



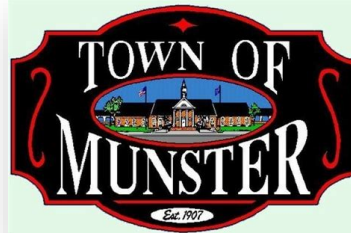
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# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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Hello,  
September!



## Navigating the Munster Code of Ordinances On- Line

The Community Development Department often receives calls with questions about property regulations. While we are always happy to look these up for you, there is also another way for you to access this information anytime, as long as you have access to a computer. The entire Town of Munster Municipal Code of Ordinances can be found on our website. You can use this feature to look up an answer to a specific question or you can browse it to become more familiar with the current codes which include fire prevention and protection, property maintenance requirements, and the zoning ordinance.

To get to the on-line code of ordinances you will need to go to our website, [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org). Once you are on our home page, click the "Municipal Code" box which is the second gray box from the left underneath the scrolling photos of the town. After clicking this box, you will be directed to the on-line code of ordinances, from here you have multiple options to look up an ordinance. You can also go directly to the on-line portal by entering this address into your search bar: [https://library.municode.com/in/munster/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/in/munster/codes/code_of_ordinances).

You can walk through the sections using the dropdowns on the left side or if you are looking for something specific you can enter a keyword into the "search" box located at the top of the page. This search feature will pull up a list of all the ordinances that include the keyword, this can be extremely useful if you do not know the specific chapter of the ordinance your question would fall under.

Once you find the information you are looking for, you have the ability to print directly from the site, download the file to your computer, or e-mail the ordinance by clicking on the corresponding blue symbol to the right of each section.

As always, the Community Development Department is here to help if you have any questions about the zoning and building codes. Feel free to call our office at 219 - 836 - 6990 during regular office hours, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## WATER AND SEWER RATES TO INCREASE



The Town of Munster established fees for water consumption and for storm water runoff. These fees are used to manage the local water distribution system as well as the local storm water management system. Performing preventive maintenance,

repairing water main breaks, pond maintenance, and clearing catch basins are just a few examples of work that is done with these funds.

The Town last revised our water rates in 2006 and storm water rates in 2004. Generally, utility rates should be adequate for three to five years. That the Town has kept rates unchanged for twelve to fourteen years is commendable, but the time has come for rates to be adjusted.

During the August 6, 2018 meeting of the Town Council, ordinances were adopted to increase water rates by an average of 6.7% and storm water rates an average of 47.58%. Although the increases may seem drastic, the accounting firm of Umbaugh & Associates studied the Town's rate structure and provided assurances that the increases are reasonable and necessary, especially in view of the long life of the previous rates. The new rates went into effect on August 15, 2018. Ratepayers will see the effects of the new rates on utility bills that will be due on October 22, 2018.

The Town Council understands that few people want to see utility bills increase. But most agree that the rate increases will allow for the responsible maintenance of our infrastructure, which will result in the delivery of clean water and efficient handling of storm water.



**Trash Pickup**

Trash and Recycling  
will be delayed 1 day  
after Labor Day,  
September 3rd.



# MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION

## 219-836-PARK (7275)

The new 2018 Fall Recreation Guide is in the mail! Did you receive yours? If not, please stop by Munster Town Hall for a copy. Copies are also available at the Social Center and the

# Here's what's happening!

## Fall Cash for Clutter

"Community Garage Sale"  
Community Park/Pool Parking Lot  
Sat., Sept. 8/8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Rain Date: Sun., Sept. 9  
Space still available  
Sell your clutter or search for treasures!

## Big Wheel 500 Race

Sunday, September 23  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Frank Hammond Park Track  
Race by age groups 3, 4, 5 & 6 year old  
Medals, Trophies and Prizes!

## Canine Cannonball

For Dog Park Members ONLY  
Munster Community Pool  
Tuesday, September 4  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
\$10 per dog (3 dog limit)

## Sunday Market

through September 30  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Fresh produce, local products, food truck cuisine, and more!

## Pumpkins, Witches, and Hayrides, Oh My!

Saturday, October 6, Centennial Park  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Pumpkin patch, hayrides, games, costume contests,  
Facing painting, balloon art, petting zoo, jump houses,  
and much more!

