



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN



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## Treasurer's CORNER

**From the Desk of  
Wendy Mis**

We have some exciting staff changes in the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Holly, one of the friendly faces you may have worked with at the front counter, has been promoted to Deputy Clerk III – Payroll. Holly is well qualified for this challenging position and has been doing a great job. The customer service team has two new members: Mary, who joined us in September, and has been keeping extra busy not only receipting water bill payments and pet licenses but handling annual business registrations. Our newest hire, Angel, started in January. Angel's past government and banking experience is helping her to quickly learn our computer system to receipt water bill payments as well as the numerous other responsibilities of the front counter.

The News You Can Use Newsletter is mailed with the monthly water bill and is posted on the Town of Munster website. We do have a limited number of copies of current and some back issues in the Clerk-Treasurer's office. If you live at an address that does not currently receive the newsletter, you are welcome to come into our office and we will provide you with copies for your facility. If you call 219-836-6940 in advance, we can have them bundled and ready for you. If you have a homeowner's association newsletter, we'd recommend publishing the weblink on a regular basis.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office is a busy place this time of year. We recently received our certified budget from the State. We are working with the Town Manager and department heads to align our advertised budget with the certified budget numbers. It is a time-consuming process but important so we can continue providing the community with quality services.

Thank you to those that reached out to me after the last News You Can Use. I continue to welcome your questions and input at [wmis@munster.in.gov](mailto:wmis@munster.in.gov).

## Members of Boards and Commissions are appointed by the Munster Town Council

The Town of Munster is assisted in its operations in several areas by the volunteers who serve on our Boards and Commissions. Anyone interested can complete an application (online) and submit application to Office of the Clerk-Treasurer or via email to [wmis@munster.in.gov](mailto:wmis@munster.in.gov).

## Plan Commission ( 4 Year Term)

Roland R. Raffin  
Stuart J. Friedman  
William F. Baker  
Brian D. Specht  
TC - Dr. Andy Koultourides  
TC - Chuck Gardiner  
TC - Steve Tulowitzki

The Plan Commission hears request to subdivide, rezone, or make changes to the zoning and subdivision codes. The Plan Commission meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

## Board of Zoning Appeals (4 Year Term)

Jonathan D. Peterson  
Sharon A. Meyer  
Daniel J. Buksa  
Stuart J. Friedman  
Roland Raffin  
TC Liaison - Dr. Andy Koultourides  
Secretary Beth Miller, SEH Engineering

The BZA or Board of Zoning Appeals hears requests for zoning variance and special use permits on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

## Park Board (4 Year Term)

David Cerven  
Robyn D. Paulsen  
Daniel C. Repay  
Michael E. Sowards  
Ronald Ostojic  
TC Liaison - Ken Schoon  
Director - Greg Vitale

The Park and Recreation Board oversees the various operations and activities of the Munster Parks and Recreation Department and meet the first and third Tuesday of each month.

## Economic Development Commission

Richard W. Paulsen  
Mohammad Saleem  
OPEN Lake County Appointment



## 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 Kim Nordhoff at 219-836-6659 for follow-up. If the situation is an extreme safety concern, always call 911.



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



## MUNSTER'S 2019 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME EVENT RECEIVES HONOR

The Munster Police Department was informed in December that Munster's 2019 National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which was held this past August 6th, **was ranked by the**

**National Association of Town Watch as the 8th best National Night Out event in the United States** in the 15,000-50,000 population category. **Munster was also the only community in Indiana to be nationally ranked in any of the population categories.** To put this honor into perspective, the National Night Out Against Crime is celebrated in over 10,000 communities throughout the United States each August.

The 2019 event, which was held at the Munster Community Pool, included a Community Parade, fireworks show sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's, free swimming for Munster residents, door prizes, kids games, bounce houses, emergency vehicles, a magic show, K-9 demonstrations, over 120 booth participants, food, giveaways, music, a visit by former White Sox great Ron Kittle, train rides, snow cones, and more. We also held several days of pre-event festivities including a Safety Bingo Event for senior citizens, a canned food drive, a child safety seat inspection check site, and a fun Charity Softball Game that included players from the Munster Police Department, Munster Fire Department, and the Munster schools which raised funds for the Munster High School Best Buddies Club. We appreciate the many residents, businesses, and community organizations that sponsored, volunteered during, or attended our event last year and who helped to make it a fun and memorable night for our community.

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council look forward to planning this year's (25th Anniversary) event, which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020, and hope to make this year's event the best one yet with your support. More details will be announced this spring. **For more information about how you can get involved with our National Night Out event this year, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.**

## Appointments

### Board of Safety

Lorin M. Brown  
Michael Clark  
Linda S. Dunn  
Robert F. Ellis  
Jerome R. Baffa  
TC Liaison - Chuck Gardiner

The Board of Safety meet every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 a.m. The BOS adopts policies, general orders, approve employment, makes decisions on disciplinary actions for police officers and firefighters.



