



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## JULY 2020

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### The Town of Munster Re-Opening Plan

Munster, Ind.– In response to the Governor's recent guidelines, the Town of Munster is now sharing our re-opening plan. The plan is outlined in accordance with Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Orders.

- The Town of Munster will resume for regular in-person business on Monday, June 22nd. This will allow for the final installation of glass barriers to help ensure public safety. With the exception of early voting and polling on election day, Town Hall Facilities have been closed since mid-March. All the Town Facilities previously opened to the public have been deep-sanitized. Town Hall, particularly has received an additional sanitization after voting concluded. Hand sanitizer stations have been installed for the convenience and safety of the public.
- Town-related meetings will be held at their normally scheduled date and time beginning with the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on July 6th. Public access to these meetings will be limited. The maximum number of attendees that may be present in the Main Meeting Room while maintaining CDC social distancing guidelines is 45. In-person attendance to Town meetings will be first-come-first served. Participation in these meetings may also be accomplished by our current videoconferencing solution, subject to the Governor's Executive Orders. Access to the facility will be for Town business only until further notice.
- Visiting Town Hall: All visitors enter Town Hall through the Main Entrance. Face masks are encouraged. Office Capacity Considerations: Only two visitors at a time will be allowed in the Parks Department and Clerk-Treasurer's Office. Only one visitor at a time will be allowed in the Building Department and Town Manager's Office. Visitors shall maintain CDC social distancing guidelines while in line to enter the office of their choice. The Town will have floor markings indicating the interval of space between visitors.
- Leaving Town Hall: If you visit the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Building Department, or the Chamber of Commerce: please exit via the south doors. If you visit the Town Manager's Office, or the Parks Department: please exit via the north doors.
- All public parks (including playgrounds, athletic facilities, and restrooms) were re-opened on Friday, June 12, 2020.
- The Munster Municipal Swimming Pool reopened Thursday, June 18, 2020.
- The Town's 3rd of July Fireworks and 4th of July Parade have been cancelled this year. We'll be back with a bang in 2021!



The year 2020 has generated situations that we either haven't experienced in a very long time or have never lived through. Masks are commonplace and we must socially distance from not just strangers but from our loved ones. People are increasingly interested in making their hometown a better place to live. To become more engaged, you should consider the following:

**Be informed** – this newsletter contains good information about the Town. You can also visit the Town of Munster website at [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org). The website is a great place to find meeting dates, times, and agendas. The Town Council meetings are recorded and are available on the website. You can pay your water bill, or get a building permit online. Many of the departments in town have active Facebook pages including the Town of Munster, Police Department, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation and Clerk-Treasurer's Office. All these pages offer different pieces of information regarding the Town that collectively can give you a whole picture of happenings and information.

**Volunteer** – we are seeking volunteers to apply for positions on our boards and commissions. We would like to be able to review a wide variety of applicants when we have openings. Additional information about the application for boards and commissions is included in this newsletter. The Munster Police Department utilizes volunteers as crime watch block captains, Community Choice organization and VIPS. If you have the time, we should be able to find a place for you to volunteer in the town.

**Complete the 2020 census** – The Town of Munster is #7 in the state for the percentage of submitted census forms and we are close to our 2010 response rate. You are not only legally mandated to complete the form but as a resident of our Town, it is incredibly important that you are counted. An accurate count of Munster residents translates into dollars to the Town. You pay your taxes and your town should receive the appropriate amount of those funds.

**Ask** – If you have a question or an issue, you are encouraged to ask a town official for an answer. You can call or email me, and I am willing to route your question to the appropriate department. If you call, leave a message and your call will be returned. Facebook is a good source of information, but I have seen misinformation shared and repeated so if you have an issue, please come directly to the Town.

You can reach me at (219) 836-6945 or email address [wmis@munster.org](mailto:wmis@munster.org). We look forward to hearing from you, seeing you (at a safe distance of course) at events and experiencing an increased amount of resident engagement.

