

NEWS YOU CAN USE

August 2022

1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321



MUNSTER'S 27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council invites and encourages all residents to participate in this year's event. This nationally-recognized event is held annually to promote positive police and community partnerships through a variety of both fun and exciting events for all ages. **The festivities will begin with our National Night Out COMMUNITY PARADE at 4:30 p.m.** which will run south on Columbia Avenue from Park Drive to the south lot of Munster High School. The parade will include police and SWAT vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, members of the military, Citizenship Award winners, and some community organizations.

The MAIN CELEBRATION will begin at 5:00 p.m. at and around the Munster Community Pool, located at 8837 Calumet Avenue, and will include free swimming for Munster residents (please bring your state or school ID), a performance of the National Anthem, door prizes, kids games and prizes, K-9 demonstrations, over 100 booth participants, emergency vehicle and equipment displays, special guest appearances (see below), The Magic of John Measner, several helicopter landings, food vendors, barrel car train rides, giveaways, safety mascots, drunk driving simulation carts, musical and team performances, Citizenship Award presentations, a free souvenir photo booth, a blood drive (see below), free child identification cards, free glow necklaces for kids, crime prevention information, and an awesome **FIREWORKS SHOW** sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's.

We are excited to announce that this year's special guest appearances will include former Chicago Blackhawks player and Stanley Cup Champion Brent Sopel, Fox Chicago news anchor and reporter Natalie Bomke, former NFL player Tim Tyrrell, and more. Please stop by to meet them and to get their autographs!

There will also be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on site from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Walk-ups are welcome, however, you can pre-register by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by visiting redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor code mcpool.

Residents, businesses, faith based groups, and schools are encouraged to display blue lights throughout town from July 27th - August 2nd to show your support for our community efforts. Safety bulletins will also be posted on our website at www.munster.org/police for residents and businesses to read and share.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held on the following evening. To check on the status of the event, please visit the Munster Police Department's Facebook page. For more information on the event, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639. You can also email me at jghrist@munster.org. We hope to see you there!



Over the course of the next year, there will be much talk about our efforts to update the Town of Munster Comprehensive Plan.

The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to build upon past planning efforts, evaluate current data and trends, and incorporate the input and perspectives of Munster residents and businesses into a plan that will serve as a vision for the Town for a minimum of 10 years. This planning effort will be facilitated by Houseal Lavigne Assoc., a professional community planning consultancy based in Chicago, IL. Key outcomes of the plan will be a future land use map, framework plans for transportation, housing, economic development, and community facilities and infrastructure as well as a detailed implementation plan.

However, most important to this plan is the insight, involvement and interest from the whole Munster community. There will be a number of opportunities for you to get involved in this process whether it is via web-based activities or through face-to-face meetings. If you are interested in knowing more about the upcoming Town of Munster Comprehensive Plan please email any of the councilors listed on the back page of the News You Can Use.

Chuck Gardiner, Munster Town Council President
cgardiner@munster.org



From the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer

Our department has staff meetings no less than twice a month. At a recent department meeting, it was shared that some residents leave notes on their utility bill payment slip. Some of the messages are quite pleasant and encouraging. A recent message requesting some information created some concern. We discussed the “what if” we had missed that payment slip message and the request went unanswered. How can we effectively communicate with each other?

The two most effective ways for the Town to get information to residents are through this *News You Can Use* newsletter and our Town website, www.munster.org. *News You Can Use* is generally written several weeks before you read it and we try to keep that in mind when it goes to print. The Town website has much more timely information as well as archives of meeting minutes and even back issues of this newsletter! Although I go to the Town website many times each week, it is not likely a normal part of each resident’s routine. Many of you are on Facebook throughout the day so the Town has various Facebook pages for our different departments. Each of the departments shares the information that is relevant to that department and the overall Town.

Residents can reach out to the Town in numerous different ways. The Town telephone number is (219)836-6900 which will get you to many of our departments including Public Works, Building Department, Clerk-Treasurer’s, Water Billing, Police Records, Code Enforcement, and the Town Manager’s office. The Town website has most employee email addresses and department telephone numbers. The back page of this newsletter contains the contact information for your elected officials. The Town has an app called Munster Mobile or Public Stuff. I have noticed that residents have been using this application to report areas for improvement. Munster Town Hall receives mail every day, and it may be an old-fashioned way to communicate but it is still quite effective.

I hope you are enjoying these last days of summer at some of the amazing amenities Munster has to offer and if you are not sure what your options may be, try the website or the various options throughout this newsletter!

Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer
wmis@munster.org/(219)836-6945

Munster Historical Society Tip Toe Through Town Wednesday, August 3, 2022 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



A short presentation will be shown of **ALL** of the tulips around town, and artists that participated will share their design process with the public. Program will be held at the Munster Historical Museum (corner of Ridge Rd. and Columbia Ave.). Public parking will be available at the Munster School Administration Building across the street.



WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS and it all has to go somewhere...

Water from inside our homes goes to the Hammond Sanitary District’s wastewater treatment facility to be purified before being discharged. But rainwater from roofs, sidewalks, driveways, and streets

flows untreated into storm drains and straight into our waterways, picking up all kinds of contaminants along the way.

Did you know?

