



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

# NEWS YOU CAN USE



March 2019 Edited by E. Payne

Welcome Spring! 



**The Lake County Highway Department scheduled the closing of Main Street beginning on Friday, February 15 through June 1, 2019...** a period limited to 3½ months to replace the Main Street Bridge Over Hart Ditch (Lake County Bridge #260 - PROJECT #: 1861-3591-70). The bridge is located

between Calumet Avenue and White Oak Avenue over Hart Ditch East of the Cobblestones Subdivision entrance (approximately ½ mile East of Calumet Avenue) and West of the Briar Creek Subdivision entrance on Main Street. Construction will normally occur from 7 am to 5:30 pm daily from Monday to Friday, with alternate schedules possible depending on conditions encountered. Noise levels will be high at times during pile driving. No access over Hart Ditch will be allowed due to the complete removal and reconstruction of the bridge.

Motorists normally traveling Main Street over Hart Ditch are urged to find alternate routes to access Calumet Avenue and Indianapolis Boulevard, such as White Oak Avenue North to 45<sup>th</sup> Street or Route 30 or Ridge Road. Trucks should obey all detour instructions with the prescribed alternate route being Route 30 between Calumet Avenue and Indianapolis Boulevard and avoid non-prescribed alternate routes through residential areas at risk of exceeding road weight limits and community noise standards.

Your patience and consideration during this bridge project is implored and will be greatly appreciated by all motorists using this busy area. Questions concerning this road closure or construction project should be directed to either: 1) Lake County Highway Department (219) 663-0525, 2) Project Manager DLZ Engineers in Munster (219) 836-5884, or 3) general contractor Ellas Construction (219) 938-0860.



**Public Works 219-836-6971/70**  
Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm  
After hours utility emergency  
**219 - 660-0001**  
**NIPSCO**  
**1-800-464-7726**



## March 10, 2019 – Daylight Saving Time Starts

Sunday, March 10, 2019 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00:00 am local daylight time. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 10, 2019 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.



## INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS & TEENS

The Indiana State Police will be providing an Internet Safety Presentation for parents and teens on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School, located at 8601 Harrison Avenue. All Munster residents are encouraged to attend. The presentation will include warnings about various apps, websites, and games, along with general safety tips for parents and teens to be aware of in regards to use of the internet. Please note that some of the subject matter may not be suitable for small children. For more information, please contact St. Paul's Lutheran School at 219-836-6270.



## March Fire Prevention Month

The Bureau of Fire Protection advises the public every March to remember that fire is a preventable risk. Below are a few important tips that might come in handy and can save you, and your loved ones in case of a fire.

1. **Conduct a maintenance check on smoke alarms.** Smoke alarms are life-savers but to maintain its efficiency, a smoke alarm system has to be safe and functional. Replace the batteries yearly and have the electrical wirings checked. Smoke alarms expire after 10 years, so make sure to keep track of how old your alarm is and change when needed.
2. **Schedule a check-up for electrical wirings.** Faulty electrical wiring can cause fire incidents. If you notice flickering light bulbs and sparking switches, have the lines checked by an expert as it might be high time for replacement and repair. Keep foot traffic away from electrical cords to avoid wiring damage. You should also limit the use of extensions cords as they may overheat the sockets. Big appliances such as refrigerators should have their own outlet.
4. **Keep flammable items away from children.** Candles, matches, lighters, butane, gasoline and items alike should be stored away from children.
5. **Be alert in the kitchen.** Stay mindful when cooking and don't leave ovens, broilers, and stoves unattended. Always make sure the lid is available to cover the pan in case the pan catches fire.
6. **Avoid smoking indoors.** If you have a smoking room, place several deep and stable ashtrays on a sturdy surface. When emptying the ashtrays or throwing away cigarette butts and ashes, make sure that they have cooled and there are no remaining embers.
7. **Keep emergency numbers visible and easily on hand.** Aside from saving important numbers on your phone, it's best to write them down and place them in a visible location.

# NOW HIRING



## Seeking Soccer Referees

Applicant must be 14+, have prior playing experience or be knowledgeable about the sport, be punctual, ability to communicate with coaches, players and parents and make calls based on rules. Must provide your own whistle and stopwatch. Submit your application by March 22nd to Jill Higgins @jporento@munster.org



## Seeking Camp Counselors

Applicant must be 18+, have prior experience working with children, positive attitude, willing to work 40 hour weeks, ability to communicate and problem solve. Openings available in Kid's Camp Original, All About Sports Camp and Counselors-in-Training. Questions about open positions or to receive a job description, email Jill Higgins at jporento@munster.org. Should you choose to submit your application, please do so by Friday, March 8.



