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1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

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Exciting News!

Independence Day Parade July 3, 2021 2:00 p.m.

The parade route will be the same as past years, starting at the corner of Lions Club Drive and Calumet Avenue and proceeding north on Calumet Avenue to Ridge Road, then east to the Center for Visual and Performing Arts Center. The reviewing stand will be at the Munster Town Hall. We are seeking participants in this year's parade. If you are interested, applications are available on the Town of Munster website at www.munster.org. Should you have questions contact the Town Manager's Office at 219-836-6906 between 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email jstooksbury@munster.org. We look forward to another great parade!

The Munster Lions Club & the Town of Munster Are co-sponsors of the Annual Independence Day Parade

Sparks will fly again! Let's celebrate with fireworks, food, family, friends, and fun! The Town of Munster will host it's

Annual Fireworks Show Saturday, July 3, 2021 Centennial Park

Fireworks sponsored by the Munster Civic Foundation will begin around **9:30 p.m.** Live music and food vendors will be available. Please visit the Town of Munster website at www.munster.org for more details. *Alcohol, fireworks, and firearms are not permitted in the park, and all bags and coolers will be checked. No shuttle buses will be providing transportation to the park.*

! Fireworks may be discharged within the corporate limits from June 29th through July 3rd between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and two hours after sunset. On July 4th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and twelve midnight.



The Munster Civic Foundation strives to enhance, enrich, and enjoy our Town. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the 3,000 tulips the Foundation donated to the Town. I passed many of them on Ridge Road, and they never failed to make me smile when I saw them blooming red and white. The bulbs have pulled to be replanted next year, and our summer flowers are blossoming.

The Town Council, Boards, and Commissions were given, by Executive Order, the authority to hold electronic meetings. As time passed, Town Hall has opened, and we have seen attendance at meetings shift from virtual to mostly in-person. We are awaiting a declaration to an end of the public health emergency as this declaration will change the rules for electronic meetings. Per the open-door law, all town meetings must be available for the public to simultaneously attend and observe. The Town of Munster website has meeting dates and times posted.

To residential service addresses with a second water meter for the sprinkler, Munster's lawn sprinkler meter season is between May 15th and October 15th. All sprinkler meters will receive a minimum charge on your July through November water bills, which are dependent on your meter's size. You will be charged for any usage that exceeds the minimum. If you are no longer using your lawn sprinkler, contact a plumber to discuss your options. For questions regarding sprinkler minimums and other water related issues email waterbilling@munster.in.gov or call (219)836-6948 or (219)836-6949.

A utility bill reminder to residents, your next utility bill (the bill that will be due on July 20th) will reflect the water and refuse rate increases. The Town offers various methods for payment with no fee, including ACH withdrawals and cash, credit card, and check payments at Town Hall. You may make your payment online through the Town of Munster website, but these payments are subject to a processing fee.

In May, we began the implementation of a much-improved software system. We are super excited about the many enhancements, and we are still learning the new program. We appreciate your patience as we are transitioning to the new program. You are encouraged to visit www.munster.org for current Town information and both the Town of Munster and Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Munster Facebook pages.

I am available for your questions or comments at (219)836-6945 or via email: wmis@munster.org.

Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer

Fire Prevention



Kidde issued a recall of more than 226,000 smoke and combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors that may fail to sound in the event of a fire, according to the Consumer Products Safety Commission. The recall includes the Kidde TruSense Smoke Alarms and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms, both which were sold at Walmart, Menards, Home Depot, Amazon, and other hardware stores between May 2019 and September 2020. Consumers are advised to contact Kidde for a replacement, free of charge.

Go to <https://kiddetsalarmrecall.rsvpcomm.com> or call 1-844-796-9972



Indiana Code 308.1.4

Indiana Code that apply to grills and open flame cooking devices - these codes apply to all multi-family dwellings. Failure to adhere to these codes will result in a violation. Open-flame cooking devices states: Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall NOT be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 ft. of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One and two family dwellings
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system

Open Burning 326 IAC 4-1-3, 2

Private Residential Burning, where the building contains four (4) or fewer dwelling units - Burning is prohibited in apartment and condominium complexes and mobile home parks. Burning shall be subject to conditions in subsection (b) and the following conditions:

