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Town of Munster, 1005 Ridge Road

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From The Town Council

Munster is known for its outstanding quality of life, desirable schools, businesses and hospitals which has established it as one of the premier communities in the state. This desirability has led to a steady population growth over the last 30 years.



To manage change without significant levels of conflict, successful communities take the time to first cast a clear vision for their future. For Munster, this means identifying what is unique and special about local quality of life that should be protected. A vision must also include strategies for managing change – both changes coming from outside forces such as developers, as well as proactive investments desired by the community.

Munster has hired a firm to help with its strategic planning process which is a fast and efficient way to establish this vision and supporting strategies. This process takes 3-4 months in which we will hold workshops with Council, Department Heads and Community Leaders to review input and build consensus on vision and supporting strategies in our community.



I would like to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to the dedicated men and women of our local fire department. Every day, they go above and beyond to ensure our safety, respond to emergencies, and protect our community from harm. Whether it's fighting fires, providing lifesaving medical assistance, or being there in times of crisis, their courage and commitment do not go unnoticed. They are an important part of our town and please thank them if you see them working throughout town.



Warm regards,
George Shinkan, Town Council President

Town of Munster Boards and Commissions

Munster's boards and commissions, composed of community members and town officials, play a vital role in shaping the direction of our town. A key aspect of these boards and commissions is their open meetings, ensuring transparency and opportunities for public engagement.



Whether you're passionate about parks, local development, or public safety, attending a board or commission meeting is an excellent way to get involved and stay informed about what's happening in our Town.



If you can't attend in person, you can still stay informed by reviewing publicly available meeting agendas, which outline key topics under discussion.

I find these meetings to be informative experiences, and I often walk away with new insights about the projects and initiatives impacting our Town. For instance, after reading through the February Park Board meeting packet, I learned that the Centennial Park Golf Course is certified with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. This is an exciting achievement that speaks to our commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. Additionally, I



also learned that the Pro Shop partners with Munster Art Teacher Mrs. Lopez to create custom tee stickers for golfers. It's fantastic to see our local schools and businesses coming together to contribute to the community in such creative ways!

The Board of Safety meeting packet included updates on recent officer promotions, as well as monthly fire and police reports. Meeting agendas are available on the Town of Munster website at www.munster.org. You can also find meeting dates and times on the back page of each edition of *News You Can Use*.



I encourage you to take some time to explore the different boards and commissions that help guide decisions in Munster. Whether by attending meetings, reviewing agendas, or even considering a position on the Park Board, Plan Commission, or another committee, your involvement can make a real difference.

STAY INFORMED

We all benefit from staying informed, and who knows—you might learn something new, just like I did!

Thank you for staying connected and engaged in our great community! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at wmis@munster.in.gov or (219) 836-6945.

Sincerely,


Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Munster



- 3/3 3 All Me Tumblebears (at Patti's All American)
- 3/3 Jr. Beginner Gymnastics (at Patti's All American)
- 3/3 Sporties for Shorties
- 3/4 4 Bear Tumblebears (at Patti's All American)
- 3/4 2/3 Tumblebears (at Patti's All American)
- 3/4 TechTeamNWI Robotics Discovery
- 3/4 Mini Strikers
- 3/6 Preschool 4/5 Tumblebears (at Patti's All American)
- 3/6 Wado-Ki Karate
- 3/8 Home Improvement Fair
- 3/8 Puppy Obedience Training
- 3/9 Swim lessons (parent/tot, preschool, youth, private & semi-private)
- 3/10 CPR Certification
- 3/11 Benefits of Funeral Pre-Planning
- 3/11 Munchkin Masterpieces – Leprechaun's Hat
- 3/13 Drama Kid's Workshop
- 3/13 COVID Anniversary BINGO
- 3/14 Spring Soccer Final DEADLINE
- 3/14 Soda Pops and Paint Strokes – Lucky Night Sky
- 3/14 Lucky Charms Flashlight Hunt
- 3/15 Babysitting Lessons and Safety Training
- 3/19 Beautiful: Carole King Musical Lunch and Show
- 3/21 Juliette Gordon Low Lunch and Show
- 3/21 SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY DEADLINE: Pool Asst. Manager, Swim Lesson Coordinator, Lifeguard, Swim Lesson Instructor, Pool Attendant, Soccer Field Supervisor, Soccer Referee
- 3/24 Spring Break Camp
- 3/26 Fashion Outlet Trip DEADLINE
- 3/28 Kid's in the Park: Knock Out Competition

**Questions, contact the Parks Dept at
219-836-7275**





This is your reminder...
Centennial Park pay-to-park goes into effect on April 1. Munster Residents are allowed to register up to 4 vehicles per home address. It doesn't matter if your vehicle was registered last year – ALL vehicles need to be registered every year at: www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com.
Registration begins **March 1, 2025**.