## Seeking Summer Enrichment Teachers

Classes run June 3-June 28, 2-4 hours per day. These are fun classes that do not necessarily need to follow school curriculum. Please contact Barb at (219)836-6923 or bjholatjer@munster.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## Joan & Bette, Bette & Joan (Lunch & Show)

Tuesday, March 26  
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Community Park Social Center

8751 Lions Club Drive/Munster  
Joan Crawford and Bette Davis, iconic superstars, find themselves in Purgatory 'in the SAME BODY!' Feuding for most of their screen careers, the actresses defend their lives to the powers that be. Comedic rapid fire exchanges and attacks drag out all of the skeletons from each other's closet. This one-woman musical presents 14 songs and hilarious brilliant lyrics. Lunch will be served prior to the performance. Fee: \$50/Keen-Ager Members pay \$45.



## Community Egg Hunts

NEW LOCATION: Babe Ruth Ball Fields  
Great Egg Chase, Flashlight Egg Hunt for those ages 9-13; Friday, April 12  
Community Egg Hunts, Ages 1-8, CSRI Inclusive, Saturday, April 13th.

Pre-Register Early for \$3pp, or \$5pp on site.



## Park Pride Day

Park(s): Location TBD  
Sunday, April 14th, 9:00am - 12:00pm noon.  
Volunteers who sign up by 3/25 will receive a FREE T - Shirt. All volunteers will receive a lunch, complements of Munster Parks.

Volunteers will help beautify our parks and show their Park Pride, as an early celebration to Earth Day!



## Out to Lunch: Adobe Gilas

Monday, May 7th; 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with sizzling fajitas, zesty salsas and world class margaritas. Next, explore the Fashion Outlet Mall. Include transportation, lunch is paid on your own.

## DID YOU KNOW?



## HEALTHY HOUSEHOLD OUTDOOR HABITS FOR CLEAN WATERWAYS

Walk the dog. Wash the car. Change the oil. Kill some weeds. Fertilize the lawn. Certainly nothing odd about these activities, but without us noticing, our most common household chores could have an unhealthy impact on our creeks, streams and lakes. Each time it rains everything we leave on our streets, driveways, and lawns washes untreated through our ditches and storm drains into our creeks, streams and lakes. These pollutants threaten the health of fish and other life along the waterway. These pollutants also affect how we use our creeks, streams and lakes. Below are just a few recommendations of the ways you can help:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Do not sweep grass clippings in street and compost or recycle when possible.
- Recycle used oil or other automotive fluids.
- Use a safe, green and eco friendly soap for washing cars, exterior of homes or other outside uses.
- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.
- Be sure roof gutters and downspouts empty onto the grass or into a landscaped area.
- Pick up dog waste and properly dispose.
- In the winter use a safe alternative to standard ice melting salt.
- Clean up outdoor spills with sawdust or cat litter, let it soak, sweep and dispose.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.

Following some of these simple guidelines can have a big effect on our creeks, streams, and lakes by keeping them clean and healthy! (\*Source: Chagrin River Watershed Partners).



## Code Corner: Keeping you current on town code

The snow is melting and spring is on its way. Often as the snow melts it exposes what the winter winds have tossed around. Please continue to help keep our town beautiful by making sure to keep your property and parkway free of rubbish and garbage.

Sec. 26-1204. - Rubbish and garbage.

- Accumulation of rubbish or garbage. All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.

The Town of Munster Municipal Code in its entirety can be found online at [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org), and selecting the "Municipal Code" button.



## Greetings From Munster Parks and Recreation 836-Park (7275)



See you in class, at an  
event, or in the parks!



### Youth Education and Sports



#### SPRING SOCCER SIGN

##### Early Bird Deadline – March 1st!

Co-ed soccer league for ages 4-13 years old. Volunteer Coaches needed! Apply at Munster Parks and Recreation or by calling Jill Higgins at 836-6926. Games: April 13-May 18 (played on Saturdays)/ Fee: \$60 Res: \$50 Multi-child discount: \$5/(includes team jersey & trophy). \*Final deadline 3/15



#### Multi-Day Trips

Autumn in New England, British Isles Castles, Caribbean Cruising with New Orleans, Greece, National Parks of the Pacific Northwest, National Parks of the Southwest, Sedona & the Grand Canyon, Woodstock's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Sicily, Portugal & Its Islands, Canadian Rockies and Spotlight on London.



**Fitness Pointe classes** begin in mid-April. All registrations forms MUST be completed by April 10th. Aqua Bootcamp, Aqua Pilates, Aqua Tone,

Bike & Tone, Body Blast, Chi Gong, Core Fit, Cycle, Deep Water Aerobics, Pilates Sculpt, PiYo, P.U.M.P. and Restorative Yoga.



#### Online Courses

Accounting & Financial Management, Coding, Presentation Media, Social Media & Online Tools for K12 Teachers, Spanish for Medical Professionals and

Supervisory & Leadership.



#### Medical Courses

##### Begin on March 11!

Register soon!

Clinical Medical Assistant Program with Externships provided by Community

Healthcare Systems, EKG Technician Certification, Pharmacy Technician, plus dozens of online courses.



**St. Paddy's Day  
Weekend at  
Centennial Park**

3/15-17

Golf Course: Green

beer, corned beef cabbage, and a gold tournament on the green.

