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AUGUST

1005 Ridge Rd, Munster, IN

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Since the term 'COVID-19' was introduced to our vocabulary earlier this year, the residents and businesses of Munster and the surrounding areas have been faced with many challenges and obstacles. Recently, we have seen a reopening of businesses and many other aspects of life that we once took for granted. Now, more than ever, is the time for all of our residents to join in with others across the county to follow the Lake County Public Health Order 20-01 requiring face coverings be worn in enclosed public spaces and enclosed places of business. Wearing a face mask is one of the simplest, most effective ways to slow the spread of the virus, and we ask that everyone do their part to keep our town, county and state safe. To read the public health order, visit <https://tinyurl.com/LCPH20-01>.

Munster Town Council

CLERK TREASURER

August is Back to School Month, and we know that education will look much different this fall than it has in the past. Many Munster families are figuring out how the new school year will work. Others are figuring out how to avoid the increased traffic in school zones.

While the children of our community return to school, we know that education is something we never outgrow and many of us have continuing education requirements associated with our work. Town of Munster employees are no exception.

The Munster Police Department is mandated by State code to have in-service education on a variety of topics, which include human trafficking, mental illnesses, and addictions. They have training for handling firearms, physical tactics, and vehicle operation. Our officers get far more than the State-mandated training required to acquire and retain their specialized skills. To maintain our gold standard CALEA accreditation, our officers must complete additional training on ethics, bias policing, diversity, de-escalation, pursuit, and the use of force.

The members of our Munster Fire Department train weekly and have monthly online training. Fire Department officers have even more training requirements. Elective training for specialized firefighting techniques helps prepare our firefighters for any emergency.

The Parks Department attend sessions to learn upcoming trends and best practices. Community Development stays up to date with State building codes, and Public Works is committed to ongoing education, seminars, and workshops. Even the 2020 newly elected Town officials attended training in January with sessions specific to their position in towns our size as well as ethics, budgets, and Open-Door Laws.

The Clerk-Treasurer is required by Indiana Code IC 36-5-6-10 to complete 14 hours of training within one year and 36 hours of instruction within three years. Road funding, building and maintaining budgets, ethics, TIF, and the nuts and bolts of being a Clerk-Treasurer were among the topics covered this past March at Ball State University in Muncie.

The information provided at these sessions helps to keep us current on state finance changes, offers strategies to improve our administrative techniques, and helps us to be compliant with the many rules we are mandated to adhere to while protecting the assets of the Town.

The workshops and training are long days filled with lots of information. The more I attend, the more I understand what is applicable and beneficial to our Town. I received my ICMA certification in 2020 and I will be able to take higher level classes in the future. The meetings provide opportunities to forge relationships with my peers throughout the state and I find them to be helpful resources. In addition, I will be returning to IUN for one of my final semesters as I pursue a master's degree in Public Affairs.

We know that education will look much different this fall than in years past, but we also know that continually learning improves our ability to perform our jobs efficiently and knowledgeably.

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The Munster Police Department would like to notify residents that we will unfortunately have to postpone our National Night Out Against Crime plans, which were originally scheduled to take place on August 4th, out of an abundance of caution and the changes presented in the Governor's Executive Order to "pause" in Phase 4.5.

The National Association of Town Watch has provided a back-up date in early October for communities to hold their National Night Out events, and we hope to be able to announce a new event date along with any possible plans as soon as we have them ready based on the health situation in the state at that time.

We would like to provide a special thank you to Greg Kaplan from Krazy Kaplan's who had once again been willing to generously provide a fireworks show for our residents that evening, and also greatly appreciate our other sponsors who were supporting our event this year. We also appreciate the many businesses, faith-based groups, and community organizations who were ready to participate in our parade that evening which we were very much looking forward to in addition to the fireworks show and award presentations.

Again, we hope to be able to announce any possible event plans for early October when we have them, depending on the health situation at that time and while considering safety for our residents. Thank you to our community for your continued support of our community policing efforts in Munster.

Officer James Christ



Help Us Find You! Can We See Your Address?

Every home in Munster needs to have address numbers posted facing the addressed street. Address numbers should be at least 4" tall, 1/2" wide with a contrasting color to its background. If you have a home that has an alleyway, address numbers must be posted on the rear facing the alley. See Munster Ordinance 26-2 & IFC 505.0. A clearly labeled address enables Emergency Responders to locate you as quickly as possible.

