

Christmas trees will be picked up by the Public Works Department starting December 26, 2019 and ending January 31, 2020 **weather permitting**. Please make sure all decorations are off the tree. Any questions contact Munster Public Works 219-836-6971 Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### 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 room rental**. [Cenntennialparkmunster.com/weddings-banquets](http://Cenntennialparkmunster.com/weddings-banquets)



### Majestic Eagles on the Illinois River

Every winter, Illinois gives visitors the opportunity to see more wintering American bald eagles than in any other state outside Alaska. Travel to Starved Rock State Park to see and learn about this majestic bird, the national emblem of the United States. Eagles follow seasonal food supplies and as northern lakes and streams freeze over, the Starved Rock Dam on the Illinois River has become a favorite spot for them.

On a guided tour, with minimal walking, aboard the Starved Rock Trolleys, we'll enjoy an eagle presentation at the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center where you can observe this awesome creature in its natural habitat as they glide above the river looking for a meal. At the visitor center, beside the wildlife viewing area you can also learn about the operation of the lock and dam and the Illinois River as a part of our National water highway system.

Displays about early users of the Illinois River, the Illinois and Michigan Canal and how water transportation transformed the United States is also featured here. At comfy and cozy Starved Rock Lodge we will be treated to a delicious hot lunch. While we are here, warm up by the largest two-sided fireplace in Illinois in the Great Hall! A stop will also be made at Starved Rock Park's Visitor Center, home to a 400-gallon aquarium housing fish indigenous to the Illinois River and a nice gift store. Contact Skyler at (219) 836-6922 for date and fees. This trip will depart in February 2020.



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## JANUARY 2020

Edited by E. Payne

### From the desk of Wendy Mis:



Happy New Year Munster residents! A new year, a new decade and, for me, a new job as the Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Munster.

My husband, Randy, and I have strong roots in Munster. We moved to Munster for the school system, we stayed because of the quality of services, outstanding parks, safe neighborhoods and access to the arts. We have been active in our kids' activities as well as pursuing our own interests within the community. Randy owns an accounting practice that provides year-round services including tax preparation. I have worked for a prison ministry, the Munster Chamber of Commerce, and Franciscan Health. I began working in the Clerk-Treasurer Office almost two years ago. Our daughter, Emily, is an IU Bloomington Kelley grad and she lives and works in Chicago doing market research. Our son, Alex plays baseball for Franklin College and will graduate with a degree in Applied Mathematics this May.

Although I am the first new Clerk-Treasurer in 20 years, I do expect the transition to be a smooth one. I am building on the skills I already have by attending a one day training for Newly Elected Officials (NEO) in December and I will attend a three day NEO boot camp in January. I will continue to work towards my masters degree in public affairs and I am just a few months away from qualifying for certification from the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk-Treasurers. I plan to provide residents with the high level of fiscal responsibility the Town of Munster needs.

You can share your input with me at [wmis@munster.in.gov](mailto:wmis@munster.in.gov) and I will be keeping you updated with news from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office regularly.

Warmly,  
*Wendy Mis*

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\*To view Elected Officials Profiles go to [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org)

### TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JANUARY

Park Board Mtg.	January 7,	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Town Council /Redevelopment Com. Mtg.	January 13,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	January 14,	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission Mtg.	January 14,	7:30 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Board of Safety Mtg.	January 16,	7:00 a.m.	Main Meeting Room
Town Council /Redevelopment Com. Mtg.	TBD	7:00 p.m.	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Mtg.	January 21,	5:00 p.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>.

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

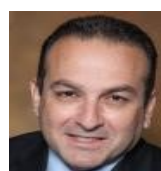
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### "The Effects of Vaping and Addiction" Presentation for Parents & Teens

Monday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Wilbur Wright Middle School Arena  
(8650 Columbia Avenue)

Vaping rates have skyrocketed among teens. The Center for Disease Control has reported over 2,400 hospitalized cases of lung injuries and 52 deaths associated with vaping.

**This presentation will provide information for parents and teens:**

- The health risks associated with e-cigarette and tobacco use
- Recognizing different e-cigarette devices
- How nicotine is addictive and harmful to the brain
- What parents need to know
- Legal and school issues for minors
- How we can all help

The presenters will include Laura Arent, Franciscan Health Tobacco Specialist, and Irene Boone-Phillips, Program Coordinator for the Lake County Community Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition.

