



Town of Munster, 1005 Ridge Road

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## July 2023

Edited by E. Payne

### Happy Independence Day!



**Fireworks Show**  
**Monday, July 3, 2023**  
**Centennial Park**  
**6:00 pm - 11:00 pm**  
**Gates open at 6:00 pm**

Performance by Jessi and the Fizz Band begins at 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm (brief pause for Fireworks Show). Food vendors will be available. Parking map will be available on the Town of Munster website. Please remember there is paid parking for non-residents, and the town will not be providing shuttle buses to the park. There also will be no parking at the park on July 3rd other than for golfing until 11:00 am in the south lot to allow for event setup.

\*NO grills, fireworks, or alcohol allowed in the park.



**The Firefighters Association of Munster**  
**July 4th Kiddie Parade**  
**Tuesday, July 4th at 10:00 am**

Parade Route: Start at the corner of Foliage Ln. and Oriole Dr. and end at

the Old White Oak Association Building (8952 White Oak Ave.).



**Town of Munster & Lions Club**  
**Independence Day Parade**  
**Tuesday, July 4th at 2:00 pm**

Parade Route: Start Fisher St. and Calumet Ave., proceeds north to Ridge Rd., then east to the front of Munster Town Hall (judging of floats) and ends at

the Performing Arts Center.



**Munster Town Hall Offices** will be closing early on Monday, July 3, 2023 at 1:00 pm and closed on July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.



**Homewood Disposal Service**  
Will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Tuesday-Friday service will be delayed one day for this week only.



### From the Desk of the Clerk-Treasurer

I get asked questions on the phone, at the store, even while out in the yard or walking the dog! Here are a few I get asked most frequently with the answers.

The lid on my garbage can fell off, what do I do? How do I get another garbage can? I will share when the lid fell off my garbage can, I used a stick as a pin to hold the lid on until the stick got lost! You should contact Homewood Disposal; our trash and recycling collection provider and they can help you out. Their number is: (219)931-9000.

My water bill went up. What happened? We have annual rate increases that residents will see near the beginning of each year. Throughout the year there are seasonal rate adjustments. These adjustments are detailed in other issues of News You Can Use and on the back of your utility bill. If your higher bill isn't the result of the seasons or a rate change, we have found the most common cause is a leaky toilet. Many don't realize exactly how often this is the cause! Put a few drops of food coloring in your tank. Do nothing else but wait for about 20-30 minutes and if you have color in your bowl, you have a leak! Any questions contact the water billing department at (219) 836-6948.

I get asked about things that are happening in our Town. In my June article, we talked about the value of this newsletter and Facebook. I also recommend our Town website: [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org). The Town of Munster home page provides access to town officials, departments, community, and recreation. The banner has a link to renew your Centennial Park parking. Tabs will help you pay your utility bill, access our municipal code, submit a service request, and more.



Wow, the Town planters look amazing, who maintains them? The Public Works department plants and maintains the planters throughout the year. We have staff that carefully plan and assess which plant will do best in the various locations around Munster. The planters are watered and fertilized regularly. Special thanks to Dave and Dominic for their efforts to beautify our Town. If you see them out watering, weeding or deadheading, give them a wave!

To ask your own questions, you can contact me directly at [wmis@munster.in.gov](mailto:wmis@munster.in.gov) or (219)836-6945.





### Indiana Code 308.1.4 - Grills and Open Flame Cooking

These apply to all multi-family dwellings. Charcoal burners and other open flame cooking devices shall NOT be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

#### Exceptions:

- One and two-family dwellings
- Properties where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.



**LAKE COUNTY**  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
*Join the Journey*

**Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Dates**  
**All Collections are from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**[www.lcswmd.com](http://www.lcswmd.com)**

Saturday, July 29th  
Highland Public Works  
8001 Kennedy Ave., Highland, Indiana

The LCSWMD Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is for residents of Lake County and is NOT for businesses, schools, organizations or those who live outside Lake County, Indiana. Businesses, schools and organizations of Lake County, Indiana can call (219)853-2420 for resource information. Participants will be required to show proof of Lake County, IN residency before drop-off.

