



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

NEWS YOU CAN USE

July

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Town of Munster INDEPENDENCE DAY Celebration Parade and Fireworks

Parade

Date: Saturday, July 3rd

Location: Lions Club Dr. and Calumet Ave.

Route: North on Calumet Ave. to Ridge Rd., then east to Center for Visual and Performing Arts Building. The reviewing stand will be at the Munster Town Hall.

Start: 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: *Munster Lions Club*

Fireworks

Date: Saturday, July 3rd

Location: Centennial Park

Park Opens: 6:00 p.m.

Live Music: 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (brief pause for Fireworks Show)

Fireworks Show: 9:30 p.m.

Band: ONE NIGHT BAND

Sponsored by: *Munster Civic Foundation*

FOOD TRUCKS & BEER GARDEN



— We Will Be —
CLOSED

Munster Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5th in Observation of Independence Day. Munster Pool will be closed on Sunday, July 4th.



The Firefighters Association of Munster Presents

July 4th Kiddie Parade
Sunday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Food, Drink, and Prizes!

Decorate your bikes, wagons, big wheels or yourself!
Prizes will be awarded!

Flag ceremony by Munster Boy Scout Troop 533

The Parade will begin at the corner of Foliage Ln. and Oriole Dr. and end at the Old White Oak Association Building (8952 White Oak Ave.)

Sponsored by the Firefighters Association of Munster with other sponsorship provided by:
Barbara Shaver, Attorney-at-Law,
and McDonalds of Munster



FIREWORKS



June 29th - July 3rd

5:00 p.m. and two hours after sunset

July 4th

10:00 a.m. - twelve midnight

July 5th - July 9th

5:00 p.m. and two hours after sunset

**Sunset approx. 8:26 p.m.-8:28 p.m.*



Please be considerate of your fellow neighbors, children, and pets!



Rates Are Higher Beginning with This Invoice

Yes, your July utility bill is higher this month than last month. The increase resulted from a rate increase, which is retroactive to the beginning of 2021, from the City of Hammond and an increase in the cost for trash and recycling pickup. The monthly News You Can Use (NYCU) has explained the increase; past copies of NYCU are available on a link on the front page of www.munster.org. However, as always, if you have any questions regarding your utility bill, please contact Utility Billing in the Clerk-Treasurer's office at waterbilling@munster.org or call (219)836-6948.

Utility Bills

Many residents asked for a paperless invoice for their Town of Munster utilities. As we researched new online processing companies, we believe we found Invoice Cloud will provide paperless and autopay reliably and at a fair rate. They have a robust marketing plan, and many residents have seen evidence of that in their emails. They offer paperless invoices and will send several reminders to residents as the due date draws closer. Currently, it is all or nothing. If you want an online invoice, you will get multiple emails and if you do not want any, unsubscribe.

Please note paperless invoicing is a different service from Invoice Cloud than autopayment online. If you had previously set up credit card auto payment, you would need to enroll again with this new provider. We had set up autopay to assist residents during the stay-at-home order; however, we had trouble with that processor and believe this change is better for residents and the Town. There is a convenience fee to pay online, and this fee, charged and collected by the provider, not the Town, is for users of online payments only. (*this is not a TOWN fee*)

America in Bloom Update

I had the opportunity to work with our Town Planner, Tom Vander Woude, on our Community Profile and the related presentation for the America in Bloom grant. I will let you know when the profile is available on our Town website. As a part of the research, I enjoyed learning more about several local organizations that are working to make our Town more naturally beautiful and help preserve our heritage. I would encourage residents to support our Munster Garden Club, Wild Ones, and the Munster Historical Society. The Garden Club sponsored the annual garden walk at the end of June, Wild Ones will be giving a presentation on July 10th at 9 am at the Social Center and will be sponsoring a Garden Tour on August 28th, and will host a Christmas in July sale at Heritage Park on July 23rd and 24th.

Questions???

