



1005 RIDGE ROAD

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## OCTOBER



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### VOTE EARLY HERE

**Munster Town Hall**  
**1005 Ridge Road**  
**Conference Room B**  
**October 6, 2020– November 2, 2020**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays**  
**(October 6th–October 31st)**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Final day to early vote is**  
**Monday, November 2, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 (Noon)**

**CLOSED ON**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020**  
**COLUMBUS DAY**

- **MASKS ARE MANDATORY!**
- **Please bring photo ID**
- **To check voter status, voting location, who's on the ballot, voting hours, and much more information visit [indianavoters.in.gov](http://indianavoters.in.gov)**
- **In order to maintain required social distancing, the total number of visitors will be limited in the Munster Town Hall.**
- **Questions call Lake County Election and Voter Registration Board at 219-755-3795.**
- **Deadline to register to vote is October 5, 2020.**



**Saturday, October 31, 2020**

**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

*"A big drop of thrills and chills,  
 We are sending off to you. Hope  
 you have a Happy Halloween  
 and get lots of treats too!"*



### From the Clerk-Treasurer's Desk

October in the Clerk-Treasurer's office begins preparation for the year-end. We have advertised the 2021 budget on the DLGF Gateway website. The budget public hearing was held on September 21 and Town Council approval will be on October 5. Additional information can be found on the Town of Munster website with the Town Council meeting agendas.

The AIM Ideas Summit is a large conference which will be virtual this year. This will be my first time attending and I am looking forward to determining which ideas can be applied for the betterment of Munster.

Our office is preparing for the annual bond issuance. We have many capital projects being reviewed to determine what should be included in the 2020 bond issue.

Thank you to all for your positive feedback about the Clerk-Treasurer's article in the News You Can Use. I try to share information the general population of Munster will find helpful. If you have any questions you are curious about, give me a call at (219) 836-6945 or send an email to [wmis@munster.org](mailto:wmis@munster.org).



Dear Friends,

The fight against cancer goes on. There is no one we know who can say they DO NOT have a friend or relative who has battled this terrible illness. The Munster Fire Department and the Firefighters Association of Munster are joining the fight against cancer by teaming up with our Cancer Resource Centre. The Munster Fire Department and the Firefighters Association of Munster are selling shirts, and sweatshirts to benefit the Cancer Resource Centre.

All profits from the sale of the shirts and sweatshirts will be donated to the Cancer Resource Centre. The 2020 Cancer shirts will be black with the Munster Fire Dept emblem on the front left chest and the larger "Fighting For A Cure" on the back.

Prices range from \$15.00-\$25.00 (SM-XL) and additional charge from \$1.00-\$3.00 for larger sizes.

Please check our website for complete information on sizing, pricing, and design of shirts/sweatshirts.

For additional information please contact: David Strbjak at 219-902-9474/[dstrbjak@munster.org](mailto:dstrbjak@munster.org) or Janice Rebey at 219-836-6960/[jrebey@munster.org](mailto:jrebey@munster.org).



## MUNSTER'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster encourage all Munster residents to participate in Munster's 25th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, October 6th from 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. through police parades throughout our Munster neighborhoods. Due to the current health situation, we will be recognizing the National Night Out with thousands of other communities throughout the United States in a different way this year.

That afternoon, several groups of patrol cars, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) vehicles, and trucks containing our safety mascots will make their way through the neighborhoods of Munster. Volunteers wearing personal protection equipment will also be tossing out some National Night Out giveaway items from the mascot vehicles to children along the route. Residents can stand in their own front yards to waive at the police officers and mascots as they pass by, and several gift certificates for local restaurants will be randomly passed out as door prizes.

In addition, parents are encouraged to hold picnics with their individual family members that afternoon at their homes while waiting for the parades to come by. The week of the parades, the Munster Police Department will make Safety Tips for Families sheets available on the department's website (**located at [www.munster.org/police](http://www.munster.org/police)**) which residents can download and share with their families while waiting for the parade to pass by on October 6th.

