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NEWS YOU CAN USE



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Salute to all the great Presidents who ran our country. Your great deeds are always remembered. Happy President's Day!



Munster Fire Department Focus on Fire Safety: Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths?

With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

Fire Fact

- Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

Be Warm and Safe this Winter

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3ft. away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a 3ft. "kid-free" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, or central heating equipment according to local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from the home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

Heating Equipment Smarts

- Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation.
- All fuel burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning.

For questions or more information on fire safety, please call the Munster Fire Department at 219-836-6960 or visit Town of Munster website at www.munster.org.

Winter Fire Safety: Keep Fire Hydrants Free of Snow

In an emergency, every second matters. Fire hydrants that are blocked, concealed or difficult to access due to snow or ice can impede emergency fire response. Snow-covered hydrants can delay fire services, costing crucial seconds or minutes that can mean the difference between saving a structure and its inhabitants and not doing so.



- Shovel path from the street or driveway to the fire hydrant so that is visible from the road and firefighters can easily access.
- Consider enlisting others to assist in snow removal around fire hydrants.



You can Help!
Residents can help during snow events by shoveling their sidewalks, removing snow around fire hydrants and storm water grates.



! If heavy snowfall is forecasted this Winter, please remove your vehicle to an appropriate location in advance to aid our Public Works crews in their snow removal efforts! See page #3 for further information on the Town of Munster snow removal ordinance.



MUNSTER PARK AND RECREATION

836-PARK (7275)



Hello from the Parks and Recreation Department!



The 12th Annual Winter Bridal Fair takes place on Wednesday, February 27! Visit our Bridal Fair, at Centennial Park Clubhouse from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and let our expert vendors help you plan and finalize all the details for your big day! From clothing to flowers to music and décor, you can coordinate all your wedding plans here. Visit with our vendors, sample entrees and desserts, win prizes and more! The first 100 brides will receive a FREE gift bag. FREE admission and parking! Interested vendors, please call Danielle at (219) 836 - 6922.



Daddy Daughter Date Night

Daddy Daughter Date Night takes place on Saturday, February 9, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., at Wilbur Wright Middle School. You can bring your special date to celebrate a night filled with special memories, a catered dinner, corsage, dancing, a photo booth and a special favor. There will also be a professional photographer taking photos on-site for an additional fee (packages range from \$9-\$40). ***Final Deadline is February 1st.***



Continuing Education

Munster Parks and Recreation is your place for **Continuing Education** opportunities. Our Medical Classes are offered in the evenings at convenient times for those working or in school. In classroom courses include: Clinical Medical Assistant (includes externship), EKG Technician Certification and Pharmacy Technician (includes externship). All 3 courses begin on March 11 and must be paid a week before classes begin. We have partnered with Community Healthcare Systems for the Clinical Medical Assistant program externships. Besides providing the externship, Community Healthcare Systems will also interview students for a possible position in one of their physician offices. We only need 4 students for these classes to run, so register soon! These and many other courses (Coding, Presentation Media, Supervisory & Leadership, Social Media, etc.) are offered online. Please call Barb (219 - 836 - 6923) for more details.



Red Cross "Learn to Swim" group and private lessons are held at Munster High School Aquatic Facility during February and March. Classes are divided

by age. Please sign up soon as availability is limited.



Spring Soccer

Ages 4 - 13, will be here soon! The season is April 13-May 18 on Saturdays. Early bird registration end on Friday, March 1, with Final Deadline on March 15.

What's Happening

Hope to see you in a class, at a special event or in the parks!

Youth Education & Sports

- 2/2 - 23 Tiny Tots Dance "Mommy & Me" (Age 18 months - 3 yrs.)
- 2/3 - 2/24 Parkour (Age 3 - 5)
- 2/4 - 25 Hip Hop Dance (Age 10+)
- 2/4 - 25 Trampoline (Age 6+)
- 2/4 - 3/11 Parent/Tot Tumblebears Gymnastics (up to 2)
- 2/4 - 3/11 ABC's of Gymnastics (Age 3 - 5)
- 2/4 - 3/11 School Age Gymnastics (Age 5 - 12)
- 2/5 - 26 Itty Bitty Ballet & Gymnastics (Age 3 - 6)
- 2/21 - 4/4 Wado-Ki Karate (Age 4 - 6 and 6+)
- 2/6 - 27 Jazz/Pom Dance
- 2/6 - 27 Trampoline (Age 3 - 5)
- 2/7 'Tween Time - No Sew Fleece Pillows
- 2/12 - 3/12 Empowered Life for Kids
- 2/20 More than a Chuckle (Free Demo)
- 2/23 Babysitter & Safety Training (11+)

Adult Education & Sports

- Still open Adult Open Basketball
- 2/4 - 18 Ladies Indoor Golf Lessons
- 2/4 - 3/18 Strong by Zumba
- 2/4 - 3/18 Zumba
- 2/5 - 28 Yoga & Breathing (times/days vary)
- 2/5 - 19 Men's Indoor Golf Lessons
- 2/12 - 26 Advanced EXEL
- 2/13 Normal Aging or Dementia?
- 2/16 or 3/7 Personal & Home Protection Planning
- 2/20 More than a Chuckle (Free Demo)
- 2/28 Wire Wrapping with Jayde (jewelry making)