I end this article as I often do by providing my contact information to help you if you have any questions or input for us. If you are unsure of who you need within the Town, I will assist you in finding the department you need. We always encourage contacting the Town with all Town related questions and concerns. You may not get the lively debate or an answer immediately to your 3 am social media post, but I can assure you that we will provide you with the most timely and accurate answer and direction that we have available to us. You may reach me at wmis@munster.org/(219)836-6945.

Wendy Mis - Clerk Treasurer

What's Happening

- 7/5 Pint Size Camps: Lights, Camera, Action
- 7/5 Pint Size Camps: Color Camp
- 7/5 Swim Lessons (Parent/Tot, Preschool, Youth)
- 7/5 Volleykidz
- 7/5 Chicago White Sox Summer Camp
- 7/6 Summer Camp
- 7/6 Pint Size Camps: Minion Mastermind
- 7/6 Pint Size Camps: Silly Scientist
- 7/6 Hit, Run and Score (Ages: 4-6; 7-9)
- 7/6 Lil' Mustang Kickers (Ages: 4-7; 8-10)
- 7/6 Intro to Skateboarding
- 7/7 Pint Size Camps: Learning Leadership
- 7/7 Pint Size Camps: Munster Ninja Warrior
- 7/8 Pint Size Camps: Alphabet Around the Park
- 7/8 Pint Size Camps: Summer Olympics
- 7/9 Pint Size Camps: Habitat Rangers
- 7/9 Adult Open Volleyball
- 7/10 CSRI Bean Bag Tournament
- 7/10 Native Plants 101
- 7/11 Community Market featuring Metropolly
- 7/11 Ladies Empowerment Walk
- 7/11 Summer Concert Series featuring The StingRays
- 7/12 Pickleball Singles Flex League
- 7/12 Summer Camp
- 7/12 Youth Tennis Lessons
- 7/12 Biddy Baskets (Ages: 4-7; 8-10)
- 7/12 Adult Drill and Play Tennis
- 7/12 Kool-Aid and Kanvas
- 7/12 Pickleball Singles Flex League
- 7/13 Youth Tennis Lessons
- 7/13 Adult Beginner Tennis
- 7/14 Scavenger Hunt (Centennial Park)
- 7/15 Picnic Playdate
- 7/15 Wado-Ki Karate
- 7/17 Babysitting Lesson & Safety Training
- 7/18 Community Market featuring Frank Ruvoli
- 7/19 Summer Camp
- 7/19 Swim Lessons (Parent/Tot, Preschool, Youth)
- 7/19 2-Hour Tennis Camp
- 7/19 Movie in the Park featuring Tom & Jerry
- 7/23 Craft in a Box Deadline: Drink Coasters
- 7/24 Grape Escape Wine Festival
- 7/25 Disc Golf Tournament
- 7/25 Ladies Empowerment Walk: Refresh, Renew, Rejuvenate
- 7/25 Summer Concert Series featuring Spoken Four
- 7/26 Summer Camp
- 7/26 Smash and Splash Tennis Camp
- 7/26 CPR Certification
- 7/29 Safety BINGO
- 7/30 Fall Soccer Early-Bird Deadline



MUNSTER'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council of Munster invite and encourage all residents to participate in Munster's 26th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd from 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Munster Community Pool located at 8837 Calumet Avenue. This fun and exciting event is held annually to promote positive police and community partnerships through a variety of both fun and educational activities.

The main event will be preceded at 4:30 p.m. with our NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY PARADE which will run from the corner of Park Drive and Columbia Avenue south on Columbia Avenue to the south lot of Munster High School. The parade will include emergency vehicles, community organizations, school groups, and more. Residents are encouraged to line Columbia Avenue to show your support for our event. and then you can walk directly over to our main event at the pool.

The MAIN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Munster Community Pool with a performance of the National Anthem. The event's activities will include free swimming for Munster residents (please show state or school ID), door prizes, kids games, emergency vehicles, K-9 demonstrations, a police helicopter landing, over 75 booth participants, The John Measner Magic Show, food vendors, music, Citizenship Award presentations, child identification cards, crime prevention information, special guests (including Northern Illinois University Hall of Fame member and former NFL player Tim Tyrell and others), train rides, a blood drive (see further below for more info) and **an awesome closing FIREWORKS SHOW** generously sponsored by Krazy Kaplan's Fireworks.

