



NEWS YOU CAN USE

August 2024

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Town of Munster, 1005 Ridge Road



MUNSTER'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council invite and encourage all residents to participate in Munster's 29th Annual National Night Out Celebration on Tuesday, August 6th. The event is held each year to promote positive police and community partnerships through a large variety of both fun and educational activities for all ages. This year's celebration will include:

THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY PARADE (4:30PM) on Columbia Avenue from Park Drive to the south lot of Munster High School. Residents are encouraged to line both sides of Columbia Avenue to show your support for our first responders, active military personnel, veterans, students, and other community members that are participating in the parade. Nat the Knight, the official mascot for the National Night Out, is the Grand Marshal and the parade will be led by our town's representative in the state DARE Essay Contest.



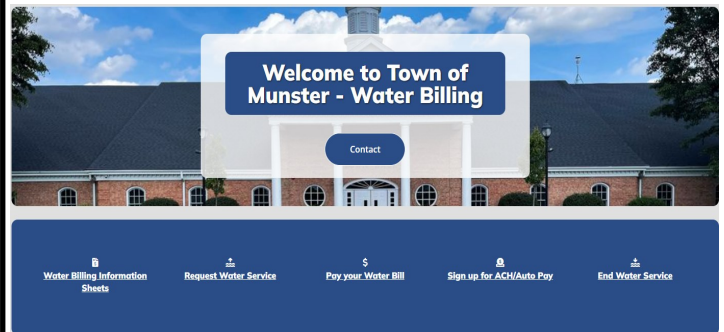
THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION (5:00PM-8:30PM) at and around the area of the Munster Community Pool (8837 Calumet Avenue). The event will begin with a performance of the National Anthem and will also include free swimming for Munster residents (with state ID please), kids games, prizes, K-9 demonstrations, emergency vehicle displays, 145 booth participants, special guests (former Cubs/White Sox pitcher Steve Trout and Indiana Boxing HOF member Jack "Kid" Callahan), The Magic of Keelan Wendorf, food vendors, giveaways, award presentations, musical performances (including the winner of Munster's Got Talent), police and army helicopter landings, costumed characters (Bluey, Bingo, Chase, Marshal), barrel car train rides, free glow necklaces for kids, a video gaming truck, and a closing FIREWORKS SHOW sponsored by KRAZY KAPLAN'S FIREWORKS.



Please display your blue lights from July 30th-August 6th in support of our National Night Out Week activities! In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held the following day and please check the Munster Police Department's Facebook page for any updates. Thank you to all of our many volunteers and sponsors for helping to make this year's event possible and we hope to see you there on August 6th!

**EXCITING
NEWS!**

**We are excited to
announce our new
Water Billing website!**



Please visit us at www.waterbilling.munster.in.gov or scan the QR code provided.

You can:

- ♦ Start New Water Service
- ♦ End Water Service
- ♦ Sign up for ACH/Auto Pay



The new website also offers valuable information regarding your water utility, contains an FAQ section, and a "how to" on checking for potential leaks.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION:



- www.nictdwestlake.com
- Follow WestlakeCorridorProject on Facebook
- Email: project.mail@nictdwestlake.com
- Telephone : (219)296-6004
- Sign up for project updates via their website.



From the Clerk-Treasurer

Public Meetings in the Town of Munster

The Big Meeting: Town Council Meetings

The Munster Town Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 pm in the main meeting room of Town Hall. Exceptions to this schedule occasionally occur, such as during holidays like Memorial Day and Labor Day, when Monday meetings are rescheduled to the Thursday of that week. Additionally, meetings during the weeks of primary and general elections in 2023 and 2024 have been rescheduled to accommodate setting up for the election the following day.

Town Council meetings are open to the public, and we encourage community members to attend. For those unable to be there in person, you can join live via Zoom with the meeting code 507 875 5757 with passcode 126807. A video recording of each meeting is posted on YouTube and linked on the Town of Munster's homepage, typically the following day. If there is a delay in posting, which occasionally happens, I will share the link on the Clerk-Treasurer's Facebook page as soon as possible. Please note that new Indiana State rules for meeting recordings will go into effect on July 1, 2025, which may require changes to our technology, so be prepared for the possibility of adjustments in the upcoming year.

