



NEWS YOU CAN USE

1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN

SEPTEMBER

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PREVENTING SCAMS AT YOUR RESIDENCE

The Munster Police Department encourages residents to follow these important safety tips to help prevent scams at your residence:

- Always look out of a window before opening your door, and make sure that it is kept locked. Keep your exterior storm door, if you have one, locked as well.
- Talk to any visitors through an open window or through a locked storm door.
- Never allow anyone into your residence who you did not call yourself for service, even if they display some type of identification badge or say that it is an emergency. Call the police (911) if you are suspicious of anyone that is at your door and a responding officer will check on the situation.
- Scammers can sometimes pretend to be town or utility workers.
- Scammers will often push their way into your residence as soon as you open the door while stating that there is some type of emergency with your water or power. They will then ask you to either obtain a bucket of water for them, take you into another room or into the basement while an accomplice comes through the open front door and steals valuables.
- Scammers will often communicate through portable radios but will not always do so.
- Scammers may approach you in your yard to distract you, claiming that you need roof or siding repairs, while an accomplice goes into your house. Make sure that your home is locked up completely and that your garage door is closed when you are working in the yard. Take your house key and a cell phone with you so that you can call for help.
- Be careful about allowing strangers to do work around your house or to shovel snow. Only hire reputable companies that have a permit to work in the Town of Munster or ask known, trusted neighbors to help you with shoveling snow.
- Always report suspicious activity immediately by calling 911.



BRANCH COLLECTION

In an effort to keep the branch collection moving keep in mind the following:

- Branches should be stacked in one direction and placed in the parkway not in the street.
- Bundle into manageable piles with twine where possible to assist the crew.

BRANCH PILES WILL BE SKIPPED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- Branches or bundled piles of brush should be able to be picked up by one person, generally with a tree diameter no greater than 5" maximum if diameter is greater the pile will be skipped.
- Any branches from a professional landscaper or tree trimmer will not be picked up.
- DO NOT PARK VEHICLES in front of branch piles or the pile will be skipped.
- DO NOT MIX garbage, debris plant material with branch piles.
- Only tree branches or sticks from pruning are acceptable or the pile will be skipped. (Plant debris should be bagged for Waste Management collection)
- If your branch pile is the size of a vehicle it is a charge pile with a minimum fee of \$130 to be paid to the Town prior to collection and a tag will be left at the door.

NOTE: In the case of a storm event, any branches that are on the street or sidewalks will be picked up prior to returning to the branch collection route. Posted on the Town's website @www.munster.org under MAP CENTER is the Leaf and Branch Removal Map. This map indicates the Zones in Town to be referred to when the location of the chipper is given.



Munster Fire Department Open House

Mark your calendar!
Saturday, October 12th
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Station #2 - 550 Fisher St

On Saturday, October 12th the Munster Fire Department will be hosting its annual Fire Prevention Week Open House. We encourage all residents of Munster and surrounding communities to attend and bring their families & friends. Some of the events include: antique fire engine rides, live extrication demonstrations, fire safety house, informational displays, free literature, food, and live house fire demonstration.

MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION

836 - PARK (7275)

Chance's Kingdom

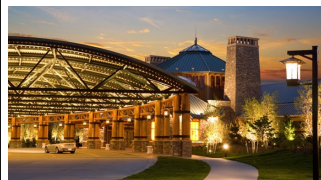
Join us for the official opening of Chance's Kingdom at Sunnyside Park on September 21. In remembrance of Chance, we will host a field day with fun, games and activities and complete the event with a nerf battle (bring your own!). Book donations to the Little Free Library on-site would be appreciated!



Big Wheel 500

Frank Hammond School
September 22, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Rev up your engines for the Big Wheel 500 on September 22 at 1pm. Kids, ages 3 - 6 will have the opportunity to race around the Frank Hammond Track for the chance to win a trophy for top place finisher. Each child will receive a medal and have the opportunity to win a raffle prize! Sponsored by: Land O'Frost and Wadas Dental



Four Winds Casino

New Buffalo, MI
September 24, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a action packed gaming excursion in New Buffalo, MI, at Four Winds Casino. Your trip will include motor coach transportation, \$10 food voucher, and \$15 instant play. *Motor coach will leave from Community Park at 9:00 a.m.



Community Market

Community Park
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
The Community Market will

be continuing each Tuesday thru the fall until October 15, 3 - 8pm at Community Park. Have your pick from fresh, local produce, flowers, cheese, breads, jams and jellies, prepared foods, handcrafted items, local businesses, live music and more!



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| 9/3 | Adult Open Basketball | |
| 9/3 | Canine Cannonball (Must be pre-registered and be a dog park member) | |
| 9/9 | Adult/Tot Sports | |
| 9/9 | Ladies Golf | |
| 9/9 | Adult Drill & Play | |
| 9/10 | Basketball Clinic 101 | |
| 9/10 | Lil' Dribblers | |
| 9/10 | Youth Tennis (ages 4 - 8, 9 - 13) | |
| 9/10 | Youth Golf (ages 6 - 12, 13 - 17) | |
| 9/10 | Adult Beginner Tennis | |
| 9/10 | Yoga & Breathing | |
| 9/11 | Gridiron Flag Football | |
| 9/11 | T-Ball Skills Clinic | |
| 9/11 | Tiny Tykes | |
| 9/11 | Youth Golf (ages 6 - 12) | |
| 9/11 | Excel-in-a-Day | |
| 9/12 | Boys Action Adventure | |
| 9/12 | Story Trails | |
| 9/12 | Tiny Tots | |
| 9/12 | Men's Golf | |
| 9/12 | Hooked on Crochet | |
| 9/12 | San Filippo Mansion | |
| 9/13 | Basketball Clinic 201 | |
| 9/13 | Pee Wee Soccer | |
| 9/16 | Parent/Tot, Preschool and School | |
| | Age Gymnastics | |
| 9/18 | You Grow Girl | |