# MUNSTER PARKS & RECREATION 219-836-PARK



## NOW TAKING SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION!

Early-bird deadline is February 28th don't forget. Age divisions: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-13. Always seeking coaches – reach out to Jill if you have questions (219) 836-6926. Games set to begin April 11.



### \*Wednesday, February 5th

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Munster Town Hall

Are you sick of renting and want to own your own home? Did you know that a monthly mortgage payment can be less than what you're currently paying in rent and that by owning a home you can take advantage of tax write-offs that make your investment work even harder for you? If you're ready to have your own place, you will get valuable tips on searching for the right home, negotiating the deal, successfully securing a mortgage and navigating through the inspection/title/closing process. Please pre-register!

### \*Wednesday, February 26th

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Centennial Park



Did you recently get engaged over the holidays? Visit our Bridal Fair 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 food and deserts, win prizes and more! The first 100 brides in attendance receive a FREE gift bag compliments of Dunhill Tuxedo. FREE to attend – no pre-registration necessary.



### \*Tuesday, February 4th

Travel to Buca Di Beppo with one of our staff! Dishes, inspired by the cuisine of Italy are served family-style. Nothing brings a group closer together than trying a bit of this and a taste of that. After lunch, we'll enjoy some shopping at Orland Square Mall. Fee includes transportation only. Please bring cash to pay for your lunch.



The 2nd session of Swim Lessons begins on 2/23. Youth, Preschool, Parent/Tot, Private and Semi-Private lessons available - contact Skyler for more information at (219) 836-6922. To register, contact us at (219) 836-7275.



If you would rather learn online at your leisure or don't have the schedule that permits you to attend the in-classroom courses, please visit our online portal at

[www.healthtoday.com/munster](http://www.healthtoday.com/munster). Once registered, you have 6 months to complete the course. Courses available: Clinical Medical Assistant, Dental Assisting Program, Dialysis Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Administrative Asst., Medical Billing and Coding, Medical Terminology, Medical Coding to ICD10, ECG/EKG Courses for Nurses, Paralegal Program or Veterinary Assistant.

**REGISTER NOW!**

## MIDWEST TRAINING AND ICE

2/1 - 2/22	Beginner Tots to Learn to Skate (3-5)
2/1 - 2/22	Pre-Alpha Beginner Skating (6+)
2/1 - 2/22	Irish Step Dancing (6+)
2/1 - 2/22	Tiny Tots Dance (18mths-3 yrs.)
2/1 - 2/23	Parkour (3-5 and/or 6+)
2/3 - 2/24	Trampoline (6+)
2/3 - 2/24	Hip Hop Dance (5-9)
2/4 - 2/25	Tap, Ballet and Jazz (6+)
2/5 - 2/26	Trampoline (3-5)
2/7 - 2/29	Beginner Pre-Hockey (3+)

2/3 - 3/16	ZUMBA
2/4	*Buca Di Beppo (Out to Lunch Small Van Trip)
2/5	*Sick of Renting? Your guide to owning a home!
2/6	Love Potions
2/6 - 3/19	Volleyball Skills and Drills (6-12)
2/6 - 3/12	ZUMBA
2/8	Daddy Daughter Date Night
2/13	Valentine's Day BINGO
2/13 - 2/27	Winter Indoor Golf Lessons w/Matt (8-17)
2/18	Majestic Eagles on the Illinois River
2/18 - 3/14	Chair Yoga
2/21 - 3/27	Yoga/Qi Gong
2/23 - 3/29	Parent/Tot, Preschool, Youth, Private, and Semi-Private Swim Lessons
2/26	*Bridal Fair
2/28	*EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE for Spring Soccer
2/28 - 3/20	Tiny Hawk Soccer (3-5)
2/29	Babysitter Lessons & Safety Training



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### Indoor Junior Golf Clinic

Join us for our 3 week session for indoor junior golf lessons!

- Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- January Clinic begins on January 16th.
- February Clinic begins on February 6th.
- Cost - \$75.00
- Register or call golf shop today.



### Individual Indoor Lessons

Take indoor lessons all winter long.  
Call the golf shop to register today.



### 2020 Membership

Our 2020 memberships are on sale now!  
All the classics are back 7 day, 5 day, cart passes, and range passes. Become a member today!



**Golf Shop 219-836-6931**  
[centennialparkmunster.com/events](http://centennialparkmunster.com/events)  
[centennialparkmunster.com/store](http://centennialparkmunster.com/store)

## WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

### BE PREPARED!

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

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information
- Extra food and water
- Extra medicine and baby items
- First-aid supplies
- Emergency heating source
- Fire extinguisher and smoke and CO detector
- Backup generator for your home or business
- Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid the storm!
- Fully check and winterize your vehicle before the winter season begins.

### WINTER STORM SURVIVAL KIT

- blankets/sleeping bags
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- High-caloric non perishable food
- Extra clothing to keep dry
- Sack of sand
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and brush
- Tool kit
- Booster cables
- Tow rope
- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines

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

Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	February 3,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	February 4,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	February 11,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission Meeting	February 11,	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	February 17,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	February 18,	5:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Meeting	February 20,	7:00 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>.

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

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