



1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN

NEWS YOU CAN USE

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From the Desk of Wendy Mis
CENSUS DAY APRIL 1, 2020

Five BIG Reasons Why You Should Fill Out Your Census Form.

The Census matters to Munster and you can be counted to shape your future! An accurate population count is important to Munster. We receive federal funding based on the number. The state distributes local road and street funds and gaming revenue based on the population count.

These dollars are used to maintain roads, repair sidewalks, and buy equipment and technology for our first responders. The number of Representatives each state gets in U.S. Congress and political district boundaries are drawn based on the reported numbers. The population number is used for various reporting we are required to complete.

Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau counts every person in the United States. Beginning in March, you will be receiving the official Census Bureau mailer with detailed information about how to respond to the 2020 Census.

You will easily be able to complete the census on paper, on the phone or on the internet. It has never been easier to comply. Anyone living in your home, temporarily or permanently, by April 1, 2020 should be counted in the Census, even newborn babies! After Census Day, Census Bureau workers will take in-person counts of people living in groups such as nursing homes.

The Munster Public Library has sample questions for you to review, public computers available for you to use with a quick link to the census and staff will be available to help you. For more information about the Census, visit www.2020census.gov, and you are always welcome to contact me at wmis@munster.in.gov.

1. Help Your Community Thrive. Does your neighborhood have a lot of traffic congestion, elderly people living alone or over crowded schools? Census numbers can help your community work out public improvement strategies.

Non-profit organizations use census numbers to estimate the number of potential volunteers in communities across the nation.

2. Get Help in Times of Need. Many 911 emergency systems are based on maps developed for the last census. Census information helps health providers predict the spread of disease through communities with children or elderly people. When floods, tornadoes or earthquakes hit, the census tells rescuers how many people will need their help.

When Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida in 1992, census information aided the rescue effort by providing estimates of the number of people in each block.

3. Make Government Work for You. It's a good way to tell our leaders who we are and what we need. The numbers are used to help determine the distribution of hundreds of billions of dollars in federal and state funds. We're talking hospitals, highways, stadiums and school lunch programs.

Using census numbers to support their request for a new community center, senior citizens in one New England community successfully argued their case before county commissioners.

4. Reduce Risk for American Business. Because census numbers help industry reduce financial risk and locate potential markets, businesses are able to produce the products you want.

"All the Basic Facts You Need to Know to Start a New Business," a publication of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce, shows small businesses how to use census numbers to determine the marketability of new products.

5. Help Yourself and Your Family. Individual records are held confidential for 72 years, but you can request a certificate from past censuses that can be used as proof to establish your age, residence or relationship, information that could help you qualify for a pension, establish citizenship or obtain an inheritance. In 2072, your great-grandchildren may want to use census information to research family history. Right now, your children may be using census information to do their homework. Because we've had a census every 10 years since 1790, we know how far America has come!

Important Dates!



- * **March 12-20:** Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.
- * **April 1:** Census Day is observed nationwide.
- * **April:** Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and those who live among large groups of people.
- * **May - June:** Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.
- * **December:** The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

classes + EVENTS

- 3/2 - 3/30 Mini-Hawk Multi-Sport (6-8)
 3/2 - 3/30 Super Tots Multi-Sport (2-4)
 3/3 - 3/17 Basic Excel
 3/3 - 4/2 Yoga and Breathing
 3/3 - 3/31 Tiny Hawk Basketball (3-5)
 3/3 - 3/31 Mini-Hawk Basketball (6-8)
 3/4 *Should I stay or should I go: Preparing for the next stage of Life
 3/4 - 4/1 Tiny Hawk T-Ball (4-7)
 3/4 - 5/20 CSRI Open Gym (All Ages)
 3/4 - 4/1 Skyhawks Baseball Camp (8-10)
 3/5 - 4/16 Men's Open Soccer (18+)
 3/6 - 4/10 Big SkyHawk Basketball (9-12)
 3/9 - 4/13 Parent/Tot, Preschool and School Age Gymnastics
 3/9 - 6/15 Clinical Medical Assistant (+ Clinical Externship)
 3/9 - 4/27 EKG Technician Certification
 3/10 Field Museum (Small Van Trip)
 3/11 * Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt
 3/11 - 4/8 Adult PE (18+)
 3/11 Excel in a Day
 3/12 Dementia 101
 3/12 *Make a Horseshoe Luck Catcher
 3/13 **FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE Spring Soccer**
 3/18 Cheesecake Factory (Out to Lunch Small Van Trip)
 3/18 Why pay an Attorney?
 3/24 Four Winds Casino
 3/24 - 5/26 *Intro to Drawing (Adult)
 3/25 - 5/27 *Intermediate Drawing (Adult)
 3/26 - 5/28 Wado-Ki Little Dragons (4-6) and Beginner/Advanced (6 thru Adult)
 3/28 - 5/30 *Intermediate Drawing (9-13)
 3/28 - 5/30 *Intro to Cartooning (9+ thru Adult)
 3/28 - 5/30 *Intro to Drawing (9-13)
 3/29 *Fixing Broken Jewelry
 3/31 - 5/5 Chair Yoga



