



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

NEWS YOU CAN USE

April 2019

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K9 Django EOW 2/27/2019



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Munster's first Police K9, Django. Django passed away on 2/27/2019 after a short, hard battle with cancer. Django was put into service in 2012 as a dual-purpose narcotics detection canine. He served faithfully alongside his handler, Officer Brian Hernandez, for six years before being diagnosed with cancer. Django was a huge part of our department and will be missed by all of us.

When we began our K9 program in 2012, we did so exclusively through grants and funds donated by residents and local businesses. Thanks to the community's tremendous support the K9 program is funded solely from donations. We are extremely grateful to have such strong community support in order to make our K9 program possible. In 2018 we announced plans to expand our K9 program and began a fundraising campaign to add a comfort/narcotics K9 to the department. The residents and community have again responded extraordinarily with their support and donations. The new K9 will be put into service this year and will be trained as a comfort dog to aid with victims of crime and abuse and in narcotics detection.

With the recent passing of Django, we are once again seeking the community's support as we hope to add another patrol K9 to the department. Tax-deductible donations can be made through the department's Go Fund Me page on Facebook or made payable by check to the Town of Munster. If paying by check please put "K-9 Fund" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to:

Munster Police Department
C/O Officer Brian Hernandez
1001 Ridge Road
Munster, Indiana 46321
bhernandez@munster.org



VOTE EARLY

YOUR TIME | YOUR VOICE | YOUR VOTE

Early Voting 2019 Municipal Primary Election

Munster Town Hall
Conference Room B
1005 Ridge Road
Munster, IN 46321

Early Voting begins April 9, 2019

Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays April 9th - May 3rd
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursdays, April 11th, 18th, 25th and May 2nd
9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturdays, April 27th & May 4th
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Final day of early voting Monday, May 6th

LIGHTNING PREDICTION AND WARNING SYSTEM



The ThorGuard Lightning Prediction Warning System will be reactivated in April at the following parks in town: Community Park, Beech Park, Ridgeway Park, Frank H. Hammond Park, Stewart Park, White Oak Park, Twin Creek Park, Bluebird Park and Centennial Park. **NOTE:** The system will be operational 7 days a week from 6 am to 11 pm starting in April through November 31.

The warning system may be tested, on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am. The ThorGuard Lightning Prediction System will sound a warning horn (15 second blast) when a potentially dangerous weather situation is approaching. If you hear the alarm, clear the park immediately and seek proper shelter. All activities must cease once you hear the horn. Wait for the all clear (3 short horn blasts), before returning to normal activities. If the all clear does not sound after 30 minutes, cancel your park event. This system is here for your safety.



There will be regular
garbage pickup on
Good Friday, April 19, 2019

Visit home.wm.com/Munster to learn more about your local waste and recycling services, holiday schedule and up-to-date recycling education. For further information, please contact Waste Management Customer Service at 800-964-8988.

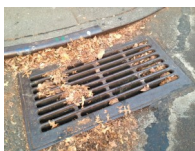
SPRING CLEAN-UP

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION



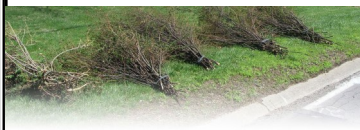
Starting April 1, 2019 weather permitting for 2 weeks. Munster will be having the spring leaf collection. Do not put leaves in your garbage can, plastic bags or in brown bags, Waste Management will not pick them up.

Rake your leaves to the curb for the spring leaf collection. Since pick-up quantities are not known, it is difficult to predict exactly which neighborhood will be picked up on which day, so please have your leaves out on Monday. We will start on the northwest section of Town and work south. Please place your leaves in a continuous long pile. We will be using a leaf vacuum to collect your leaves. If your street has curbs, please place your leaves right behind the curb on the grass parkway. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE STREET.** If your street does not have curbs, please place your leaves on the edge of the street pavement. Also, please be careful not to mix leaves with large sticks, rocks or other debris, which could cause injury to an employee or damage to the equipment. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.



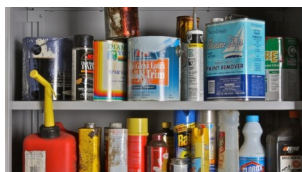
DRAIN GRATES April showers bring more than May flowers. Spring rains can cause flooding of yards and streets. Most of the time flooding can be prevented by making sure the drain grates are kept free of debris. It doesn't take much to clog a drain and have it cause significant flooding of streets and/or yards. As material such as leaves, twigs, and litter are washed from the ground surface it collects onto the drain grating and acts like a rubber plug. The flow of water runoff into the drainage system is drastically reduced when material collects near or on the drain grate. Residents can do their part by helping keep drains near your home free of debris.

