

NEWS YOU CAN USE

JUNE 2022



In the May *News You Can Use*, we provided a brief overview of your utility bills. We shared when your meters are typically read, how the current activities on your bill are calculated, information about the residential flow charge, and sprinkler meters. I admit it was quite a bit to take in. To follow up I will share a bit of information about the rate increases you will see on this June bill and your July bill.



UTILITY RATE INCREASES

After many months of assessment and review, it was determined that our water rates and our sewer maintenance rates would not allow the Town to make necessary infrastructure improvements. We need to reduce the number of water main breaks, maintain the quality of our water, and reduce the amount of water lost to water leaks. The Town was able to identify our needs for the next four years and currently, we are prioritizing our projects. Your water and sewer maintenance rates will increase annually for at least the next four years. It was a difficult decision to make, and efforts were made to minimize the impact on residents. The Town will be using American Rescue Plan money to help minimize the impact of the increase. You can expect to see us working on some of the projects this summer. We are looking forward to an improved Town of Munster not only today but for future generations.



SUMMER EVENTS MUNSTER CIVIC FOUNDATION

We have shared quite a bit about the Tiptoe thru Town public art project, and we hope that you are all enjoying the beautiful tulips. The Munster Civic Foundation would like to encourage Munster residents to enjoy the July 3rd fireworks and Civic Mondays in Centennial Park. MCF is sponsoring the NWI Symphony and a series of six concerts with a variety of performers. Centennial Park is a lovely location to enjoy a summer night so please plan to attend these concerts.



QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, AND COMPLIMENTS

I have an open door policy and welcome input from our residents. I enjoy the time I get to spend talking with our residents especially when they share their ideas and concerns. My contact information is wmis@munster.org or (219)836-6945. Enjoy your Summer!

Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer

Sunday, July 3, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Lions Club Independence Day Parade

Parade Route: Start Fisher St. and Calumet Ave., North to Ridge Rd., then east to the front of Town Hall.

Sunday, July 3, 2022

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Fireworks Show

Centennial Park

Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

The band *"Together"* will perform between 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. with a break for the Fireworks Show. The Fireworks Show sponsored by the Munster Civic Foundation will start at 9:30 p.m.

***Beer Garden & Food Trucks will be on site**
***NO outside fireworks/alcohol allowed in the park**



FREE Woodchips

8:00 a.m. - Noon

May through October

Munster Public Works Garage

Please bring your own shovel and something to place wood chips in.



It is a violation to place lawn clippings in the street or in the storm sewers. Yard waste such as grass can be disposed of in paper lawn bags or grass can be placed directly into your garbage container.

Help Wanted!



Public Works is seeking Summer Help. Applicants can complete an application from the Town website www.munster.org or pick up an application at the Public Works facility or send resume to

lpamuk@munster.org



Rental Property Regulations

The Town of Munster requires all residential rental properties to be registered with the Town and to have a Town-issued rental permit. The process for obtaining a rental permit is as follows:

- Submit a rental permit application to the Town of Munster Community Development Department.
- Pay for and schedule a rental inspection.
- The Town will inspect the property for compliance with the building codes and property maintenance standards. If the property passes inspection, the Town will issue a rental permit, and provide a rental certificate to the property owner.

The rental permit expires whenever there is a change of ownership.

If you have any additional questions regarding residential rental permits, please contact the Community Development Department at (219)836-6990 during regular office hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by email: communitydevelopment@munster.org

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PAY BY PLATE AT METER
(ON THIS PROPERTY ONLY)

OR

Download ParkByApp
App Store / Google Play
or go to ParkByApp.com
OR CALL TO MAKE PAYMENT 844-320-1APP

ENFORCED 24 / 7

ZONE

FAILURE TO PAY IN ADVANCE OR EXPIRED TIME WILL RESULT WITH A PARKING NOTICE AND/OR BOOTING AND/OR TOWING. ADA ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES MUST PAY.

Pay to Park coming to Centennial Park

The Town has engaged with Asta Parking, Inc. to manage the parking lots at Centennial Park. The details on this are being finalized and will be installed soon with an expected beginning date in mid-June.

Town of Munster residents will be able to register on a website for two free annual passes per household. Registration of your vehicle will need to be completed before using the park or you run the risk of getting a parking notice violation. Registration can be done at <http://centennialparkvehiclereg.com>. This website will be activated in June. There will not be the use of a tag or sticker for your vehicle for this process for parking validation. Instead, by registering your vehicle's license plate in the system, you can visit without paying.

Non-residents of the Town can purchase an annual parking pass for \$120 per year. Daily visitors to the park will pay the rates shown on the meter or in the app which will be set at \$2/hour or \$5/day to park. Paying for parking will be able to be done via the parking app 'ParkbyApp', using one of the parking meters at the park, or by calling the phone number on the sign at the park. Only credit/debit cards will be accepted as payment.

Enforcement will be done by license plate reading technology. License plates will be read entering the park (starting time) and exiting the park (ending time) to determine length of stay. Parking payment violations will be sent directly to the registered vehicle owner.

Parking will be validated for Dog Park annual pass holders, Golf Course members, daily golfers and rentals of facilities at Centennial Park. Information on this will be available where you registered for such membership once full details are available.

Other questions on this can be sent to Mark Heintz, Director of Parks and Recreation, at (219)836-7275 or via email at mheintz@munster.org.



Sec. 6-10. - Removal of animal waste.

The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his animal on public walks, recreation areas or private property.

Sec. 6-5. - Restraint.

All animals shall be kept under appropriate restraint. All dogs who are off the premises of their owners or not confined in an appropriate fenced in enclosure shall be kept on a leash.





