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NEWS YOU CAN USE

November



Munster Civic Foundation

Did you know that property taxes are not used to pay for the town fireworks? Nor are public monies used to pay for the holiday lights that line our main streets and the displays at public buildings each December. The flags on the light posts are not paid for from our town resources either.

For thirty years, these costs have been covered by our very own Munster Civic Foundation. This foundation was started in 1991 by a gift from the Community Foundation, parent corporation of Community Hospital. The interest from this gift has been used to pay for items that simply make Munster a nicer place to live.

In addition to the fireworks, holiday decorations, and flags, the Munster Civic Foundation contributed to many projects you may see on a regular basis. The Munster Civic Foundation has made contributions that helped to make the Veteran's Memorial, the "new" Munster pool possible. We contributed to public art and helped to fund the first bike paths throughout town. We helped those affected by the 2008 flood, we support numerous local organizations, and we provide sponsorship to various events for the Town. The Munster Civic Foundation has made a positive impact on the quality of life in Munster.

The non-partisan board of directors would welcome your support. We are reviewing future projects that may include bike racks, summer concerts (maybe Jazz and Blues Fest reborn), a winter festival and a public art project.

You can send your suggestions to the Foundation Executive Secretary, wmis@munster.org for presentation at our next Civic Foundation meeting.

You can also support the Munster Civic Foundation with a tax-deductible donation that will help us accomplish even more for our Town. Checks can be written to the Munster Civic Foundation. You can send the payment to Munster Town Hall at 1005 Ridge Road, use the parking lot red drop box, or bring into the Clerk-Treasurers office.

We look forward to your input and your support and encourage you to be on the lookout for a surprise this spring in the concrete planters and in other strategic locations throughout Town, courtesy of the Munster Civic Foundation.



From the Clerk-Treasurer's Desk

We are working on getting the funding to make capital improvements in 2021. We have earmarked the money to be used on a variety of capital improvements throughout Town. The money is distributed based on the needs of the departments and their update and replacement schedules. Public Works plans to continue making sidewalk improvements, replace some high mileage vehicles, and acquire other large pieces of equipment like an additional message board and an industrial pressure washer. The Parks Department will have funding to do systemwide improvements. We expect to upgrade some technologies in the Police Department which will include the addition of body cameras for the police force.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office will be upgrading our financial software. The upgrades will provide some needed improvements in the efficiency of processes and reporting. The software will provide improvements and additional capabilities for our Building Department. The kick-off meeting was held at the end of October and we expect the software to be fully functional in the fall of 2021. Additional information regarding funding can be found in the Town Council meeting minutes located on the Town of Munster website, www.munster.org.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office and Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office does have a Facebook page which primarily features information regarding a current situation in the office such as an emergency closure. The best way to contact us is at (219) 836-6945 or via email at wmis@munster.org. We welcome your questions and suggestions.



The Munster Fire Department would like to announce that the department has received an upgraded ISO (Insurance Service Office) classification.

Over the past 15 years the ISO rating for the department has been a Class 4. This year the department received an upgraded score to a Class 3. This upgraded score is proof that the department has improved in all areas of fire service and prevention.

The new rating may decrease annual insurance premiums for residential and commercial property owners within the town service area. Policyholders can contact insurance providers to determine how the new classification will impact premiums.

November

219-836-PARK



Gobble Til You Wobble Virtual 5K

Gobble til you wobble this season, specifically during Turkey Week! To compete in this event, you can run/walk whenever you want during the week of 11/22-11/28, but be sure it's 3.1 miles! T-shirts and medals will be available until

supply lasts and can be picked up November 20th. Send a screenshot of your time from your running tracker app to sramberger@munster.org. Results and scores will be emailed and posted to Social Media the week of 11/30.

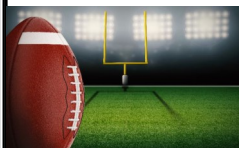
Age Divisions: 11-13, 14-18, 19-25, 26-40 and 41+.

