



NEWS YOU CAN USE

1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

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SEWER SEPARATION A REALITY FOR TWO NEIGHBORHOODS

In July 2012, the Hammond Sanitary district authorized the start of construction of two sewer separation projects in Munster. The purpose of the projects include the prevention of sewer backups during heavy rainfall events, and the reduction of incidents of dilute sewage being released into Schoon Ditch, Hart Ditch, and the Little Calumet River. The first project involves the installation of storm sewers and new drains in the Wicker Park neighborhood in the area bounded by River Drive on the north, Hawthorne on the east, Northcote on the west and Ridge Road on the south. The Schoon Ditch project is the third phase of sewer separation in this area and includes Greenwood from Park to Fisher, Beech from Park to 35th, Park from Beech east, Walnut from Oak Park to 35th, 35th from Greenwood to White Oak, the east half of Janice Lane, White Oak from 35th to Fisher, Fisher from Greenwood to White Oak, Northcote from Fisher to the cul-de-sac, Fisher from Northcote to Baring, the east of Ada Lane, Baring from Fisher to Ada Lane, and all of Greenlawn, Kraft, Oak Park, and 12 Oaks.

In both neighborhoods construction included saw cutting trenches along the street and installing a storm sewer and new drains. A temporary patch was placed after the sewer was completed until the asphalt plants closed in late November. This summer the town will remove a few inches of pavement over the entire street and apply a new driving surface. Curb replacement will be minimal, and driveways and sidewalks are not part of this project. The two projects combined will cost approximately \$4 million, with the Hammond Sanitary District paying 100 percent of the construction and engineering expense. Hasse Construction is the contractor for the Schoon Ditch Project, while Gatlin Plumbing is constructing Wicker Park.

The construction of both projects began in early August and will not be concluded until early Summer, 2013. Gatlin chose to mobilize crews and accelerate the installation of sewers so that the bulk of the work was concluded prior to the customary winter shut-down. Hasse is choosing to allocate fewer resources to the Schoon Ditch job, and work continuously through the winter. They have completed sewer installation on Baring, Northcote, East Fisher, and Greenwood. Sewers on 35th, Beech, and White Oak will be installed next. If you have questions or comments about either of these two projects, e-mail or call James Mandon, PE, town engineer, at jmandon@munster.org, or 836-6995.

WHITE OAK AVENUE CLOSED BETWEEN FISHER STREET AND 35TH STREET FOR FOUR WEEKS

White Oak Avenue is closed (during daytime hours only) in between Fisher Street and 35th Street due to a construction project. Construction began January 23. The road will be closed during daytime hours for four weeks. During this time, school buses will be allowed. Motorists are asked to use alternate routes such as Columbia Avenue or Fran-Lin Parkway.

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

With winter here, snow is not far behind. Please keep in mind according to Town of Munster ordinance, it is unlawful for any person (resident or contractor) to throw, push, or deposit snow, slush, or ice onto any street or sidewalk. Those who violate this ordinance will be subject to a fine.

Also, Town Ordinance 46-3 pertains to the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks. The Ordinance states that the owner and /or the occupant of any dwelling, building, subdivided lot, or property shall keep the sidewalks in front of said building clean at all times of the year. Within 24 hours after any snow fall or formation of ice, such snow or ice shall be removed from the sidewalks. If you have any questions contact Russ Shelton, community service officer at 836-6659.

DROP BOX FOR RECYCLING

The Lake County Solid Waste Management has provided a drop off recycling center at the public works garage, 508 Fisher Street. Use the public works entrance. There will be a marked area before the gate, just right of the driveway, that you can drop off recycling 24 hours a day. This will allow residents that do not receive curb side recycling service a chance to recycle.

The following items can be recycled: Electronics, cardboard, paper, newspaper, aluminum, tin, magazines, glass and plastic.

GASOLINE, OIL, AND PAINT ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS DROP OFF CENTER. If you have any questions, you may contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

PAPER SHREDDER

If you are wanting to spring clean and dispose of those important and confidential papers that are stacking up in your home, Hammond Recycling Center, 625 Conkey, Hammond, can shred them for you.

You can call the Recycling Center to set up an appointment to bring in your papers for shredding. The number to call is 853-6622 and their hours for shredding are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You can watch as your papers are shredded and there is no charge for Lake County residents. The paper is shredded into fine bits, baled and recycled. There are two shredders, one for small amounts and another one for larger amounts.

