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NEWS YOU CAN USE

AUGUST



HOW NIPSCO RESTORES POWER

- First repair high voltage transmissions lines and substations (and re-route power where possible), which provide power to the largest number of customers. Without repairing this part of the system first, the smaller electric lines connected to homes and business can't be energized.
- Next, the process shifts to restoring power to facilities most critical to public safety and health, including hospitals, police and fire stations, water lift stations and communications systems.
- NIPSCO crews are disbursed to repair service lines that will bring back power to the largest amount of customers the quickest - including major lines that feed power to densely populated neighborhoods and other rural/municipal electric companies.
- Last repairs are made to electric service affecting smaller neighborhoods or outages that impact one or two individual customers.

TREES AND YOUR POWER

- Trees are the leading cause of power outages! Storms can cause tree limbs to break, and trees can fall, pulling down power lines. Don't touch any sagging or downed power lines. Call NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO/911 to report the downed line immediately.
- Don't trim or remove trees that are near power lines. Call NIPSCO if you see a tree that could cause a downed power line or power outage.
- Select the right tree - consider the height, spread and placement to avoid future contact with power lines. A list of tree contractors certified and insured are listed on NIPSCO's website <https://www.nipSCO.com>.

PREPARE FOR AN OUTAGE

- Monitor the weather forecast.
- If severe weather calls for a tornado, pick a safe place where everyone can gather. This location can be your basement, or a center hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor.
- Compile a storm preparedness kit, including essential medicines, non-perishable food items and water, flashlights, portable radios, extra batteries etc.
- Make prior arrangements if someone requires life support equipment, make prior arrangements for back-up supply.
- *All information provided by NIPSCO via their website <https://www.nipSCO.com/>*

WAYS TO REPORT POWER OUTAGES

1. **ONLINE @ <https://www.nipSCO.com>**
2. **TEXT "OUT" TO 444111**
3. **BY PHONE CALL 1-800-464-7726**



2020 Census Help Needed

The 2020 Census will soon be upon us. Plans need to be made NOW to achieve a complete count of town residents. And, how is that done? Through a Complete Count

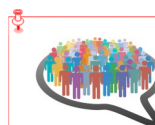
Committee. And, what is a Complete Count Committee?

A Complete Count Committee is a group of leaders representing a cross-section of our community who can find creative ways to make sure everyone who should be counted is counted in the Census. A Complete Count Committee is a group of individuals that will work together to build awareness and enthusiasm to participate in the Census, relying in part on their knowledge of the local community and in part on their ability to engage trusted voices.

And, why is a complete count important? Federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing. Census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for the accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and town councils, and voting districts. Information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment.

So, we need your help. As an interested and interesting member of our community, please identify yourself as a volunteer on Munster's Complete Count Committee by contacting Dave Shafer (836-6945 or dshafer@munster.in.gov) or Wendy Mis (836-6943 or wmis@munster.in.gov).

There will be an organizational meeting in early September. In the meantime, feel free to visit this website for more information about a Complete Count Committee: https://census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census/complete_count.html.



For more information on 2020 Census visit <https://www.census.gov/partners/2020.html>



MUNSTER'S 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster invite and encourage all residents to participate in Munster's 24th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which is held each year to promote police and community partnerships through a variety of both fun and educational activities for all ages.

This year's event will kick off with a parade at 4:30pm, which will begin at the School Town of Munster Administration Building (8616 Columbia Avenue) and run south on Columbia Avenue to the south lot of Munster High School. The parade will include police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, community organizations, student groups, and more.

The main celebration will begin at 5:00pm at the Munster Community Pool with a performance of the National Anthem and the event will run until 9:00pm that evening. Aside from an awesome closing **FIREWORKS SHOW** sponsored by Krazy Kaplans, the event will include free swimming for Munster residents (with state or school ID please), an appearance by former White Sox slugger Ron Kittle, door prizes, kids games, bounce houses, emergency vehicles, K-9 demonstrations, barrel car and Little Obie train rides, a helicopter landing, about 100 booth participants, free glow necklaces and snow cones, costumed characters, student performances, Citizenship Award presentations, the Re/Max hot air balloon, crime prevention information, music, concessions, and more.

The American Red Cross will also be on-site from 3:30pm (prior to the start of the event) until 8:30pm collecting blood donations in honor and memory of fallen Indiana police officers. Walk-ups are welcome, however, you can pre-register your blood donation time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by visiting redcrossblood.org.

All residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights that evening in support of the event. In the event of rain, the event will be postponed to Thursday, August 8th (same place/time). For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. We hope to see you there!

ADDITIONAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WEEK ACTIVITIES



Safety Bingo for Senior Citizens

Thursday, August 1st

Munster Social Center. Please contact the Munster Parks & Recreation at 836-PARK for more information.



Canned Food Drive

Friday, August 2nd

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Munster Police Department

Please bring in canned foods that we will transport to a local food pantry for those who are in need.



Child Safety Seat Check Site

Saturday, August 3rd

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Munster Police Department
(front parking lot)**

Pull up along the curb to have a certified child safety seat technician from the police or fire department check your seats for proper installation.



CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME

Sunday, August 4th

2:00 p.m.