Munster Pool is now accepting birthday parties, group rentals and private parties at Munster Pool. For more information, contact Jill Higgins at jhiggins@munster.org.



SPONSORED BY MUNSTER CIVIC FOUNDATION

Join us at Centennial Park for the following entertainment from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on June 13th: The Teacha's Band (old school and soul favorites); June 27th: The Sting Rays (Rock 'n Roll).



SPONSORED BY PEOPLES BANK

Summer Concert Series at Munster Town Hall from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on June 12th: Kaleidoscope Eyes (acoustic Beatles Band) and June 26th: Bagshot Row (Retro Pop/Rock). In the event inclement weather arises, the concert will move indoors to

Southside Christian Church – entry #4.



SPONSORED BY SUPERCUTS

on June 20th, Space Jam: A New Legacy will be the Movie in the Park featured at dusk at Centennial Park. Concessions include: Curbside

Dogs, Kona Ice and Impulso Wood Fired Pizza. Glow accessories will also be available for purchase.



Colors of the World Culture Festival will take place on Saturday, June 25th from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Centennial Park. Join us for a celebration of multi-cultural and diverse communities through song, art, performance and dress. Become a vendor within our Village Square.

Demonstrate a cultural art. Grab a bite in our Flavors of the World food court or just enjoy the sounds from across the world. We are currently still seeking vendors, groups, club, organizations, performers, musicians and fair-trade shops to participate. Contact us at parkoffice@munster.org to participate.



Swim Lessons begin June 6th & June 20th. Both run Monday - Thursday for youth, preschool and parent-tot. Saturday lessons are also available beginning June 4th. Not interested in a group setting? We also offer private and semi-private lessons. Any questions? Contact Abby at (219)836-6923

or akresel@munster.org

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Youth Tennis Lessons
Swim Lessons (Youth, Preschool, Parent/Tot and CSRI)
Team Canine Obedience
Swim Lessons (Youth, Preschool and Parent/Tot)
Summer Camp Begins
Learning Chess & Risk
Challenger British Soccer Camp
Biddy Baskets
Lil' Mustang Kickers
Skateboarding: Leveling Up
Adult Drill and Play
CSRI Special Needs Party at Munster Pool
Corn Dogs Baseball
Koolaid & Kanvas
Adult Beginner Tennis
CPR Certification Registration Deadline
Ladies Empowerment Walk – Let it go!
Community Market Hub
Summer Concert Series – Kaleidoscope Eyes
Ladies Golf Lessons – contact Caleb to register at (219)836-6931
Cupcakes and Competition
CIVIC MONDAYS – The Teacha's Band
Shipshewana Flea Market
Bitty Hip Hop
Youth Golf Lessons – contact Caleb to register at (219)836-6931
Ballet/Tap/Tumble
Tiny Tot
Cardio Drumming
Men's Golf Lessons – contact Caleb to register at (219)836-6931
Babysitting Lessons & Safety Training
Father's Day at the Pool – Dads get in FREE!
Swim Lessons (Youth, Preschool and Parent/Tot)
Volleyball Jr. Camp
VolleyKidz Camp
Basketball 101 Camp
Julia Child Lunch and Show
CPR Certification
Movie in the Park featuring: Space Jam – A New Legacy
Mark-O's Cornhole Cup – Singles/Doubles
Wado-Ki Karate
White Elephant-style BINGO
Pool Season Pass Party ONLY: Pizza and Pass Day
Feet for Life
Mayflower Travel Show - FREE
Home Alone Training
Hawaiian/Luau at Munster Pool
Colors of the World Culture Fest
Community Market Hub
Summer Concert Series – Bagshot Row
CIVIC MONDAYS – The Sting Rays
Paint Party – Medium Size



MUNSTER POLICE SEEKING 2022 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT DONATIONS

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster are **currently seeking donations through June 12th** towards Munster's 27th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration which will take place in August at the Munster Community Pool. Funds are being collected now so that necessary activities and supplies can be ordered in advance of the event. The National Night Out is held annually to promote positive police and community partnerships through a variety of both fun and educational activities for all ages such as a Community Parade, free swimming for residents, kids games, door prizes, a magic show, emergency vehicle displays, many booth participants, K-9 demonstrations, food, music, awards, safety information, fireworks sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's, and more.

The event, which is consistently ranked as one of the top National Night Out events in the United States each year (#4 in 2021 and #1 in 2020 in our population category), is completely funded through donations from area residents, businesses, and community organizations. **If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the Town of Munster (memo: NNO) and mail them to the Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321.** For more information, please contact Officer Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support this year!



Munster Town Hall Closed
Independence Day, Monday, July 4, 2022

Homewood Disposal Closed
Independence Day, Monday, July 4, 2022
All service will be delayed one day during the week of July 4th



TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JUNE 2022

Notes: The schedule below is subject to change. Please contact Munster Town Hall at (219)836-6900 to confirm meetings. Public meetings are also available utilizing Zoom technology. Visit the Town of Munster website: <https://www.munster.org> (Select Agendas and Meetings) or contact the appropriate department to access the meeting ID and passcode. Also a schedule of these meetings and others are maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website.

Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	June 6, 2022	7:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	June 14, 2022	6:45 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Plan Commission Mtg.	June 14, 2022	7:30 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Safety Mtg.	June 16, 2022	7:00 a.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	June 20, 2022	7:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Mtg.	June 21, 2022	5:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Site Plan Review Mtgs.	June 9 & 23, 2022	1:30 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)



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Tune into WJOB 1230 AM Radio and listen to Community Programming Initiative, in which members of the Munster Town Council and guests discuss issues in town. Program runs the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.