



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## NOVEMBER

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### Munster Town Hall Offices Will Be Closed on

THANK YOU VETERANS



Monday, November 11th  
in Observance of Veterans Day  
"Honor to the soldier and sailor  
everywhere, who bravely bears his  
country's cause"



Thursday, November 28th  
& Friday, November 29th  
in Observance of Thanksgiving Day  
"Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness  
and gratitude"



### Leaf Collection

It is almost leaf season! We intend to make at least four complete passes through the Town. Please help us move as efficiently as possible by following these guidelines:

- Please DO NOT PARK VEHICLES in front of leaf piles between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Leaves MUST BE in a continuous long pile called a "windrow" on parkway grass (between curb and sidewalk) NOT ON THE STREET and less than 4 ft. from curb.
- Please do not place any: sticks, bricks, stones, grass, garbage, branches, bushes, or other debris in the windrow. We have found all these and more while picking up leaves. These items slow the collection rate and damage equipment.
- DO NOT PARK VEHICLES OVER LEAF PILES - this may result in a fire.
- Please note branch collection will end once leaf season begins.



**Early Voting**  
**Munster Town Hall**  
**Conference Room B**  
**\*Bring photo ID**  
Friday, November 1st  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 2nd  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 4th  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 5th - Election Day**  
**6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**\*VOTE AT YOUR REGULAR POLLING SITE TODAY!**

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULING INFORMATION

THANKSGIVING DAY  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

Refuse and Recycling will be picked up one day later than your regular pickup day after the holiday.



## SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

### Special Town Council & Redevelopment Commission Meeting

The regular meeting of the Munster Town Council originally scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019 has been canceled. Instead, the Munster Town Council will hold a special meeting at 12:00 p.m. (noon local time) on Monday, November 4, 2019 at Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana.

The regular meeting of the Munster Redevelopment Commission, originally scheduled for approximately 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019, has been canceled. Instead, the Munster Redevelopment Commission will hold a special meeting at noon on November 4, 2019. The approximate time of the Redevelopment Commission special meeting is 12:15 p.m. This meeting will also be held at Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana.

These special meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend.

**\*Meetings will be held in Main Meeting Room**



## Munster Parks & Recreation 219-836-Park



A Special Thank You!! To all our Community Market Vendors who participated with us this season, as well as everyone who attended. If you are sad you missed out on participating, we are already seeking vendors for 2020. If interested contact us at 219-836-7275.



The final Story Trails is on Thursday, November 14th. Don't miss out on the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and a walk through Community Park. For just \$5 this is a can't miss event for you and your child. Pre-register by calling us at 219-836-7275.



Join us for our annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th at Munster High School. Find special hand-crafted

gifts for your friends and family from the 125 local artists being showcased. With **free admission and parking** this a must attend event.



He sees you when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake, and he knows when you're ready to rock! Rock along with Santa this holiday season on Wednesday, December 11th from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Community Park Social Center. Santa will make a special visit to lead us all in song along with his elf, Lubi. Enjoy snacks, dinner and activities! Make sure you don't leave early because Santa will be taking requests for Christmas. You must pre-register for this event.



Are you looking to rent a facility or shelter with us in 2020? We are currently taking 2020 rentals. In order to rent a facility with us, you must come in person to our office and pay the entire fee (Rental fee + Tax + Refundable deposit). No dates will be "held" without full payment.



We offer an array of online programs: Dental Assisting, Dialysis Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Medical Billing and Coding, Paralegal Program and more! You have 6 months to complete online courses. Contact Jill Higgins at [jhiggins@munster.org](mailto:jhiggins@munster.org) or 219-836-7275 for more information.



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| 11/1 | Beginner Tot Pre-Hockey (Age: 3+)      |
| 11/2 | Beginner Tot Learn to Skate (Age: 3-5) |
| 11/2 | Pre-Alpha Beginner Skate (Age: 6+)     |
| 11/3 | Parkour (Age: 3-5 and 6+)              |
| 11/4 | Trampoline Beginner (Age: 6+)          |



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| 11/7  | Hardy's Reindeer Ranch Trip                     |
| 11/8  | Shopping the World at Little Traveler in Geneva |
| 11/12 | Four Winds Casino Trip                          |
| 11/14 | The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Age: 3-5)          |
| 11/14 | Gene & Gorgetti's: Out To Lunch Trip (FULL)     |
| 11/23 | Home Alone Training                             |



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| 11/7  | Volleyball Skills and Drills (Age: 6-12) |
| 11/18 | Floor Hockey (Age: 6-9)                  |
| 11/19 | Basketball Clinic 101 (Age: 6-9)         |
| 11/19 | Lil' Dribblers (Age: 3-5)                |
| 11/20 | Gridiron Flag Football (Age: 4-6)        |
| 11/20 | T-Ball Skills Clinic (Age: 3-5)          |
| 11/22 | Basketball Clinic 201 (Age: 9-12)        |
| 11/22 | Pee Wee Soccer (Age: 3-5)                |

### ZUMBA!



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| 11/11 | Zumba              |
| 11/12 | Chair Yoga         |
| 11/14 | Zumba              |
| 11/19 | Yoga and Breathing |



### Newsletter

Have you seen the online version of the "News You Can Use" monthly newsletter? Visit [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org) and click on the "News You Can Use" monthly newsletter banner. Revisions and/or updates sometimes are made after paper copy mailings are distributed.



## HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY TIPS FROM THE MUNSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Carry your wallet in your front pocket, or your purse zipped up and slung in front of you while shopping. Do not carry large amounts of cash or unnecessary credit cards.
- Shop with a friend if possible so that you can look out for each other. Be alert for pickpockets.
- Prevent thefts from vehicles by placing purchased items in your trunk and out of plain view.
- Keep your home well-lit during the evening, making use of dusk-to-dawn lamps, motion-detecting lights, and timed lighting. Keep landscaping trimmed so that your home is visible from the street.
- Be aware of anyone who calls you or comes to your door asking for donations for individuals in need. Only provide donations directly to charities that you know and trust. Never give your personal information, social security number, or bank account number over the phone.
- Be aware of individuals asking to shovel your snow. Only allow trusted persons to do so, and never allow strangers into your home.\*
- Report suspicious individuals in parking lots or those who are around your neighborhood immediately to the police department by calling 911.



## Fire Safety Tips for Thanksgiving

- Do not leave the kitchen area if frying, grilling or broiling.
- Check foods that are boiling, simmering, roasting, or baking often; use multiple timers to remind you.
- Do not place kitchen towels, oven mitts, wood utensils or food packaging on or next to the stovetop.
- Keep lids nearby to smother small grease fires; place the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop.
- Don't overfill pots.
- If frying turkey, set up fryer away from your home and other structures.
- Only fry a completely thawed turkey.
- Keep a grease-fire approved fire extinguisher handy.
- Children should be kept away from hot stoves and paid particular attention to when they are in the kitchen.
- Long sleeves and loose clothing should be avoided while cooking as it can easily catch fire.

**EMERGENCY**  
CALL **9-1-1** FIRE  
POLICE  
MEDICAL  
RESCUE

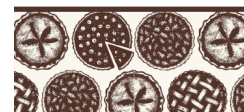


## Thanksgiving Catering

Save yourself the stress of cooking at home and order your Thanksgiving meal at Centennial Park. We have a full Thanksgiving meal complete with the oven roasted turkey, sides, and dessert. If you're looking for just a few items, we also have everything ala cart.

### THANKSGIVING CATERING MENU

*Enjoy A Tasty Thanksgiving  
Dinner Without All That Work!*



**\$119.95**

4 to 6 person meal with a 12 - 15lb. turkey

**\$219.95**

10 to 14 person meal with a 20 - 4lb. turkey

**Order Today** @ <http://www.centennialparkmunster.com/events>

## Plan Your Holiday Celebration

From cocktail receptions to upscale dinners, we will work with you to make sure every step of your event is customized to your every detail. Book your family gathering, party with friends, or work celebration and receive **50% OFF the room rental.**

**Inquire Today** @ <https://www.centennialparkmunster.com/weddings-banquets>

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## Breakfast with Santa

Our famous breakfast buffet will include a special visit from Santa. It's time to get in the holiday spirit! Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 10:0 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**\$12.95** Adults

**FREE** Children 12 and Under

**Reserve Your Table** @ <https://www.centennialparkmunster.com/events>



## Superintendent's Revenge

You should have fixed more ball marks this season. Join us for a 4 golfer, 9 hole scramble. Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Centennial Park **\$25** Members | **\$40** Public **Register Today** @ <https://www.centennialparkmunster.com/events>







**MUNSTER POLICE  
SEEKING "COPS & KIDS"  
SHOPPING PROGRAM  
DONATIONS**

The Munster Police Department is seeking monetary donations **through Friday, November 8th** towards this year's "Cops & Kids" holiday shopping program. Each year, Munster officers take area children in need shopping around the holidays with funds donated by local residents, businesses, or community organizations. Last year's event involved almost 100 area children thanks to the generosity of others.

If you would like to provide a donation, **please make checks payable to the Town of Munster (Memo: Cops & Kids) and mail them to the Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321.** For more information, please contact Officer Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org). Thank you in advance for your support this year!

**THANK  
YOU**

**Munster History Museum Free Holiday Event  
in the 1910 Kaske House in Heritage Park  
Ridge Road and Columbia Avenue**



**Saturday, December 7, 2019  
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**



**Bring a Camera to take a Free Family Photo with  
Santa, Mrs. Claus & the Elves**

*Warm up with Cookies and Hot Chocolate*

*Dress for the weather and bring flashlights for walking around the park  
Carolers are welcome!*

*Free Parking at the Munster Schools' Administration Building  
south of Ridge Road on the west side of Columbia Avenue (behind Bieker Woods).  
Heritage Park is just a short walk north on the east side of Columbia Avenue to  
the candlelit brick entryway. Handicapped Drop Off on driveway*

*Parking is strictly prohibited at Heritage Park during event hours.*

**TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER**

Special Town Council/Redevelopment Comm. Mtg	Nov. 4,	Noon	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Mtg	Nov. 5,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg	Nov. 12,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission Mtg	Nov. 12,	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council/Redevelopment Comm. Mtg	Nov. 18,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Mtg	Nov. 19,	5:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Mtg	Nov. 21	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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