



NEWS YOU CAN USE

1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Two major unrelated projects have resulted in significant road closures this summer. Public Works has been notifying the public through the Town's **NIXLE** email & text public notification system. Construction along and closure of Columbia Avenue began in early June due to a Hammond Sanitary District (HSD) sanitary sewer force main replacement project along Columbia Avenue near the Hospital that later continued along Camellia Drive to Southwood Drive. The project was necessitated on an emergency basis due to the frequency of force main breaks that had occurred along Columbia Avenue during the past several months, suggesting a deteriorating sewer line requiring immediate attention. By July 20 this project should be completed by Grimmer Construction when it ties into the existing force main located near 45th Street and Southwood Drive and the existing pipe will be abandoned in place after the new pipe is tested and activated.

At about the same time as the HSD project started, plans were made by British Petroleum (BP) to replace a section of their petroleum pipeline under the Canadian National (CN) railroad tracks south of 45th Street near Columbia Avenue, that also runs under 45th Street in line with the East side parkway of Columbia Avenue. A routine inspection identified this section of pipeline in need of repair and BP continues to monitor the line and has not seen any indication of a release from the pipeline. This project began on July 9 with the temporary closure of 45th Street, Columbia Avenue (from 45th Street to North of Camellia Drive), and Camellia Drive (from Columbia Avenue to Larch Drive). Traffic is being detoured via Fran Lin Parkway and Southwood Drive with appropriate road signs and all traffic signals surrounding these closures have been re-optimized for the new lane restrictions.

This BP project is expected to last around 6 weeks. BP has notified the immediate affected neighborhoods through door-to-door outreach before the project began. BP's first task will be to locate conflicting utilities under 45th St and to determine if they can make necessary pipe cut and prep for new pipe insertion without need for a full road closure in an effort to minimize inconvenience to the motoring public. All construction vehicles (except while in route) will work within the confines of the closure zone.



Nixle keeps you up-to-date with relevant information from your local public safety departments & school. Text your zip code to **888777** to Opt-In. Receive alerts for severe weather, traffic, local events, utility issues, road closures, and much more.



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 on **Tuesday, August 7th from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Munster Community Pool**. This fun and exciting event for all ages is held annually to promote police and community partnerships through a variety of different activities.

This year's event will include free swimming for Munster residents (state or school ID please), great door prizes, kids games, bounce houses, over 80 booth participants, emergency vehicle displays, free child identification cards, crime prevention information, a helicopter landing, K-9 demonstrations, citizen award presentations, The John Measner Magic Show, free snow cones, free glow necklaces for kids, meet and greet with public safety personnel, a souvenir photo booth, R2-D2 and other costumed characters, a "Dunk a Cop" booth, concessions, DJ music, and an awesome closing **FIREWORKS SHOW** sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's! Munster High school students can also enter (in person) to win an "up front" parking space for the 2018-2019 school year.

The American Red Cross will also be holding a blood drive in honor of fallen Indiana police officers from 2:30 p.m. (begins prior to the event) until 8:30 p.m. that evening on the event grounds. Walk-ups are welcome, but you can pre-register your blood donation time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by visiting redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor code "mcpool."

We hope you will join us on August 7th. All residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights in support of the event. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION

219-836-PARK (7275)

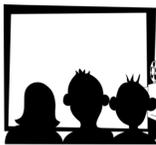
Summer always passes by so quickly, but Munster Parks and Recreation still has many programs and fun special events to enjoy!



Summer Concert Series at Heritage Park

Sunday, August 5
Corner of Ridge Rd. & Columbia Ave.
Concession Available.

Bring your blanket and chairs and enjoy music by the band 1976.



Movies in the Park - Coco

Monday, August 6, at Dusk
Centennial Park/900 N. Centennial Dr.
Concessions Available

Bring your blanket and chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars.



Music in the Park with Art

Friday, August 10
Centennial Park/900 N. Centennial Dr.
Community Tail Gate w/Chamber Businesses
Wear your Collegiate Spirit!

Games, giveaways, and more.

Friday, August 10

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Family Activities with Art

8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Headliner: Levi Riggs

THREE EVENTS ONE DAY!