- (A) Burning shall be in a non combustible container that:
- (i) is sufficiently vented to induce adequate primary combustion; and
 - (ii) Has enclosed sides and bottom
- (B) Only clean wood (no painted wood, garbage, plastic, tires, etc.)
- Subsection (b)
- (A) The fire shall be extinguished if it creates a:
- (i) Nuisance;
 - (ii) Fire hazard; or
 - (iii) Pollution problem
- (B) No burning shall be conducted during unfavorable meteorological conditions, such as any of the following:
- (i) High winds
 - (ii) Temperature inversions
 - (iii) Air stagnation
 - (iv) When a pollution alert or ozone action day has been declared

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PREVENTING CRIME
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MUNSTER POLICE SEEKING 2021 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DONATIONS THROUGH JUNE 15TH



The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster are currently seeking donations towards Munster's 26th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which is tentatively set to be held on the evening of Tuesday, August 3rd. The event will include free swimming for Munster residents, door prizes, games, booth participants, K-9 demonstrations, an awesome closing fireworks show sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's, and more. **Last year's activities were ranked as the #1 National Night Out event in the United States** in our population category thanks to great support and participation from our community, and each year's event is funded completely through donations from the public.

If you would like to provide a donation towards this year's National Night Out, please make checks payable to the Town of Munster (memo: NNO) and mail them to the Munster Police Department, c/o the Community Policing Unit, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 46321. In order for us to be able to order our event supplies in advance, **we are asking that donations are received by June 15th.** For more information, please call (219)836-6639. Thank you in advance for your support!



Funner in the Summer

Munster Pool is now open to the public. Memberships are still available for purchase or stop in for the day by paying the daily admission. Swim lessons available for parent/tot, preschool and youth. Lessons begin June 7 and June 21 this month. Interested in hosting a birthday party during pool hours or private party after the pool closes? Contact the Park Office for dates and rates at (219)836-7275.

Get some instructional sport practice in this summer! Biddy Baskets, open to ages 4-7; 8-10, Hit Run and Score, open to ages: 4-6; 7-9 or Lil' Mustang Kickers, open to ages 4-7; 8-10 would be the perfect opportunity for you to learn and perfect your skills.

We have an assortment of tennis programs upcoming this summer: youth (ages: 4-5, 6-9 and 10-13), Adult Beginner Tennis, Adult Drill and Play or the option of private/semi-private lessons. Please contact Skyler from Munster Parks and Recreation for more information (219)836-6922.

OUT & ABOUT → June

- 6/1 Summer Camp
- 6/1 Hit, Run and Score (Ages: 4-6; 7-9)
- 6/2 CrossFit
- 6/2 Yoga 101
- 6/3 Volleyball Skills and Drills
- 6/5 Swim Lessons (Parent/Tot, Preschool, Youth)
- 6/6 Community Market
- 6/7 Summer Camp
- 6/7 Swim Lessons (Parent/Tot, Preschool, Youth)
- 6/7 Biddy Baskets (Ages: 4-7; 8-10)
- 6/7 Koolaid and Kanvas
- 6/8 Lil' Mustang Kickers (Ages: 4-7; 8-10)
- 6/8 Cashing Out, Moving On and Building Up
- 6/9 Medicare 101
- 6/13 Screaming Monkeys Comic Drawing Program
- 6/13 Summer Concert Series featuring Ed Hill & The Unusual
- 6/14 Summer Camp
- 6/14 Youth Tennis Lessons
- 6/14 Adult Drill and Play Tennis
- 6/14 Mini Hip Hop
- 6/14 Ladies Golf
- 6/15 Adult Beginner Tennis
- 6/15 Ballet Basics
- 6/15 Bitty Hip Hop
- 6/15 Youth Tennis Lessons
- 6/15 Youth Golf (Ages: 6-12 and 13-17)
- 6/16 Ballet/Tap/Tumble
- 6/16 CSRI Three Sports and Me
- 6/16 Scavenger Hunt (Community Park)
- 6/16 Youth Golf (Ages: 6-12 and 13-17)
- 6/16 Hey June Concert featuring American English
- 6/17 Tiny Tot Dance
- 6/17 Ice Cream BINGO
- 6/17 Picnic Playdate
- 6/17 Mens Golf
- 6/18 Nine and Dine (Contact Centennial Park at (219) 836-6930 for more info)
- 6/18 Yappy Hour (Dog Park Members only)
- 6/19 Babysitting Lesson & Safety Training
- 6/20 Community Market
- 6/21 Summer Camp
- 6/21 Swim Lessons (Parent/Tot, Preschool, Youth)
- 6/21 Challenger British Soccer Camp
- 6/21 Kids in the Park Series: Yoga in the Park
- 6/21 CPR Certification
- 6/23 CSRI Yoga in the Park
- 6/25 Chicago Crime & Mob Tour
- 6/25 Craft in a Box Deadline: Starry Candle (p/u 7/6)