Munster Ordinance 26-2 & IFC 505.0 Building Numbering

- (A) Every building and structure within the town shall bear a number to designate its location and address upon the street or property on which it fronts.
- (B) The number shall be that designated and determined by the building inspector of the town, and the number shall be determined and given to the owner upon issuance of a building permit.
- (C) The number constituting the address and location shall be in accordance with the following standards.
 - (1) Arab numerals shall be used.
 - (2) Each numeral shall be such a size that it is readily visible from the street.
 - (3) Each numeral shall be raised and clearly visible by line of sight from the abutting street or thoroughfare.
 - (4) The number shall be in a contrasting color that of its background, i.e., and a black number on a light-colored background or a white number on a dark-colored background.
 - (5) The number shall be at or about the main entrance of the building or structure.
 - (6) Where required by the *fire code official*, address numbers shall be provided in additional *approved* locations to facilitate emergency response.
 - (7) Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole, or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.
- (D) At such as a building or structure is under roof, a temporary number shall be displayed. At or prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit, the permanent numbers shall be displayed.

*State Law Reference - Building numbering, IC 35-7-4-406(b).

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Ridge Road and Calumet Avenue Streetscaping Next Steps

Join us in planning for streetscape improvements along Calumet Avenue and Ridge Road. We are just getting started and here are a few ways to get involved:

1. Online Neighborhood Poll: Log on the project website. Here you can learn about the streetscape study, view documents, share inputs and take our neighborhood poll. Be sure to click 'follow' to receive news and updates. <https://munster-streetscape.org/>.

2. Swing by our Idea Booth at the August 4th Munster Community Market! We will be setting up shop and collecting input starting at 3:00 p.m. Our booth will be interspersed among other vendors at Community park in the Lions Club Shelter Area. Come share your locally sourced insights for the Calumet/Ridge Streetscape Study Area and gather more information on the study and process.

Your input matters - please get involved!

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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS FROM THE MUNSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Munster schools start back again this August. Parents and other residents are asked to read through these tips to help promote safety for children in the areas of our schools.

- Motorists are reminded that the speed limit in school zones is 20 mph. Police officers and school resource officers are often stationed in the areas of the schools to enforce violations of traffic laws and to provide police presence.
- Motorists are encouraged to be alert in school zones for children crossing the street or who are walking in between vehicles or through parking lots.
- Please remember that vehicles must yield to pedestrians at marked crosswalks at all times, so please go slowly in the school zones and be ready to stop safely at any time.
- Also remember that Indiana is now completely hands-free, so drivers should not be holding phones to talk or text while operating a vehicle unless they are calling 911. Motorists are encouraged to stay off of your phones (even hands free) while in school zones so that you can pay extra attention to people and other vehicles that are around you.
- Parents are asked to follow the pick-up and drop-off procedures that were provided by your school. Be a good role model for your children by following the rules and treating school staff members or parking lot volunteers with respect.
- Parents should report ongoing safety issues or concerns, including bullying, to school officials immediately. You can also request that one of our school resource officers are involved when necessary.
- Discuss stranger-danger with your children and teenagers, especially if they walk/bike to or from school. If possible and for their safety, never allow small children to walk to school alone. Walk or drive them there if you can.
- Talk with your children and teenagers about bullying and encourage them to report any issues to you or school staff members right away so that the situation can be taken care of. Always report suspicious individuals or vehicles that are located around the schools immediately to the police department by calling 911.

For more information about school safety, please contact your child's principal or the Munster Police Department's Community Policing Unit at (219)836-6639. Have a safe school year!

Parks & Recreation

219-836-PARK



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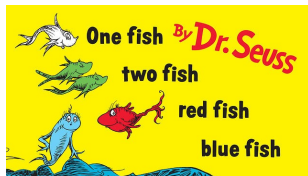
Munster Pool is open each day until August 11th. After 8/11, the pool moves to limited dates/hours. Check social media for updates as information is ever-changing.



Want your child's birthday party at Munster Pool? Rental fee is \$200/Munster, \$250/Highland. This includes 10 guests + 1 adult admission, lunch and a 2-hour shelter rental. Final counts must be given 3 business days prior. Open to Munster/Highland Residents only. Lunch choices: pizza or hot dogs.



There are few spaces remaining for private/semi-private swim lessons. Open to Munster/Highland residents only. Contact Abby for more details: akresal@munster.org or (219) 836-6923.



Storybook Trails will take place at Community Park on Thursday, August 13th from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children will create a themed craft and then walk the trail while reading One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.



Our last and final Sunday Concert Series will be held Sunday, August 9th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Munster Town Hall featuring The Sky at Night! Sponsored by: People's Bank, this band combines the energy of Classic Rock with the satisfying warmth of vocal harmonies and acoustic guitars. The band will offer a variety of songs from the Beatles, Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen.