"Pooch" apalooza, Summer Arts & Crafts Fair, and Sunday Market



Summer Arts & Crafts Fair AND

"Pooch" apalooza - FREE

Sunday, August 19/9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Centennial Park/900 N. Centennial Dr.

Bring your pooch and enjoy the day with craft vendors, dog vendors, rescue organizations, contests, demonstrations, giveaways and concessions.

Sunday Market

August 5-September 30
Centennial Park/900 N. Centennial Dr.
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Shakespeare Theater - "Hamlet"

Saturday, August 25/7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Centennial Park/900 N. Centennial Dr.
FREE - donations accepted.

Canine Cannonball



Tuesday, September 4, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Munster Community Pool
Dog Park Members ONLY
\$10 per dog (3 dog limit)



Fall Cash for Clutter

"Community Garage Sale"
Saturday, September 8
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Community Park/Pool Parking Lot
Sell your "treasures" or come browse for yourself and your home! Call 836-7275 for details.



Munster Pool Rental

There are still a few dates available for b-day parties, group rates, and private party rentals at the pool. Call (219) 836 - 7275 for details.

New this year, the pool will be open August 14-31 (T, TH and F) from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., once school begins. Come enjoy the last few days of summer! As always, once school is back in session, the pool will be open on weekends as well: August 18, 19, 25, 26 and September 1, 2 and 3 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Munster Community Pool Special Days

8/7 National Night Out
8/12 Pool Pass Holder Appreciation Night
8/14 "Tween Time @ the Pool
9/4 Canine Cannonball

Youth Programs

8/10 Digital Photography Workshop (8 - 13)
8/11 Home Alone Training (10 - 14)
8/14 "Tween Time at the Pool (10 - 14)
8/10 FALL SOCCER LEAGUE FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE!!!
8/3 - 8/27 Midwest Training & Ice Programs (Pre-Hockey, Learn to skate, Parkour, Trampoline. (3 - 6+)
Times and Dates vary by sport
8/16 - 10/18 Wado-Ki Karate (Multi-Generation) (4 - adult)

Keen-Agers

8/21 Hawaiian Luau (Lunch/Activities)
8/23 The ABC's of Dementia
9/28 All Seasons Orchard (Woodstock, IL)

Adult Programs

8/6 - 27 Candlelit Meditation
9/12 Excel-in-a-Day
9/19 Excel-in-a-Day Advanced

Trips and Travel

9/5 Dancing Horses Show (300 seat theatre)
9/18 Four Winds Casino
9/27 Another Stretch of Route 66
10/2 "Little Switzerland" & the Cheese Capital
10/17 "Little Shop of Horrors" @ Drury Lane

Multi-day Travel

10/14 - 16 Noah's Ark Encounter
12/8 - 11 A Dicken's of a Christmas
12/10 - 14 NY City Holiday



Register early for 2019 trips, filling quickly (Classic Italy by Rail, New England in Autumn, The Legendary Blue Danube River Cruise, South Padre Island, Southwest Splendor, Tulip Time Rhine & Mosel River Cruise, Panama, Sicilia, Sunny Portugal, Switzerland, Tropical Costa Rica, Spotlight on London, Iconic Israel, National Parks/Historic Trains, and the Colors of Morocco. For more information call Munster Parks & Recreation at 219-836-7275.



Back to School Big Cup Scramble

Centennial Park Golf Course
Saturday, August 4th
8 AM Shotgun Start - 18 Hole Event
\$60 - Public/\$30 - Members



Centennial Park Banquets

Don't Wait to book your Holiday Parties! Book your Holiday Event before November 1st and receive 50% off Room Rental (Up to \$750 Off).



Munster Town Hall Garden

Did you know that the Town of Munster has their own Vegetable Garden? The Munster Garden Club and Planting Possibilities have been growing a variety of fresh veggies in front of Town Hall that residents can pick for free. Grab a veggie, try a new recipe!



Lake County Solid Waste District Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

These collections are for household residents of Lake County, IN and are not open to businesses, schools, churches, organizations or residents of another county.

August: Saturday, August 25, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Highland Public Works
8001 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, Indiana

September: Saturday, September 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lake County Highway Department
18211 Wicker Avenue, Lowell, Indiana

October: Saturday, October 13, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Griffith Public Works
134 South Colfax, Griffith, Indiana

October : Saturday, October 27, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Hammond Public Works
601 Conkey Street, Hammond, IN

For further information contact **Lake County Solid Waste Management District** at 219-853-2420.



