

ONE-DAY TRIPS (Call 836-7275 for details)

- **Little Traveler Spring Trip** - Wed., May 5, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, \$30R /\$35NR/\$29K
- **Four Winds Casino** - Tues., May 24, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, \$30R/\$35NR/\$28K
- **“The King and I”** - Thurs., June 2, \$84R/\$89NR/\$82K
- **Shipshewana** - Tues., June 7, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, \$40R/\$45NR/\$39K
- **Summer Fireworks Cruise** - Wed., June 22, 5:45 pm - 10:45 pm, \$78R/\$83NR/\$75K
- **Chicago Cubs Game** - Thurs., June 30, 10:45 am - 6:00 pm, \$55R/\$65NR

MULTI-DAY TRAVEL
(CALL 836-7275 for details)

- **Mackinac Island Getaway** - June 19 - 21
- **Canadian Five Star (eastern Canada)** - July 20 - 29
- **America’s Train Festival (Iowa)** - July 22 - 24
- **Coastal Islands of New England** - July 22 - 29
- **South Dakota** - Oct. 5 - 11
- **Canadian Rockies by Train** - Oct. 6 - 14

Munster Centennial’s Vintage Baseball games begin Sun., June 5. Our home town team is playing 18 games this season! Look in the June NYCUC for more details!!

Summer Enrichment, for grades pre-K through 8, will take place at Eads Elementary School from June 13 - July 11. Some of the classes include: **Commotion in the Ocean, Jr. Vehicle Engineering, Ven Connigo (Come with Me), Intro to Sign Language, Jr. Minute to Win It, and Kids in Culture.** Brochures will be sent home to every child attending a Munster school. There will also be copies at the Park and Recreation Office in Town Hall.

CAMPS! CAMPS! CAMPS!

We have a wonderful variety of camps this summer: **Kids’ Camp Original, All About Sports, Counselors In Training, Preschool Camps, Digital Filmmaking Camp, All America Basketball Academy, British Sports Camp, Challenger British Soccer Camp, Chicago Bulls Basketball School, Chicago White Sox Training Center, Smash and Splash Tennis Camp, Junior Camp,** and more!

Update your resume with the following continuing Education courses: **EKG Technician, Medical Assistant Administration Program, Medical Billing & Coding Program, Pharmacy Technician, and Phlebotomy Technician Program.** Call Barb at 836-7275 for details.

Vicky Lindsay, pastry chef, chocolatier, and cooking instructor; will be teaching cooking classes at Centennial Park and for Summer Enrichment this season. Vicky began her education at Purdue, then took classes in Paris and cooked for an Ambassador and his wife in Lima, Peru. Cooking is her passion and she continues to learn and grow in the culinary field. Her summer classes will include: **Knife Skills, Fabulous Fish, Let’s Roll With Sushi, and Summer Fun With Grilled Chicken.** Each class will include hands-on training and well as tasting.

Positions Available at Centennial Park

Centennial Park is looking to fill the following positions: (2) Part-time Park Maintenance/Custodian, (2) Cooks, (2) Dishwashers.

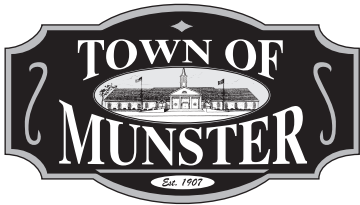
Must be 18 years of age. Some positions may require specific certifications and some experience. Call Centennial Park for more information on these jobs at 219-836-6930 or stop at 1005 S. Centennial Drive to fill out an application.

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR MAY 2011

Event	Date	Time	Location
Town Council Meeting	Mon., May 9	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	Tues., May 10	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	Tues., May 10	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Regular Meeting	Mon., May 17	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety	Thurs., May 19	7:30 am	Conference Room “C”
Town Council Meeting	Mon., May 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>.
 - To keep up with what’s going on in Town, tune in to AT&T U-Verse, Channel 99 (where available). Currently, this channel is showing a bulletin board of events and public information announcements for various activities within Munster. Soon, the channel will have television shows too!

