



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

NEWS YOU CAN USE

OCTOBER 2016

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3rd 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
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**



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK & OPEN HOUSE

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!

TOWN OF MUNSTER TRICK OR TREAT HOURS Monday, October 31st from 5 pm to 7 pm



REFLECTIVE TRICK-OR-TREATING BAGS

To promote visibility for some area children this Halloween, the Choice Community Council of Munster has purchased several hundred reflective Halloween trick-or-treating bags that will be available for pick-up at the town's public elementary schools or at the Records window of the Munster Police Department (during regular business hours) **beginning Monday, October 10th and until they are gone.** Visit the main office of your child's school or the police department's Records window and pick up the bag from the front counter. The secretaries will be notified once the bags have run out.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

The Munster Police Department encourages parents to share the following safety tips with their children as Halloween approaches:

- Only trick-or-treat at well-lit homes, and in familiar neighborhoods.
- Tell children not to accept or eat anything that isn't commercially-wrapped, and check all of their candy before you allow them to consume it.
- Make sure that masks fit securely and that they allow for adequate vision and ventilation. Wear well-fitting costumes and shoes to avoid trips and falls.
- Add reflective tape to your child's costume or bag to make them more visible.
- Warn your children not to run across streets and not to go into anyone's homes. Always cross at well-lit intersections, and be on guard for oncoming vehicles.
- Make sure that your children are trick-or-treating in groups, that they stay together, and that an adult chaperone accompanies them.
- Talk with your children once again about stranger-danger, and encourage them to report anything suspicious to an adult immediately. Parents and chaperones are encouraged to bring their cell phone and a flashlight and to also report suspicious activity immediately by calling 911.

MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION

836-PARK (7275)

Fall is another favorite time of year for the Parks and Recreation Department. Please enjoy the beautiful fall weather and plan to attend one of our special events!

Saturday, October 1 - Two Big Events

in One Day! Begin by participating in the **Monster Dash 5K Walk/Run** with an **8 am start**. This race begins on Calumet Ave. and wanders through nearby subdivisions before returning across the Centennial Park boardwalk to the finish line! Adults, children and families are welcome to participate. Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each category. Register in advance at the park office and you can pick up your race bag after 1 pm 9/29/16. Come in costume and you may win an additional award! Registration fee \$30 (includes event long sleeve moisture-wick tee).



Then, from **10 am - 4 pm**, continue the fun by attending **Pumpkins, Witches, and Hayrides, Oh My!** This event features pumpkins, hayrides, petting zoo, face painting, bounce houses, trick-or-treating among our businesses and artists & crafters, free games and costume contests. There are several free activities, others require tickets or a wristband or individual ticket. Wristband \$10/Parent Pass \$5/Individual Tickets \$3. Come early and spend the day celebrating fall with Munster Parks and Recreation!

Saturday, October 22, Bieker Woods Night Walk, 6:30-10:30 pm (Ticket sales end at 10 pm) Tour guides lead participants to new chills and thrills lurking around every turn in Bieker Woods. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Parking available in the School Town Administration parking lot. Admission \$5 per person. Tickets are available on-site ONLY (exact change is appreciated).



Friday, October 28, Monster Mash Dinner, 4-8 pm at Centennial Park Clubhouse Jump on your broom and fly to Centennial Park for a ghoulishly fun time. Join our devilish staff for a witches buffet dinner. Monster Mash to the sounds of bats in the belfry, bob for apples and decorate a Halloween cookie. Dress in your ghostly best and win a prize for best costume. Adults \$15.95/3-11 yrs. \$8.95/2 and under FREE limited seating available: call (219) 836-6930 to make your reservation.