The American Red Cross will set up on-site prior to the start of the event and will be running a blood drive throughout the evening from 2:30pm to 8:30pm. Walk-ups are welcome, however, you can pre-register your blood donation time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or entering the sponsor code "mcpool."

Munster residents and businesses are also encouraged to **DISPLAY BLUE LIGHTS** from July 29th through August 3rd in support of our event and positive police and community partnerships, and members of the community are also encouraged to post images to social media displaying positive interaction with the Munster Police Department during past years (with #munsternno2021).

Munster's 2020 National Night Out event was ranked as the #1 NNO event in the United States in our population category thanks to great participation and support from the public.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held the following day on Wednesday, August 4th (rain hotline available that day at 219-836-6650). **For more information about our National Night Out parade and main event, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.** We hope to see you there!



MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Munster Police Department invites and encourages all residents to participate in their next quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting on Thursday, July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Munster Town Hall, located at 1005 Ridge Road. This meeting will include crime statistics, updates on recent incidents, and a **presentation from a member of the Northwest Regional SWAT Team** who will discuss the service that they provide to help protect our community while also displaying some of their equipment. A \$30 Target gift card and several additional gift cards will be awarded as door prizes at the conclusion of the meeting. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.



Do you have a Septic System?

If you are one of the Munster residents with a septic system, please review your utility bill. If you are being charged a HSD Residential Flow Charge and a HSD Administrative Charge, please email the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at waterbilling@munster.org

Hours

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Clerk- Treasurer's Office: (219)836-6940

Water Billing: (219)836-6948



Holiday Schedule

There are three holidays remaining this year that affect your pickup. If your pick up falls on or after one of these holidays, pick up will be delayed one day for that week only. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed that Monday. See more details below.

Closed on these holidays in 2021

Observance of Independence Day - July 5, 2021

Labor Day - September 6, 2021

Thanksgiving Day - November 25, 2021

Open these holidays in 2021

Columbus Day - October 11, 2021

Veterans Day - November 11, 2021

Christmas Day - December 25, 2021

(Christmas on a Saturday this year. NO service changes).

For more information visit website:

<https://mydisposal.com/residential/schedules>

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, July 24, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Munster Public Works
508 Fisher St., Munster, IN

- Valid Lake County Indiana driver's license is required
 - 100 lb. limit
 - No businesses, schools, and organizations,
 - Latex paint no longer being accepted at collections
- WWW.LCSWMD.COM**
(219)853-2420



Summer Concert Series
 Join us for our Summer Concert Series, sponsored by People's Bank. Can't beat the free parking and admission to hear some great tunes! We hope you'll join us.

July 11th

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Munster Town Hall Parking Lot

Stingrays will play the greatest rock-n-roll ever written!

July 25th

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Spoken Four will also be playing the best of today's top 40, mixed with classics from the 60's-90's.



Community Market
Community Park

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

July 11th - Entertainment by Metropolly

July 18th - Entertainment by Frank Ruvoli

Munster Community Market will feature farmers, small businesses, arts and crafts, food vendors and more. We've also partnered with Grounded Earth to offer a virtual pick-up opportunity. Check out the website here for product availability : <https://localine.ca/MPR-community-market>

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

Notes: The schedule below is subject to change. Please contact Munster Town Hall at (219)836-6900 to confirm meetings. A schedule of these meetings and others are maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website at www.munster.org.

Park Board Meeting	July 6, 2021	Noon	CANCELED
BZA/Plan Commission Meeting	July 13, 2021	6:45 p.m.	Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Safety Meeting	July 15, 2021	7:00 a.m.	Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	July 19, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Meeting	July 20, 2021	5:00 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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Chuck Gardiner
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