



NEWS YOU CAN USE

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1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN

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Treasurer's CORNER

From the Clerk-Treasurer:

Town Hall has been closed to the public, and residents have adapted to the new normal. Residents are mailing in utility payments, paying online or depositing payments in the red drop box instead of coming into the building. We have seen a significant increase in people signing up for ACH or direct withdrawals as a method of payment. If you are enrolled in ACH payments, you will still get a printed water bill in the News You Can Use at the beginning of the month. Your monthly payment will automatically be debited from the authorized account on the payment due date. For your convenience, an authorization form has been included in this newsletter. For those who have recently asked, our current software does not have an option to email your utility bill to you.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office has been preparing for the day we open to the public. Per the Governor's Executive Order 20-26, we have outlined, shared and published our office's plan. We worked with staff and believe that we will be prepared on the first day we open the office door. Our office plan is available on Clerk-Treasurer's general information page on www.munster.org.

For those residential service addresses that have a second water meter for their sprinkler, lawn sprinkler season began on May 15 and runs until October 15. All sprinkler meters will receive a minimum charge on your July through November water bills the amount is dependent on the size of your meter. You will be charged for any usage that exceeds the minimum. If you are no longer using your lawn sprinkler, contact a plumber to discuss your options. For questions regarding sprinkler minimums and other water related issues, contact (219)836-6948 or (219)836-6949 or email waterbilling@munster.in.gov. If you call our office and the phone line is busy, please leave a message and we will return all messages in the order in which we received them.

You are encouraged to visit www.munster.org for current Town information, and the *Town of Munster* and *Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Munster* Facebook pages. I am available for your questions or comments at (219)836-6945 or email: wmis@munster.in.gov.

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Last day of Early Voting
Monday, June 1, 2020
8:00 a.m. - Noon
Election Day
Tuesday, June 2, 2020
6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
***Please bring photo ID**



MUNSTER STREETScape PLAN WEBSITE IS LIVE

Following the kickoff of the Calumet-Ridge Streetscape Planning study, the project website is now live and can be viewed at the following link: www.munster-streetscape.org.

The site contains project information and will be a hub for project materials, upcoming meetings, and events.

If you'd like to be notified of project news and activities (and we hope you do!), please enter your email at the top right of the homepage to 'follow' us!

We are excited about this project and an opportunity to enhance our community. *Your voice matters - please get involved!*



We are no longer accepting batteries, lightbulbs, and glasses at Munster Town Hall. Please do not leave these items outside the building!



Looking for a convenient way to pay your water bill without leaving home? Sign up for ACH which automatically withdraws the exact amount due each month on the due date. See actual form below.

Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment of Town of Munster Water Utility Bill

I (We) hereby authorize the Town of Munster Water Department, hereinafter called TOWN, to initiate debit entries to my (our) account indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called BANK, to debit same to such account.

Name of Bank _____

City _____ Type checking savings

Routing # _____ Acct # _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until TOWN and BANK have received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford TOWN and BANK a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Printed Name(s) _____

Signature(s) _____ DATE: _____

Service Address _____ PHONE: _____

Please return this form with your water utility bill payment or bring it to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Office Use Only:

Account # _____ Input date/initials _____
Service Date _____ Prenote _____ Verified to pull _____

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY MEANS SO MANY THINGS TO SO MANY PEOPLE, AND THE WORLD TO US.
IN ALL WE DO AND ALL WE SAY, WE'RE ALL FOR COMMUNITY.

Community Development Department

Building in progress for the future— We are happy to report that we are continuing to serve our community with procedures that encourage safe and continuous progress. Shifting to remote permit submittal and payment has allowed us to provide service to the community through these unprecedented times. For your convenience, there are several ways to apply for a building permit.

Online:

1. Download application at www.munster.org
2. Submit completed applications with supporting documents by email to communitydevelopment@munster.org.— Supporting documents may include project plans, proposal, or contract.

By Paper:

1. Download and print application
2. Attach supporting documents to completed application: Supporting documents may include project plans, proposal, or contract.
3. Submit complete application: Place application with all attachments in a single envelope and deposit the envelope in the large red drop box located in the Town Hall parking lot or brought into the Community Development Department.

The Community Development Department will review the application. Upon completion of review, applicant will be notified by email or phone of approval or denial and cost of the permit.

Contact us by phone (219)836-6990 or by email at communitydevelopment@munster.org.