Carbon Monoxide Test

Effective 07-01-18: New Section was added to Indiana Code concerning Carbon Monoxide Testing. Under the new code, a Fire Department may provide vehicular carbon monoxide testing to the owner of a motor vehicle at no charge to the owner. Munster Fire Department will offer this service to the community, appointments can be made by calling the Fire Department at 219 - 836 - 6960.



School Town of Munster Registration 2018-2019

Eads, Elliott and Frank Hammond Elementary

All Elementary K - 5th Aug. 1, 9 - 12:00 p.m. & 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Wilbur Wright Middle School

All 6th,7th, and 8th Aug. 1, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Munster High School

A-K (all grades) Aug.1, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. & 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
L-Z (all grades) Aug.2, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. & 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



Orientation

Eads & Elliott Elementary

Kindergarten Parent Orientation Aug. 8, 6:00 p.m.
New Family Walk Thru K-5th Aug. 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Frank Hammond Elementary

New Family Walk thru K-5th Aug. 9, 1:00 3:00 p.m.
Kindergarten Parent Orientation Aug. 9, 6:00 p.m.

Wilbur Wright Middle School

6th Grade, A-F Aug. 7, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
6th Grade, G-K Aug. 7, 10:00 -12:00 p.m.
6th Grade, L-P Aug. 8, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
6th Grade, Q-Z Aug. 8, 10:00-12:00 p.m.
New Students (7th and 8th) Aug. 9, 9:00 a.m.

Munster High School

Freshman Orientation Aug. 9, 4:30 p.m.
Parent/New Student Meeting Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m.





POLICE & FIRE CHARITY SOFTBALL EVENT

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council will be hosting the 6th Annual Police & Fire Charity Softball Event on **Sunday, September 16th from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Community Park** (behind Munster High School). Tickets are only \$5.00 each, and all proceeds will benefit the Cancer Resource Centre of Munster which provides free support to cancer patients and their families. Tickets are available at the Records window of the Munster Police Department (during regular daytime business hours) or can also be purchased at the event gate.

The event will include two sets of games between police officers and firefighters from Munster, Highland, Griffith, Lansing, and Dyer to raise money for this great cause, and will also include bounce houses, kids games, prize drawings, Culver's ice cream sales, DJ music, a souvenir photo booth, an emergency vehicle display, a performance of the National Anthem, concessions, and more.

For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219 - 836 - 6639 or jghrist@munster.org. Thank you in advance for your support!



Livable Munster: Character Based Code Update

Thank you to all the Munster Residents and business owners who participated in the Planapollozas event on July 26 through July 30. Over the next few months, the Munster staff and consultants Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative will study the input you provided and begin drafting the new Character-Based Zoning Code. This code will establish the rules for how Munster is going to develop over the next decade. Please continue to check the project website at <https://tinyurl.com/ZoneMunster> for additional information and projects updates.

Thomas Vanderwoude, AICP
Planning Director Town of Munster



Step 1 Add 1 tablet to the tank. Let sit for 10 minutes.
Step 2 If the bowl turns blue or blue streaks appear, a leak is discovered.

Did you know that a common cause for unexplained water usage on your monthly bill is a toilet with a bad seal? It is important to know that you won't necessarily HEAR this type of leak. If you suspect an issue, you can add some food coloring to the tank (not the bowl). **DO NOT FLUSH!** After 15 - 20 minutes, if there is any food coloring in the bowl, you have a leak in the flapper at the bottom of the tank that is allowing water to seep through. Fixing that flapper will help keep your water costs down!

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

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| Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting | August 6, | 7:00 pm | Main Meeting Room |
| Park Board Meeting | August 7, | Noon | Centennial Park |
| BZA Meeting | August 14, | 7:00 pm | Main Meeting Room |
| Plan Commission Meeting | August 14, | 7:30 pm | Main Meeting Room |
| Board of Safety Meeting | August 23, | 7:00 am | Main Meeting Room |
| Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting | August 20, | 7:00 pm | Main Meeting Room |
| Park Board Meeting | August 21, | 5:00 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>.

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.

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

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