STREET RESURFACING

The Munster Public Works Department inspects streets each year to determine whether maintenance will be required, and to decide the level of maintenance. For example, some streets may need complete reconstruction. Some streets will require significant curb and drain replacement prior to paving. Others may just require pavement removal and replacement. After the streets are inspected they are placed in priority order using their condition, the amount of traffic, and whether underground utilities require installation before street maintenance is performed. A cost estimate is then prepared for each project on the list. This prioritized list is constantly changing as projects are completed and additional streets need attention. The available funding for street maintenance is identified during the annual budget process. After determining the available funding amount, streets on the list are grouped together from highest to lowest priority until the estimated cost equals the available funds. A contractor is then selected to conduct the work. The town is sensitive to areas of high traffic, and efforts are made to avoid working in these areas during high traffic periods. For questions about street maintenance please contact James Knesek, director of operations at 836-6970.

MUNSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY: CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

FACT

- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- In 2005, US fire departments responded to an estimated 61,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of seven calls per hour.

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each

sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting heights.
- Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call 911 from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas and charcoal grills can produce CO - only use outside.

For questions or more information email Capt. David Strbjak at, www.munster.org or call 836-6960.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HEATING SAFETY

Space heaters, gas heaters, and kerosene heaters account for the highest fatality risk involving residential fires. All heating systems, including fireplaces, can be dangerous if they are not used and maintained properly. When purchasing any type of heater, look for automatic shut-off safety features and the mark of an independent testing laboratory, indicating that the heater has met basic safety standards.

Vents and Chimneys:

All fueled heaters must be vented to prevent dangerous carbon-monoxide build-up in your home. Have your chimney inspected by a professional before each heating season and have it cleaned. Consider installing a spark arrester on top of any chimney that vents a solid-fuel stove or fireplace.

“THE VIEW” RESTAURANT AT CENTENNIAL PARK AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The View is located inside the Centennial Park Clubhouse and offers a casual, family-friendly dining experience. A great place

to enjoy a lunch or early dinner with selections including bunker burgers, assorted hot and cold sandwiches, specialty salads, gourmet soups, delicious daily specials and desserts as well as kids' meal choices. Fountain drinks and alcoholic beverages are also served.

- **6TH ANNUAL BRIDAL FAIR** - Thursday February 28, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Centennial Park Clubhouse. FREE Admission. Plan your wedding with our experts in wedding services. Prizes, samples, and cash bar. For more information call 836-7275.
- **MICRO BREW TASTING** - Saturday, March 16, 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. at Centennial Park Clubhouse. Try seasonal brews paired with an appetizer buffet. Includes 7 tasting tickets per person and food buffet. \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. Call 836-6930 to make reservations.

CENTENNIAL PARK GOLF COURSE SIGN UP FOR UPCOMING LEAGUES FOR THE 2013 SEASON

- Monday Evening Ladies' League
- Tuesday Morning Men's Senior League
- Wednesday Morning Ladies' League
- Thursday Evening Two Man Team League
- Friday Evening Couples' League

Golf Memberships Now Available!

Call Matt Meneghetti, PGA Professional for further details, at 219-836-6932.

MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION 836-PARK (7275)

On **Saturday, February 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, we are having our **Annual Winter Arts & Crafts Fair**. This FREE event is held at **Munster High School**, 8808 Columbia Ave. Come browse among the artists and crafters and enjoy concessions provided by The Munster Rotary. We also have a **Business/Consumer Fair** on this date and time showcasing local, regional and national businesses in the area. This is a great opportunity to see new products and services being offered, as well as learn about possible business opportunities. Both of these events are **FREE** and held at Munster High School. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Barb at 836-6923 or bholajter@munster.org.

Our **6th Annual Bridal Fair** will be held on **Thursday, February 28, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**, at **Centennial Park Clubhouse**, 1005 S. Centennial Dr. With over 60 vendors, you will be able to plan your wedding with our experts in wedding services and enjoy prizes, samples and a cash bar. For more information or to find out how to become a vendor, contact Tracy at 836-6922 or treyolds@munster.org.

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE FOR SPRING SOCCER:
Friday, February 22

Continuing Education: In Classroom (beginning in March): **Clinical Medical Asst., EKG, HIT, Medical Billing & Coding, Pharmacy Tech and Phlebotomy Tech.** On line: Dental Asst., Dialysis Tech., ECG-EKG for Nurses, Med. Admin. Asst., Medical Coding & Billing Medical Coding ICD-10, and Medical Terminology.

Log onto www.healthtoday.com/munster to register for online courses; all others, contact Barb 836-6923 or bholajter@munster.org.

MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS

Micro Brew Tasting at Centennial Park Clubhouse, from 7:00 p.m., 1005 S. Centennial Dr., Saturday, March 16. You will try seasonal brews paired with an appetizer buffet. The fee of \$35/person or \$60/couple includes seven tasting tickets per person and the food buffet.

Community Egg Hunts - March 22-24, at Centennial Park include: Great Egg Chase (searching for eggs with Flashlights), Egg Hunts, CSRI Egg Hunt, Doggie Egg Hunt and Underwater "Egg"stravaganza (Munster High School Aquatic Center). More details can be found on our website at www.munster.org.