As always, we look forward to continuing to work together for your future.

Public
Works



- Waste Management has resumed collection of bulk items, 1 large item per week with a weight of 70 pounds or less. A mattress with a box spring is considered one large item. Carpet must be in 4' feet wide rolls and bound with duct tape or twine.
- It is a violation to put lawn clippings in the street or in the storm sewers.
- There will not be any Household Hazardous Waste collections in June.
- Public Works contact numbers: (219)836-6971/6970
- Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Due to the Governor's Executive Order, there are no programs allowed within the School Town of Munster. Munster Parks & Recreation is taking every precaution necessary for the public's safety. Should any program/events get cancelled due to COVID-19, a full refund will be issued via check. Stay tuned to Munster Parks & Recreation's Facebook and Instagram, Active Email Blasts and www.munster.org for continuous updates. In the event you have yet to follow us on social media, now's the time! Virtual contests and programs are ongoing!



Summer Concert Series
Sunday, June 14th
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Munster Town Hall
Band: Good Clean FUN

You will be able to enjoy a drive-in concert or social distance in the median grassy area.
Sponsor: People's Bank



Community Market
Tuesdays
June 16th - June 30th
Interested in becoming a vendor or busker?
Contact us at (219)836-7275.

Private Lessons

Private Tennis and Pickleball instruction available for all ages. Interested in semi-private lessons? Students are required to live at the same residence and be of the same ability level to register. All staff will keep 6 feet social distance from students.



Summer Enrichment is going VIRTUAL! Check social media or www.munster.org for an update to our class offerings. In addition to enrichment classes, we will also be offering Black Rocket classes all summer long. Session #1 begins June 8. Session #2 begins June 19. When registering for a program, MPR will supply you with all materials needed for a successful program with the exception of Wi-Fi/computer. (We will be in touch w/ pick-up times or can drop supplies to your residence.) All classes will be offered via ZOOM. Tutoring also available contact Skyler for more information at (219)836-6922.

- A decision will be announced on June 1st regarding Munster Community Pool
- Summer Camp information is unknown at this time. Contact Parks & Recreation at (219)836-7275 for more information.
- **CANCELLED:** Challenger British Soccer Camp and Tumblebear Gymnastics



Code Corner: Keeping you current on town code.

June is in full bloom, and as the flowers and plants grow, so do the grass and weeds. Help us keep Munster beautiful. Please be mindful that on developed residential lots, lawns and weeds are to be kept 6" or less in height. For commercial and undeveloped lots, lawns and weeds are to be kept 10" or less in height. For more information the Town of Munster Municipal Code in its entirety can be found on-line at www.munster.org, and selecting the "Municipal Code" button.

Sec.62-113. - Permitting excessive growth of weeds, rank vegetation and grass to be declared a public nuisance.

- (a) It is a public nuisance for an owner of a developed lot or a special subdivided lot to allow weeds, rank vegetation or grass to grow to a length exceeding six inches on his property within the town.
- (b) It is a public nuisance for an owner of an undeveloped lot or other property to allow weeds, rank vegetation or grass to grow to a length exceeding ten inches on his property within the town.
- (c) Nothing herein is intended to or shall prohibit the cultivation of a garden or legally cultivated crops.



During these unusual times, we have been using yard signs to show our support for our graduates and front-line workers and to provide encouragement to our neighbors. As a reminder, temporary yard signs are allowed without a permit in single family, two-family, or owner-occupied multi-family residences, provided they meet certain standards.

Below highlights some of the key requirements for temporary signs. The complete list can be found in the Munster zoning ordinance on our website.

- You may have up to three signs on a property at a time.
- They are to be located on the owner's property and not within the public right-of-way or parkway.
- Each sign is to be 4 square feet in area or less.
- They are to be no higher than 3 feet (from the top of the sign to the ground).
- The signs are to be made of waterproof materials and kept in good repair - so please replace when needed.



To register for Golf lessons, please contact Matt Centennial Park Pro Shop at (219)836-6931.

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JUNE

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/Redevelopment Meeting
Park Board Meeting
BZA Meeting
Plan Commission Meeting
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting
Park Board Meeting
Board of Safety Meeting (**CANCELLED**)

Monday, June 1, 2020
Tuesday, June 2, 2020
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
Monday, June 15, 2020
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Thursday, June 18, 2020

7:00 p.m.
Noon
7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.

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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