#### Join our Text Club

Text "MUNSTER" TO 36000 to receive weekly text messages regarding programs and events.



**Be Sure to Follow us  
on Instagram &  
Facebook**



3/2 - 23

3/4 - 25

3/5 - 4/16

3/5 - 4/16

3/5 - 26

3/6 - 5/22

3/6 - 4/17

3/6 - 27

3/6 - 27

3/6 - 4/17

3/7 - 28

3/8 - 4/12

3/8 - 4/12

3/11 - 4/15

3/11 - 4/15

3/13 - 4/10

3/14

3/15

3/18 - 4/22

3/24

Tiny Tots Dance (Mom & Me)

Hip Hop Dance (10+)

Basketball Clinic 101 (6-8)

Lil' Dribblers (3-5)

Itty Bitty Ballet & Gymnastics (3-6)

Special Needs Basketball

Gridiron Flag Football (4-6)

Jazz/Pom Dance (7+)

Trampoline (3-5)

T-Ball Skills Clinic

Beginner Tot to Learn to Skate (3-5)

Pre-Alpha Beginner Skate (6+)

Basketball Clinic 201 (9-12)

Pee Wee Soccer (3-5)

Sports and More (5-7)

Adult/Tot Sports

More Than a Chuckle (All ages)

St. Pat's Day Minute it to Win it (10-14)

Leprechauns, Lollipops & Loot (Family)

Parent/Tot Tumblebears Gymnastics

ABC's of Gymnastics (3-5)

School Age Gymnastics (5-12)

Underwater Egg Hunt (2+)

### Adult Education & Sports

3/5 - 28 varies

3/10

3/11

3/13-4/10

3/20-4/3

4/8-5/13

Yoga & Breathing

Wire Wrapping with Jayde

CPR Certification

More than a Chuckle

Excel Training with Ruth

ZUMBA

### Keen-Agers

3/15

3/19-4/23

3/26

3/12

Out to Lunch in the Park Van to

Quigley's Irish Pub

Chair Yoga

Joan & Bette, Bette & Joan

Munster Cinema (popcorn, drinks,

movie theater snacks, and a feature film)

### Trips & Travel

3/20

3/20

3/26

4/4

4/10

4/30

5/9

5/29

6/1

Flower & Garden Shore at Navy Pier

Art Institute - Underdogs & Hidden

Histories

Four Winds Casino

We're off to IKEA

Mamma Mia @ Drury Lane (2 seats available)

Along the Shore in Evanston

Charming Cedar Creek

Historic Electric Rails of Wisconsin

Thornton Quarry (2 seats available)

**FREE  
CLASSES**

3/7 Personal & Home & Protection Planning  
3/20 How Do Wills & Trusts Work?

**FREE** Programs - Please register in advance so materials are ready for you!





### School Town of Munster 2019 - 2020 Kindergarten Registration Information

Please visit [www.munster.us](http://www.munster.us) beginning the week of March 4, 2019 to access kindergarten enrollment information.

You will be asked to complete the Kindergarten Enrollment form and after that complete Registration Gateway.

After completion of both forms, contact your child's school to schedule an enrollment appointment.

Eads Elementary School	219 - 836 - 8635
Elliott Elementary School	219 - 836 - 5250
Frank Hammond Elementary School	219 - 836 - 2060

In order to be eligible to register for Kindergarten a child must be 5 yrs. old on or before August 1, 2019. To register for first grade a child must be 6 yrs. old on or before August 1, 2019.

At the time of the scheduled enrollment appointment at the child's school, parents must present:

- Certified/original birth certificate of the child.
- A valid driver's license with current Munster address.
- Residency verification documents ( complete list can be found on the Registration Gateway site).
- Only a parent or legal guardian may enroll a student.



### School Town of Munster

All School Town of Munster students Spring Break begins Monday, March 25, 2019 and ends Monday, April 1, 2019.



### Spring Soccer

Munster Parks and Recreation is happy to continue offering Spring Soccer for ages 4-13. Games take place on Saturdays for 6 weeks, running 4/13-5/18. Practices are determined by the coaches. Divisions available: 4-5 years, 6-7 years, 8-9 yrs. and 10-13 yrs. We are always seeking head and assistant coaches for teams. Reach out to Jill Higgins at 219-836-6926 if you're interested.



### Out to Lunch: Chickpea Mediterranean Restaurant

Friday, April 23; 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Each dish, often prepared right in front of you, is customized with endless combinations of veggies, proteins, and sauces. Next, explore Michigan City Outlet Mall. Dress for the weather, as this is an outdoor mall. Includes transportation, lunch is paid on your own.

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

Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	March 4,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	March 5,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission Meeting	March 5,	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	March 5,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	March 18,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	March 19,	5:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Meeting	March 21,	6:30 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.

## TOWN COUNCIL & CLERK-TREASURER TELEPHONE AND E-MAIL LIST

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