- Excess nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, pollute storm water run-off and contribute to the **third leading cause of lake deterioration** in the United States.
- The grass clippings from mowing your yard just once can produce **100 pounds** of unwanted algae in lakes and ponds.
- Leaf and landscape waste account for 56% of phosphorus in suburban storm water, not to mention clogging drains and causing localized flooding during rain events.
- Just one pound of fertilizer over-application can result in **34 pounds** of excess algae growth in streams and lakes.

How can you help?

- Sweep lawn clippings and place in the trash.
- Keep Leaves and landscape waste away from storm drains.
- Apply fertilizer during dry conditions and consider using slow-release fertilizer and or environmentally friendly products. Do not over apply.



August Outdoor Warning Siren Test Rescheduled

Lake County, IN - The monthly test of outdoor warning sirens has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.** In September, the normal schedule will resume with sirens being tested on the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 p.m.

Monthly tests help to ensure the activation system and sirens are ready for emergency public notifications. Sirens will remain active for up to 3 minutes during the test. The tests will not be conducted if a threat of severe weather is forecasted in the area.

Updated testing information will be posted on official social media accounts.

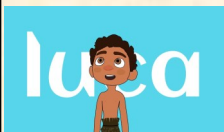
Summertime Entertainment



SPONSORED BY MUNSTER CIVIC FOUNDATION - Join us at Centennial Park from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. for the following entertainment – August 1st: Ed Hill & The Unusuals; August 15th: The Unstoppables. Call us at (219) 836-7275 for more information.



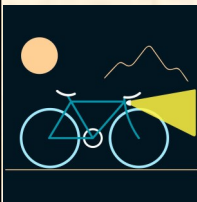
SPONSORED BY PEOPLE'S BANK is the Summer Concert Series at Munster Town Hall from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on August 7th (Pirates over 40). In the event inclement weather arises, the concert will move indoors to Southside Christian Church – entry #4.



SPONSORED BY SUPERCUTS on August 8th, Luca will be the Movie in the Park featured. Concessions and glow accessories will be available for purchase.



Community Market Hub will take place on August 14th (Joshua Collier) and 28th (Alex Akers) from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Community Park parking lot, featuring plants, flowers, hand-crafted items, kid activities and more.



Pennsy Bike Ride will take place on Saturday, August 27th at 10:00 p.m. Night Bike Ride will depart from Schererville's Rohrman Park. Riders will follow the 15-mile path into Munster, thru Centennial Park and then end back at Rohrman Park. \$10/per person.



The Fall Soccer registration deadline is coming up on August 5. Be sure to register your player sooner rather than later, since no late registrations will be taken. We offer 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-13 year old divisions. Always seeking volunteer coaches – reach out if you're interested at (219)836-7275.

MUNSTER PARKS & RECREATION
219-836-PARK
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AUGUST



- 8/1 2-hour Tennis Camp
- 8/1 CIVIC Mondays-Ed Hill & The Unusuals
- 8/4 Pool Season Pass Party ONLY - Popsicle & Pass Day
- 8/5 Fall Soccer - FINAL DEADLINE
- 8/6 Rubber Duckie Day at Munster Pool
- 8/7 Last Day Munster Pool is open
- 8/7 Summer Concert Series - Pirates over 40
- 8/8 Canine Cannonball
- 8/8 Movie in the Park - Luca
- 8/9 Iphone Basics
- 8/10 Learn to be a Detective
- 8/14 Community Market Hub
- 8/16 Ipad Basics
- 8/15 Paint Party - Small Fairy House
- 8/15 CIVIC Mondays - The Unstoppables
- 8/16 Saugatuck Trip
- 8/16 Cupcakes and Competition
- 8/18 Wado-Ki Karate
- 8/23 Android Basics
- 8/23 Koolaid and Kanvas
- 8/24 City on Fire - The Great Chicago Fire's 150 year Anniversary Trip
- 8/25 Banana Split BINGO
- 8/27 Pennsy Bike Ridge
- 8/28 Community Market Hub
- 8/31 Henna Art



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 Fee \$10.00

Munster Pool Closing for the Season
Sunday, August 7, 2022

THANK YOU!
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, August 20, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Whiting Public Works

1915 Front St., Whiting, IN



Household batteries are accepted-no car batteries and no latex paint



Homewood Disposal Service (HDS) will collect (1) one bulk item or (1) large appliance per week on your trash collection day. If you have more than 1 bulk item to dispose of contact HDS to schedule for bulk items or appliances for pick up at (219)931-9000. The Town will no longer pick up large appliances. Plastic bags are not recyclable. DO NOT bag your recycling-keep it loose in the recycling container. It is a violation to put 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.



Munster Public Works

Monday - Friday

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(219)836-6971/6970

After Hours Emergency (219)660-0001



TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS AUGUST 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 Commission Mtg.	August 1, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	August 4, 2022	1:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	August 9, 2022	6:45 p.m.	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Plan Commission Mtg.	August 9, 2022	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Town Council/Redevelopment Commission Mtg.	August 15, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Park Board Mtg.	August 16, 2022	5:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Safety Mtg.	August 18, 2022	7:00 a.m.	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	August 18, 2022	1:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room (MTH)



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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 may use this information when we notice unusually high water consumption or in an emergency situation.

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.