



Town of Munster, 1005 Ridge Road

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AUGUST 2025

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30th Annual

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME



TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025
5:00pm to 8:30pm
Munster Community Pool

8837 Calumet Avenue • Munster, Indiana

★ **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY PARADE begins at 4:30pm** ★

(Runs South on Columbia Avenue in front of Wilbur Wright Middle School and Munster High School)

- FREE SWIMMING FOR RESIDENTS*
- KIDS GAMES & PRIZES
- DOOR PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
- EMERGENCY VEHICLE DISPLAYS
- POLICE K-9 DEMONSTRATIONS
- POLICE HELICOPTER LANDING
- THE JOHN MEASNER MAGIC SHOW
- OVER 140 BOOTH PARTICIPANTS
- MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
- CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS
- MEET AREA FIRST RESPONDERS
- SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES
- PHOTOS WITH BLUEY, BINGO, CHASE, MARSHAL, MARIO, & LUIGI
- BARREL CAR TRAIN RIDES
- FOOD VENDORS
- CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION
- MEET NAT THE KNIGHT AND MCGRUFF THE CRIME DOG
- MEET AREA VETERANS
- FREE GLOW NECKLACES FOR KIDS
- NEXT GENERATION DJ SERVICE

**Swimming is free for MUNSTER RESIDENTS ONLY with state or school ID.
Non-residents must pay to enter the pool.*

A FIREWORKS SHOW will also be provided that evening

sponsored by

**KRAZY KAPLANS
FIREWORKS**

For more information, please contact the Munster Police Department's Community Policing Unit at (219) 836-6639

You're Invited: Munster's Annual National Night Out!



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Get ready for an unforgettable evening of fun, food, and community spirit! Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, August 5th from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM** as we come together for our **Annual National Night Out**, held at the **Munster Community Pool**.

The night will conclude with a dazzling **firework show generously donated by Krazy Kaplans**. But that's not all! Join us beforehand for a **brief community parade starting at 4:30 PM on Columbia Avenue**, kicking off a night full of excitement and unity.



This year's event is already shaping up to be our biggest yet:

- **A record-breaking 150 participating booths**
- **Several additional food vendors**
- **A brand-new 11 ft. x 17 ft. display board showcasing local highlights and safety info**

What is National Night Out?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. It was first introduced in 1984 by the **National Association of Town Watch (NATW)** and has since grown into a nationwide celebration, with over 38 million neighbors in 17,000 communities taking part each year.

Munster's Proud Legacy

We're thrilled to share that **Munster was ranked 2nd in the entire country** by the National Association of Town Watch for last year's National Night Out! This is an incredible honor that reflects our town's dedication to unity, public safety, and neighborly fun. This year, with your support and participation, **we're aiming for #1!**



Come out, meet your neighbors, enjoy great food, interact with local organizations, and help us make this year's event the best one yet.

We can't wait to see you there!

Warm regards,

George Shinkan

Munster Town Council President

The Last Days of Summer and Looking Ahead

School Zone Safety

The end of the dog days of summer are upon us, and nothing signals that more clearly than the return of students to school in mid-August. As school zones become active again, please be extra alert when driving as many ongoing construction projects around Town may impact traffic in and around these areas. Drivers, watch closely for children crossing the street, and kids, please use crosswalks and stay alert. Safety is everyone's responsibility.



Budgeting for 2026

While families are gearing up for new routines and fall activities, the Clerk-Treasurer's Office is deep into preparing the 2026 Town Budget. This year's process brings unique challenges due to the impact of State Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA 1), which was signed into law during the most recent Indiana legislative session. SEA 1 significantly affects municipal finances, particularly property tax revenue.

Thankfully, Munster has a long-standing tradition of being fiscally conservative. However, we've always operated leanly, which makes it more difficult to identify areas to cut or adjust without impacting the high level of service our residents have become accustomed to. That's why we began planning early as discussions started last fall.



Since then, we've closely followed the law's development, attended numerous workshops hosted by the State and financial experts, and even our local engineering firm. We have consulted with our advisors, department heads, peer communities, and our professional organizations. We've gathered an array of insights and ideas, and we're now evaluating solutions with the goal of maintaining service levels, retaining our dedicated staff, and keeping Munster a great place to live and work.



In the coming months, we'll present potential options to the Town Council and department heads for input and possible implementation. While challenges lie ahead, I'm confident that by working together, we'll continue to move forward and remain Munster Strong.

Stay engaged by reading the News You Can Use for updates. I welcome your thoughts, questions, and feedback. You can reach me at wmis@munster.in.gov or (219) 836-6945.

Enjoy these last sweet lazy days of summer and get ready for the beauty of fall.