All residents and businesses are also encouraged to display blue lights on their porches or buildings on October 6th in support of police and community partnerships, and to also post photos to social media that day that display positive interaction with our Munster Police officers over the years (with the #munsternightout).

We also would like to help out our fellow residents during this difficult time by holding a Canned Food Drive at the Munster Police Department (1001 Ridge Road) on October 6th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please just bring canned goods in bags into the lobby of the station and we will make sure that they are provided to a local food pantry for people in need.

We hope to see you in the neighborhoods during the late afternoon on October 6th. For more information about the National Night Out Against Crime, please contact the Munster Police Department's Community Policing Unit at 219-836-6639.

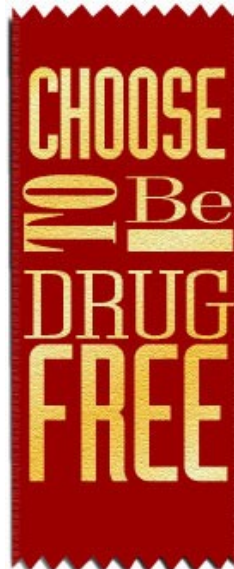
**"The best way to prevent crime is to know your neighbors & your surroundings. National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities."**



## MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Munster Police Department invites interested Munster residents and business representatives to join us for our final Munster Crime Watch Meeting of the year on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Munster Centennial Park Clubhouse, located at 1005 S. Centennial Drive. Crime statistics, updates on recent incidents, and crime prevention information will be provided to the public. **A \$25 Target gift card will be awarded as a door prize at the conclusion of the meeting.** The seating will be spaced to provide for social-distancing and all participants are asked to wear masks. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).

## RED RIBBON WEEK POSTER CONTEST



The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council invite all Munster students in grades K-12 (public and parochial schools) to participate in this year's Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest through Wednesday, October 14th. Participating students are asked to create a poster which contains the words "Munster" and "Red Ribbon" on a standard 8x11 sheet of paper (nothing larger please). Entries can either be dropped off at the Munster Police Department (1001 Ridge Road) during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, or they can also be scanned and emailed to [munsterpolice@munster.org](mailto:munsterpolice@munster.org) by the October 14th deadline.

The posters will be judged by the members of the Choice Community Council, which is the annual sponsor of this contest. A grand prize winner will receive a \$50 gift card and individual winners from each of the other schools will receive \$25 gift cards. Please encourage your child to participate in this year's contest. For more information, please contact the Munster Police Department's Community Policing Unit at 219-836-6639.



## Officer of the Year Award

Officer Jonathan Hernandez

## Life Saving Award

Sergeant Daniel Croyle  
Detective Mark Ashcraft  
Officer Joseph Wells  
Officer Jonathan Hernandez  
Officer Alexander Reillo  
Officer Daniel Baran



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## Spokes and Sprockets

**October 2, 2020**

**Centennial Park**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

\$3 Pre-register/\$5 on-site

A Spirited Bike Parade in which you can decorate your bike, take a ride, join a contest, and then stay after for the Movie in the Park featuring WONDERPARK at dusk. Socially distanced circles will be available for family seating.

**Event Sponsored by: CrossFit 219**

## Trunk or Treat



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**October 3, 2020**

**Munster Town Hall**

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Drive-thru option for those who wish for no contact from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Interested in socializing? Families can walk around from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Costume Contest at 2:00 p.m. on the Town Hall Steps. Also seeking vendors. Please contact [jhiggins@munster.org](mailto:jhiggins@munster.org) for an application. Be advised limited spacing available due to social distancing guidelines.



## A Walk in the Woods

**Jack-O-Lantern Style**

**Thursday, October 22, 2020**

**Bieker Woods**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

\$1/person

We're offering up to 100 FREE pumpkins for your HELP! Register to secure your pumpkin. Pick-up and drop off dates will be announced at a later date. Your creativity will be featured on our night walk around Bieker Woods. At the end of the night, you have the option to pick up your Jack-O-Lantern to keep or donate it to the Parks Office.