*Dustin C. Anderson, Town Manager, Town of Munster*

*Wendy Mis, IAMC, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Munster*



## MUNSTER'S 25TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council invite all residents to participate in **Munster's 25th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 4th.** The event is held annually to promote police and community partnerships.

Please note that our event will be held differently this year but we still wish to provide a positive and memorable night for our community through the following events. Please read on to learn about how you can participate this year!

### MUNSTER'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME PARADE

This year's event will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a Community Parade, which will run westbound on Ridge Road from the Town Hall to Calumet Avenue, then south to Fisher Street. Residents attending the parade are encouraged to practice social-distancing and to sit with your families. In addition to many emergency vehicles that will be involved, the parade is open **ONLY** to Munster-based businesses (including Munster Chamber of Commerce members), community-service organizations, school teams/clubs, and faith-based groups. Groups of a political nature are not permitted. **Parade participants must register with Officer James Ghrist by no later than July 20th** in order to participate by calling 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).

### FIREWORKS SHOW!

This year's fireworks show, generously sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's Fireworks, will be launched from just north of the Munster Community Pool (8837 Calumet Avenue) at approximately 8:20pm that evening. Attendees are encouraged to again practice social-distancing and to sit with their families, or they are welcome to watch from their parked vehicles in the south lot of Munster High School (8808 Columbia Avenue) or the Munster Community Pool. Music will be provided by Next Generation DJ's.

### K-9 Demonstrations

The Munster Police Department will provide K-9 demonstrations featuring K-9 Vader and K-9 Lucy at approximately 7:40pm in the grassy area just east of the Munster Community Pool.

### Citizenship Awards Presentation

At approximately 7:50pm in the same demonstration area, the Munster Police Department will present their annual Citizenship Awards to several residents and businesses who have provided great work or sponsorship towards their community policing efforts during the past year. The award presentation will take place right before sunset.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

The blood donation bus will be parked near the south lot of the Munster Community Pool from 2:00pm to 8:00pm that evening if you would like to donate blood. You can pre-register your blood donation time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and entering the sponsor code "mcpool." Please help us to meet our blood donation goal that evening!

**Residents are also encouraged to participate in the following ways to show your support for the event this year:**

### Blue Lights

All residents and businesses are encouraged to post blue lights (porch, etc.) from August 1st-4th in support of police and community partnerships. Positive signage or messages are also encouraged. Blue lights are available at most hardware or home improvement stores.

### Poster Contest for Kids

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council will also be sponsoring a Poster Contest for Munster children 11 and younger, **with entries due by July 15th.** The theme of the contest is police and community partnerships. There is no limit on the size of the poster, and they can either be dropped off at the Munster Police station (1001 Ridge Road) for Officer Ghrist or you can also take a photo of them (up close) and e-mail them to Officer Ghrist at [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org) (please save the original). The winner will be notified by July 23rd and will receive a tote bag of National Night Out gear and will be invited to help lead the Community Parade on August 4th.

### Community Policing Photo Postings

Residents and businesses are encouraged to post photos to social media depicting positive interaction with our police department from this or years past, with **#munsternightout**.

### Crime Prevention Information

Crime prevention information will be posted on social media by our police department during the days leading up to the event. Please be sure to share it with your friends, family, and neighbors.

### Now Seeking Donations!

Donations are being accepted to help cover the cost of giveaway items that evening and other event costs. **If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the Town of Munster (memo: NNO) and mail them to the Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321.**

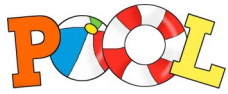
We hope that you will consider participating in our National Night Out Against Crime Celebration this year. If you cannot attend the actual event, please participate through social media, displaying a blue light, or by having your child enter our poster contest. **For more information about the National Night Out Against Crime, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).** We hope to see you there!

