youth ages: 7-10 and 11-14.
Classes will teach/improve your bump, set, spike and serve.



Tiny Tykes

Grove Park: 9:00 am - 9:45 am
Wednesdays: 04/19-05/24

Ages: 2-3

Basic soccer skills will be taught while developing strength, balance, coordination, listening skills, and for teamwork for children. Parent participation may be required weekly.



First Time Homebuyer Class

Social Center: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Tuesday: 04/11

Pre-registration is required!

Austin Logue of People's Bank will guide you through every step of the homebuyer process– from the application through closing.



Unsinkable Molly Brown Lunch/Show

Social Center: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Tuesday: 04/18

Join us to hear the story of the life and times of the adventurous and daring "Unsinkable Molly Brown". After the sinking of the Titanic, Brown was interviewed and asked how she survived the sinking of the ship. Historical photographs and newspapers will be shared. Lunch will be served prior to the performance.



Alter Brewing Company Brewery Tour

Downers Grove, IL
Social Center: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 04/12

Join us for a brewery tour of Alter Brewing Company in Downers Grove, your \$10 tour ticket includes transportation and a glass of beer.

Parking Information



- Centennial Park pay to park is active April 1, 2023.
- Munster residential households are entitled to register two vehicle license plates per year.
- Please visit the Centennial Park page on the Town's website at www.munster.org for more information.
- Parks & Recreation contact number (219)836-PARK.



EARLY VOTING DATES AND HOURS

Beginning April 4, 2023 - May 1, 2023 at NOON

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursdays

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturdays (April 22nd & April 29th) two prior to Election Day

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Monday the day before Primary Election Day (May 1st)

9:00 am - NOON

CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

Visit www.indianavoters.in.gov for more information regarding:

Who's on the ballot, Primary Election Day voting location, check voting status and precinct location.

Lake County Board of Elections and Registration

www.lakecounty.in.gov

(219) 755-3795

SATELLITE SITES

Hammond County Courthouse
232 Russell St., Hammond

Wicker Park Social Center
8554 Indianapolis Blvd., Highland

Gary Public Library -Main
220 W. 5th. Ave., Gary

Schererville Town Hall
10 E. Joliet St., Schererville

East Chicago County Courthouse
3711 Main St., East Chicago

Winfield Government Complex
10645 Randolph St., Winfield

St. John TWP. Assessor's Ofc.
9157 Wicker Ave., St. John

Lowell Town Hall
501 E. Main St., Lowell

Lake County Board of Elections Ofc.
2293 N. Main St., RM A-205, Crown Point

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR APRIL 2023

Notes: The schedule below is subject to change. Please contact Munster Town Hall at (219)836-6900 to confirm meetings. Public meetings are also available utilizing Zoom technology. Visit the Town of Munster website: <https://www.munster.org> (Select Agendas and Meetings) or contact the appropriate department to access the meeting ID and passcode. Also a schedule of these meetings and others are maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website. **Tune into WJOB 1230 AM Radio and listen to Community Programming Initiative, in which members of the Munster Town Council and guests discuss issues in town. The program runs the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am.**

Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	April 3, 2023	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	April 6, 2023	1:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	April 11, 2023	6:45 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Plan Commission Mtg.	April 11, 2023	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	April 17, 2023	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Park Board Mtg.	April 18, 2023	5:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	April 20, 2023	1:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Safety Mtg.	April 20, 2023	7:00 am	Main Meeting Room (MTH)



Dr. Ken Schoon
Lee Ann Mellon
Chuck Gardiner
Steve Tulowitzki
Dr. Andy Koultourides
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