TOWN COUNCIL & CLERK-TREASURER TELEPHONE AND E-MAIL LIST
JOHN EDINGTON - 836-2637, jedington43@comcast.net MICHAEL MELLON - 836-1766, mmellon@ambfinancial.com
DR. ANDY KOULTOURIDES - 922-4403, drkoul@sbcglobal.net ROB MANGUS - 972-9359, r_mangus@sbcglobal.net
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NEWS YOU CAN USE

1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

MAY 2011

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TOWN'S SMALL SHOPS OR OFFICES FOR LEASE (1220 to 4020 Sq. Ft.) CALL:

Russ Snyder
Partners Real Estate
922-3440

Rob Klein
Cyrus Realtors
924-9305

Stan Wolucka
Wolucka and Assoc.
836-8040

HOLIDAY GARBAGE/RECYCLING
PICK UP SCHEDULE

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 30, 2011, all garbage and recycling will be picked up one day later. Pick up will be Tuesday through Saturday.

“D.A.R.E. NIGHT”
AT THE GARY RAILCATS STEEL YARD

Parents, fifth graders, their siblings, and friends are invited to participate along with a number of other nearby communities in “D.A.R.E. NIGHT” at the Gary RailCats Steel Yard on Saturday evening, June 18, 2011 at 6:10 pm. Students participating are encouraged to wear their D.A.R.E. t-shirts to the game. Parents wishing to purchase tickets can do so by sending \$10.00 for each ticket (\$3.00 from each ticket will be donated back to the Munster Police Department’s D.A.R.E. Program) to the Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321. Tickets will be available through late May or until they are sold out. **Please make checks payable to the Gary RailCats.** For more information contact Officer Ghrist at 836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. Please note that this is not a school-related field trip and parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the game and chaperoning them.

BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM
AT MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL

Munster’s CHOICE Community Council will be sponsoring a Bullying Prevention Program on Tuesday evening, May 10, 2011 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Munster High School Auditorium. Admission is FREE and the program is open to ANY member of the public (parents are especially encouraged to attend). During this important presentation, an expert on bullying will provide information about its causes and effective prevention methods. There will also be school officials, social workers, and police officers on hand to ask questions and provide information about resources that are available to both parents and bullying victims. Parking is available in the south lot of Munster High School and enter through the auditorium doors. For more information about this program contact Officer James Ghrist at 836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

WESTLAKE PARK - PHASE I

The first phase of finished park improvements will be constructed this summer, including soccer fields, parking lot with rain garden, drinking fountain, walking paths, benches, tennis courts, basketball court, pedestrian bridges, landscaping, and lighting. Last year, underground utilities were installed including storm drains, water lines, and a sanitary lift station. Construction on Phase 1 is expected to begin in late May or early June and be completed by late fall. Phase 2 which includes a concession stand, bathrooms, and additional soccer fields, is expected to be constructed in 2012. Even though the fields in Phase 1 will be completed this year, they will not be open for use until 2012, in order for proper turf growth to occur. If you have questions about the project call James Mandon, PE, Town Engineer, at 836-6995.

SOUTH STREET STORM SEWER
TO BE INSTALLED THIS SUMMER

Storm sewers will be installed this summer on South Street, east of Harrison Avenue. Development on this street took place several years ago without curbs or storm sewers, and as a result, significant ponding occurs after even modest rains. The Town will bid the project in May for a June construction start-up. A storm sewer will be placed along the north parkway and several sets of street drains will be installed at low points along the pavement edge. The project should take between four to six weeks to complete. There will be inconvenience and short duration road closures, but after completion, ponded water will be significantly reduced. If you have any questions about this project call James Mandon, PE, Town Engineer, at 836-6995.

MUNSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
SEEKING DONATIONS FOR THE 2011
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

The Munster Police Department and CHOICE Community Council are currently seeking donations towards this year’s National Night Out Against Crime, which will be held on Tuesday evening, August 2, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Munster Community Pool (please mark your calendars). During this annual event, Munster residents are invited to go swimming,

play games, win door prizes, eat great food, listen to great music, check out police and fire equipment, and pick up crime prevention information as we celebrate our mission to stand together against the threat of crime in our community.

This 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 Town of Munster (memo line: NNO) and send them to the Munster Police Department, c/o James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321. For more information about this year’s event, contact Officer Ghrist at 836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. You can also visit the police department’s website located at www.munster.org/police. Thank you in advance for your support this year!

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM
THE MUNSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Munster Police Department encourages residents to remember the following safety tips in an effort to help protect themselves and their property during the summer months:

- 1. Always lock your vehicle and never leave items such as purses, wallets, laptops, GPS units, or briefcases in plain view inside your vehicle.
- 2. Do not leave your purse or wallet inside your unlocked vehicle while paying for gas. Some thieves wait around gas stations watching for people who do this.
- 3. If you are going on vacation, notify the police department with your name, address, and emergency contact information. You should also talk to one or more trusted neighbors and ask them to look after your residence or pick up your mail while you are away.
- 4. Talk to your children about strangers and be careful about where you allow them to go on their own, even if it is a short distance. Remember that most children are kidnapped within a short distance from home.
- 5. Join your local Neighborhood Crime Watch group by logging on to www.munster.org/police and providing the appropriate information. You can also set up a group if you do not have one in your area.

For more information contact Officer James Ghrist at 836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. Have a safe summer!

CRIME PREVENTION/SAFETY TIP

When shopping in stores, always keep your purses zipped up and over your shoulder to help prevent wallet or purse thefts. For men, it’s a good idea to keep your wallet in your front pocket to prevent pick-pocketing attempts. If you are shopping and someone asks you to read a can for them or bumps into you, immediately check for someone attempting to sneak up behind you. If you believe that someone is attempting to steal from you or another customer, notify the store personnel immediately or dial 911.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING
PLACEMENT & PICK UP INFORMATION

As a reminder, Able Disposal collects the garbage and recycling throughout the town. Their scheduled hours of pick up are from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please have your garbage and recycling out no later than 6:00 am on your regular pick up day.

Garbage and recycling containers should be placed out for collection **NO EARLIER** than noon on the day preceding your collection day. Emptied containers must be **returned to the premises at the end of your collection day**.

Please make sure your trash is in a container and the container has a tight fitting top (as required by town code) so animals cannot scatter garbage all over the street. If you need a new garbage container, you may rent one from Able Disposal at 1-800-828-2253.

If your recycling bin is lost, damaged, or you would like an additional bin, you may purchase one at the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office in the Munster Town Hall. The fee for a new recycling bin is \$8.25. If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

THE PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF...

Computers & Electronics—Starting January 1, 2011, Indiana Law prohibits putting electronics into the garbage. The Munster Public Works Department now has a recycling container for electronics located at the Public Works garage, 508 Fisher Street, in the recycling area to the right of the driveway.

Ink Cartridges—If you would like to recycle your ink cartridges, you may take them to be refilled at Cartridge World located at 8124 Calumet Avenue, Munster, and can be reached at 513-0565 or 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 days until it dries. Once it is dried out, you may place it in the garbage. If it is not dry, the paint will splatter down your street once the hopper compresses on the garbage truck. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THE PAINT IS COMPLETELY DRIED OUT**.

You may take latex paint for recycling to the City of Hobart yard 340 S. Shelby Street, Hobart. Drop off times are: Monday—Friday 7:00 am to 2:45 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am to 11:45 am. Any question call Hobart City yard at 219-942-6121.

Oil Based Paint & Solvents—Oil based paint and solvents must be taken to a household hazardous waste pick up.

Large Items (Sofas, Furniture, Mattresses, etc.) - Able Disposal will pick up **ONE** large item each week with your regular garbage. You do not need to call in for a pick up.