## Trips and Travel

9/5	Dancing Horses
9/18	Four Winds Casino
10/2	"Little Switzerland" & the Cheese Capital
10/17	"Little Shop of Horrors"
10/25	Jewelry, Fashion & Accessories Show
10/31	Backstage at the Lyric & Union League Club
11/8	Shopping the World at Little Traveler
11/13	Chicago Arts

## Multi-Day Trips

9/12 **FREE Travel Show** with Mayflower Tours  
Munster Town Hall  
1:00-2:00 p.m.

## Family Events

9/17 Fun for the Football Fanatic!

## Adult Programs/Sports

9/4 - 12/18	Adult Open Basketball
9/6 - 10/11	Men's Golf
9/10 - 10/18	Adult Drill & Play
9/10 - 10/15	Ladies Golf
9/11 - 10/16	Adult Beginner Tennis
9/12	Excel-in-a-Day
9/17 - 10/22	ZUMBA
9/24 - 10/15	Candlelit Meditation
9/25 - 10/25	(varies) Yoga & Breathing
	Children 12 & under requires parent, too.
9/27	Why Pay an Attorney?
10/4 - 25	Parenting Toddler Series

## Youth Programs/Sports

9/1 - 22	Beginner Learn to Skate	3 - 5
9/1 - 22	Trampoline	6 +
9/2 - 23	Parkour	3 - 5 & 6+
9/5 - 26	Trampoline	3 - 5 yrs.
9/7 - 29	Beginner Pre-Hockey	3 +
9/8 - 29	Pre-Alpha Beginner Skate	6 +
9/4 - 25	Boys Action Adventure	3 - 5
9/4 - 10/9	Golf Lessons	6 - 12 & 13 - 17
9/6 - 27	Creative Movement	2 - 3
9/10 - 10/8	Tennis Lessons	4 - 8 & 9 - 13
9/12 - 10/17	Tiny Tykes	2 - 3
9/13 - 10/25	VolleyKidz	6 - 7
9/13 - 10/25	Volleyball Skills & Drills	8 - 12
9/15	Babysitter Lessons	11 +
9/17 - 10/29	Adult/Tot Sports	2 - 4
9/18 - 10/30	Basketball Clinic 101	6 - 9
9/18 - 10/30	Lil' Dribblers	3 - 5
9/19 - 10/24	Game Time Flag Football	6 - 9
9/19 - 10/24	T-Ball Clinic	3 - 5
9/24 - 10/29	Basketball Clinic 201	10 - 12
9/26 - 10/24	Empowered Life for Kids	6 - 12
9/28 - 11/2	Game Time Soccer	6 - 8
9/28 - 11/2	Pee Wee Soccer	3 - 5

## Keen-Agers

9/11 - 10/16 Chair Yoga

**10/3 Registration deadline** for Adult fitness programs at Fitness Pointe, including: Aqua Barre, Aqua Bootcamp, Aqua Pilates, Body Blast, Cardi Fit & Sculpt, Chi Gong, Core De Forece, Core Fit, Cycle, Dance Fit, Deep Water Aerobics,



## Continuing Education Courses

10/8 - 11/29	Pharmacy Technician + Externship
10/8 - 12/10	Medical Billing & Coding
10/15 - 12/6	EKG Technician
10/15 - 2/4	Clinical Medical Assistant + Externship with Community Healthcare Systems
10/1 - 11/19	Certified Personal Trainer

Online Courses - available on your time, hundreds of options, including: Certificate in Basic Game Design, Data Analysis, Nonprofit Administration, Online Teaching, Change Management, Leading & Managing Virtual Teams, and more. Call 836 - 7275 for details.



## Munster Fire Department's Fire Prevention Week and Annual Open House

The Munster Fire Department would like to announce its annual Fire Prevention Week and Open House!! Fire Prevention Week is October 7th through the 13th. The theme for the Week is **"Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere."** During this week, firefighters visit the local schools to bring the prevention week theme and fire safety awareness to the students.

On Saturday, October 13th the Munster Fire Department will be hosting its annual Fire Prevention Week Open House. The event, which runs from 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 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.

The live house fire demonstration is at 3:00 p.m. An actual 12' X 12' furnished room will be set on fire to show the rapid spread and the devastating effects that fire can have on a structure and its contents. The importance of leaving a building and not returning during a fire as well as getting out as fast and safely as possible will also be some important safety messages stressed during our demonstration.