**Sponsored by: Community Healthcare Systems**



## Fishing Derby

**Saturday, October 10, 2020**

**Centennial Park**

\$10/person

Kids have the opportunity to showcase their talent and opportunity to win a prize. Participants are required to bring their own fishing pole and tackle.

**Sponsored by: Straycasts**



## Virtual Costume Contest

**Deadline October 30, 2020**

Interested in a FREE contest? Think you'll have the most creative, outrageous or most wackiest costume? Prove it! Email your photo (individual or family) to Jill at [jhiggins@munster.org](mailto:jhiggins@munster.org) by October 30th. Winners will be posted on Facebook/Instagram on October 31st.



## Championship Challenge

**Free Throw Frenzy**

**October 3, 2020**

**Grove Park**

Are you the best in the area? Showcase your talent in our upcoming contest. The athlete with the most consecutively made free throws will be crowned champion. Age groups: 7-11, 12-15, 16-20, 21-30, and 31+.

Next Competition: Field Goal Free for All on 11/14/20.



## Classes begin Early October

Ballet & Gymnastics, Ballet, Ballet & Jazz, Hip Hop, Trampoline, Parkour, Pre-Hockey, and Tots Learn to Skate



- 10/1 Intro to Fishing
- 10/2 Spokes and Sprockets - A Spirited Bike Parade
- 10/2 Movie in the Park featuring Wonderpark
- 10/3 Trunk or Treat
- 10/3 Championship Challenge - Free Throw Frenzy
- 10/5 Tumblebear Gymnastics
- 10/6 Yoga and Breathing (VIRTUAL)
- 10/8 Ballet, Tap & Tumble (Susan's School of Dance)
- 10/8 Tiny Tots (Susan's School of Dance)
- 10/8 Storybook Trails at Bluebird Park
- 10/8 Wado-Ki (Little Dragons and Beginner/Advanced)
- 10/8 Michigan Wine Tasting Out to Lunch Small Group Trip
- 10/10 Babysitting Lessons and Safety Training
- 10/10 Fishing Derby
- 10/12 Clinical Medical Assistant (+Clinical Externship)
- 10/12 EKG Technician Certification
- 10/14 Scavenger Hunt at Centennial Park
- 10/17 Start your Engines Car Maintenance 101
- 10/22 A Walk in the Woods - Jack-O-Lantern Style
- 10/23 DEADLINE - Craft in a Box - Thanksgiving Holiday Wreath
- 10/28 Read Between the Lines - All the ways we said Goodbye
- 10/29 Halloween BINGO

## Branch Collection

Branch collection will continue in the month of October and will end on October 31, 2020 and will resume in the Spring.



## Political Signs in Yard

With National and Local elections around the corner, it's time for a refresher on the rules for posting candidate and political signs on residential property in Munster. Political signs are considered temporary yard signs and are allowed without a permit on residential properties, but must adhere to these rules:

- You may have up to three signs on a property at a time.
- Signs 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.
- Signs 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.

In keeping with State of Indiana Code 36-1-3-11, the rules change slightly during election season. Beginning 60 days before an election and ending at the beginning of the sixth day after the election, there is no limit to the number of signs and the maximum size is increased to 32 square feet.



## MUNSTER POLICE SEEKING "COPS & KIDS" PROGRAM DONATIONS

Donations will be collected through November 16th. If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please see below.

**Please make checks payable to:**  
**Town of Munster (memo: Cops & Kids)**  
**Munster Police Department**  
**c/o Officer James Ghrist**  
**1001 Ridge Road**  
**Munster, IN 46321**

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, October 3, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Griffith Public Works  
134 S. Colfax St. Griffith, IN 46319

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Shred Event

Saturday, October 24, 2020  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Hammond Public Works Complex  
601 Conkey St, Hammond, IN 46320

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

**Notes:** The schedule below 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	October 5,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	October 6,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	October 13,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission Meeting	October 13,	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Meeting	October 15,	7:00 a.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	October 19,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	October 20,	5:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room

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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