- 6/26 Home Alone Training
- 6/27 Summer Concert Series featuring Big Dog Marty Mercer
- 6/28 Summer Camp



Summer Concert Series

- Munster Town Hall
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 13th: Ed Hill and the Unusual - 60's Rock
- Sunday, June 27th: Big Dog Marty Mercer - Blues

Hey June Concert!

- Centennial Park
- 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 16th: American English

Cashing Out, Moving On and Building Up

- Community Park Social Center
- Tuesday, June 8th
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- This class will share the latest info on the current real estate market and provide tips for getting the most from the sale of your home. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle for those in attendance. Speakers: Liz Rytel-Mudroncik (Keller Williams), Dru Bocek (People's Bank) and Garrett Bonk (Law offices of Gary Bonk).
- PRE-REGISTER** by calling Parks & Recreation at (219)836-7275 and mentioning code 11339.

Community Market

- Community Park
- Sunday, June 6th
- 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Each market will have a farmer, food vendors, business vendors and arts/crafts. Interested in becoming a vendor? Email jhiggins@munster.org for the application. Check out Munster Community Market on Facebook for vendor information.

Summer Camp

- Frank Hammond School
- Monday - Friday until July 30th
- Summer Camp is limited to 50 campers per week. Both full day and half day camp is available. Join our Facebook Group: 2021 Munster Parks Summer Camp for more information.

Golf Lessons

- Interested in golf lessons? Contact the Centennial Park Pro Shop to register by calling (219)836-6931.

**Help
Wanted**

Public Works is seeking Summer Help. Applicants can complete an application from the Town website www.munster.org or pick up an application at the Public Works facility or send a resume to lpnamuk@munster.org.



Public Works offers free wood chips on the first Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m. - Noon, May through October. Bring your own shovel and something to put the wood chips in.



It is a violation to put lawn clipping in the street or in the storm sewers. Yard waste such as grass can be disposed of in paper lawn bags or grass can be placed directly into your garbage container.



Homewood Disposal Service

HDS will collect (1) one bulk item or (1) large appliances per week on your trash collection day. If you have more than 1 bulk item to dispose of contact HDS to schedule a bulk item or appliance pick-up at (219)931-9000. The Town will no longer pick up large appliances.



Munster Town Hall is no longer accepting batteries. Home Depot, Lowes, and Lake County Solid Waste Facility are locations that accept old batteries. For a list of locations visit www.Call2Recycle.org.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS IN LOBBY OF MUNSTER TOWN HALL UNLESS DESIGNATED BY SIGNAGE!

Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Dates

All Collections are from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 5th

Whiting Public Works

1915 Front St., Whiting, Indiana

Saturday, July 24th

Munster Public Works

508 Fisher St., Munster, Indiana

Household Hazardous Waste is no longer accepting Latex Paint. Household batteries (no car batteries) are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Please visit website at www.lcswwmd.com for more information.

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JUNE 2021

Notes: The schedule below is subject to change. Please contact Munster Town Hall at (219)836-6900 to confirm meetings. During the National Health Emergency, public meetings may be available utilizing Zoom technology. Visit the Town of Munster website: <https://www.munster.org> (Select Agendas & Meetings) or contact the appropriate department to access the meeting ID and passcode. Also a schedule of these meetings and others are maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website.

Park Board Meeting	June 1, 2021	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	June 7, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)
BZA/Plan Commission Meeting	June 8, 2021	6:45 p.m.	Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Meeting	June 15, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Safety Meeting	June 17, 2021	7:00 a.m.	Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	June 21, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)



Tune into WJOB 1230 AM Radio and listen to "Community Programming Initiative" where 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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