BRANCH COLLECTION



Starting April 1, 2019 weather permitting; branches will be picked up with the chipper. These branches should be no longer than 5' long and 3" in

diameter. Twigs and yard waste should be put into your garbage cans or bagged. Small branches should be bundled and tied; these will be picked up with your garbage. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

All Collections from 9 am – 2 pm
Saturday, April 6
Crown Point Lake County
Fairgrounds
889 Court Street, Crown Point

Saturday, April 27 in Gary
Hudson Campbell Center
455 Massachusetts, Gary



LAKE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Join the Journey



MUNSTER POLICE SEEKING DONATIONS - 2019 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council are currently seeking monetary donations **through June 30th** towards this year's National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 6th at the Munster Community Pool. The event is held annually to promote police and community partnerships through a variety of both fun and educational activities for all ages including an awesome closing fireworks show sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's. For the past four years, Munster's event has been nationally ranked and recognized by the National Association of Town Watch and we are planning on adding even more activities this year. If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the **Town of Munster (memo: NNO)** and mail them to the **Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321.** For more information about sponsoring our event, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. Please mark your calendars now for this year's exciting event!



MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Munster Police Department will be holding their next quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00pm at the Munster Town Hall. All residents and business representatives are invited and encouraged to participate. The meeting will include recent crime statistics, updates on recent incidents, and an informative presentation for parents on **Child Abduction Awareness & Prevention**. A \$25 Target gift card will also be awarded as a door prize. 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 will be holding their next quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 11th at 6:00pm at the Munster Town Hall (in Conference Room A). This meeting is open to any Munster resident who would like to help plan or volunteer for programs aimed at crime, drug, and violence prevention in Munster. Please note that this is **NOT** a Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.



NEW DOG WALKER WATCH PROGRAM MEETING

The Munster Police Department will be building upon their Neighborhood Crime Watch Program by implementing a **NEW Dog Walker Watch Program**. This program trains and encourages dog walkers to watch out for suspicious activity and other safety issues in their neighborhoods while walking their dogs. The brief training meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00pm at the Munster Town Hall, and anyone who attends the training session will be eligible to order a **FREE Dog Walker Watch t-shirt** sponsored by the Choice Community Council. **The meeting is open only to Munster residents 18 years of age and older.** For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.



MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION
836-PARK (7275)



Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 21st
Centennial Park Clubhouse
12:00 pm & 2:30 pm seating
Enjoy a classic Easter brunch with your family!
\$29.95 Adults/\$12.95 Kids 12 & Under
Reservations required and are first come first served. Register online at CentennialParkMunster.com.



Breakfast with the Bunny

Saturday, April 13th
Centennial Park Clubhouse
10:00am seating
Enjoy a traditional breakfast buffet with a special visit from the Easter Bunny!
\$12.95 Adults/\$8.85 Kids 12 + Under



Banquets

Centennial Park Golf Course is the perfect location to celebrate any occasion! Tailored to your expectations, comfort, and refinement in mind, our banquet rooms offer an extraordinary backdrop. Inquire today: centennialparkmunster.com/weddings-banquets



Memberships

As spring is around the corner, we are excited for the snow to melt and the golf season to start! Become a member at Centennial Park to take advantage of our specials. Many membership options are available to fit your lifestyle and family. Please visit our website to become a member: <https://www.centennialparkmunster.com/join>. Questions? Contact Matt Meneghetti, PGA at 219.836.6931



Quinceaneras

From the introduction of the honor court, to the thank you and toast, the staff at Centennial Park works with you to make sure every step of your event is flawless. Affordable packages are available. Inquire today: centennialparkmunster.com/weddings-banquets

Golf Membership 2019

7 Day (Unlimited Every Day)

Individual	\$650
Senior	\$540
Couples	\$1,075
Family	\$1,325
Sr. Couple	\$870

5 Day (Unlimited Mon - Fri)

Individual	\$600
Senior	\$490

Cart Pass (Unlimited Every Day)