Carpet—Carpet must be cut down into small pieces, approximately five feet by five feet pieces, rolled and bound with tape or string, and put at the curbside or alley for Able Disposal to

pick up on your regular pick up day. If the carpet is not bound, it will not be picked up.

If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

CHARGE PILES

The Town charges to pick up large piles of garbage, debris, and yard waste. If the Street Department determines the pile is excessive, the minimum charge to pick it up is \$125. If it is determined to be a charge pile, a letter will be left on your door and the letter must be signed and returned before your pile will be picked up. If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

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. Pick up will begin Mondays on the North end of town and work south during the week. In the spring when there is a large volume of branches 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, we will get to your branches. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO CALL FOR BRANCH PICK UP**. The Town has two chippers out on the streets which go down every street in town.

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 Able Disposal on your regular collection day. LEAVES ARE NOT CONSIDERED YARD WASTE. If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

TREES IN PARKWAY AND EASEMENT

Responsibility of Property Owners
The responsibility for the purchase, planting, maintenance, and removal of all trees and shrubs growing in the parkway shall be that of the property owner, but this does not limit the Town’s authority to have such work performed. It is the responsibility of each property owner to keep such trees properly trimmed to a proper height so as not to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and to remove dead limbs that may be doing damage to the buildings or property of either his/her own or his/her neighbor’s property. Property owners are also responsible for the care of trees needed, including treatment of any type of tree disease.

No person shall plant, move, brace, perform any surgery work, or cut any tree or shrub in the parkway of the town without receiving permission from the Public Works Department.

Once permission is received, if a contractor is hired to perform any work, or cut down a tree, the contractor is required to be licensed by the Town. The contractor shall also be responsible

to haul away all debris from the site. **THE TOWN WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO CLEAN UP DEBRIS FROM A CONTRACTOR.**

If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

MUNSTER PARKS & RECREATION
836-PARK

The **2011 Summer Recreation Guide** is in the mail! Please stop by Munster Parks and Recreation to register for this season’s classes, programs, camps, activities, trips, and special events. You may also register by mail or drop off your registration in the BLUE box in the Town Hall parking lot.

Season Passes for Munster Community Pool are on sale to residents for an “*early bird*” discount through Friday, June 3. The pool will open on Saturday, June 4, at 11:00 am. Plan your special celebrations at the pool this summer....we have Birthday Party and Private Party Rentals available!!!

FREE EVENT! LOTS OF FUN! Come join us at the **13th Annual Car Show** on Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Community Park Pool parking lot. Our **Spring Arts and Crafts Fair** is held in conjunction with this event. See a terrific display of over 20 different car classifications, arts and crafts, business vendors, food booths, music, and more. **We have added motorcycles to the show!** If you are interested in showing your car/motorcycle: \$20 pre-registered, \$25 on-site registration. There are still openings for artists, crafters, sponsors, and business vendors!

Again, new this year, we are adding Motorcycles to the Car Show on Saturday, May 7. We are looking for judges! Please call Tracy at 836-7275 if you are interested.

“Cash For Clutter” Community Garage Sale will be held in the Munster Pool Parking Lot on Saturday, May 21, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to sell your treasures (\$15R / \$25NR) or to find “fabulous one-of-a-kind buys.”

We are looking for vendors for **The Grape Escape**. This wine festival will be held on Saturday, July 30, at Centennial Park, from noon to 8:00 pm. The festival includes: Wine tasting, beer samples, restaurant food, Latin/jazz music, fine arts, and wine-related business vendors. Please contact Barb at 836-7275 for more information.

The **Summer Concert Series** bands have been booked. All concerts will be on Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm, at Heritage Park (1154 Ridge Road). Mark your calendars:

- June 12 - **British Export**
- June 26 - **Juke Box Band**
- July 10 - **Flintlock**
- July 24 - **Joan Hammel**
- August 7 - **Soul Cookin’**
- August 24 - **1969**