Adults

9/27-12/20	Tues	Adult Open Basketball (reg. ongoing)
10/4-25	Tues	Ballet Fitness
10/5-12/14	Wed	Body Blast
10/3-24	Mon	Essentrics
10/17-11/16	M/W	Yoga and Breathing
10/18-11/17	T/TH	Yoga and Breathing
10/12-11/2	Wed	Adult Tap
10/10	Mon	CPR
10/12-26	Wed	Excel 101
10/8	Sat	Let's Upcycle
10/10-2/2	M/TH	Clinical Medical Assistant Program
10/10-12/1	M/TH	Pharmacy Technician
10/10-12/1	M/TH	EKG Technician

OCTOBER 5 – Registration Deadline for Fitness Pointe Classes! Aqua Bootcamp, Aqua Pilates, Better Bottoms, Bike & Tone, Core and More, Dance and Tone, Deep Water Aerobics, H.I.T., Low Express, Pilates Sculpt, Restorative Yoga, Tai Chi, Upper Body Blast and Zumba.

Youth Education

10/24-12/12	Mon	ABCs of Gymnastics
10/17-11/7	Mon	Advanced Ballet/Tap
10/10	Mon	Chinese Holidays - Chinese traditions, have a traditional snack, make fortune tellers and a lantern.
10/8	Sat	First Aid/CPR
10/11-11/1	Tues	Move 'n Groove
10/24-12/12	Mon	Parent-n-Tot Gymnastics
10/24-12/12	Mon	School Age Gymnastics
10/24	Mon	Twist and Create
11/7	Mon	Field Trip - Lincoln Park Zoo
11/8	Tues	Field Trip - Kids Science Labs

Youth Sports

10/27-12/15	Thurs	Basketball 101
10/8-29	Sat	Beginner Tots Learn to Skate
10/7-29	Fri/Sat	Blackbirds Youth Hockey Development Program
10/25-11/22	Tues	Chicago Bulls FUNDamentals Camp
10/8-29	Sat	Pre-Alpha Beginner Skate
10/27-12/15	Thurs	Volleyball Skills & Drills
10/27-12/15	Thurs	VolleyKidz

Keen-Agers

10/17	Mon	Halloween Bingo
11/18	Fri	Susan B. Anthony: You Can't Vote (Lunch & Show)

Daily Activities: Bridge, Pinochle & Bingo

Trips & Travel

10/14	Tues	Oktoberfest Celebration (new date)
10/25	Tues	ALL NEW Churches Tour
10/20	Thurs	Jewelry, Bags & More!
11/4	Fri	Italian Immigrant Experience
11/11	Fri	Travel the World in 36 Rooms at Little Traveler
11/15	Tues	Four Winds Casino

FREE Travel Shows call 836-PARK to register

Mayflower Tours

Wed., October 3, 1 - 2 pm,

Munster Town Hall - Highlighting: Alaska Adventure Cruise, Arizona Desert Getaway, Cherry Blossom Time in the Nation's Capital, Great Parks & Sedona Tour, Iceland 2017 and more!

Collette Vacations

Wed., October 26, 1 - 2 pm,

Munster Town Hall - Highlighting: Panama, Rome & the Amalfi Coast, Pacific NW & California, The Best of Eastern Canada and more.

HELP WANTED

The View Restaurant at Centennial Park is now hiring cooks and cashiers! Pick up an application at the clubhouse or ask to speak with Matt at The View.

The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking Field Trip and Camp Staff for School Town of Munster holidays. Contact Danielle at (219) 836-6922.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Munster Police Department will be holding the final quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting of the year on Thursday, October 27th at 7 pm at the Munster Town Hall. All Munster residents and business representatives are invited and encouraged to attend. This meeting will include information about recent crime statistics and incidents, an informative presentation on identity theft and scam prevention from the Indiana Attorney General's Office, and a chance for participants to ask questions or raise concerns to police officials during or following the meeting. A \$25 Target gift card, sponsored by the Choice Community Council, will be awarded as a door prize at the conclusion of the meeting and other crime prevention information, including holiday season safety tips, will be made available. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

CHOICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Choice Community Council of Munster, which is an open meeting for any Munster resident who would like to help plan programs aimed at drug, gang, or violence prevention in Munster, will be holding their final quarterly meeting of the year on Thursday, October 13th at 6 pm at the Munster Town Hall (in Conference Room A). Please note that this is NOT a Crime Watch Meeting. During this meeting we will be choosing the Red Ribbon Week poster contest winner and discussing program ideas for the winter months. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

RED RIBBON WEEK POSTER CONTEST

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council would like to remind all Munster students that all Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest entries are due no later than Wednesday, October 5th. This contest is open to all Munster public and parochial school students from grades K-12 in an effort to raise awareness about drug prevention and the importance of making positive choices. Entries must be submitted on a standard 8 x 11 sheet of paper (nothing larger) and must contain the words/phrases "Munster" and "Red Ribbon", and must be turned into your child's school office by the deadline date.