Fee to participate: \$20.00

Rental Reservations



Starting Monday, November 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., we begin taking 2021 rental reservations. Looking to get married? Planning a surprise birthday party or family reunion? Looking to schedule a baby or wedding shower? Let us help by knocking the facility off your to-do list. Rental Fee, Deposit and 7% tax all due at the time of booking. Questions? Contact us at (219)836-7275 for availability—must book in person.



Championship Challenge - Field Goal Free-For-All

Are you the best in the area? Showcase your talent in our upcoming contest on 11/14 at Munster High School. The athlete with the most consecutively made field goals will be crowned champion.

Age Groups: 7-11, 12-15, 16-20, 21-30 and 31+



Read between the lines while reading Find the Good this month. On Wednesday, November 25th we'll meet to discuss the book in length. Bring your own snacks and drinks to relax. Contact Skyler at (219) 836-6922 if you're interested in leading this group chat. The book must be rented by the participant and \$10 fee to participate.



We have an array of offerings this month for your child! **Gymnastics** will teach coordination, balance, motor skills, body awareness and self-confidence for ages: walking-6+. Looking to leave your young teen home alone for a few hours? Make sure they get the proper training with our **Home Alone** program for ages: 10-14. **Storybook Trails** will be available for the tots, ages 3-5. They'll read How to Catch a

Turkey and complete a craft. Finally top off the month with the **FREE Scavenger Hunt** on 11/18 at Bluebird Park. Be sure to bring your flashlight and I-Spy eyes.



We're offering **Black Rocket Classes** this season and lots of dates to choose from – check out <https://blackrocket.com/online/mpr> for more information. Registration will be taken via Black Rocket.



Interested in furthering your career or getting into the medical field? Let us help! We offer online courses of the following: Clinical Medical Assistant, Dental Assistant, Dialysis Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Administrative Asst., Medical Billing and Coding, Medical Terminology, Medical Coding to ICD-10, ECK/EKG Course for Nurses, Paralegal Program and Veterinary Assistant. Contact Jill Higgins at (219) 836-6926 for prices and how to get started!



Do you have a special interest or talent? Run a program with us in the Winter/Spring. Now seeking instructors for youth education to adult education programs. Contact the Parks Office at (219) 836-7275 to speak to a member of our team.



Upcoming Events

11/2	Coding Academy (Black Rocket)
11/3	Minecraft Redstone Engineers
11/3	Yoga and Breathing VIRTUAL
11/5	Ballet, Tap and Tumble at Susan's School of Dance
11/5	Tiny Tots at Susan's School of Dance
11/12	Storybook Trails at Community Park
11/13	Optimize your Health w/ Oak Street Health
11/14	Championship Challenge – Field Goal Free For All
11/16	Tumblebear Gymnastics
11/18	Scavenger Hunt Series at Bluebird Park
11/18	We're off to IKEA
11/19	Gobble Gobble BINGO
11/21	Home Alone Training
11/22 - 11/28	Gobble Til You Wobble Virtual 5K
11/25	Read Between the Lines (Find the Good)
11/25 - Deadline	Craft in a Box – Christmas Tree Ornaments
11/25 - Deadline	Letters from Santa



Midwest Gymnastics and Cheer classes begin early November which include: Ballet & Gymnastics, Ballet, Tap, Ballet & Jazz, Hip Hop, Trampoline and Parkour &



Midwest Training and Ice classes begin early November which include: Pre-Hockey, Tots Learn to Skate and Parkour





**RECYCLE OFTEN.
RECYCLE RIGHT.™**

Waste Management has provided a green cart with yellow lid for recycling. This means you can put all your recyclables together, no sorting needed. Recycling is picked up every other week depending if you are in a GOLD area or a GREEN area.

