



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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## Early Voting 2018

It's Election time again and early voting is right around the corner! The Munster Town Hall will be utilized as an Early Voting Satellite Location.

Munster Town Hall is centrally located and has accessible parking, located at 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN. Voting hours will again be extended on Thursdays to accommodate those who are coming home from work. The following dates/times for Early Voting, which begins on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 are listed below.

### **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

**Oct. 10 - Nov. 2**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **Thursdays, October 11, 18, 25 and November 1,**

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

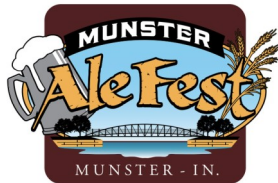
### **Saturdays, October 27 and November 3,**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### **The Final Monday, November 5,**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## Munster Alefest



Saturday, October 13,

Centennial Park

1:00p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Bring your taste for great beer and spirit for fun! Sample local and nationwide craft brews, enjoy food truck cuisine, and play yard games.

Try your hand at squash toss to win prizes. Tickets on Sale NOW at [www.munsteralefest.com](http://www.munsteralefest.com)!

**Sponsor packages are still available  
for Munster Alefest.**

**Let's host a Beer Festival together!  
Call the park office for details.**



**Town of Munster  
Trick - or - Treat Hours  
Wednesday, October 31st  
between  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**



## 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).



## MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION 836-PARK (7275)



### Oktoberfest Beer Scramble

Saturday October 6, Centennial Park

Join us for our annual scramble. Your day will be filled with golf, beer and more. Register

online at [www.centennialparkmunster.com](http://www.centennialparkmunster.com) or call 219 - 836 - 6931.



### 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!

### Youth Programs/Sports

10/20	Compass	(4 <sup>th</sup> -5th Graders)
10/6 - 22	Beginner Learn to Skate	(3-5)
10/6 - 24	Trampoline	(6+)
10/7 - 28	Parkour	(3-5 & 6+)
10/3 - 24	Trampoline	(3-5)
10/5 - 27	Beginner Pre-Hockey	(3+)
10/6 - 27	Pre-Alpha Beginner Skate	(6+)
10/2 - 23	Boys Action Adventure	(3-5)
10/4 - 25	Creative Movement	(2-3)
11/1 - 12/20	VolleyKidz	(6-7)

### Adult Programs/Sports

Ongoing - 12/18	Adult Open Basketball
11/14	Excel-in-a-Day
10/30 - 11/20	(varies) Yoga & Breathing
	Children 12 & under requires parent, too.
10/4 - 25	Parenting Toddlers Series

### 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

### Keen-Agers

10/25	Halloween Bingo
11/5	Out to Lunch - White Chocolate Grill

### Trips & Travel

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
11/3	Shark Feeding Frenzie @ Shedd Aquarium
11/8	Shopping the World at Little Traveler



## 2018 FALL LEAF COLLECTION

LEAF COLLECTION PICK UP WILL BE ONCE EVERY 2 WEEKS

The Town of Munster 2018 Fall Leaf Collection will begin on Monday, October 1, 2018 and will continue through December 1, 2018, **weather permitting**. Leaves will be picked up between the hours of 7 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday. The Street Department crews will begin each day where they left off the previous day. **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 7 am, 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.

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, grass 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 219 - 836-6971.

**10/3 Registration deadline** for Adult fitness programs at Fitness Pointe, including: Aqua Barre, Aqua Bootcamp, Aqua Pilates, Body Blast, Cardio Fit & Sculpt, Chi Gong, Core De Force, Core Fit, Cycle, Dance Fit, Deep Water Aerobics, Pilates Sculpt, P.U.M.P. and Restorative Yoga.

**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.



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### CHOICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Choice Community Council of Munster, which is an open forum for any Munster resident wishing to help plan or volunteer for community policing-based programs, will be holding their final quarterly meeting on Thursday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Munster Town Hall (in Conference Room A). Please note that this is NOT a Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting. We will be discussing program plans for the coming months, so please attend if you'd like to help with providing suggestions. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219 - 836 - 6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).



### MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Munster Police Department will be holding their final quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting of the year on Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Munster Town Hall, located at 1005 Ridge Road. The meeting will include crime statistics and information about recent incidents in Munster, along with an informative presentation on Basic Self-Defense & Personal Safety from Sergeant David Meyers, defensive tactics instructor for the Munster Police Department. A \$25 Target gift card will be awarded as a door prize. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219 - 836 - 6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org). We hope to see you there!



### MUNSTER POLICE SEEKING DONATIONS ANNUAL "COPS & KIDS" PROGRAM

The Munster Police Department is currently seeking donations through mid-November towards their annual "Cops & Kids" holiday shopping program for children in need. Each December, Munster Police officers take pre-selected children in need shopping for clothes or toys with funds donated from local residents, businesses, and community organizations and last year's event included over 70 area children thanks to the generosity of others.

If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to the Town of Munster (memo: Cops & Kids) and mail them to the Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 46321. For more information, please contact Officer Ghrist at 219 - 836 - 6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org). Thank you in advance for your support this holiday season!



**LAKE COUNTY**  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
*Join the Journey*

### Drop Off and Curbside Recycling Guide



**Plastic:** beverage containers, shampoo & detergent bottles, margarine tubs, yogurt cups, kitty litter bins, cream cheese container, cooking oil bottles. Items that are **thrown away** are Plastic/Polystyrene (solo cups & Styrofoam).



**Paper:** Food & drink cartons, CLEAN cardboard (no pizza boxes), copy paper, magazines, newspapers, cereal boxes, junk mail, envelopes, and TetraPaks.



**Metal:** Aluminum cans, clean tin cans, steel cans, and metal caps from jars.



**Glass:** Bottles and jars that contained a food or drink. Rinse and separate caps!

These items are recyclable in your curbside bin or drop-off center. Nonrecyclable items create problems for facilities and cause good recyclables to go to the landfill! The lists provided have examples and are not meant to be exhaustive. For more information, contact **Lake County Solid Waste Management District** at (219)853-2420 or [www.lcswdmd.com](http://www.lcswdmd.com).

#### **Household Hazardous Waste**

**Saturday, October 13, Griffith Public Works,  
134 South Colfax, Griffith from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 27, Hammond Public Works,  
601 Conkey St., Hammond from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



# OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day After Thanksgiving  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Eve  
New Year's Day

Monday, November 12  
Thursday, November 22  
Friday, November 23  
Monday, December 24  
Tuesday, December 25  
Monday, December 31  
Tuesday, January 1



## Bieker Woods Night Walk

Saturday, October 27

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

"A Frightfully Good Time"

\$5 per person

Bieker Woods is transformed into a scary, yet fun experience. Guides lead participants to new chills & thrills lurking around every corner. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Not So Scary - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (ticket sales end at 7:15 p.m.)

Fright Night - 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (ticket sales end at 10:00 p.m.)



## News for Snowbirds

It is coming to the time of year that some of our residents may be planning their winter away from the cold and snow. If you are a part of that group, please remember a few things: You will need to continue to pay the minimum bills. Setting up automatic payment (ACH) is the best way to be sure those bills are paid on time and the correct amount is paid.

- Please remember that you will be charged a late fee if an amount goes unpaid. You may call us at the beginning of any month to check the balance due. Or you may check your balance at [www.munster.org/utilitybill](http://www.munster.org/utilitybill). You will need your account number and house number to see the balance on your account.\*
- We can also temporarily send your bills to another address if you prefer. Just let us know where to send them temporarily. And when you get back to town, call us again to have the bill sent to your local address.
- If you want your water turned OFF, you must schedule a time for our maintenance staff to turn the water off (this is the only way to suspend billing). For your protection, it must be a time when someone will be there to confirm it is off.
- There is a \$20 fee to turn the service off and a \$20 fee to turn it back on. That DOES save you money if you are going to be gone for several months. Remember that we will not turn service on to an empty house, so call us one business day in advance to set an appointment time when you can either be there yourself or can have someone you trust with access to the home be there to confirm when service is turned on that there are no issues inside your home.

Please call 219-836-6948 or 219-836 - 6949 to address any of these topics. Most of all, enjoy your winter escape!

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

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	Oct. 1	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Oct. 2	Noon	Centennial Park
Board of Zoning Appeals	Oct. 9	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	Oct. 9	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	Oct. 15	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Oct. 16	5:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety	Oct. 25	6:45 a.m.	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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