The link to each meeting is provided at the top of the agenda, which is available at the meeting and generally posted in advance on the Town website under the Meeting and Agenda tab. It is rare for the agenda to be posted later than on the Friday afternoon before the Council meeting.

Work-Study Sessions

On the Wednesday before each Town Council meeting a work-study session is held for the Town Councilors, myself, and staff. The meeting is designed to review items proposed to be on the upcoming meeting agenda. The meeting is designed as an opportunity for Councilors to review and discuss items on the upcoming agenda items, ask questions, and offer insights. These sessions have been invaluable in helping staff gather additional information to assist the Council in making informed decisions. Work Study sessions for 2024 were scheduled and announced at the end of 2023 and any changes will be announced on the Town of Munster website. As with all public meetings, the meeting is open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend but be aware that there is not an opportunity for public input at the work-study session. Please contact a Councilor or myself if you have follow up from a Work-Study.

Boards and Commission Meetings

On the back page of each "News You Can Use" issue, you will find a list of board and commission meetings. Each of our appointed Boards and Commissions meets regularly, with meetings open to the public and minutes and agendas posted online. Links to attend the meetings virtually are posted on the top of each agenda. We encourage community involvement, so if you're curious about specific areas of the Town, please attend a meeting. If you're interested in serving on a Board, attending meetings is a great way to understand the responsibilities and requirements of board members.

In Closing

As always, if you have questions, comments, or concerns please reach out via phone or email: (219) 836 – 6945 or wmis@munster.in.gov.

Wendy Mis.

Clerk- Treasurer, Town of Munster



Civic Monday Concert Series

Sponsored by Munster Civic Foundation at Centennial Park
6:30-8:30pm

August 5: The Unstoppables

August 12: Together

August 19: Kaleidoscope Eyes

August 9(Friday): Hello Weekend will play from 7-9pm

Concessions and alcohol will be served.



Sponsored by People's Bank, the Summer Concert Series is continuing at Munster Town Hall from 6:30-8pm.

August 4: Dueling Pianos



Marian Pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th**. The procession will enter Munster at approximately **4:00 pm - 5:00 pm** at Southbound

Hohman Ave. Route of travel as follows: SB Hohman Ave. to Broadmoor Ave., EB Broadmoor Ave. to Greenwood Ave., SB Greenwood Ave. to Fairway Ave., EB Fairway Ave. to White Oak Ave., SB White Oak Ave. to Carmelite Shrine (1628 Ridge Rd.). **Procession will stay overnight at the Carmelite Shrine and leave at approximately 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 11th.** **Route of travel as follows:** SB White Oak Ave. to Fran-Lin Pkwy., EB Fran-Lin Pkwy to 45th Ave., WB 45th Ave. to White Oak Ave., SB White Oak Ave. to Main St., and EB Main St. into Highland, IN. Expect traffic delays in these areas during this time. Munster Police will be providing traffic control both days.

August

- 8/1 Safety BINGO
- 8/1 Wandering Tree Estates Tour Deadline
- 8/2 Les Jeux Olympiques at Munster Pool
- 8/2 Debunking Skincare Myths w/ Skin Dermatology
- 8/4 Summer Concert Series featuring: Dueling Pianos
- 8/3 College Admissions Essay Workshop – Phase 3
- 8/5 Grass VolleyKidz Practice
- 8/5 Skateboarding: Leveling Up
- 8/5 CIVIC Monday Series: The Unstoppables
- 8/7 Chicago Architectural Tour
- 8/8 Nana Clara's Puff Sandwich Making
- 8/8 Pool Season Pass Party – Frozen Summer
- 8/9 Fall Soccer Registration Deadline
- 8/9 CIVIC Friday Concert: Hello Weekend
- 8/11 Final Day of Munster Pool**
- 8/11 Comedy of Errors by Gary Shakespeare Theatre
- 8/12 Canine Cannonball
- 8/12 CIVIC Monday Series: Together
- 8/13 Movies in the Park featuring Migration
- 8/16 2 Tonnes Workshop
- 8/19 CIVIC Monday Series: Kaleidoscope Eyes
- 8/20 Splash and Splatter Squirt Gun Painting
- 8/24 Pennsy Bike Ride
- 8/26 Cash for Clutter Early Bird Deadline
- 8/28 The Audience at Drury Lane
- 8/31 Benefits of Funeral Pre-Planning