Keen-Agers

- 2/5 - 3/12 Chair Yoga
- 2/5 Wine Tasting Tuesday
- 2/14 Valentine's Day B-I-N-G-O
- 2/22 Out to Lunch (Wildfire Restaurant/ Woodfield Mall)
- 3/12 Munster Cinema (Book Club)
- 3/26 Joan & Bette, Bette & Joan (lunch & Show)

Trips & Travel

- 2/12 Chicago Auto Show
- 2/21 "Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder"
- 2/28 A Magnificent Visit to the Chicago Orchid Show
- 3/20 Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier
- 3/20 Underdogs & Hidden Histories at the Art Institute



Multi-day trips include:

Canadian Rockies, Portugal & Its' Islands, Sicily, London, New England, Caribbean Cruising with New Orleans, British Isles-Castles, From Blue Ridges to Blue Grass, Greece, Michigan Fall Harvest Time, Sedona & the Grand Canyon, Seine River Cruise, Woodstock, National Parks of the Pacific Northwest and more! Call Barb at (219) 836-6923 for more information.



SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCES

Please read and remember the Town of Munster's ordinances for snow removal.



Ordinance:

It is hereby declared and proclaimed that it is necessary to the public health and safety that the streets of the town be cleared of snow, and if the clearing of snow is impeded and delayed by vehicles parked on the streets, such impediment and delay is detrimental to the public health and safety.

Whenever there has been snow of two inches or more, in order not to delay the clearing of such streets, all vehicles parked on all streets of the town, except streets in the area bounded by, but not including, Manor, Hohman, Ridge Road, and the northern town limits, shall be removed by the owner. These are the one-way streets between Manor and Ridge Road in the northwest section of town.

If such vehicles are not removed from the streets after two inches of snowfall occurs, and after ticketing, it shall be the duty of the police department of the town to forthwith employ some reputable person to remove such vehicles from the streets.



Ordinance:

The owner and/or occupant of any dwelling, building or subdivided lot or property shall keep the sidewalks in front thereof clean at all times of the year. Within 24 hours after any fall of snow or formation of ice, such snow or ice shall be removed from the sidewalks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, push or deposit in any manner snow, slush or ice onto any street or sidewalk in such a manner as to impede the safe progress and movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.



Persons who violate this subsection are responsible for the costs incurred by the town to remove the impediment to safe progress and movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

If you believe that a residence or business is not following this ordinance, please contact either the Munster Police Department by calling 911 or you can report the matter to Community Service Officer Joseph Newton at 219-836-6659 for follow-up. If the situation is an extreme safety concern, always call 911.



BE PREPARED AT HOME AND AT WORK

Primary concerns are the potential loss of heat, power, telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day.

Have available:



- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information.
- Extra food and water. High energy food, such as dried fruit or candy, and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration is best.
- Extra medicine and baby items
- First - aid supplies
- Emergency heating source, such as fireplace, wood stove, etc. (learn how to use properly to prevent a fire, and also have proper ventilation).
- Fire extinguisher and smoke and CO detector (test units regularly to ensure they are working properly)
- Back up generator for your home or business.



CARRY A WINTER STORM SURVIVAL KIT

- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Knife
- Extra clothing to keep dry
- Windshield scraper and brush
- Tool kit
- Tow rope
- Booster cables
- Shovel
- High calorie, non-perishable food
- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines
- Try not to travel alone
- Let someone know your timetable and primary and alternate routes
- Sack of sand or cat litter
- A large empty can and plastic cover with tissues and paper towels for sanitary purposes





Still writing checks for your water bill payment? Please use dark-colored ink when writing your check. This will help ensure the scanner used to read your check processes the payment correctly. Tired of writing checks for your water bill payment? Sign up for ACH.

Go to www.munster.org and enter "ACH" in the search bar to find the form. Once you've registered, you won't have to worry about writing a check or making an on-time payment!



We hope you were able to attend the Part-Time Job Fair on January 21. If not, there is still time to put in an application for a part-time, seasonal position with the Parks and Recreation Department this

summer! Simply go online to www.munster.org to the park department tab and look for the application or stop by for one in the park office at the town hall. Open positions include: Summer Enrichment Teachers and Aids, Camp Counselors, Swim Instructors, Lifeguards, Concession Stand Attendants, Pool Admissions Attendants, Referees, Part-Time Maintenance, Tennis Instructors, and Market Manager.



American Heart Association
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BEFORE YOU PICK UP THAT SNOW SHOVEL:

1. **DON'T** eat a heavy meal.
2. **DON'T** drink alcohol.
3. **DO** use a small shovel.
Lifting heavy snow can increase blood pressure.
4. **DO** consult a doctor if you have a medical condition.
5. **DO** learn the dangers of hypothermia. Dress in layers!
6. **DO** know the signs of a heart attack:
chest discomfort; pain in the arm, neck or jaw;
cold sweat; nausea; shortness of breath.

We all have a reason for living a healthier, longer life.
What is yours?
Life is why™

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	February 4,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	February 12,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	February 12,	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	February 18,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	February 20,	5:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Meeting	February 21,	6:45 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.

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