



1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana

NEWS YOU CAN USE

September 2021

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Munster Fire Department's Fire Prevention Week and Annual Open House

The Munster Fire Department would like to announce their annual Fire Prevention Week and Open House. **Fire Prevention Week is October 3rd through the 9th.** The theme for 2021 is **"Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."** During this week, firefighters visit the local schools to share the prevention week theme and fire safety awareness to the students.

On Saturday, October 9th the Fire Department will host their annual Open House. The event runs from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and is held at Fire Station #2, located at 550 Fisher St. This is a free event and open to the public. We encourage all residents of Munster and surrounding communities to attend and bring their families & friends. The events of the day will include: a live fire demonstration, antique fire engine rides, live extrication demonstrations, a fire safety house, informational displays, hands-on training with a fire hose, free literature, door prizes and concessions.

The live house fire demonstration is at 3:00 p.m. During the fire demonstration, an actual 12' X 12' furnished room will be set on fire to show the rapid spread and the devastating effects that fire can have on a structure and its contents. The importance of leaving a building and not returning during a fire as well as getting out as fast and safely as possible will also be some important safety messages stressed during our demonstration.

The Munster Fire Department is currently seeking donations towards this year's Fire Prevention Week and Open House. This annual event is funded solely through the generosity of local residents and businesses. **If you would like to donate, checks should be made payable to: THE TOWN OF MUNSTER and mailed to 550 Fisher Street, Munster, IN 46321 ATTN: Deputy Chief David Strbjak.**

For more information, please contact the Munster Fire Department's – Fire Prevention Division at (219)836-6960 or email dstrbjak@munster.org or jrebey@munster.org.



In my role with the Town of Munster, I have a unique opportunity to get involved with various programs for the betterment of our Town. These projects are usually above and beyond my Clerk-Treasurer responsibilities, and they help me do my job better and understand our community through my involvement. For example, through my participation in the America in Bloom presentation, in addition to learning about the parks, environment, and gardens of our Town, I learned about our Town's history and the efforts by private citizens and our town employees to ensure our heritage is preserved. You can view the presentations on our Town website. Below you will see a new public service the Town can provide, as well as a call out for a project planned for 2022.

Munster Civic Foundation Seeking Artists

I can't say too much just yet, but I can share that the Munster Civic Foundation is seeking artists who may be interested in participating in an upcoming public art project. The Civic Foundation is coordinating with professional and amateur artists, local businesses, and civic organizations for an event that we will unveil in the upcoming weeks for presentation in 2022. If you want more information and to be included as a possible artist for the project, please get in touch with me.

We try to share what is happening in the Town in a variety of methods. The Town of Munster website is updated frequently and provides a variety of information. The Town and numerous departments have Facebook pages that are utilized to inform residents of time-sensitive information. The **News You Can Use** newsletter helps share information that applies to the entire town. The Town of Munster Radio Show on **WJOB** which airs the **first** and **third** Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m., provides an interactive forum with various people from different departments. You are always encouraged to call or email with questions, comments, or concerns. If you have a question as others often do as well, we can use the above communication channels to share information. The Town of Munster thrives on a high level of engagement among residents and business owners.

Wendy Allis - Clerk Treasurer



"Carelessness is the Greatest Reason for Flame"

September



(219)836-PARK

- 9/2 Tennis Ballerz Flex League
- 9/2 Men's Golf
- 9/2 Wado-Ki Karate
- 9/5 Community Market featuring Mike Green at 12pm
- 9/7 Kool-Aid & Kanvas
- 9/8 Yoga 101
- 9/9 Ballet/Tap/Tumble at Susan's School of Dance
- 9/9 Tiny Tot at Susan's School of Dance
- 9/10 Full Body
- 9/11 Fall Soccer games begin
- 9/11 Cash for Clutter
- 9/13 Adult Drill & Play - Tennis
- 9/13 Tennis Lessons (Ages: 4-8)
- 9/13 Movie in the Park featuring Croods: A New Age
- 9/14 Tennis Lessons (Ages: 9-13)
- 9/14 Adult Beginner Tennis
- 9/14 Intro to Skateboarding
- 9/15 CSRI Poppin' N Flick
- 9/16 ZUMBA
- 9/16 Grandparents BINGO
- 9/18 Ladies Empowerment Walk
- 9/18 Fishing Derby
- 9/19 Community Market featuring Paul Cullen at 12pm
- 9/21 Tiny Tykes Soccer
- 9/22 Candyland BINGO
- 9/23 Cupcakes and Competition
- 9/23 Picnic Playdate – DONUT leave us!
- 9/24 Halloween Candy Corn Door Hanger Craft in a Box Deadline
- 9/24 Try your Luck at the Hard Rock Casino
- 9/25 Bird Watching
- 9/27 Movie in the Park featuring Playing w/ Fire
- 9/27 Do you hear what I hear?
- 9/29 CSRI Open Gym
- 9/30 Flashlight Hide & Seek



Munster Community Market

Community Park: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a seasonal market offering fresh, local produce, plants, flowers, prepared foods, hand-crafted items, local businesses, musical entertainment and more!



Cash for Clutter

Clear the clutter and earn some quick cash by selling those things you just don't have the room for anymore. Spaces are 9' wide by 16' long. You can pay for 2 or 3 parking spaces.



Tennis Ballerz Flex League

Want to see how you stack up against the other local competition? Sponsored by Tennis Ballerz Pro Shop, this flex league is perfect for that on-the-go player that needs to schedule matches with their personal schedule. This league is 6 weeks long and ends with a tournament.