The Munster Fire Department is currently seeking donations towards this year's Fire Prevention Week and Open House. This annual 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 and mailed to 550 Fisher Street Munster, IN 46321 ATTN: Deputy Chief David Strbjak.**

For more information, please contact the Munster Fire Department's – Fire Prevention Division at (219) 836-6960 or email [dstrbjak@munster.org](mailto:dstrbjak@munster.org).



## Household Hazardous Waste All collections are from 9 am to 2 pm

For more information contact Lake County Solid Waste Management at 219-853-2420.

**Saturday, September 8,**  
Lake County Highway Dept.,  
18211 Wicker Avenue, Lowell, IN  
**Saturday, October 13**  
Griffith Public Works  
134 South Colfax, Griffith, IN  
**Saturday, October 27**  
Hammond Public Works  
601 Conkey Street, Hammond, IN



## POLICE & FIRE CHARITY SOFTBALL EVENT

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster will be hosting the 6th Annual Police & Fire Charity Softball Event on Sunday, September 16th at 1:30pm at Community Park in Munster. Tickets are only \$5.00 each (available at the event) and all proceeds will benefit the Cancer Resource Centre of Munster, which provides support to cancer patients and their families.

The event will include two sets of softball games between police officers and firefighters from Munster, Highland, Lansing, Dyer, and Griffith to determine this year's champion. The event will also include Culver's ice cream sales, prize drawings, DJ music, bounce houses, emergency vehicle displays, and a souvenir photo booth. Please make plans to be a part of this important fundraiser for a great cause. For more information or to pre-order tickets, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219 - 836 - 6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).



## RED RIBBON WEEK POSTER CONTEST OPEN TO ALL MUNSTER STUDENTS

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster invite all Munster students (grades K-12) to participate in their annual Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest, which begins on Monday, September 10th. Participating students must only create a poster to help celebrate Red Ribbon Week with the following guidelines: 1) Must be created on an 8 X 11 sheet of paper; 2) Must contain the words "Munster" and "Red Ribbon" somewhere in the poster design; and 3) Must be turned in to the main office of your child's school no later than Friday, October 5th. A grand prize winner will receive a \$50 gift card and individual winners from each school will win \$25 gift cards. Winners will be announced during Red Ribbon Week in late October. For more information, please contact D.A.R.E. Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).



## 2019 Golden Opportunity Book

This is your "Golden" opportunity to grab several great offers in one! Indiana and Illinois copies are only \$25.00, that's a great price for a whole book of deals you can't find anywhere else. Included in book are local coupons from El Salto, Fitness Pointe, Lansing Cleaners, The Simple Greek and many more. Don't let your golden opportunity pass you by, get yours today! Golden Opportunity

2019 Books are now available in Munster Parks & Recreation Office.

For More Information on all things  
Munster, visit our website at  
<http://www.munster.org>.



## LIVABLE MUNSTER



• CHARACTER-BASED CODE •

### Livable Munster: Character-Based Code Update

The Livable Munster: Character-Based Code project is now well underway. Thank you to the hundreds of people who attended the Planapalooza public charrette meetings in late July or completed our online survey. The goal of this project is to develop a zoning ordinance that reflects the vision of the people of Munster. So over the next few months, our consultants Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative will take the information that we have gathered and use it to develop an initial draft of the Character Based Code. Our schedule calls for a release of the draft for public comment in early 2019. In the meantime, we've posted all the project materials including videos and meeting presentations on the Town's website at <https://tinyurl.com/ZoneMunster>.

### Town of Munster Phone Listings



Town Hall 219 - 836 - 6900  
 Clerk Treasurer's Office 219 - 836 - 6940  
 Community Development 219 - 836 - 6990  
 Fire Department 219 - 836 - 6960  
 Parks & Recreation 219 - 836 - 7275  
 Public Works 219 - 836 - 6971/6970  
 Police Records 219 - 836 - 6630/6650  
 Code Enforcement 219 - 836 - 6659  
 Lake County Consolidated Dispatch 219 - 660 - 0001  
 Utility Emergency After Hours 219 - 660 - 0001



### Munster High School Football

9/14/2018 @ Munster High vs. Highland High School  
 9/21/2018 @ Munster High vs. Andean High School  
 9/28/2018 @ Munster High vs. Lowell High School  
 \* All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

### TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	Sept 4,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Sept 4,	Noon	Centennial Park
Board of Zoning Appeals	Sept 11,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	Sept 11,	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	Sept 17,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Sept 18,	5:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety	Sept 25,	7:00 am	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>.

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.

### MUNSTER TOWN COUNCIL

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