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### Munster Crime Watch Meeting

The Munster Police Department will be holding their next quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting on Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Munster Centennial Park Clubhouse, located at 1005 S. Centennial Drive in Munster (please note the new location). The meeting will include crime statistics, updates on recent incidents, and a presentation from Community Policing Unit. Information about our department's accreditation will also be provided to the public and a \$25 Target gift card will be awarded as a door prize. Chairs will be spaced out in the room to allow for social-distancing. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).

# Summer Rocks!

Munster Pool is open to residents only 7 days/week from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Coupon books must be purchased for entry. At this time, no daily admissions will be taken at Munster Pool. All purchases must go through the Munster Parks and Recreation Office. Questions? Call Parks and Recreation at 219-836-7275.



**Munster Pool Party Dates**  
 7/3 Patriotic Day  
 7/13 CSRI Pool Party  
 7/25 Summer Olympics  
 Contest and Games will be played with social distancing in mind.



**Summer Concert Series**  
 Munster Town Hall - Parking lot  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 July 12th - Monterrey  
 July 26th - Bopology  
 We hope to see you there!  
 Sponsored by People's Bank



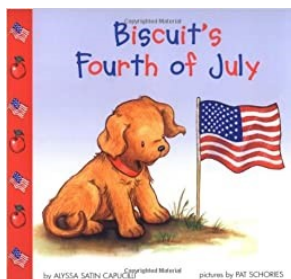
**Munster Community Market**  
 Community Park  
 Tuesday, July 7th  
 Tuesday, July 21st  
 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Still Seeking vendors!



Pint-Size Camps are open to youth ages 3-8. We offer a variety of classes. All classes are 90 minutes and location yet TBD. Here are a few of the classes being offered: Grossology Camp, Crime Scene Investigation and Slime Sensation.



Fall Soccer is upon us. Children ages 4-13 have the opportunity to get together and learn the basics of the sport through team play. Games take place on Saturdays, 9/5-10/10. Volunteer coaches schedule weekday practices based on their availability.



**Storybook Trail**  
 July 9th  
 Bluebird Park  
 Fee: \$10/Child  
 Your child will create a craft around the book, Biscuit's Forth of July, and then take a walk around the park reading the book with their friends. Next Storybook Trail is scheduled for August 13th.



**Grape Escape Wine Festival**  
 Saturday, July 18th  
 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Centennial Park  
 Music, wine, and vendors will create a wonderful experience for a summer night out.



**Movie in the Park**  
 Monday, July 20th  
 Movie will begin at dusk featuring the movie **UglyDolls**. Bring your own snacks and blanket as no concessions will be available. Susan's School of Dance will be performing prior to the movie beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**REGISTER FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS TODAY!**

- 7/2 Ice Cream BINGO (Keen-Ager event)
- 7/6 Amazing Art (Ages: 3-5)
- 7/6 Game Show Mania (Ages: 6-8)
- 7/6 Biddy Baskets (Ages: 4-7 and 8-10)
- 7/7 Munster Community 7/7 – Punt, Pass and Pull (Ages: 7-10)
- 7/7 Disney Adventure (Ages: 4-7)
- 7/7 Habitat Rangers (Ages: 6-8)
- 7/7 Lil' Mustang Kickers (Ages: 4-7 and 8-10)
- 7/7 Yoga and Breathing
- 7/7 Learn Amazon, Poshmark and more!
- 7/8 Social w/ Skyler – Lemonade Lunch (Keen-Ager event)
- 7/8 Crime Scene Investigation (Ages: 6-8)
- 7/8 Grossology Camp (Ages: 6-8)
- 7/8 Gnome Sweet Gnome
- 7/9 Bright Beginners (Ages: 3-5)
- 7/9 Olympics (Ages: 5-8)
- 7/9 Storybook Trail – Biscuit's Fourth of July (ages: 3-5)
- 7/10 Slime Sensation (Ages: 4-7)
- 7/10 We are Family (Ages: 4-7)
- 7/12 Summer Concert Series - Monterrey
- 7/13 VolleyKidz (Ages: 7-10) and Volleyball Skills/ Drills (Ages: 11-14)
- 7/13 Tennis Adult Drill and Play
- 7/13 Youth Tennis Lessons (Ages: 4-5, 6-9 and 10-13)
- 7/14 Youth Tennis Lessons (Ages: 4-5, 6-9 and 10-13)
- 7/14 Adult Beginner Tennis
- 7/15 Adult Kickball League
- 7/15 Michigan Wine Tasting (limited seating available)
- 7/16 Advanced Excel
- 7/18 Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training (Ages: 11+)
- 7/18 Grape Escape Wine Festival
- 7/20 Movie in the Park featuring UglyDolls (special performance by Susan's School of Dance prior to the movie)
- 7/21 Munster Community Market from 3-8pm
- 7/23 Jewelry, Fashion and Accessories Show
- 7/24 Early-bird Fall Soccer Deadline
- 7/25 Disc Golf Throwdown
- 7/26 Summer Concert Series - Bopology
- 7/28 Four Winds Casino



