



Town of Munster, 1005 Ridge Road

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

YEAR IN REVIEW

Citizens Invested in a Vibrant and Involved Community is the vision of The Munster Civic Foundation. In 2022, the Civic Foundation's 1st public art project 'Tiptoe Through Town' was a major success as was the inaugural Civic Monday Concert Series at Centennial Park. We capped off the year with a dazzling 2nd Annual 'Light the Night' Celebration at Town Hall just a couple of weeks ago. Plans are currently underway for a great 2023. If you are interested in being a part of the Foundation, please contact any Councilor or complete a Boards and Commissions application at munster.org.



The Munster Civic Foundation, along with other partners in town, is looking to enhance the town's Monarch viability in 2023 through community outreach and family oriented nature activities. ***Ideas include an Earth Day Family Program and areas for local and Master Gardeners to enhance our pollinator gardens around town, working with schools, scout groups and businesses on their gardens, new library offerings all culminating in an August exhibit at the Library and a Monarch Festival in the fall.***



Please visit our new Facebook page 'Munster Monarch City' for additional information on free Milkweed Seed Giveaways and Upcoming Programs. Also if you would like to get your group involved or just would like additional information please contact Munster Civic Foundation board member Dr. Diane Kitchell at kitchelld@gmail.com.



Tune into WJOB 1230 AM Radio and listen to Community Programming Initiative, in which members of the Munster Town Council and guests discuss issues in town. The program runs the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am.

We are looking forward to a fabulous 2023 with exciting opportunities for Munster on the horizon for the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. We are focusing on the business of beginning a new year while wrapping up the prior year!

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Yes, you may have noticed the Trash line item has increased from \$ 23.80 to \$ 26.25. The increase was approved at November Town Council meetings. The increase is to keep pace with the increase of the contract with Homewood Disposal and the costs associated with branch and leaf pick up. For additional information, you can view the Town Council meeting minutes which are posted online. If you need assistance paying your utility bill, we recommend you contact the North Township Trustee's office.

A reminder to you that Pet Tag and Business Registrations Forms are online and can be printed and returned to Town Hall. Visit **www.munster.org** to locate the appropriate forms. If you have questions, concerns, or observations you may contact me at wmis@munster.org or (219)836-6945.

Meetings

Town Council & Redevelopment Commission (7:00 pm)

Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month
BZA & Plan Commission (6:45 pm)

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month

Park Board (5:00 pm)

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month

Board of Safety (7:00 am)

Every 3rd Thursday of the month

Site Plan Review (1:30 pm)

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

UPDATE

407-411 RIDGE ROAD

A new 2,500 square foot commercial building is under construction at 407-411 Ridge Road across the street from Aurelio's. The building will accommodate two tenants.

8130-8138 CALUMET AVE.

Earlier this year, developer Parth Patel demolished the two abandoned buildings at 8130-8138 Calumet Avenue. In their place, a 3,630 square foot, 3-unit commercial building will be placed. Smoothie King is a confirmed tenant in the south tenant space.

MAPLE LEAF CROSSING

Construction continues on the Maple Leaf Crossing development. Along Calumet Avenue, the exterior limestone panels are being installed on the four-story 60,000 square foot professional office building. Behind the office building, a new 102 room Hyatt Place hotel is under construction, slated to open in 2023.

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE

The newest addition to Centennial Village, Building F, is a 5,407 square foot, single-story commercial building at the southwest corner of 45th Street and North Centennial Drive. The plans include 2 tenant spaces.

Just in time for the holidays, Bean Me Up Roastery, a new family opened coffee roastery and café just opened in the four-story, mixed use building at 9610 North Centennial Drive.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana recently broke ground on a three-lot commercial subdivision, which also includes two outlots designated for detention, an extension of Treadway Drive west into the subdivision, an extension of Donald Powers Drive south and improvements to the intersection of Calumet Avenue and Treadway Drive. A two-story, 31,845 sf Immediate Care medical clinic is under construction on Lot 3.

MUNSTER, INDIANA

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Thanks to the 150 enthusiastic citizens that attended the Community Visioning Workshop at Wilbur Wright Middle School on December 6 and the 80 members of the business community that attended the workshop with the Munster Chamber of Commerce on December 8 at Rosebud Steakhouse. The ideas, suggestions, and concerns gathered at the workshop will form the basis for our Munster's new comprehensive plan. Please continue to check the website <https://hla.fyi/munstercompplan> for updates and to make your own map using map.social and take the Community Questionnaire.



MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Munster Police Department will be holding their first quarterly Munster Crime Watch Meeting of the year on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 pm at the Munster Town Hall, located at 1005 Ridge Road, and all residents and business representatives are invited and encouraged to attend. Crime statistics, updates on recent incidents, and an informative presentation from a representative of the **INDIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE** on scams, robocalls, and identity theft will be included. Several door prizes will also be included. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at jghrist@munster.org or (219)836-6639.



CHOICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Choice Community Council of Munster, which is open to any Munster resident who would like to help plan or volunteer for programs aimed at drug, crime, gang, and violence prevention in Munster, will be holding their first quarterly meeting of the year on Thursday, January 26th at 6:00 pm at the Munster Town Hall, located at 1005 Ridge Road. If you'd like to get involved with their programs such as planning the National Night Out event, purchasing safety items, beautification projects, special speakers, contests for kids, etc. then please plan to attend. Please note that this is NOT a Crime Watch Meeting (which takes place immediately afterwards at 7:00 pm that evening). For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at (219)836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org.

THANK YOU!

