



NEWS YOU CAN USE

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1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana

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July 3rd Fireworks

The Town of Munster will host its annual Independence Day Celebration on Tuesday, July 3rd at Centennial Park. Gates open at 6 p.m. with food vendors and the beer garden. Live music featuring "Together" begins at 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The fireworks display begins at 9:30 p.m. and the band returns after the display until 11:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Munster Civic Foundation. For more information and details on parking visit us at www.munster.org. ***There will be no shuttle bus service this year. Alcohol, Fireworks, and Firearms are NOT permitted, and ALL bags and coolers will be checked.***



Centennial Park will offer a VIP Pass at The View Restaurant. Included in the VIP Pass is exclusive access to clubhouse, buffet, and VIP parking in the south lot. Fee: \$40 Adults/\$30 Children. All info and registration

is available online at www.centennialparkmunster.com.



Kid's Parade



Independence Day Kiddie Parade

The Independence Day Kiddie Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th. Parade will start at Foliage and Oriole at 10:00 a.m. and the line up at 9:45 a.m. The Kiddie Parade is sponsored by The Munster Fire Department Association.



Town of Munster July 4th Parade

Parade starts at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4 at the corner of Fisher St. and Calumet Avenue. The parade will proceed north on Calumet Ave. to Ridge Rd. then east to The Center for Visual and

Performing Arts building. Sponsorship provided by the Munster Lions Club.

**Town Hall will be closed on
Wednesday, July 4th in
observance of Independence
Day!**



Town of Munster Fireworks Ordinance

- Consumer fireworks may be discharged within the corporate limits from June 29th through July 3rd, and from July 5th through July 9th between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and two hours after sunset.
- Consumer fireworks may be discharged on July 4th in between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and midnight.
- Fireworks may be discharged on the user's property, the property of someone who granted permission to use their property, or at a special discharge location. Residents are not allowed to discharge fireworks in the middle of the street.
- Individuals less than 18 years of age must have an adult present while discharging or in possession of a firework.
- Violators of this ordinance can be cited by the Munster Police . If you would like to report a violation of this ordinance, please call 911 and an officer will respond to the area. Please provide the location of the potential violation to the dispatcher. The Munster Police Department asks that residents respect their neighbors and use caution when discharging fireworks. For information about the Town of Munster's planned festivities for July 3rd and 4th, visit: www.munster.org.



LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS

- The best way to protect your family is to not use any fireworks at home. Instead, attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.
- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.

BE EXTRA CAREFUL WITH SPARKLERS

- Little arms are too short to hold sparklers, which can heat up to 1,200 degrees. How about this? Let your young children use glow sticks instead. They can be just as fun but they don't burn at a temperature hot enough to melt glass
- Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times.

TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS

- **Do not** wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Point fireworks away from home and keep away from brush, leaves and flammable substances.

BE PREPARED FOR AN ACCIDENT OR INJURY

- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.

MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION 836-PARK (7275)



Movies in the Park

Centennial Park Entertainment Stage
901 N. Centennial Dr.
Monday @ Dusk/July 23, LION KING
Performance by Susan's School of Dance

Bounce House and Concessions



Music in the Park with Art

Centennial Park Entertainment Stage
901 N. Centennial Dr.

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Beer Tent & Food

Trucks! July 13: American Block Party w/Specialty Acts
Join us for a Red, White & Blue Bash, family art activities, and games! Headliner: The Neverly Brothers



THE GRAPE ESCAPE

Saturday, July 21/ 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sample selections of wines, enjoy food from around the region, listen to the sounds of live music and visit the market. Must be 21+ to enter tasting area.

\$7 Entry fee to tasting/stage area, includes tastings.

\$5 Commemorative wine glass



Sunday Market

Centennial Park North Lot

Every Sunday through September 30

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

July 8 - Health & Wellness Day

Local Music every other week

Sponsored by Franklin Pest Solutions.



Plan your next party at Munster

Community Pool! Birthday Parties,

Private Rentals and Group Rentals are available all season long!