Intro to Skateboarding

will offer both a beginner and advanced session. Beginners will develop basic skills such as balance, ollie, pushing, rolling and safety. Advanced will learn low skill tricks, dropping in on ramps and low level grinds. Open to ages: 6 yrs. - adult. Instructed by Jeff Zie of Driftwood Skate.



Movie in the Park

Join us for a **Movie in the Park**: September 13th or 27th. 9/13 will feature Croods: A New Age and 9/27 will feature Playing w/ Fire (rained out from summer). Both movies will begin at dusk at Centennial Park. Sponsored by Supercuts, concessions will be provided.



Fishing Derby

is back for 6-12 yrs. and 13-18 yrs. On Saturday, 9/18, you'll have your chance to show off your fishing skills against other local young anglers. Participants will need a fishing pole and tackle. Prizes will be awarded to most fish caught and largest single catch. Event begins at 10:00 a.m.– please pre-register.



Bird Watching

Join local birder, Matt Kalwasinski as he discusses the hobby of birding along with the best places to find birds right here in Munster. The program focus will be the top times of the year to bird Heritage and Centennial Park along with a few other Munster sites. Class takes place Saturday, 9/25 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **FREE**, however you must pre-register.



Munster Parks & Recreation
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(219)836-7275

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PUBLIC WORKS



Labor Day Holiday Collection

Trash and Recycling Collection will be picked up one day later due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 6, 2021. Collection will be Tuesday thru Saturday.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Lake County Solid Waste Management District has a program for residents of Lake County to dispose of household hazardous waste. Any question on the

Household Hazardous Waste pick up should be directed to Lake County Solid Waste Management District at (219)853-2420. The Munster Public Works Facility **DOES NOT** accept household hazardous waste.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 11, 2021
Lowell Middle School, North Parking Lot
19250 Cline Ave, Lowell, IN
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 2, 2021
Griffith Public Works
134 S. Colfax St, Griffith, IN
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 23, 2021
Hammond Public Works
601 Conkey St, Hammond, IN
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Town of Munster Public Works

Monday - Friday
7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(219)836-6971/6970



*If emergency arises after hours, contact Lake County Dispatch Center at **(219)660-0001**



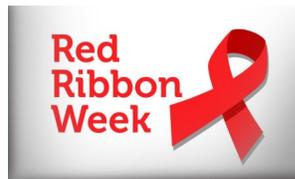
Three Ways to Report Power Outages

1. Online at www.nipSCO.com
2. Text "OUT" to 444111
3. By Phone call 1-800-4NIPSCO or 1-800-464-7726



Town Hall's Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station

On November 18, 2020, South Shore Clean Cities, Inc. announced that Munster received a grant from the Indiana Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund for a Level 2 electric vehicle charging station. In July of 2021, the charging station was installed in the southwest corner of the Town Hall parking lot and is fully operational. The new charging station is a way the Town demonstrates support for sustainable transportation and improved air quality.



RED RIBBON WEEK POSTER CONTEST BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15TH

The **Munster Police Department** and **Choice Community Council** invite all Munster public and parochial school students (grades K-12) to participate in this year's Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest starting on September 15th, which is held to promote drug prevention and safety for our students in Munster. All entries must be created on a standard sheet of paper (8 x 11) and contain the words "Munster" and "Red Ribbon" somewhere in the design. **The deadline is Wednesday, October 6th and entries can either be turned in to the main office of your child's school or they can be submitted electronically to munsterpolicerecords@munster.org.** Please make sure to include your child's full name, school, and grade level.

A grand prize winner will receive a \$50 gift card and additional individual winners from each of the seven schools will receive \$25 gift cards sponsored by the Choice Community Council. The winning posters will be announced during Red Ribbon Week which runs from October 23-31. **For more information, please contact D.A.R.E. Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.**



Munster Fire Department and the Firefighters Association of Munster are joining the fight against cancer by teaming up with our Cancer Resource Centre. The Munster Fire Department is selling shirts and sweatshirts to benefit the Cancer Resource Centre. All profits from the sale will be donated to the Cancer Resource Center. For additional information please visit our website www.munster.org, Munster Fire Department Facebook page, or contact Janice Rebey at (219)836-6960 or email jrebey@munster.org.



**Munster Police Officers
Honored During
Annual Munster Rotary Luncheon
Tuesday, August 10, 2021**



2020 Munster Police Officer of the Year
Detective Mark Ashcraft (Center)

Life Saving Award Recipient
Sergeant Michael Silsby (Center)



Meritorious Service Award & Life
Saving Award Recipient
Sergeant Thomas Kuhlenschmidt
(Center)

Life Saving Award
Officer Daniel Balich

Meritorious Service Award
Officer James Ghrist (Center)

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

Notes: The schedule below is subject to change. Please contact Munster Town Hall at (219)836-6900 to confirm meetings. Public meetings are also available utilizing Zoom technology. Visit the Town of Munster website: <https://www.munster.org> (Select Agendas and 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.

Town Council/Redevelopment Commission Meeting	September 6, 2021		NO MEETING/LABOR DAY
Park Board Meeting	September 7, 2021	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	September 14, 2021	6:45 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Plan Commission Meeting	September 14, 2021	7:30 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Safety Meeting	September 16, 2021	7:00 a.m.	CANCELED
Town Council/Redevelopment Commission Meeting	September 20, 2021	7:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Meeting	September 21, 2021	5:00 p.m.	MTH (Main Meeting Room)



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.



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