**Midwest Training and Ice**  
 10600 White Oak Ave  
 Dyer, IN



- 7/1 Trampoline (Ages: 6+)
- 7/2 Ballet (Ages: 5+)
- 7/2 Irish Step Dancing (Ages: 5+)
- 7/6 Hip Hop Dance (Ages: 5-9)\* **Midwest Gymnastics and Cheer in Crown Point, IN**
- 7/11 Beginner Tots Learn to Skate (Ages: 3-5)
- 7/11 Pre-Alpha Skating (Ages: 6+)
- 7/20 2-hour Tennis Camp (Ages: 5-14)
- 7/27 Challenger British Soccer Camp (Ages: 3-16)
- 7/27 Tennis Smash and Splash Camp (Ages: 8-13)



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**i** \*Classes, Events, and programs are subject to change after mailing of newsletter. To obtain current updated information on events visit [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org) and observe upper right corner of website for "Upcoming Events". And you can also click on News You Can Use monthly newsletter to obtain current information.

### Town of Munster Opportunity to Serve

The Town of Munster encourages citizen participation in determining how we are governed. Although there are a few local elected offices, residents are appointed to positions on various boards, commissions, and committees that help run local government.

Within the Civil Town of Munster, these groups meet occasionally: Plan Commission, Board of Parks and Recreation, Board of Zoning Appeals, Economic Development Commission, and Nominating Committee.

Additionally, the Munster Town Council also makes occasional appointments to the Hammond Sanitary Board, Hammond Sanitary District Technical Review Committee, Munster Civic Foundation Executive Committee, RDA Transit Development Steering Committee, Redevelopment Authority, and the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority.

\*The selection process for these groups involves completing an application, being screened by the Nominating Committee, and receiving an appointment by the Town Council. Access the Board and Commissions application on the homepage of [www.munster.org](http://www.munster.org). Completed applications are kept on file for a minimum of three years. Completed applications should be submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office

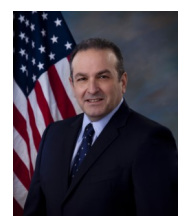
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We look forward to receiving your applications and working with you for the betterment of the Town of Munster.

**Clerk-Treasurer-Wendy Mis**

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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, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS IN JULY

**Notes:** The below schedule is subject to change. Please telephone Town Hall at 219-836-6900 to confirm meetings. A schedule of these meetings and others is maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website: <https://www.munster.org>.

Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	Monday, July 6, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Park Board Meeting	Tuesday, July 7, 2020	Centennial Park Clubhouse	Noon
BZA Meeting	Tuesday, July 14, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Plan Commission Meeting	Tuesday, July 14, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:30 p.m.
Board of Safety Meeting	Thursday, July 23, 2020	Zoom Meeting	7:00 a.m.
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	Monday, July 20, 2020	Main Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Park Board Meeting	Tuesday, July 21, 2020	Main Meeting Room	5:00 p.m.