### What Can I Dispose of?

Aerosols	Ammunition	Antifreeze
Automotive Fluids	Batteries (household only)	Corrosives
Diesel Fuel	Flammable Liquids	Fungicides
Gasoline	Herbicides	Insecticides
Kerosene	Medication	Pesticides
Poisons	Sharps (in rigid container)	Solvents
Thermometers	Thermostats (sealed bag)	Thinners
Waste Fuels	Oils and other Fluids	

### What is not accepted?

Asbestos  
Auto/Back-Up/Boat/Truck Batteries  
Containers larger than 5 gallons  
Explosive/Fireworks  
Large grill propane cylinders  
Latex Paint  
Medical Waste

***\*For complete list visit Lake County Solid Waste Management website.***

### Latex paint can be safely thrown in the trash when:



1. Paint is dry (video on how to available on website [www.lcswmd.com](http://www.lcswmd.com)).
2. The lid of the paint can remains off and thrown away separately.



**PAY  
PARKING**

### Centennial Park Paid Parking (Non-Resident)

**Effective April 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023**

This means vehicles entering the park during this time period are required to pay the parking fees (non-residents), have an annual pass, or leave the park within 15 minutes of entering.

- Town of Munster residents are allowed to register two vehicles per household for the year.
- Registration in 2022 will not be forward for the 2023 season. Registration can be completed online at [www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com](http://www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com).
- Visitors can pay via the parking meters in parking lot or by using the 'ParkByApp' system on your smartphone. Both systems only accept credit/debit cards for payment. You can also call the phone number on the sign posted to pay using a credit card.
- Regular rates \$2/hour, \$5/day, or \$120/vehicle for the calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec 31. annually).
- Management of the parking system is done by Astra Parking Inc. and parking violations are mailed directly to the registered vehicle owner from Professional Parking Management.
- Members of the Centennial Park dog park and Centennial Park Golf Course are both allowed to register for one free vehicle for the year. Registration for the 2023 season for those members can be done after March 1, 2023. Contact the park office for the registration website for your membership.
- Parking in Centennial Park for FREE events does not include FREE parking for non-residents. Please inform your family and friends.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## LOVE FOOD festival

**Region Food Festival**  
Saturday, July 15th  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Centennial Park

Indulge in the savory tastes of the region's finest restaurants and food trucks. Purchases will be made directly from the vendors. Musical entertainment will be performed on stage.



**Looking to Fix a Flat?**

Saturday, July 15th  
9:00 am - 10:00 am

**Community Park - Lion's Shelter**

Join us and Greenway Bikehouse as they give general information on tires, tubes and strategies for dealing with flat tires. Bring your bike to practice!

Pre-registration necessary - \$20/person.



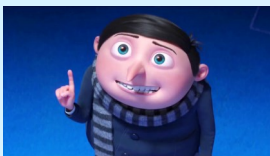
**Touch A Truck**  
Friday, July 21st

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Community Park - Softball Lot**

This interactive event allows kids to explore all types of trucks, equipment and vehicles from around the area. 9:30 am -

10:00 am will be sensory-friendly, meaning no horns or loud noises. Free admission.



**Movie in the Park**  
Tuesday, July 18th  
Centennial Park

Minion: The Rise of Gru will be playing starting at dusk. Concessions will be available for purchase.



**Pint Size Camps** are starting the week of July 3rd. Many classes to choose from for ages 3-5 or 6-8: Intro to Summer Camp, Amazing World of Animals, Entertainment Explorers, Pop! Pow! Boom!, Sensory Scholars, Creative Crafters, Infinity and Beyond, History Heroes, All Around the

World and Grossology. Questions? Contact Mara at (219)836-6922. Classes take place at Frank Hammond school for 90 minutes each week.