- 9/19 Volleyball Skills & Drills
 9/19 Garwood Orchards
 9/21 Chance's Kingdom Field Day
 9/22 Big Wheel 500
 9/23 ZUMBA
 9/23 10 Warning signs of Alzheimer's
 9/24 Four Winds Casino
 9/25 Animals Galore
 9/25 The Basics of a Living Trust: Is it for me?
 9/26 ZUMBA
 9/26 Developing a Personal and Home Protection Plan
 9/30 CPR Certification



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Lake County Solid Waste Management District has a program for residents of Lake County to dispose of household hazardous waste. Any questions on the Household Hazardous Waste pick up should be directed to Lake County Solid Waste Management District at 219-853-2420.

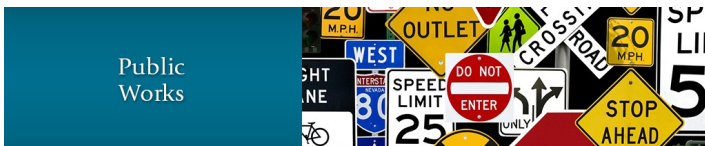
The Munster Public Works Facility **DOES NOT** accept household hazardous waste.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 14th, 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lake Co. Highway Dept, 18211 Wicker Avenue, Lowell

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 5th, 9:00 a.m. - to 2:00 p.m. at Griffith Public Works, 134 South Colfax, Griffith



MOSQUITO CONTROL IN MUNSTER

Each year, the Town of Munster takes an integrated approach to controlling the mosquito population. The combined efforts of the Town and residents are key to reducing populations. Please see the tips below for how you can assist in controlling mosquito populations and reducing your risk of bites.

Help Eliminate Mosquitoes in Your Yard

Empty, remove, cover, or turn over receptacles with the potential to hold water. Clean bird baths twice weekly. Discard old tires or store them indoors. Repair leaky plumbing and outside faucets. Make sure gutters and downspouts are free of blockage and are properly draining. Fill holes in trees with sand. Empty your pets' water dishes daily. Drain or fill low areas on your property that hold water for more than three days.

Ways to Reduce Mosquito Bites

Wear light-colored clothing, long-sleeved shirts or jackets and long slacks. Avoid mosquito-infested areas or stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active. Avoid physical exertion and use colognes and perfumes sparingly, as these may attract mosquitoes. Use mosquito repellent, according to directions, when you are outdoors. It is generally recommended that adults use products with 30% or less DEET. Children should use products with 10% or less DEET. You can also use products containing picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus as repellents. These products typically provide longer-lasting protection.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY COLLECTION

Trash and Recycling Collection will be picked up one day later due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 2nd. Collection will be Tuesday thru Saturday.



Cyber Safety

Cyber crime is growing, with malware and ransomware attacks becoming common occurrences. Some have asked whether the Town of Munster is secure. No security system is foolproof. But we can assure our citizens that the Town of Munster has taken many reasonable and necessary steps to protect the systems and data entrusted to it. We rely on computer industry experts to monitor our systems and advise us on security improvements. We conduct regular backups of data according to industry standards, make regular updates to programs and operating systems, as well as educate our employees to help keep systems and data secure. Without divulging security details, we are satisfied that we have minimized the Town's exposure to attack. We ask for your understanding if you are inconvenienced because of the Town's increased computer security measures.

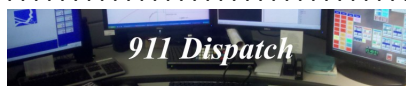
UN-USED MEDICATION DROP-OFF BOX NOW AT MUNSTER PD



The Munster Police Department would like to let residents know that they can now drop-off their un-used or expired medications in a permanent collection box that is located inside of the department's lobby, located at 1001 Ridge Road. Please drop-off your medications into the box for safer disposal purposes. No sharps please. Thank you!

Munster Police Department Records Office Hours

- Monday & Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- *Police Department Lobby is **open** 24 hrs.
- *After hours use phone in lobby to contact Lake County Dispatch if police assistance is required.



219-660-0001
Non-Emergency



Town of Munster Directory

Community Development Mon. - Fri.	219-836-6990 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Mon. - Fri.	219-836-7275 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Public Work Mon. - Fri.	219-836-6971/6970 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Police Records Mon. - Tues. Wed. - Fri.	219-836-6650/6630 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Clerk Treasurer's Office Mon. Tues. - Fri.	219-836-6940 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall Mon. - Fri.	219-836-6900 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fire Department Mon. - Fri.	219-836-6960 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm.

Frank H. Hammond Elementary's 50th Anniversary Open House



Thursday, October 3rd
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
1301 Fran - Lin Pkwy



Celebrate with us! Frank H. Hammond Elementary is celebrating 50 years of academic excellence! All past and present students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators, and the general public are invited. Come tour the school and see the recent renovations, look at old FHH artifacts, and even play on our new playground. There will also be entertainment, art exhibits, food trucks, and more.



Labor Day Scramble

Saturday, September 7th
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Centennial Park Golf Course
1005 S. Centennial Dr.

Join in for a Labor Day Scramble after Labor Day! Find your team and play in a 9-hole scramble with 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. Includes: Green + cart fee, warm-up on the range, lunch and prizes! To register visit www.centennialparkmunster.com or call 219-836-6930.
\$50/Public - \$30/Members

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Special Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Comm.	Sept. 3,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Sept. 3,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Board of Zoning Appeals	Sept. 10,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	Sept. 10,	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	Sept. 16,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Sept. 17,	5:00 p.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.

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