



1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana

NEWS YOU CAN USE

July 2022

Edited by E. Payne



Due to high temperatures and low rainfall, the Town's water system has seen significant increases in the demand for water. The increased demand has a detrimental effect on the Town's water infrastructure and the ability to fight fires. As a result, the Town of Munster is implementing lawn watering restrictions effective immediately. Odd numbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only. Even numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only.

In addition, we request that residents reduce both the number of days and the amount of time sprinklers are in use; a healthy lawn requires 1 to 1½ inches of water per week and generally only needs to be watered once per week. Keeping lawns trimmed at 3 inches encourages deeper roots and protects grass from drying out. Please help conserve water and protect our infrastructure.



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What do you think of when you think of tulips, concerts, fireworks and the NWI Symphony. We hope you think of the Munster Civic Foundation and its efforts to enhance and enrich the quality of life in Munster.

By now everyone has had a chance to see the over 32 different tulips throughout the town, but be on the lookout for additional tulips coming soon. We thank everyone for all of their great support and input into this project. Visit munster.org for a map and more information. Please note that some of the tulips will be available for purchase after Labor Day.

New this year, is the Civic Monday concert series at Centennial Park. It has been a number of years since a concert series has taken place at Centennial Park, but the early results are in and everyone is really enjoying the atmosphere of the music on the performance stage next to Maynard Lake.



Monday, July 11th - Funky Mojo Daddy
Monday, July 25th - The unPROFESSIONALS
Sunday, July 31st - NWI Symphony

We hope that you make plans for the music and fireworks celebration on Sunday, July 3rd that is brought to you by the Munster Civic Foundation.

If you would like more information about the Munster Civic Foundation, please contact the Munster Civic Foundation President Chuck Gardiner.



Chuck Gardiner, Town Council President
cgardiner@munster.org



On July 1, 1907, the County Commissions declared Munster a municipality; To celebrate this birthday, the Munster Civic Foundation will be distributing the *Munster, Indiana, A Centennial History* book. The book features many historical photos and will surely invoke memories for many of you. Please bring the coupon below to the Clerk-Treasurer's office for your copy. Although we have cases of books to distribute, we do have a limited number so do not wait to redeem this offer as it will only be good until the inventory runs out or the end of July.

The Town will be hosting many events throughout the upcoming months and I look forward to seeing many of you at these town events. If you have any questions you would like to share, you can reach me at (219)836-6945 or at my email listed below.



Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer
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Happy Birthday Munster!

Munster Civic Foundation's gift to YOU !
Munster, Indiana

A Centennial History

By: Lance Trusty

Illustrations and Captions Collected and Prepared
by: Kenneth J. Schoon

A 223-page hardcover on Munster history filled
with stories and photos!

Present this coupon in the
Clerk-Treasurer's office - Munster Town Hall
1005 Ridge Road

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

****While supplies last, limit one per household,
and for personal use only.***

UPCOMING Events



**Join us at Centennial Park for the following entertainment!
Centennial Park**

July 3rd Town of Munster Fireworks Show
July 11th Funky Mojo Daddy
July 25th The Unprofessionals
July 31st NWI Symphony

Fireworks and concerts sponsored by Munster Civic Foundation. Any questions contact Parks & Recreation.



**Summer Concert Series
Munster Town Hall!
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

July 10th Honky Tonk Attitude
July 24th Midwest Dueling Pianos
Summer concert series sponsored by Peoples' Bank. In the event inclement weather arises, the concert will move indoors to Southside Christian Church (door entry #3).



**Movie in the Park
Sing 2
Centennial Park
July 18th (Dusk)**

Sponsored by Supercuts & Susan's School of Dance. Prior to the movie, Susan's will perform a dance number. Concessions and glow accessories will be available for purchase.



**Community Market Hub
Community Park (Parking Lot)
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

July 10th Fire Performance
July 24th Amy McCormick
Produce, plants, arts/crafts, businesses, food vendors and a bounce all in one spot.

Munster Pool Hours of Operation

Monday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sundays: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Resident entry fee: \$10

Closed on Monday, July 4th

For a complete list of Parks & Recreation classes, events, and more information, please visit our website at www.munster.org or call (219)836-PARK



Touch a Truck

July 15th

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Community Park Parking Lot

Children will have the opportunity to see and explore all the trucks that work around us daily. Sensory friendly option from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Interested in submitting your business to participate? Contact Clay at parkintern@munster.org



**Region Eats Food Festival
July 16th**

**Community Park
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Sampling will take place at participating vendors or you can purchase at menu price. Sampling tickets can be purchased for \$1/ticket. Sign up by 7/14 should you wish to participate in the hot dog eating contest—ages up to 14 and 15+ winners receive a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant of their choosing. *Sponsored by Leung Dental*



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



Pint Size camps for youth ages: 3-8 are back and bigger this summer! Choose from 10 camps to allow your child to learn, create and grow through specialized camps. Camps will take place at Frank Hammond School – contact Mara at (219) 836-6922 if you have questions.