*10600 White Oak Ave, Dyer, IN 46311

- 3/1 - 3/22 Parkour (3-5 and/or 6+)
 3/2 - 3/23 Hip Hop Dance (5-9)
 3/2 - 3/23 Trampoline (6+)
 3/3 - 3/24 Tap, Ballet and Jazz (6+)
 3/4 - 3/25 Trampoline (3-5)
 3/6 - 3/28 Beginner Pre-Hockey (3+)
 3/7 - 3/28 Irish Step Dancing (6+)
 3/7 - 3/28 Tiny Tots Dancing (18mths. -3 yrs.)
 3/7 - 3/28 Beginner Tots to Learn to Skate (3-5)
 3/7 - 3/28 Pre-Alpha Beginner Skate (6+)



Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt
March 11, 2020
Munster Social Center
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for family fun & games to celebrate the upcoming holiday!



Four Winds Casino
March 24, 2020

Action packed gaming trip to hopefully win some cash. Register by March 13th to receive the early-bird rate. Contact Skyler at 219-836-6922 if you have any questions.



Make a Horseshoe Luck Catcher!
March 12, 2020

Munster Town Hall
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to make a catcher with a real forged horseshoe. Shoes, beads, charms, tools and wire will all be supplied. Want to know what gemstones and crystals you can use to attract good juju into your space? This and many other fun activities will be covered



Jewelry Class!
March 29, 2020
Munster Town Hall
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Got a pair of earrings that is missing a hook or bracelet that broke apart? This is the class for you, soldering

tools, tons of beads, bindings, and jewelry making tools for you to borrow.



Should I stay or Should I go?

Preparing for the next stage of life. Are you ready to downsize now that your "nest" is empty? Changing living situations later in life can be scary. We will explore pros and cons of various housing options, efficient

ways to eliminate clutter or liquidate belongings that are no longer needed, and so much more!



Now taking applications for part-time postings! Summer camp counselor (18+), summer camp coordinator (18+), soccer referees (14+), tennis instructors (14+), lifeguards (16+), swim instructors (16+), admissions (16+), and summer enrichment teachers (18+). Please contact Munster Parks

& Recreation (219)836-PARK for more information.



ART CLASS

Do you have a love for drawing and or cartooning, but unsure how to start piecing everything together? Let us help with both introductory and advanced lessons. Lessons begin in late March and are available for youth (9-13) and adults (14+).

Kindergarten Registration

School Town of Munster 2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration Information

Please visit www.munster.in.us beginning the week of March 9, 2020 to access kindergarten enrollment.

You will be asked to complete the Kindergarten Enrollment form and after that to complete Registration Gateway.

After completing both forms, contact your child's school to schedule an enrollment appointment.

Eads Elementary School
8000 Jackson Avenue
219-836-8635

Elliott Elementary School
8718 White Oak Avenue
219-838-5250

Frank Hammond Elementary School
1301 Fran-Lin Parkway
219-838-2060

In order to be eligible to register for Kindergarten a child must be five years old on or before August 1, 2020. To register for First grade a child must be six years old on or before August 1, 2020.

At the time of enrollment appointment at the child's school, parents must present:

- Certified/original birth certificate of the child.
- A valid driver's license with current Munster Address.
- Residency verification documents (a complete list can be found on the Registration Gateway site).
- You must reside in Munster.
- Only a parent or legal guardian may enroll a student.

