



NEWS YOU CAN USE



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321



OCTOBER 2021

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Time marches on as the seasons change here in Munster. If you are new to Town, you may be wondering what to do with your leaves. This is covered elsewhere in the newsletter in greater detail, but in short: rake them to the curb and we will pick them up

once every two weeks until all the leaves are gone, or the weather turns uncooperative. We post the location of the leaf truck every day on our Facebook page.

Hopefully we've likely all adjusted to our various school routines by now - shuttling, walking, or riding the bus to school, schlepping kids to and from extra-curriculars, and somehow finding a way to make sure they're fed and the homework gets done. One thing I hope is a part of your routine is looking out for kids and parents that are walking or biking to and from school. We all get in a hurry sometimes, but there has been some very reckless driving in the mornings and afternoons lately. Our police and crossing guards can only be in so many places at one time. The Town has always made **School Zone Safety** a priority and I would ask that you do as well.

We have all been inconvenienced at one time or another by the utility work that has been going on around town by NIPSCO. This work is to resolve utility conflicts with NICTD's rail project. The Town is also working in advance of NICTD's project by hiring our own architects to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of their terminal station at the south end of the Town.

Finally, Trick or Treat will take place on Halloween from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. as usual.

Dustin C. Anderson, Town Manager



**Trick-or-Treat Hours
Halloween Day
Sunday, October 31, 2021
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**



Many of you are thinking of football and festivals. In Munster Town Hall, we are excited for the October Budget Season. The Clerk-Treasurer's Office submitted our budget on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units. These numbers tell the State of Indiana what we believe we will need in revenue to cover our projected 2022 expenses. We take many factors into account in determining the revenue number. Ultimately, the State of Indiana informs us how much money we can expect, and what an exciting day that is when we get that notification.

The Indiana Gateway for Government Units can provide you with various financial information for all Indiana municipalities, and I encourage you to visit <https://gateway.ifionline.org/> to see for yourself. The October 4th Town Council meeting will have a public hearing for the budget, and as with all public meetings, anyone can attend. A zoom link is provided in the agenda posted on www.munster.org and in the budget submission.

The **American Rescue Plan** provides an excellent opportunity for our Town. We have already received half of the estimated \$5,074,463.52 we expect to obtain from the plan. The Department of Treasury provided an interim final rule that provides guidelines for governments about how they can spend the money. The first requirement is that we create a plan before we have the authority to spend any of the funds. We have been earnestly working on developing a plan that has a significant effect on our residents. I am pretty excited about the impact this money can have in Munster.

I try to stress in each of these articles that you are welcome to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, and I appreciate those of you who have reached out. I enjoy talking with the residents, and the feedback from you has been positive and encouraging. If I cannot help you, I share it with the people I believe will answer your question. My email wmis@munster.org, and my office number is (219) 836-6945.

Wendy Mis, Clerk Treasurer



2021 FALL LEAF COLLECTION LEAF COLLECTION PICK UP WILL BE ONCE EVERY 2 WEEKS

The Town of Munster 2021 Fall Leaf Collection will begin on, October 4, 2021, and will continue through December weather permitting. Leaves will be picked up between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Street Department crews will begin each day where they left off the previous day. **Pick up will be approximately once every two weeks.** State Law prohibits disposal of leaves into landfills. Therefore, leaves in bags will not be picked up by the town or Homewood Disposal Service.

Collection begins each morning promptly at 7:00 a.m. Please have your leaves ready for collection prior to that time. Due to the large area which must be covered each day, we will not be able to back-track into areas which have already been collected. The Town's leaf pickup route will be traveled approximately once every **2 weeks, weather permitting.** The following tips will help us continue to provide quality service:

1. Place your leaves in a continuous long pile called a "WIND ROW". We will be using a leaf vacuum to collect your leaves.
2. If your street has curbs, place your leaves right behind the curb on the parkway grass. **Please do not place leaves in the street.** If it rains, these leaves could cover the street drains and cause unnecessary flooding.
3. If your street does not have curbs, place your leaves on the edge of the street pavement.
4. Please refrain from parking on the streets adjacent to piles of leaves between the hours of 7 am to 2 pm.
5. Do not place leaves around trees, sign posts, light or telephone poles.
6. Do not place sticks, bricks, stones, grass or other materials in piles of leaves. High velocity equipment is used during our removal efforts and these items can do damage to equipment or more importantly, may injure an employee or bystander.

*Leaves will not be picked up in bags. Please rake leaves to parkway. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at (219) 836-6971/6970.

Branch Collection

Branch collection will continue in the month of October and will end on October 29, 2021 and will resume in the Spring.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 23, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Munster Police Department (Lobby)

1001 Ridge Road

National Prescription Drug Take Back

Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential abuse of medications.



MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING

Thursday, October 28, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Munster Town Hall (Main Meeting Room)

1005 Ridge Road

The Munster Police Department invites all residents and business representatives to attend the next quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting. Crime statistics, updates on recent incidents in Munster, crime prevention tips, and a presentation on fraud and scam prevention will be provided to the participants. A \$30 Target gift card and several additional door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the meeting. Please note that non-vaccinated participants are asked to wear a mask inside of the Town Hall. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

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NATIONAL
BULLYING
PREVENTION
MONTH

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Bullying Prevention Month in the United States, and residents are encouraged to help with raising awareness to their children and teenagers about the importance of always treating others with respect while also making sure that everyone is included. Kids and teens should also be encouraged to tell a trusted adult immediately (either at home or school) if anyone is ever making them feel isolated, afraid, or if anyone is hurting them around your neighborhood or at school so that the issue can be handled right away. Children should be advised not to ever be afraid to report an ongoing situation where they are not feeling safe. Please also encourage your child to respond appropriately if they are a bystander and are in a position to help others by either reporting the issue, providing support to the bullying victim, or by being a good role model and discouraging others from being involved with such activity.

The Munster Police Department regularly provides lessons on bullying prevention to many students throughout the school year and encourages them to share the information that they learned with their parents and others. Let's all work together to help prevent bullying in our community.

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All events listed below are produced in cooperation with the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority.

MUNSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 9, 2021

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fire Station #2

550 Fisher Street

Every year, hundreds of people attend and enjoy the numerous activities. The events of the day will include: a live fire demonstration, fire safety awareness training, antique fire engine rides, informative displays, concessions, door prizes and much more.



What's Happening

PARKS & RECREATION 219-836-PARK

- 10/2 Pumpkins, Witches and Hayrides Fall Festival
- 10/4 Sewing 101
- 10/5 Koolaid & Kanvas – This is Halloween
- 10/5 First Base Baseball
- 10/7 Ballet/Tap/Tumble at Susan's School of Dance
- 10/7 Tiny Tot at Susan's School of Dance
- 10/9 Babysitting Lessons and Safety Training
- 10/9 Ladies Empowerment Walk – Refresh, Renew, and Regenerate
- 10/11 CSRI Yoga
- 10/11 Clinical Medical Assistant
- 10/11 EKG Technician Certification
- 10/11 Baller Basics Basketball
- 10/12 Four Winds Casino
- 10/14 Cupcakes and Competition
- 10/14 First Down Flag Football
- 10/15 Mayflower Travel Show
- 10/16 Car Maintenance
- 10/22 Craft-in-a-box – Give Thanks Wreath
- 10/22 Walk in the Woods
- 10/23 Trunk or Treat
- 10/23 Bieker Woods Night Walk
- 10/27 Mysterious Munchkins Halloween Party
- 10/27 Old Joliet Prison Tour
- 10/28 Trick or Treat BINGO
- 10/29 Balance 101



Pumpkins, Witches, and Hayrides

Saturday, October 2, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Centennial Park

Tickets and wristbands will be available on-site for **\$10.00**. This price includes admission to hayrides, inflatables, pony ride, pumpkin patch, eurobungy, face painting, balloon artist, and food vendors will be on site for food purchases. *Free activities include: character meet/greets, costume contest, stage entertainment, games, and trick-or-treat.*

Walk in the Woods

Friday, October 22, 2021

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Heritage Park (Gazebo Entrance)

Walk the illuminated trail and see the local resident's pumpkin creations.

Interested in carving a pumpkin for the trail? It's FREE. Call us at 219-836-7275 to pre-register. On-site ticket sales apply to walk the trail - \$1/person.



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 23, 2021

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

School Administration Building
(Parking Lot nearest Bieker Woods)

Trick or Treat the decorated trunks or enjoy some goodies from the food

vendors. Free admission.



Bieker Woods Night Walk

Saturday, October 23, 2021

6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Bieker Woods

Tour guides will lead you through chills and thrills around every turn in the woods.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. On-site ticket sales apply - \$5/person.



Seeking volunteers for all above events.
Contact Jill Higgins at jhiggins@munster.org





**Munster High School
Varsity Football Schedule
2021-2022**



Date: Friday, October 1, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Andrean High School
Munster High School vs. Andrean High School

Date: Friday, October 8, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Munster High School (HOME)
Munster High School vs. Lowell Senior High School

Date: Friday, October 15, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Hobart High School
Munster High School vs. Hobart High School

Date: Friday, October 29, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: TBD
Munster High School vs. TBD

Hear a chirp, make a change!
A CHIRPING ALARM means the battery, or the entire alarm, must be replaced.

Learn the sounds of fire safety at fpw.org.

FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

- MONITOR SPACE HEATERS
- MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS
- CLEAN VENT FAN
- USE CAUTION WITH ELECTRICITY
- COOK WITH CARE

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 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 Meeting	October 4, 2021	7:00 PM	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Board of Safety Meeting	October 7, 2021	7:00 AM	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Meeting	October 5, 2021	Noon	Centennial Park Clubhouse
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	October 12, 2021	6:45 PM	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Plan Commission Meeting	October 12, 2021	7:30 PM	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Town Council/Redevelopment Meeting	October 18, 2021	7:00 PM	MTH (Main Meeting Room)
Park Board Meeting	October 19, 2021	5:00 PM	MTH (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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