**Stop the bleed.
Save a life.**

**Stop the Bleed Training
Fire Station #2 (550 Fisher St.)
Wednesday, July 13th
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 16th
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

In the wake of current events and in our everyday lives, incidents and accidents occur daily. Are you prepared to respond to someone in need, or be able to treat yourself in helping to stop the bleed?" The Munster Fire Department is offering free "Stop the Bleed" classes led by Firefighter/EMT Andy Giordano. The classes are open to anyone 16 yrs. of age and up but is limited to 20 students. To reserve a spot for this class, contact Janice Rebey at (219)836-6960 or jrebey@munster.org. There is no charge for the class but donations to the Fire Prevention account will be accepted.



Building Permits

With springtime here and summer just around the corner, a lot of home projects are in the works. One of the things to take into consideration when planning a construction project is whether a building permit is needed. If you're a new resident of Munster or haven't worked on a project for a few years, be sure to check with the Town for the current requirements.

The following types of projects require building permits in Munster:

****Please note this is not an all-inclusive list****

Exterior: Roof, siding, exterior doors, overhead garage doors, windows, egress windows, siding, new gutter/fascia/soffit, concrete/asphalt, patio (scope determines), gas fireplace or firepit, fence, generator, electrical panel upgrade, shed/gazebo/pergola/car port, deck, masonry, pools (inground/permanent on-ground), hot tubs, A/C, irrigation/sprinkler systems, curb cutting, solar panels, exterior drain tile, garages, and demo of structures.

Interior: Removing load bearing wall, new can lights, furnace, water heater, insulation, interior drain tile, installing stationary kitchen island, moving or adding new electrical, moving or adding new plumbing, moving or adding new mechanical, adding a new bathroom, adding a new bedroom, finishing a basement—if framing walls, adding electrical, etc.

The following projects do not require building permits:

Painting, flooring, tiling, countertops, replacing existing kitchen cabinets, replacing existing tub/toilet, replacing existing vanity, replacing existing light fixtures, minor repairs, non-permanent pools (other rules still apply).

Permit applications can be found on our website at www.munster.org under the Community Development Department and Permits.

Additional considerations

Some projects will require a plat of survey to be submitted with the application. If a plat of survey is not available, you may use a screenshot from the Lake County Surveyor GIS Website, <https://portico.mygisonline.com/portals/lakein/>, or another scaled drawing. Please be aware that it's the owners responsibility to know where the property lines are located.

If you have a homeowners association covenant, you may also want to check your individual rules and regulations prior to applying for a permit.

If you are not sure if the scope of your project would require a permit, please give us a call at the Community Development/ Building Department at (219)836-6990 during regular office hours, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by email: communitydevelopment@munster.org.



Lawn Maintenance Code

62-113 code states residents are required to maintain all lawn areas including easements and **ALLEY** areas. Length of grass areas shall not exceed six inches and weeds shall be cut.



The pay to park system is in use at Centennial Park. If you are a Town of Munster resident and didn't register your two free vehicles, you can still do that at www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com. This can only be done onsite at that website. If you've already registered your vehicles on that website, no need to do it again. For more details on the parking system, please check out the Town of Munster website at www.munster.org and look under "Recent News" for the article on 'Centennial Park Parking Details'.



Munster Town Hall Offices Closed on Independence Day - Monday, July 4, 2022
Homewood Disposal Closed on Independence Day - Monday, July 4, 2022
(All service will be delayed one day for this week only)

MUNSTER'S 27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council invite and encourage all residents to participate in our event this year on Tuesday, August 2nd which will include:

- **4:30 P.M. - National Night Out Community Parade** - Residents are encouraged to line both sides of Columbia Avenue from Park Drive to the south lot of Munster High School. Emergency vehicles, school groups, US Army personnel, community organizations, and safety mascots will travel south on Columbia to the high school. Attendees can then walk directly over to the main event at 5:00 p.m.
- **5:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT** at and around the area of the Munster Community Pool, located at 8837 Calumet. Free swimming for Munster residents (please bring state or school ID), door prizes, kids games, emergency vehicle displays, approximately 100 booth participants, a magic show, a helicopter landing, special guests, food, music, K-9 demonstrations, drunk driving simulation carts, a blood drive (on-site from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.), bounce houses, barrel car train rides, safety information, giveaways, and an awesome closing fireworks show sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's Fireworks. Parking will be available at Munster High School and the Munster Community Pool. Please turn on your porch lights (display blue lights from July 27th - August 2nd if you have one available) and come out to join us for this fun and exciting evening for all ages! For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING



The Munster Police Department will be holding their next quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting on Thursday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Munster Town Hall. The meeting will include crime statistics, updates on recent incidents, important crime prevention information, and a \$30 Target gift card door prize. These meetings only last around one hour and are always very well-attended by the public. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JULY 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.	July 6, 2022	7:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	July 7 & 21, 2022	1:30 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	July 12, 2022	6:45 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Plan Commission Mtg.	July 12, 2022	7:30 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	July 18, 2022	7:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Mtg.	July 19, 2022	5:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Safety Mtg.	July 21, 2022	7:00 a.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)



Dr. Ken Schoon
Lee Ann Mellon



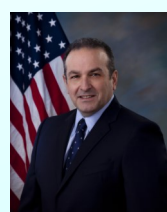
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Tune into WJOB 1230 AM Radio and listen to Community Programming Initiative, in which members of the Munster Town Council and guests discuss issues in town. Program runs the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

WATER RATES EFFECTIVE WITH THE BILL DUE JULY 20, 2022

Please see the reverse of this page for more information.