Munster High School
8808 Columbia Ave; 219-836-3200

Wilbur Wright Middle School
8650 Columbia Ave; 219-836-6260

St. Paul's Lutheran School
8601 Harrison Ave; 219-836-6270

St. Thomas More School
8435 Calumet Ave; 219-836-9151



COMMUNITY



Congratulations to the newest members of the Munster Fire Department!

After 6 months of training all three graduated on December 13, 2019. Sacramento Tirado-Estrada, Addison Bryce, and Brian Lester.



DOG WALKER WATCH TRAINING MEETING

The Munster Police Department will be holding their next Dog Walker Watch Training Meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm at the Munster Town Hall. **Pre-registration is required to participate in this training, which will only last about 30 minutes** and will provide information about looking out for suspicious activity and other potential safety issues in your neighborhood while you are walking your dog. **Each training participant will receive a FREE Dog Walker Watch t-shirt on a later date, sponsored by the Choice Community Council.** The training is open to Munster residents only, ages 18 and older, and there is a limited number of seats open. **To pre-register, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.**



SNOW PLOW DAMAGE

Occasionally during snowplow season parkways and mailboxes can be damaged. If your parkway grass is damaged during a snow event from a snowplow contact Public Works at 836-6971 to report the damage. In the spring, the damaged area will be reseeded to restore the parkway. If your mailbox is damaged by a snowplow during a snow event call Public Works to report. If the mailbox is unusable a temporary mailbox will be installed and, in the spring, a permanent mailbox will be installed.

March

Sunday, March 8th - Daylight Saving Time Starts
(clocks are turned forward 1 hour at 2:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 17th - St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 19th - First Day of Spring

Monday, March 23rd - Friday, March 27th
Spring Break for
School Town of Munster

VOTE EARLY

YOUR TIME | YOUR VOICE | YOUR VOTE

Munster Town Hall is an Early Voting Satellite Location for the 2020 Primary Election in May

Munster Town Hall - Conference Room B
1005 Ridge Road
Munster, IN 46321

Early voting begins on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 and ends on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & *Fridays
from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(*Closed Good Friday)

Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Please bring photo ID

For complete information regarding your regular voting location, voting status, how to register to vote and much more information please visit <https://indianavoters.in.gov>

Breakfast with Bunny
Centennial Park
Saturday, April 4th
10:00 a.m. Seating
\$12.95 - Adults
\$8.95 - Kids 12 and Under
Enjoy our annual brunch with the famous Easter Bunny!

Easter Brunch
Centennial Park
Sunday, May 10th
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Seating's
\$29.95-Adults
\$12.95 - Kids 12 and Under

***Register Online @centennialpark.com/events**

Adult Egg Hunt
Centennial Park
Thursday, April 9th
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
\$40.00 Public/\$35.00 Residents
(Register at Munster Parks & Rec 219-836-7275)
Join us for Adult Only Easter Egg Hunt! Cash Bar and Must be 21 and Over!

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR MARCH

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| Town Council/Redevelopment Comm. Meeting | March 2, | 7:00 p.m. | Main Meeting Room |
| Park Board Meeting | March 3, | Noon | Centennial Park Clubhouse |
| Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting | March 10, | 7:00 p.m. | Main Meeting Room |
| Plan Commission Meeting | March 10, | 7:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room |
| Town Council/Redevelopment Comm. Meeting | March 16, | 7:00 p.m. | Main Meeting Room |
| Park Board Meeting | March 17, | 5:00 p.m. | Main Meeting Room |
| Board of Safety Meeting (Cancelled) | March 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.

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

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| Ken Schoon | Ward #1 | 219-765-8052 | kschoon@munster.org |
| Lee Ann Mellon | Ward #2 | 219-757-1332 | lmellon@munster.org |
| Chuck Gardiner | Ward #3 | 708-606-7223 | cgardiner@munster.org |
| Steve Tulowitzki | Ward #4 | 219-226-8973 | tulo@munster.org |
| Dr. Andy Koultourides | Ward #5 | 219-595-5606 | dkoul63@gmail.com |
| Wendy Mis | Clerk Treasurer | 219-836-6945 | wmis@munster.in.gov |



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