**The presentation is being hosted by the Munster Police Department's Community Policing Unit and the Choice Community Council of Munster. For more information, please contact D.A.R.E. Officer James Ghrist at**

**219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).**

*Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend with your teenager!*

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULING INFORMATION 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. For further information, please contact Waste Management Customer Service (800)964-8988



## MUNSTER PARKS & RECREATION 219-836-PARK

### Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night



**Saturday, February 8th**  
**Wilbur Wright Middle School**  
**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Our annual Daddy Daughter Date Night is back! Bring your young love to celebrate a night filled with special memories, a catered dinner, corsage, dancing, photobooth, and a special favor. Dress in your finest attire as Artlynn Photography will be taking photos on-site for an additional fee. Date Night will be held at Wilbur Wright Middle School on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. **Early bird deadline is January 17<sup>th</sup>.** Make your date night reservations today!



### Let's Go to the Museum: Pritzker Museum \*

**January 29th 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** This journey takes us to see the Pritzker Military Museum in beautiful downtown Chicago. Transportation and general admission into the library and museum and a guided tour provided from a knowledgeable employee. Lunch will not be provided but will be as a group at the Flat Top Grill. Join us in learning about military history and enjoy a contemporary Asian meal.



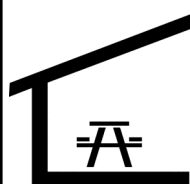
Already planning your tropical Spring Break but nervous about your kids' swimming ability? Let us help to make your trip as relaxing as possible. Group, semi-private, and private swim lessons starting in January! Contact us

today to find out more information.



If you're wondering what on earth your teenager will be doing this summer look no further than the water. Sign them up to Learn to Lifeguard so they are ready to work at local pools and beaches this summer!

Classes start January 12<sup>th</sup>, and we must have 6 participants to run the class.



Are you looking to rent the Social Center with us in 2020? Are you wanting to get married at Heritage Park? Are you looking for a place to hold your shelter family reunion next summer? We have begun taking rentals for 2020. 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.



Seeking certified lifeguards and/or swim instructors for winter/spring swim lessons, starting on Sundays in January – contact Skyler at (219) 836-6922 or [sramberger@munster.org](mailto:sramberger@munster.org) for more information.



Come dressed, ready to impress for our Part-Time Job Fair. On Monday, January 20 from 1-5pm at Munster Town Hall, we will interview for summer jobs including but not limited to:

lifeguard, swim instructors, admissions staff, concession stand attendees, pint-size camp aides and teachers, summer enrichment aides and teachers, soccer referees, tennis instructors, park maintenance, summer camp counselors and more. Interested employees must be at least 14 years of age – please note: certain positions have age restrictions. See the Parks Guide or call us for more details. Can't make it? Go to [munster.org](http://munster.org), fill out a seasonal employment application and mail it in to Munster Parks and Recreation at 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321.

1/07	Adult Open Basketball	
1/07	Yoga and Breathing	
1/12	Learn to Lifeguard	(16+)
1/12	Learn to Swim (Preschool, Parent/Tot, Youth and Private/Semi-Private)	
1/14	Intro to Drawing	(Adult)
1/15	Intermediate Drawing	(Adult)
1/16	Indoor Golf Lessons	(8-17)
1/16	Men's Open Soccer	
1/17	Hot Chocolate Social	
1/18	Intro to Cartooning	(9+)
1/18	Intro to Drawing	(9+)
1/18	Intermediate Drawing	(9-13)
1/20	<b>Part-Time Job Fair *</b>	(14+)
1/21	Four Winds Casino	
1/24	Big Hawk Basketball	(9-12)
1/24	Tiny Hawk Soccer	(3-5)
1/28	Frozen Fun	(4-8)
1/27	Tumblebears Gymnastics (Parent/Tot, Preschool and School Age)	
1/27	Mini-Hawk Multisport	(6-8)
1/27	Super Tots Multi-Sport	(2-4)
1/28	Mini-Hawk Basketball	(6-8)
1/28	Tiny Hawk Basketball	(3-5)
1/28	eBay, Amazon, Poshmark, and More!	
1/29	<b>Pritzker Museum *</b>	
1/29	Skyhawks Baseball Camp	(8-10)
1/29	Tiny Hawk T-Ball	(4-7)
1/30	Wado-Ki Karate Little Dragons	(4-6)
1/30	Wado-Ki Karate Beginner and Advanced	(6-Adult)