Help Your Child Learn to Swim!

Register for lessons at Munster Community Park. There is also a Learn to Swim @ Camp option - drop your child off at the pool and we'll get them to camp after their lesson. July 2 - 12/July 16 - 20/July 30 - Aug. 9 Group Lessons for all ages

Or register for a block of 4 semi- or private lessons.



Looking to Hire!

Munster Community Pool is still hiring Lifeguards! Please call Danielle (219) 836-6922 for an interview.



Pint Size Camps

for ages 3 - 5, 4 - 7 or 6 - 8 include: Adventure Camp, Animals are Amazing*, Builders in Training,

It's Buggy Outside*, Master Chef Junior, Mini Med School, Preschool Picassos, Safety First, Where the Wild Things Are and Whiz Kids. *includes field trip to Lincoln Park Zoo with parent.

Youth Programs

7/23 - /26	M - TH	Digital Photography Camp (8-13)
7/30 - 9/10	M	Tumblebear Gymnastics up to 2, (3 - 5), (5 - 12)
7/23 - 7/27	M - F	Basketball Skills Camp (6 - 9)
7/9 - 8/1	M/W	Biddy Baskets (4 - 7)
7/30 - 8/3	M - F	Challenger British Soccer Camp (3 - 4), (4-6), (6 - 9), (10 -16)
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7/9 - 7/13	M - F	Chicago Bulls Basketball School (6 - 12)
7/9 - 7/13	M - F	Chicago White Sox Camp (5-12)
7/10 - 8/2	T/TH	Hit, Run & Score (4-7)
7/9 - 7/13	M - F	Multi-Sports Camp (6-9)
7/16 - 7/20	M - F	Multi-Sports Camp (10-12)
7/23 - 7/27	M - F	VolleyKidz (6-7)
7/23 - 7/27	M - F	Volleyball Skills & Drills (8 - 10), (11 - 14)
7/5 - 8/7	T/TH	Junior Tennis Grades: (6 - 12)
7/30 - 8/2	M - TH	Smash and Splash Camp (8 - 14)
7/2 - 8/2	Varies	Youth Tennis (4 - 5),(6 - 9),(10 - 13)

Adult Programs

7/9	M	CPR Certification
7/10 - 8/7	T	Adult Beginner Tennis
7/9 - 8/8	M/W	Adult Drill & Play
7/10-8/30	Varies	Yoga & Breathing
7/9-7/30	M	Candlelit Meditation
7/18-8/1	W	Advanced Excel

Trips & Travel

7/9	M	Fair Oaks Farm Adventure
7/19	TH	Juliets (Little Travelers Shopping)
7/24	T	Four Winds Casino
7/24	W	Quilt Gardens of Elkhart County

Multi-Day Trips

Panama, Portugal, Sicilia, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Italy by Rail, Greece, Hawaiian Cruise, Blue Danube River Cruise, National Parks of the SW, Noah's Ark Encounter, New York City, Frankenmuth, Canadian Rockies by Rail, Galapagos Islands and more. Please call Barb 219 - 836 - 6923 for details.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection is at Whiting Public Works, on July 21 at 1915 Front Street in Whiting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 4th is a Waste Management holiday. Trash & recycling will be delayed 1 day after the holiday.



MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Munster Police Department invite all residents to the next Munster Crime Watch Meeting on Thursday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Munster Town Hall, located at 1005 Ridge Road. This meeting will include recent crime statistics and updates on recent incidents in town, along with an informative presentation on identity theft and scam prevention from John Lohrentz, the Intelligence Analyst for the Munster Police Department. Crime prevention materials will be available for pick-up and a \$25 Target gift card will be awarded as a door prize. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS

The Munster Police Department's Citizens Police Academy is back this fall! This program allows residents an up close look at the operations of the Munster Police Department and the role of our police officers in the community. The program will run on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., from August 22nd through October 10th and will consist of topics such as traffic stops, patrol operations, shoot/don't shoot scenarios, investigations, hand-cuffing, SWAT operations, community relations, and more. Each participant will be provided with a ride - along with an officer upon their completion of the program. **Participants must be Munster residents age 21 and older and applications, available at www.munster.org/police or at the records window in the lobby of the Munster Police Department, must be turned in to the records window by July 18th in order to participate.** There will be a limited number of seats in the class, so please sign - up ASAP if you are interested in participating. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219 - 836 - 6639 or jghrist@munster.org.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster invite and encourage all residents to participate in Munster's 23rd Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 7th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Munster Community Pool, located at 8837 Calumet Avenue. This fun, annual event is held to promote police and community partnerships through a variety of activities such as an awesome fireworks display sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's, free swimming for Munster residents, door prizes, kids games, bounce houses, The John Measner Magic Show, emergency vehicle displays, K9 demonstrations, costumed characters including an R2-D2 replica, a helicopter landing, music, free snow cones and popcorn, glow necklaces for kids, over 80 booth participants, and a blood drive in memory of fallen Indiana officers (walk-ups are welcome or reserve your donation time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS). For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219 - 836 - 6639 or jghrist@munster.org. We hope to see you there!



Centennial Park's Summer Junior League

Every Friday June 8th Thru July 27th

During this 8 week league, we will introduce them to the game through a modified cumulative scoring system that will run through all 8 weeks. Golfers may sign up for as many or few weeks as desired. Parents are welcome to watch and walk the course or drop off. Golfers will be supervised.

Began June 8th - July 27th - Fridays at 8:30 a.m. and will run approximately 2 1/2 hours each week.

\$11 Per Junior Golfer Per Week (Ages 9 -15)

Register at centennialparkmunster.com or call 219 - 836-6931.



What's big, shiny and red all over? Our new payment drop box!

The drop box for water bill payments has been replaced with this beauty. The drop box is still located in the south parking lot at Town Hall and is ready to accept your monthly payment. Just drive up, drop your payment into the slot marked "DEPOSIT HERE" and continue on your day. Checks only please.

Looking for a more convenient payment option, consider ACH. Your payment will automatically pull from your bank account each month on the due date. No more worrying about getting to Town Hall or the Post Office. Go to www.munster.org and search on "ACH" for the form.



Planapalooza - July 26th - 30th

Mark your calendars for the Planapalooza, the next step in the Livable Munster: Character Based Code project, and help us rewrite the Munster zoning ordinance.

Schedule of Planapalooza Events:

Opening Presentation & Workshop

Where: Centennial Park Clubhouse

When: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 26th

Join us for a brief presentation followed by a hands-on workshop where you'll get to plan YOUR community.

Open Studio

Where: Munster Town Hall

When: Friday, July 27; Saturday, July 28; Sunday, July 29

Join us in the studio anytime Friday to Monday to chat with the Team, provide your feedback, or just check out the project.

Closing Presentation

Where: Centennial Park Clubhouse

When: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday July 30th

Come see all the great work that has been done during the Planapalooza. For more information, visit the project website: <https://tinyurl.com/ZoneMunster>.



What can my Smart911 Safety Profile Include?

- Family - If any member of your household calls 9-1-1, information about your entire family will be available, including emergency contacts.
- Address Details - First responders can help you faster when you provide address details about your home.
- Medical Information - Avoid dangerous drug interactions or allergic reactions by listing your medication and conditions.
- Animals - Keep all members of your household safe by including pets, livestock, or service animals that responders need to be aware of.
- Vehicles - Having the description and license plate of your vehicle can quicken response in an accident or if you need help while in your vehicle.
- 99% of Smart911 users would recommend Smart911 as an essential tool for personal safety.

Pamphlets available at the Town Manager's Office, Building Dept., Clerk Treasurer's Office, and Fire Station #2. For additional information contact Mark Hajduk 219 - 836 - 6961.

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JULY

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	July 2	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	July 10	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	July 10	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	July 16	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Meeting	July 19	7:00 a.m.	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>.

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

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