Items for recycling are:

- Aluminum
- Tin
- Chipboard and boxboard (Empty cereal and cracker boxes)
- Brown paper bags
- Phone books, books, catalogs and magazines
- Newspapers
- Paper cardboard, dairy and juice containers
- Junk mail including envelopes
- Glass bottles and jars
- Office and school paper
- Cardboard (Collapse boxes/cut large boxes down to 3'x3')
- Plastic bottles and container #1-#5



Items that cannot be recycled:

- Candy wrappers
- Carbon paper
- Cloth
- Food-soiled cardboard
- Food or any organic waste
- Liquids
- Plastic bags and clear plastic wrap



White Goods

White Goods Collection



The Public Works Department will pick up large appliances and the items below on Wednesdays. This is a scheduled pick up and you will need to call the Public Works Department by Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. at 836-6971 or 836-6970. Items must be at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday for pickup.

- Washer, dryer, freezer, refrigerator and stove
- Basketball poles
- Large Electronics



Holiday Scheduling Information

Refuse and Recycling will be picked up one day later than your regular pickup day after the holiday.

**Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26, 2020
Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2020
New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2021**



**HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM THE
MUNSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Carry your wallet in your front pocket, or your purse zipped up and slung in front of you while shopping. Do not carry large amounts of cash or unnecessary credit cards.
- Be alert for pickpockets who will often distract or bump you while an accomplice steals your wallet from your pocket or purse. Never place your purse in your shopping basket.
- If you need a safety escort to your vehicle after shopping, talk with a store manager or call 911 to request one.
- Help to prevent thefts from vehicles by placing purchased items in your trunk and out of plain view.
- Keep your home well-lit during the evening, making use of dusk to dawn and motion-detecting lights. Keep landscaping trimmed.
If you are leaving on vacation, please contact our Records Division at 219-836-6630 or munsterpolicerecords@munster.org to make our police department aware. Never post anything on social media or your front door advising that you will be or are out of town.
- Be aware of anyone who calls you or comes to your door asking for donations for individuals in need. Only provide donations directly to charities that you know and trust. Never give your personal information, social security number, or bank account information over the phone to someone you do not know.
- Be aware of strangers asking to shovel your snow. Only allow trusted persons, or companies that are licensed to perform work in our town and never allow strangers into your home.
Report suspicious individuals in your neighborhood or the business districts immediately by calling 911.



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

The Munster Police Department and Munster Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #147 are continuing to collect donations towards this year's "Cops & Kids" holiday shopping program for children in need. Each December during the holidays, Munster Police officers take pre-selected area children in need shopping for toys and clothing with funds donated by local residents, businesses, and community organizations. **Donations will be collected through November 16th.** If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the **Town of Munster (memo: Cops & Kids)** and mail them to the **Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321.** Thank you in advance for your support this year!



Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Polls Open From
6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Identification is required
- Please vote at your regular Polling Site
- To locate your Polling Site visit websites listed below
- <https://indianavoters.in.gov/>
- <https://www.munster.org/>
 - * Map center
 - * Online Precinct Map and Polling Places
 - * Type in your home address
- Voting Precinct #20 has changed to Elliott Elementary School at 8718 White Oak Ave.
- Masks are Mandatory (Munster Town Hall)

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



Daylight savings time ends on
 November 1, 2020 at 2:00 a.m.
 "Fall Back One Hour"

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This is a great time to change
 your smoke detector batteries!

CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Who's Responsible for the Water Line?



Town Code states that service pipes from the water main to and including the curb stop will be installed and maintained at the customer's expense. This means any leaks or problems in the water line that runs from the water main to the house are the responsibility of the customer. The buffalo box, which is the point where the water service can be disconnected from the water main, is also the responsibility of the homeowner.



Munster Town Hall Offices Are Closed

Veterans Day - Wednesday, November 11, 2020
 Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26, 2020
 Day after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 27, 2020
 Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24, 2020
 Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2020
 New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31, 2020
 New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2021



TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER

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>.

Park Board Meeting	November 3,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Special Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	November 4,	Noon	Zoom
Board of Safety Meeting	November 5,	7:00 a.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	November 10,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission Meeting	November 10,	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	November 16,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	November 17,	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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