POOL CLOSED

Pool hours are Monday-Friday open 11am-6pm and Sunday open 1-6pm.

FINAL DAY! The Munster Pool will close for the season on Sunday August 11, hours are 1:00pm-6:00pm. See you next Spring!



Migration will be featured as our August Movie in the Park. Starting at dusk on August 13, bring a blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars.

Canine Cannonball

Open to dog park members only, this year's Canine Cannonball event will allow your pooch to enjoy an evening at the Munster Pool with friends. The event will be held August 12. There are 2 sessions: 5-6pm or 6:15-7:15pm




SOCCER

Don't miss out on the ultimate soccer opportunity. Open to youth ages: 4-13, games are on Saturdays and coaches are all volunteers. Final Soccer Deadline is August 2. Volunteer coaches always needed – contact Abby at (219) 836-6923 for more information.

Let's GO

Embark on a unique cycling experience under the twinkling stars – Pennsy Bike Ride on August 24 at 10pm. Start at Rohrman Park in Schererville and follow the trail to Centennial Park and then ride back. Trail is 15 miles. \$10/rider

CASH FOR CLUTTER



Clear the clutter in your home by becoming a vendor at our upcoming Cash for Clutter event on Saturday, September 14. Don't miss out on the early-bird deadline of August 30. You can purchase 2-3 parking spots.



Centennial Park Parking

Town of Munster residents can register up to 2 vehicles per household to park for free at Centennial Park for the 2024 parking season. 2024 registration began on March 1, 2024 at www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com. **Previous registration will not carry over to 2024.** Registration can also be done at the Parks and Recreation office at Munster Town Hall during regular business hours (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm). For more information, please visit the Town's website at www.munster.org.

**LAKE COUNTY
HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION**



AUGUST 17, 2024
9:00am—2:00pm
Whiting Public Works
1915 Front St., Whiting

Household Hazardous Waste is no longer accepting latex paint.. Household batteries are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection – No CAR batteries. The Town of Munster no longer has household battery collection. Visit lcswmd.com for more information.

Munster Monarch Project
AlterNatives: Summer Lecture Series at
Munster Town Hall 6:30pm-8:00pm
August 27: Healing Gardens



BULK ITEM/APPLIANCE

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



RECYCLING

Plastic bags are not recyclable. Do NOT bag your recycling - keep it loose in the recycling container.

YARD WASTE

It is a violation to put lawn clippings 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.



TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS AUGUST 2024

Notes: The schedule below is subject to change. Please contact Munster Town Hall (MTH) 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. **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.**

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| Site Plan Review Mtg. | August 1, 2024 1:30 pm | Main Meeting Room (MTH) |
| Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg. | August 5, 2024 7:00 pm | Main Meeting Room (MTH) |
| Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg. | August 13, 2024 6:45 pm | Main Meeting Room (MTH) |
| Plan Commission Mtg. | August 13, 2024 7:30 pm | Main Meeting Room (MTH) |
| Site Plan Review Mtg. | August 15, 2024 1:30 pm | Main Meeting Room (MTH) |
| Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg. | August 19, 2024 7:00 pm | Main Meeting Room (MTH) |
| Board of Safety Mtg. | August 20, 2024 7:00 am | Main Meeting Room (MTH) |
| Park Board Mtg. | August 20, 2024 5:00 pm | Main Meeting Room (MTH) |



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