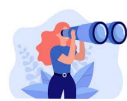
Sincerely,

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Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Munster

August

- 8/3 Pool Season Pass Adult Swim (11:45AM-12:45PM)
- 8/3 **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** Wildwood Country
- 8/4 Skateboarding: Leveling Up
- 8/4 Movie and Merch – featuring Moana 2
- 8/5 Law Enforcement Day at Munster Pool
- 8/7 Glow Stick – Pool Season Pass after hours party
- 8/8 Fall Soccer – Final DEADLINE
- 8/8 FRIDAYS ROCK: Marrakesh Express
- 8/9 Outsmart the Scammers
- 8/10 Pool Season Pass Adult Swim (11:45AM-12:45PM)
- 8/10 Final Day of Munster Pool
- 8/11 Canine Cannonball
- 8/12 **TUNES ON TUESDAYS:** The Flat Cats
- 8/13 Tiny Shops, Big Charm at Little Traveler
- 8/14 Wado-Ki Karate
- 8/15 Coffee and Canvas
- 8/16 Cruisin' w/ the Crew Family Bike Ride
- 8/21 Munchkin Masterpieces
- 8/21 National Senior Day BINGO
- 8/22 Pan Am Stewardess Betty Lunch & Show
- 8/26 Benefits of Funeral Pre-Planning
- 8/26 **TUNES ON TUESDAYS:** Desperate Bastards
- 8/28 Cruisin' on the Magnificent Illinois River
- 8/29 Cash for Clutter Early-Bird Deadline



The **2025 Fall Recreation Guide** should be in mailboxes by the end of the month! Be sure to keep an eye out.

Join us for our final **Sunday Concert Series** featuring:

Wildwood Country on Sunday, August 3 from 6:30-8PM at Munster Town Hall.

Want more concerts? We still have **CIVIC Concerts** going on at Centennial Park – *Marrakesh Express* on Friday, 8/8 from 7-9PM; *The Flat Cats* on Tuesday, 8/12 from 6:30-8:30PM; *Desperate Bastards* on Tuesday, 8/25 from 6:30-8:30PM



Fall Soccer is right around the corner!

Don't miss out on the final registration deadline, August 8. Games take place on Saturdays, 9/13-10/18 at Grove or Westlakes Park. Open to ages: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-13.

Interested to coach? Contact Abby at akresal@munster.org



Enjoy a movie underneath the stars featuring **Moana 2** on Monday, 8/4 at Centennial Park.

Movie will begin at dusk and concessions will be available. Come early to enjoy a performance from Susan's School of Dance and our Merch area.



Munster Pool closes August 10.

Don't miss out on those last hot summer days.

Be sure to get your final splash in before school starts!

Have you been cleaning and purging from your home this summer and need to get rid of things?

Participate in *Cash for Clutter* on Saturday, 9/13 from 8AM-2PM at the Pool Parking Lot.

Receive the early-bird rate by registering before 8/29. Spaces are open until filled. Questions? Contact Abby at akresal@munster.org.



Centennial Park Parking

Town of Munster residents can register up to 2 vehicles per household to park for free at Centennial Park for the 2025 parking season. 2025 registration began on April 1, 2025



www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com.

Previous registration will not carry over to following year. Registration can also be done at the Parks and Recreation office at Munster Town Hall during regular business hours (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm).

For more information, please contact the Parks Department at 836-7275 or visit the Town's website at www.munster.org.

Presenting Sponsor:
Munster Chamber of Commerce

Community Sponsors:
Munster Parks & Rec

Anthony Christopher + Mike Becze of
McColly Bennett Commercial Advantage
Crew Car Wash

CRUISIN' THE RIDGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
2:00 - 7:00 PM


RIDGE ROAD - HOHMAN TO HARRISON

Musical Guests -

DJ - Brian Cummings - 2-3pm
Big City - 3:30-5pm
Smokin' Mirrors - 5:30-7pm

To participate in the market -






Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Collection
AUGUST 13, 2025
 Whiting Public Works
 1915 Front St., Whiting
 From 2 pm – 6 pm


SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
 Hammond Public Works
 601 Conkey St., Hammond
 From 9am – 1pm

Household Hazardous Waste is No Longer accepting Latex Paint.

Household batteries are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection – No CAR batteries.




The Town of Munster no longer has household battery collection.



Locations that collect batteries:


- ♦ **Staples**
7951 Calumet Ave
Munster, IN
- ♦ **Lowes Home Improvement**
637 US 41
Schererville, IN 46375

YARD WASTE



It is a violation to put lawn clipping in the street or in the storm sewers.

Yard waste such as grass can be disposed of in paper lawn bags or grass can be placed directly into your garbage container.

 **Questions, contact the Public Works Dept at 219-836-6970 or 6971**

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS AUGUST 2025

Notes: The schedule below is subject to change. Please contact Munster Town Hall (MTH) 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.	August 4, 2025	6:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	August 7, 2025	1:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	August 12, 2025	6:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Plan Commission Mtg.	August 12, 2025	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	August 18, 2025	6:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Safety Mtg.	August 19, 2025	7:00 am	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Park Board Mtg.	August 19, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	August 21, 2025	1:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)

Town Council Elected Officials:

- George Shinkan, President, Elected Official, Ward 1, Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
- Joseph Hofferth, Vice President, Elected Official, Ward 2, Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
- Chuck Gardiner, Elected Official, Ward 3, Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
- David B. Nellans, Elected Official, Ward 4, Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
- Jonathan Petersen, Elected Official, Ward 5, Term 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027



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