Community Park

Come out to cheer on your school teachers and administrators as they take on our police and fire departments in a friendly softball match to raise funds for the Munster High School Best Buddies Club. The event will include music, Culver's ice cream sales, and a visit by "Vader", our department's new comfort K-9. Tickets are only \$5.00 each and are available at the event.

Get excited for! NEW CLASSES!

August 5 - 8

August 8

August 13 - Sept. 5

2 Hour tennis Camp (ages 5-14)

Wado-Karate (ages 4-6 & 6+)

Yoga and Breathing (Tu/Th, 1 day/week or Friday)

August 13 - Sept. 17

August 14

August 21

August 23

Chair Yoga

Excel in a Day

Selling on eBay and Amazon

Stencil, Paint and Showcase



August 1

August 1 - 3

August 7

August 11

August 17

August 18

August 20

Safety BINGO ←

Pop-up Biergarten Hofbrau-Munchen ↓

A Jaunt through Joliet & Old Joliet Prison

The West Side Winders at Heritage Park

Cash for Clutter

"Pooch" apalooza Dog Fair/Arts and Crafts Fair

Out to Lunch: White Fence Farm (shopping/dinner)

Pop-up Biergarten Hofbrau-Munchen

August 1st - 3rd

3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Centennial Park

Come enjoy awesome German Beer, US Craft Beer and Cider at a family friendly event. Covered seating area and playground for the entire family to

enjoy. Food will also be available to purchase at event.





Munster Pool
It's still Open!!
Normal business hours until August 11th.
Starting Tuesday, August 13th - August 30th. Pool will be open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



FALL SOCCER
Fall Soccer
September 7th - October 12th
Age divisions: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-13
Final deadline to sign up is Friday, August 9th
Again we are always seeking volunteer coaches, if interested contact Jill Higgins at 219-836-6926 or jhiggins@munster.org



Adult Open Basketball
Every Tuesday
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Elliott School
\$5 fee and you have to be 18 + to play!



SCHOOL TOWN of MUNSTER

School Town of Munster 2019-2020

REGISTRATION

Due to construction:

(Registration for ALL School Town of Munster students will be held at one location this year.)

Location: Munster High School Cafeteria
Wednesday, July 31 8:00 - 12:00 & 4:00 - 6:00
Thursday, August 1 8:00 - 12:00 & 4:00 - 6:00

First Day of School
Wednesday - August 14, 2019



Munster High Football



8/23/19 7:00 p.m. Munster vs. Lake Central @ Munster High School

8/30/19 7:00 p.m. Munster vs. Chesterton Senior High School @ Chesterton High School



Why We Conduct the Decennial Census

- A census aims to count the entire population of a country, and at the location where each person usually lives.
- Questions asked of people in homes and group living situations, including how many people live or stay in each home, sex, age, and race of each person. The goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

How the Census Benefits Your Community

- Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties, and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race, and other factors. Each community benefits the most when the census counts everyone.
- Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, and this creates jobs.
- Developers also use the census to build new homes and revitalize neighborhoods.
- Local governments use census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Importance of Apportionment

- Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates that an apportionment of representatives among the states must be carried out every 10 years. Therefore, apportionment is the original legal purpose of the decennial census, as intended by our Nation's Founders.
- Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states, based on the state population counts that result from each decennial census.
- These apportionment results will be the first data published from the 2020 Census, and these results will determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next 10 years.
- *Information provided from website <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/why.html>*



IMPORTANT!!

- Census Bureau is expected to announce the new population counts by Dec. 31, 2020.
- Numbers are sent to President of the United States for the reapportionment of congressional seats, which goes into effect beginning with 2022 elections.
- 2020 Census data used for state and local redistricting are set to be released by March 31, 2021.



For more information on 2020 Census visit
<https://www.census.gov/partners/2020.html>
or call 1-800-923-8282



WHITE GOODS

White goods are washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, microwaves and hot water heaters. If you have a white good to be picked up, call the Town of Munster Public Works Department at 836-6971 to give us your address and call by 3 p.m. on Tuesday for Wednesday pick-up. The Town will not pick up construction debris. The Town will pick up white goods on Wednesdays. Waste Management will pick up **one large item**, with a weight of 50 pounds or less such as a mattress or furniture, in addition to your regular garbage collection.



LAKE COUNTY SOLID 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. For questions regarding Household Hazardous Waste call 219-853-2420.

AUGUST Saturday, August 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Highland Public Works, 8001 Kennedy Avenue, Highland

SEPTEMBER Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lake County Highway Dept., 18211 Wicker Avenue, Lowell



WHO'S NAME IS ON YOUR WATER ACCOUNT?

Most of us think it's no big deal to have the water bill in another person's name. That is until something happens and we need it to document the person(s) responsible for the account or prove residency. Then it becomes a problem.

There are many reasons why your water utility account may need a name change. Perhaps there's been a marriage, divorce, death, inheritance or some other change in property ownership. If any of these apply to you, please contact Water Billing at 836 - 6948 or email us at rlawson@munster.in.gov. We can work through your situation and explain what is needed to make your account holder information accurate.



Clerk Treasurer's Office Hours

Monday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Water billing, dog tags, new water accounts,
- Permits (garage sale, solicitor, scavenger, and food trucks)
- Business registrations



TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	August 5,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	August 6,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Board of Zoning Appeals	August 6,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	August 6,	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	August 19,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	August 20,	5:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Meeting	August 29,	6:30 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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