RESIDENTIAL & SPRINKLER RATES			
Monthly Metered Consumption	Rate adopted April 4, 2022	Reduced Rate due to URT repeal	Reduction Amount
0-5,000	\$ 4.78	\$ 4.73	\$ 0.05
5,001-15,000	\$ 4.52	\$ 4.47	\$ 0.05
15,001-35,000	\$ 4.24	\$ 4.19	\$ 0.05
35,001-75,000	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.93	\$ 0.05
75,001-150,000	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.71	\$ 0.05
150,000+	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.46	\$ 0.04

RESIDENTIAL & SPRINKLER MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE				
Meter Size	Consumption Volume	Rate adopted April 4, 2022	Reduced Rate due to URT repeal	Reduction Amount
5/8"	2,967	\$ 14.18	\$ 14.05	\$ 0.13
1"	7,983	\$ 37.38	\$ 37.03	\$ 0.35
1.5"	16,456	\$ 75.27	\$ 74.57	\$ 0.70
2"	30,048	\$ 132.90	\$ 131.61	\$ 1.29
3"	68,844	\$ 288.60	\$ 285.76	\$ 2.84
4"	138,566	\$ 552.11	\$ 546.70	\$ 5.41
6"	323,380	\$ 1,201.93	\$ 1,192.66	\$ 9.27
8"	557,060	\$ 2,019.81	\$ 2,005.91	\$ 13.90

BUSINESS RATES			
Monthly Metered Consumption	Rate adopted April 4, 2022	Reduced Rate due to URT repeal	Reduction Amount
0-5,000	\$ 5.38	\$ 5.32	\$ 0.06
5,001-15,000	\$ 5.09	\$ 5.03	\$ 0.06
15,001-35,000	\$ 4.77	\$ 4.71	\$ 0.06
35,001-75,000	\$ 4.48	\$ 4.42	\$ 0.06
75,001-150,000	\$ 4.23	\$ 4.18	\$ 0.05
150,000+	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.89	\$ 0.05

BUSINESS MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE				
Meter Size	Consumption Volume	Rate adopted April 4, 2022	Reduced Rate due to URT repeal	Reduction Amount
5/8"	2,967	\$ 15.96	\$ 15.80	\$ 0.16
1"	7,983	\$ 42.08	\$ 41.64	\$ 0.44
1.5"	16,456	\$ 84.75	\$ 83.86	\$ 0.89
2"	30,048	\$ 149.58	\$ 148.01	\$ 1.57
3"	68,844	\$ 324.82	\$ 321.37	\$ 3.45
4"	138,566	\$ 621.28	\$ 614.82	\$ 6.46
6"	323,380	\$ 1,352.77	\$ 1,341.27	\$ 11.50
8"	557,060	\$ 2,273.47	\$ 2,255.86	\$ 17.61

NEW WATER RATE INFORMATION

Indiana House Enrolled Act 1002-2022 of the Indiana General Assembly repealed the utility receipts tax effective July 1, 2022. Indiana Code 8-1-2-4.3 requires "...notice be sent to all affected customers in each of the next two (2) regular billing cycles that the adjustment in rates or charges reflects the repeal of the utility receipts tax..." This notice will be distributed in the News You Can Use with the bills due July 20 and August 22, 2022.

In April 2022, the Council adopted new water rates for all users. These rates were scheduled to go into effect with the bills due July 20, 2022. To comply with the change in the law, Council reduced these rates by the amount that would have been collected to cover the utility receipt tax. These reduced rates are reflected beginning with the bills due July 20, 2022. Please see the reverse of this page for the schedule of rates.

OTHER HELPFUL WATER INFORMATION

Water Consumption

When you are reviewing the amount of this month's bill, please keep in mind that in addition to the rate increase, summer watering habits can contribute to higher consumption and a higher bill. The graph on (most) bills will show your consumption from this time last year as a comparison.

Please Update Your Contact Information

Have you disconnected your land line and now exclusively use a cell phone or two? PLEASE contact us with this information so our records are current. You can email this information to us at waterbilling@munster.org. Be sure to include your name, service address, and any phone numbers where you can be reached. You can also call us at 219-836-6948 with this information. We use this information when we notice unusually high water consumption or in an emergency situation only.

Free Automatic Payment Option

Remember that there is a way to sign up for monthly auto pay of your water bill with a checking or savings account. This is the only FEE FREE way to set up automatic payments. Search *ACH* at www.munster.org for the form and return it to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.