Movie in the Park featuring Wonderpark will take place Monday, August 3rd at Centennial Park. The movie will begin at dusk and social distancing will be enforced. No concessions will be available. Sponsored by: CrossFit 219



Community Market will take place 8/4, 8/18, 9/1 and 9/15. If you're interested in becoming a vendor, reach out to Jill at jhiggins@munster.org. This Market takes place in the Community Park parking lot from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on those select dates. (8/4 may change to pool lot due to National Night Out fireworks). For more information, follow us on Facebook at Munster Community Market.



Midsummer Night's Dream will take place at Centennial Park Amphitheatre on Saturday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m. This performance by the Gary Shakespeare Company portrays the events surrounding the marriage of Theseus (the Duke of Athens) and Hippolyta (the former Queen of the Amazons). FREE Admission. No concessions. Donations to the GSC are welcome.



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| 8/3 | 2-Hour Tennis Camp |
| 8/3 | Movie in the Park – Wonderpark |
| 8/4 | Community Market |
| 8/6 | Wado-Ki Karate |
| 8/7 | Final Soccer Deadline |
| 8/8 | A Midsummer Night's Dream |
| 8/9 | Sunday Concert Series featuring The Sky at Night |
| 8/11 | Yoga and Breathing |
| 8/13 | Storybook Trails |
| 8/18 | Community Market |
| 8/19 | Ice Cream Social w/ Skyler |
| 8/22 | Bow Wow and Meow Pet Fair |
| 8/25 | Field of Dreams Stadium Tours |
| 8/26 | Should I stay or Should I go: Preparing for the next stage of life |
| 8/26 | Seasonal Porch Signs (Wood creation class) |

CLASSES AT MIDWEST TRAINING AND ICE & MIDWEST GYMNASTICS TRAINING AND CHEER

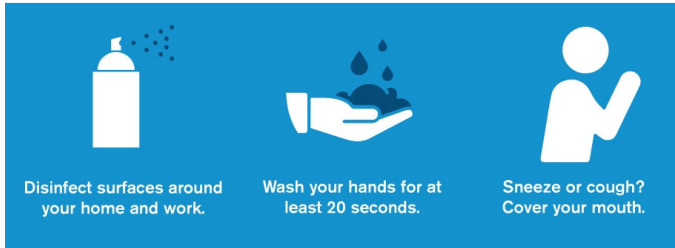
- 8/2 Parkour
- 8/3 Hip Hop Dance
- 8/4 Trampoline (Preschool)
- 8/5 Trampoline
- 8/6 Ballet
- 8/6 Irish Step Dancing
- 8/7 Beginner Pre-Hockey
- 8/8 Beginner Tots Learn to Skate
- 8/8 Pre-Alpha Skating



CORONAVIRUS SAFETY



Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention: Tips and Strategies

1. Wash your hands frequently and carefully
2. Avoid touching your face
3. Stop shaking hands and hugging people— for now
4. Don't share personal items
5. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze
6. Clean and disinfect surfaces
7. Take physical (social) distancing seriously
8. Do not gather in groups
9. Wear a mask
10. Self-quarantine if sick



Electronic recycling shed is Open to the Public!

508 Fisher Street

Items can be dropped off by Lake County Indiana residents only! No businesses are allowed to drop off items at any time! Be advised no attendant on site to assist you.



Bonfires & Open Burning

Let's talk about bonfires or open burning. Burning is prohibited in apartment and condominium complexes. Burning must be in a non-combustible container that is sufficiently vented and has enclosed sides and bottoms. Only clean wood can be burned. You cannot burn painted wood, garbage, plastic, tires, etc. If a fire creates a nuisance, fire hazard or pollution problem, the Fire Department will be notified and the fire will be extinguished. Please keep in mind if there are unfavorable conditions such as high winds, air stagnation or when a pollution alert or ozone action day has been declared, you should not attempt to ignite or maintain a bonfire. Following this simple guidelines will keep you and your neighborhood safe.

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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, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Notes: The below schedule is subject to change. Please telephone Town Hall at 219-836-6900 to confirm meetings. A schedule of these meetings and others is maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website: <https://www.munster.org>.

Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	Monday, August 3, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Park Board Meeting	Tuesday, August 4, 2020	Centennial Park Clubhouse	Noon
BZA Meeting CANCELLED	Tuesday, August 11, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Plan Commission Meeting	Tuesday, August 11, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:30 p.m.
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	Monday, August 17, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Park Board Meeting	Tuesday, August 18, 2020	Main Meeting Room	5:00 p.m.
Board of Safety Meeting	Thursday, August 20, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:00 a.m.