Breakfast with the Bunny: Saturday, March 23, 10:00 a.m. Advanced registration is required; call 836-6930 for reservations. Fees: \$11, 12+ / \$8, 3-11 year olds / under 3 free. Feel free to bring your cameras to take photos with the bunny.

INFANT / TODDLER / PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

ABC & 123	M/W	9:30-10:30 a.m.	2/19-2/28
Colors of the Rainbow	T	10:45-11:45 a.m.	2/5-2/26
Mommy & Me Art	T	9:30-10:30 a.m.	2/5-2/26
Creative Movement	T	1:00-1:45 p.m.	1/19-4/2
Tumble Time	T	1:45-2:30 p.m.	2/19-3/26

YOUTH EDUCATION

Jump 'N	Sat	9:00-9:55 a.m.	2/2-3/9
Natl. Pig Celebration	F	4:30-5:30 p.m.	3/1
Creative Fingers	T	4:30-5:30 p.m.	2/5-2/26
Girls Night Out w/BFF	F	6:00-9:00 p.m.	2/22
Zumbatomic	T	6:00-6:45 p.m.	2/5 FREE
Zumbatomic	T	6:00-6:45 p.m.	2/12-3/19

YOUTH SPORTS

Basketball Basics	M	5-6:00 p.m.	2/4-3/4
White Sox Hitting Camp	Th	5-6:15p.m.	6-8 yrs 3/14-4/11
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Intro to Sports	Sat	9-10:00 a.m.	2/2-2/23
Intro to Sports Adv.	Sat	10:15-11:15 a.m.	2/23-3/16
T-ball 101	Th	5-6:00 p.m.	2/7-3/7
Swimming Lessons	Sun	varies	2/3-3/24

LEISURE EDUCATION

Basic Excel	Th	6-8:00 p.m.	2/21-3/7
Excel In-a-Day	W	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	2/6
Chakra Meditation	W	7-8:00 p.m.	3/6-3/27
Guided Meditation	W	7-8:00 p.m.	2/6-2/27
Smoking Cessation	Sat	11 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	2/9
Self-Defense for Life!	W	7-8:00 p.m.	2/6-2/27
Voice-Overs	T	7-9:00 p.m.	2/26

WELLES AND FITNESS

Nutrition, Energy & Wellness	W/Sat	time varies	3/6-3/23
Small group Training	M/W	6-7:00 p.m.	3/4-4/17
Yoga & Breathing	M/W & T/TH	time varies	2/18-3/28

TRIPS AND TRAVEL

Ethnic Chicago North	M	8:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m.	4/8
Incredible Edibles!	W	8:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m.	2/20
Flower & Garden Show	T	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	3/12
Mayflower Travel Show	T	varies FREE	2/19
Adler Planetarium	T	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	3/12
Woodfield Mall	F	8:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	2/8

KEEN-AGER PROGRAMS

Shop Online	M/W/F	times varies	varies
Valentine Bingo Potluck	Th	12-3:00 p.m.	2/14

Call for info regarding overnights trips to: Canada, Poland,

Greece, Hungary, Russia, eureka Springs & Ozarks, Oasis of the Seas Caribbean Cruise, and Toronto & Niagara Falls.

LOOKING FOR SUMMER CONCESSION STAND MANAGER (seasonal employment May through Labor Day)

Requirements: Must have current sanitation certificate, purchasing experience, food service experience.

Must be able to:

- Work weekends and nights
- Lift 25 pounds
- Stand for long periods of time
- Work in warm temperatures

Send resume to :

Jessica DeGiulio
1005 S. Centennial Drive
Munster, IN 46321

INTERESTED IN STREET HOCKEY?

Would you be interested in a summer street hockey program / league? If so, contact Jill Higgins at 836-6926.



TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	Mon., February 11	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	Tues., February 12	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	Tues., February 12	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Tues., February 19	7:00 pm	Munster Town Hall
Board of Safety	Thurs., February 21	7:30 am	Conference Room "C"
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	Mon., February 25	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room

Notes:

- The above schedule 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>.

TOWN COUNCIL & CLERK-TREASURER TELEPHONE AND E-MAIL LIST

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JOSEPH SIMONETTO - 838-1856, jsimonetto@munster.org	DAVE SHAFER - 836-6940, dshafer@munster.in.gov
MUNSTER TOWN HALL - 836-6900	MUNSTER POLICE DEPT. DISPATCH - 836-6600

MUNSTER BUSINESS COMPLEX, CALUMET AVENUE, SHOPS OR OFFICES FOR LEASE (1220 TO 4020 Sq. Ft.) CALL:

Russ Snyder
Partners Real Estate
922-3440

Rob Klein
Cyrus Realtors
924-9305

Stan Wolucka
Wolucka and Assoc.
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