We're still accepting **Private Party rentals, Birthday Party Rentals and Group Rentals** for Munster Pool. For availability, call us at (219)836-7275. Private parties must submit a questionnaire before reservations are taken. For the questionnaire and availability, please email

jhiggins@munster.org

# SUMMER CONCERT Series

**Summer Concert Series**

**Munster Town Hall**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

July 9th - Sam Fazio

July 23rd - Mellencougar

Sponsored by People's Bank

Concessions will be provided by Munster Historical Society. In case of inclement weather, we will use Southside Christian Church. Contact the weather hotline at (219) 836-6927 for an update by 4:00 pm.



**CIVIC Concert Series**

**Centennial Park**

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

July 10th - The Crawluppies

July 17th - Midwest Dueling Pianos

July 24th - Mr. Funnyman

July 31st - NWI Symphony

Sponsored by the Munster Civic Foundation



## what's happening

7/5	Baller Basics
7/5	Dribble, Kick and Goal
7/5	Fitness Pointe Class DEADLINE
7/6	Lake County Corndog Baseball
7/6	Dribble, Kick and Goal
7/7	What Frozen Things do in the Summer
7/8	Ladies Empowerment Walk - Choose your Joy
7/10	Youth, Preschool and Parent/Tot Swim Lessons
7/10	CSRI Pool Party - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
7/11	Skateboarding: Leveling Up
7/11	Wonderful World of Wizardry
7/11	Learn to Play Mahjong
7/11	Koolaid and Kanvas
7/15	Bike Basics - How to fix a Flat
7/15	Region Eats Food Festival
7/17	2-Hour Tennis Camp
7/20	Cupcakes and Competition
7/20	Wado-Ki Karate
7/22	Ladies Empowerment Walk - Let it go!
7/24	Tread the Path of Fashion

*\*This is not a complete list of offerings available in July. Parks & Recreation brochure can be obtained online at the Town of Munster website or pick up a brochure from Parks & Recreation Office.*



**Fall Soccer Early-Bird Deadline**  
Friday, July 21, 2023



## MUNSTER'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST



The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council invite and encourage all Munster residents to participate in Munster's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration which will be held on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, August 1st. This event is held each year to promote positive police and community partnerships through a large variety of both fun and educational activities for all ages.

**The event will begin with the NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY PARADE AT 4:30 PM** which will run southbound on Columbia Avenue from the Munster School Administration Building to the south lot of Munster High School. Please line the street to cheer on our first responders, military units, veterans, and school groups as they pass by, then follow the parade to the main event!

**The MAIN CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 PM** at and around the area of the Munster Community Pool, located at 8837 Calumet Avenue, and will last until 8:30 PM. Activities will include free swimming for Munster residents (with state or school ID please), emergency vehicles, kids games and prizes, K-9 demonstrations, The Magic of John Measner, food, music, approximately 100 booth participants, giveaways, balloon art, bounce houses, student performances, and an awesome closing FIREWORKS SHOW sponsored by Greg Kaplan of Krazy Kaplan's Fireworks.

Munster's event is consistently ranked as one of the top National Night Out events in the United States each year thanks to great support and participation from our community.

Residents are encouraged to display blue lights (if possible) or regular lighting from July 26<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> in support of our National Night Out festivities, which will also include pre-events that will be announced through social media. For more information about the National Night Out, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org). We hope to see you there!

### TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JULY 2023

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

Site Plan Review Mtg.	July 6, 2023	1:30 pm	Munster Town Hall
Town Council & Redevelopment Mtg.	July 6, 2023	7:00 pm	Munster Town Hall
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	July 11, 2023	6:45 pm	Munster Town Hall
Plan Commission Mtg.	July 11, 2023	7:30 pm	Munster Town Hall
Town Council & Redevelopment Mtg.	July 17, 2023	7:00 pm	Munster Town Hall
Park Board Mtg.	July 18, 2023	5:00 pm	Munster Town Hall
Board of Safety Mtg.	July 20, 2023	7:00 am	Munster Town Hall
Site Plan Review Mtg.	July 20, 2023	1:30 pm	Munster Town Hall



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Lee Ann Mellon  
Chuck Gardiner  
Steve Tulowitzki  
Dr. Andy Koultourides  
Wendy Mis



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