### New K-9 "Lucy" Featured at Munster Crime Watch Meeting

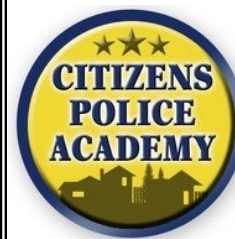


The Munster Police Department invites all residents and business representatives to the first quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting of the year on Thursday, January 23rd at 7:00pm at the Munster Town Hall. The meeting will feature a presentation from Munster Police Officer Brett Scheffel and his new K-9 partner "Lucy", who will provide information about Lucy's training along with a demonstration of her skills. Crime statistics, updates on recent incidents, and a \$25 Target gift card door prize will also be included. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).



### Choice Community Council Meeting

The Choice Community Council, which is open forum for any Munster resident who would like to help plan or volunteer for programs aimed at drug, crime, or violence prevention in Munster, will be holding their first quarterly meeting of the year on Thursday, January 23rd at 6:00pm at the Munster Town Hall (in Conference Room A). Please note that this is NOT a Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).



### Munster PD Accepting Citizens Police Academy Applications

The Munster Police Department is now accepting applications for their spring Citizens Police Academy, which will be held on March 9, 16, 30, April 6, 13, and 20th (six sessions) during the early evening hours at the Munster Police station. Participants will receive classroom and hands-on training in traffic stops, crime scene investigations, community policing, shoot/don't shoot scenarios, K-9, SWAT, patrol procedures, and more. Residents who successfully complete the class will also receive a ride along with a Munster Police officer.

### MUNSTER POLICE RECORDS DIVISION HOURS & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Monday - Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Telephone Number: 219-836-6650/6630  
Lake County Dispatch: 219-660-0001

**\*Lobby open to public 24 hrs., use phone located in lobby to contact police personnel after hours**

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Telephone Number: 219-836-6659



### Annual "Snowflurry" Event Open to Munster Fifth Graders

Registration is now open through January 23rd for Snowflurry 2020, which will be held on the morning of Saturday, February 29th from 8:30am to 1:00pm at Wilbur Wright Middle School. Snowflurry is an annual event that is held as an extension of

the Munster Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program, and allows Munster fifth graders to participate in a number of both fun and educational activities led by volunteer Munster High School student mentors. The purpose of the event is to encourage the students to treat others with respect and to make positive choices. Over 300 fifth graders and 150 Munster High School students participated in the event last year.

All participating students will receive a commemorative Snowflurry t-shirt. Permission slips will be provided to fifth grade students by homeroom teachers beginning on January 7th and they must be turned back in to their teachers along with \$10.00 no later than January 23rd. No late entries will be accepted.

Munster High School students who are wishing to volunteer their time that morning must sign-up beginning on January 7th on a sheet posted near Officer Isenblatter's office in Student Services at MHS. There will be a limited number of volunteer spaces, so please sign-up ASAP if you are wishing to participate.

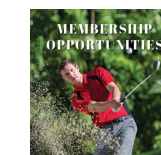
For more information, please contact your child's teacher or D.A.R.E Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639.



### Indoor Junior Golf Clinics

Join us for 3 week sessions for indoor junior golf lessons!

- Thursdays from 6:00 p. .m. - 7:00 p.m.
- January Clinic begins on Jan. 16th
- February Clinic begins on Feb. 6th
- Cost - \$75.00



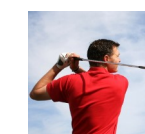
### 2020 Membership

Our 2020 memberships are on sale now! All the classics are back, 7 Day, 5 Day, and Cart Passes, & Range Passes. Become a Member Today! Go to [centennialparkmunster.com/store](http://centennialparkmunster.com/store)



### Gift Cards

Are you looking for a gift but not sure what to get? A gift card is the answer! Purchase online @[centennialparkmunster.com/store](http://centennialparkmunster.com/store)



### Individual Indoor Lessons

Take indoor lessons all winter long. Register today at the golf at 219-836-6931.