Individual	\$360
Senior	\$490

*Seniors must be 62+ yrs. of age
* Juniors 18 & under



Youth Education & Sports

4/1 - 4/22	Hip Hop Dance	10+ yrs.
4/2 - 23	Itty Bitty Ballet/Gym	3 - 6 yrs.
4/3 - 24	Jazz/Pom Dance	7+ yrs.
4/4 - 5/23	VolleyKidz	1 st - 3 rd
4/4 - 5/23	Volleyball Skills/Drills	8 - 12 yrs.
4/6 - 27	Tiny Tots Dance	18 mo. - 3 yrs.
4/11 - 5/23	Wado-Ki Karate	4 - 6 or 6+ yrs.
4/13	Home Alone Training	10 - 14 yrs.
4/16 - 5/21	Spring Golf Lessons	6 - 12 yrs.
4/17 - 5/22	Spring Golf Lessons	13 - 17 yrs.
4/17 - 5/22	Tiny Tikes (soccer)	2 - 3 yrs.
4/22 - 5/20	Adult/Tot Sports	2 - 4 yrs.
4/22 - 5/20	Sports & More	5 - 7 yrs.
4/23 - 5/21	Basketball Clinic 101	6 - 8 yrs.
4/23 - 5/21	Lil' Dribblers	3 - 5 yrs.
4/24 - 5/22	Gridiron Flag Football	4 - 6 yrs.
4/24 - 5/22	T-Ball Skills Clinic	3 - 5 yrs.
4/25	Planting Party	'Twins
4/26 - 5/17	Basketball Clinic 201	9 - 12 yrs.
4/26 - 5/17	Pee Wee Soccer	3 - 5 yrs.
4/29 - 6/10	Tumblebears Gym	Up to 2, 3 - 5, or 5 - 12 yrs.

Adult Education & Sports

4/2 - 5/23	Yoga & Breathing (1x/wk. or T/TH)
4/8 - 5/13	Zumba
4/8 - 5/13	Strong by Zumba
4/17	Advanced Excel Training

Keen-Agers (50+)

4/16	Munster Cinema (I feel Pretty)
4/18	Vera Bradley B-I-N-G-O
4/23	Out-to-Lunch - Chickpea Mediterranean Restaurant
5/7 - 6/11	Chair Yoga

Trips & Travel

4/4	We're Off to IKEA
4/30	Along the Shore in Evanston



All Fitness Pointe medical forms must be completed by Wed, April 10. Classes available starting in April: 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.



The next Clinical Medical Assistant Program, Pharmacy Technician and EKG Certification courses begin on June 17 and 24. For further information, please give us a call!

Hurry in Now!
Before the Good Stuff's Gone!

Discounted Golden Opportunity Books (\$15) running low. There are 8 Chicagoland and 5 Indiana books remaining.



Munster 21st Annual Car Show

The 21st Annual Car Show
Community Park Pool Parking Lots

Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Munster Parks and Recreation is seeking sponsors, arts & crafters, and business vendors for this event. Please call us for more information: (219) 836-7275. The car registration "early bird" deadline is through May 3, at 12:00 p.m. Fee: \$20 per car/On site: \$25 per car. Enter your car and have a chance of winning a trophy!

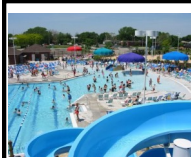
Celebrate Spring's arrival by participating in Park Pride Day where you can feel good about volunteering and see the fruits of your labor all summer long!

"A Clean Earth is a Happy Earth"



Help us celebrate Earth Day by participating in **Park Pride Day**. On Sunday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m.-Noon, all are welcome (families, community groups, and individual volunteers) to help us beautify the parks. Volunteers will receive a complimentary hot dog lunch. We are seeking Park Captains to oversee various locations. This

is a great opportunity for service organizations and youth groups. Call Danielle at (219) 836-6922 or email her at dvolk@munster.org for more information. Volunteers who sign up by 3/25 will receive a **FREE** complimentary T-shirt!



Pool Passes are for sale! Register for you pool pass by May 24th and receive an "early bird" discount. The pool is also the perfect place for your child's birthday party, a sports team get-together or a corporate event. These popular rentals fill up quickly - to ensure your date, please book now. Group rates and discount coupon books are also available now.



Munster Parks and Recreation offers many online courses to help with your continuing education needs, whether it be to get continuing education hours for your current job, to augment your career or to begin anew. Please check out our offerings at

www.healthtoday.com/munster (Medical courses and Paralegal) or <http://www.yougotclass.org/catalog-complete.cfm/> Munster for all kinds of business classes from accounting, to date analysis to social media and presentation.



Multi-Day travel is increasingly popular, with most people booking trips 9 months to a year in advance. You can travel anywhere in the world with our travel professionals.

Simply give us a call with your travel ideas and we can help you find an itinerary to fit your needs. Trips are offered from 4 days to 27 days, on all 7 continents!

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR APRIL

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	April 1,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	April 2,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Board of Zoning Appeals	April 9,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	April 9,	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	April 15,	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	April 16,	5:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Meeting	April 18,	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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