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2022 - COPS & KIDS EVENT SPONSORS

The Munster Police Department would like to thank everyone who supported the 2022 Cops & Kids/Heroes & Helpers holiday shopping event which was held this past December 14th at Target. This year, the police department partnered with the Munster Junior Woman's Club to take almost 80 children in 30 families shopping for toys or clothing with funds donated from throughout the community. Participating families were also provided with a gift certificate for a turkey and free meal coupons from McDonald's in Munster. In addition to the many generous residents who provided donations, additional sponsors included the Munster Junior Woman's Club, Target, Leung Family Dental, McDonald's, Barbara Shaver-Attorney at Law, K&M Heating & Cooling, Munster-Highland Tri-Kappa, the Munster Historical Society, and the Munster Mustangs Hockey Team. Thank you to everyone for your support and care for others in need!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/8 Preschool, Youth and Parent/Tot Swim Lessons
- 1/8 Private and Semi-Private Swim Lessons
- 1/10 Drawing Basics w/South Shore Arts
- 1/11 Manga and Anime Club w/South Shore Arts
- 1/12 Comfy Cozy BINGO
- 1/13 Beginner Ceramics w/South Shore Arts
- 1/13 Daddy Daughter Date Night Early-bird Registration Deadline
- 1/14 TLC for your Health
- 1/16 School Day Off Camp
- 1/23 Cupcakes & Competition
- 1/26 Bridges and Building
- 1/26 Wado-Ki Karate
- 1/26 ZUMBA
- 1/29 Cuban Salsa Dance
- 1/30 Craft in a Box Registration Deadline - Valentine
- 1/30 Tin Lantern - pick-up 2/6
- 1/30 Tai Chi Gong



Youth Swim Lessons

Sunday: 1/8 - 2/12

Munster High School

Class times vary as preschool, youth, parent/tot, private and semi-private lessons are offered.

Is your child between levels? Contact Abby for the best class option at (219)836-6923.



Bridges and Buildings

Thursday: 1/26-2/16

Ages: 7-12

Munster Town Hall

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Learn about bridges & buildings and discover all the types of forces as you build up to nine working models.



TLC For Your Health

Saturday: 1/14 - 2/11

Community Park Social Center

9:00 am - 9:45 am

Whether your goal is to lose weight, regulate your blood sugar, lower your cholesterol, or just improve your vitality

for life— this class will teach you the steps to achieve better health.



Daddy Daughter Date Night

Saturday, February 4th

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wilbur Wright Middle School

Don't miss out on the **Daddy Daughter Date Night deadline** – January 13th.

You will enjoy a catered dinner, corsage, dancing, photo booth and special favor. Professional photos will be available for an additional fee.



**WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT,
CAMP IS IN!**

School Day off Camp

Monday, January 16th

Its back again this year! Send your campers to us while you work! We'll have fun playing games, arts/crafts, watching a movie and more. Lunch will be provided for campers.

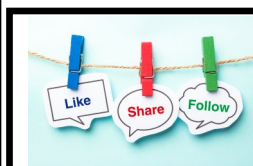
Fee: \$25 – open to ages 5-12.

Keenager News

monthly newsletter and get plenty of program discounts. Fees are per individual or couple.

Renew your Keen-Ager Membership

for the 2023 calendar year. Adults 50+ have the opportunity to pay a yearly membership to enjoy daily activities (Bridge, Pinochle and Bingo), get a



**Munster Parks and Recreation
on Facebook**



**We're looking forward to
partnering with South Shore
Arts for classes this
Winter/Spring.**



Manga and Anime Club
Wednesday: 1/11 - 3/8

Ages: 12-17

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Beginner Ceramics for Adults

Friday: 1/13 - 3/10

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Drawing Basics For Adults

Tuesdays: 1/10 - 3/7

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



HOLIDAY SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Homewood Disposal Service has advised because the Christmas and New Year's holiday is on Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st there will be a delay of service. There will NOT be garbage or recycling collection on Monday, December 26, 2022, or on Monday, January 2, 2023. Garbage will be delayed 1 day for both of these weeks.



NO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE!

Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 16, 2023, is a regular garbage collection day.



Christmas trees will be picked up by the Public Works Department until Tuesday, January 31, 2023, **weather permitting**. Please make sure all decorations are off the tree. Branch and leaf collection has ended!

OFFICE HOURS

MUNSTER PUBLIC WORKS HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday
7:00 am - 3:00 pm

**after hours emergency contact number (219)660-0001*



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FIRE DEPARTMENT
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PARKS & RECREATION
(219)836-PARK
POLICE RECORDS
(219)836-6630/6650
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CODE ENFORCEMENT
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HOMWOOD DISPOTAL
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NIPSCO - POWER OUTAGES
1-800-4NIPSCO/1-800-464-7726

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 2023

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.

Site Plan Review Mtg.	Jan. 5, 2023	1:30 pm	Munster Town Hall
Special Town Council & Redevelopment Mtg.	Jan. 9, 2023	7:30 pm	Munster Town Hall
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	Jan. 10, 2023	6:45 pm	Munster Town Hall
Plan Commission Mtg.	Jan. 10, 2023	7:30 pm	Munster Town Hall
Town Council & Redevelopment Mtg.	Jan. 16, 2023	7:00 pm	Munster Town Hall
Park Board Mtg.	Jan. 17, 2023	5:00 pm	Munster Town Hall
Site Plan Review Mtg.	Jan. 19, 2023	1:30 pm	Munster Town Hall

ALL MEETINGS LISTED WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN MEETING ROOM



Dr. Ken Schoon
Lee Ann Mellon
Chuck Gardiner
Steve Tulowitzki
Dr. Andy Koultourides
Wendy Mis



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Ward #3
Ward #4
Ward #5
Clerk-Treasurer



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