One winner from each school will receive a \$25 gift card and an overall grand prize winner will receive a \$50 gift card, sponsored by the Choice Community Council of Munster. Winners will be announced later in October. For more information about this contest, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

COMING SOON TO WHITE OAK PARK

Unique Playground features - Roller slide, twisting tube slide, several height levels, numerous climbers.

Kidnetix Twirl – a twirling net amenity that can be sat or climbed on.

Arch Swing – A multiple direction, disc-shaped swing that can seat multiple children.

Expression Swing – a dual swing that allows an adult and a child under 5 to simultaneously swing face-to-face.

Pickleball – The fastest growing sport in the United States. It is a paddle sport for all ages that is played with a whiffle ball on a badminton-sized court and a tennis-style net.

The playground was purchased in part by a playground grant that was awarded to the Parks and Recreation Department. The grant reduced the price by over \$40,000.

2016 FALL LEAF COLLECTION

LEAF COLLECTION PICK UP WILL BE ONCE EVERY 2 WEEKS

The Town of Munster 2016 Fall Leaf Collection will begin on Monday, October 3, 2016 and will continue through December 2, 2016, **weather permitting**. Leaves will be picked up between the hours of 7am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday. The Street Department crews will begin each day where they left off the previous day. **LEAF COLLECTION WILL NO LONGER BE ONCE A WEEK. PICK UP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS.** State Law prohibits disposal of leaves into landfills. Therefore, **leaves in bags will not be picked up by the town or Waste Management.**

Collection begins each morning promptly at 7am, please have your leaves ready for collection prior to that time. Due to the large area which must be covered each day, we will not be able to back-track into areas which have already been collected. The Town's leaf pickup route will be traveled approximately once every **2 weeks, weather permitting**. The following tips will help us continue to provide quality service:

1. Place your leaves in a continuous long pile called a "WIND ROW". We will be using a leaf vacuum to collect your leaves.
2. If your street has curbs, place your leaves right behind the curb on the parkway grass. **Please do not place leaves in the street.** If it rains, these leaves could cover the street drains and cause unnecessary flooding.
3. If your street does not have curbs, place your leaves on the edge of the street pavement.
4. Please refrain from parking on the streets adjacent to piles of leaves between the hours of 7 am to 2 pm.
5. Do not place leaves around trees, sign posts, light or telephone poles.
6. Do not place sticks, bricks, stones or other materials in piles of leaves. High velocity equipment is used during our removal efforts and these items can do damage to equipment or more importantly, may injure an employee or bystander.

IMPORTANT: Leaves will not be picked up in bags. Please rake leaves to parkway.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please call the Public Works Department at 836-6971.



The School Town of Munster announces a series of meetings about the future of Munster Schools. Find out more about their facilities and finances. All meetings will be held at 7 pm.

**Monday, October 3
Wilbur Wright Middle School**

**Monday, October 17
Munster High School**

For more information and to let them know that you plan to attend, please call the School Town of Munster at (219) 836-9111.



EARLY VOTING

Munster Town Hall will again serve as a satellite location for early voting for the fall general election. Staff from the Lake County Election Board will assist voters in Conference Room B in Munster Town Hall located at 1005 Ridge Road starting October 12, 2016.

For more information about early voting dates, times and locations contact the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration at (219) 755-3801.

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 2016

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	October 3	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	October 4	12:00 pm	Centennial Park
Board of Zoning Appeals	October 11	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	October 11	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	October 17	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	October 18	7:00 pm	Conference Room "A"
Board of Safety	October 20	7:00 am	Centennial Park

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.

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