Swim Lessons

Begin on Sunday, March 9 at Munster High School. Parent/Tot, Preschool, Youth, Private & Semi-Private lessons to choose from. Questions as to what level to choose? Contact Abby at (219) 836-6923.







Summer Camp information will be available mid-March. For the quickest news – find '2025 Munster Parks Summer Camp' on Facebook.
Don't have social media? Email jhiggins@munster.org to be added to the email list. Need care for over Spring Break – we can help!

Know someone looking for a **SUMMER JOB**?

Look no further than the fun department. The Parks & Rec department is now accepting applications for everything summer job related. Want more information – check out the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide (page 15).







Home Improvement Fair

~ March 8 from 10AM-3PM at the Wilbur Wright Middle School Cafeteria. Whether you're a DIY enthusiast, a seasoned contractor or simply looking to enhance your living space, this event will have something for everyone!

Don't miss out on the **FINAL Spring Soccer DEADLINE 3/14/25**.

Open to ages: 4-13
Coaches are still needed!





Lucky Charms Flashlight Hunt will take place Friday, March 14 at 8PM outside at the Lions Shelter. Bring your flashlight and luck! Refreshments available after. No on-site registration will be taken. Event is open to ages: 5-12.

2025 Centennial Park Parking Registration

Registration will begin on March 1, 2025 at www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com

Town of Munster residents can register up to 4 vehicles per household to park for free at Centennial Park for the 2025 parking season.

- Registration will begin on March 1, 2025 at www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com.

- **Previous registration will not carry over to 2025.**

Registration can also be done at the Parks and Recreation office at Munster Town Hall during regular office hours. Once a vehicle is registered and proof of residency is confirmed, a confirmation email is sent to the resident. At that point, the registered vehicle is safe to park at Centennial Park without receiving a violation notice.



Parking fees are effective and will be enforced from April 1 - October 31, 2025. If a vehicle is not registered for a free pass and fees are not paid, license plate reading technology will be used to issue notice violations via the mail. Park visitors using the golf course or golf driving range can validate parking inside the Pro Shop but must be done immediately after parking.

Unregistered vehicles have a 15-minute grace period from when they enter the parking lot to either leave the parking lot or to pay at one of the meters or via the ParkByApp app on a smartphone.

Credit/debit cards are the only forms of payment accepted. For more information, please visit the Town's website at www.munster.org.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, MARCH 17 AT 7:00 AM!



We are excited to welcome the
Class of 2038 to the Munster Family!



Kindergarten enrollment information is available on our website.
www.munster.us | Parent & Student Resources | Enrollment and Registration | Kindergarten

Upcoming Utility Rate Adjustments & Infrastructure Improvements

Residents are reminded that water rates, sewer maintenance rates, and solid waste collection rates will be increasing. These adjustments are necessary to support vital infrastructure projects scheduled for 2025 that will enhance Munster's water, sewer, and roadway systems.



Planned improvements include:

- **Roadway and water main replacements on:**
 - Oakwood Court (Chestnut Lane to the east end)
 - Cardinal Drive (Chestnut Lane to the east end)
 - Heather Drive (Chestnut Lane to the east end)
 - Broadmoor Avenue (Calumet Avenue to Columbia Avenue)
- **Water main, storm sewer, and road work on** Woodlawn Drive (Broadmoor Avenue to the south end)
- **Water tank maintenance** on the River Bend Tank #2
- **Ongoing branch, leaf, recycling, and garbage pickup**

This schedule is subject to change as the projects progress.



We appreciate your understanding and investment in Munster's future. If you have any questions, please contact the Town of Munster at 219-836-6900 for more information.

Sidewalk Ordinance

Sec. 46-101. Responsibility for Maintenance

The owner of any dwelling, building, subdivided lot or property shall be responsible for maintaining in good condition and repair the sidewalk in front of and alongside the property of the owner.

(Ord. No. 1093, § 1 (23-19), 10-20-1997)

The Town of Munster does offer a 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. Residents interested in sidewalk replacement should complete the sidewalk application by May 30, 2025. The application can be found on the Town website, www.munster.org on the home page under forms and applications.



BRANCH AND LEAF COLLECTION WILL ONLY OCCUR IN THE FRONT PARKWAY OF THE HOME.

Branches will no longer be collected in the alley.



All branches and sticks are to be placed in front of the home. The equipment cannot easily make the tight turn into the alley.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

When: Saturday, March 22, 2025.

All collections are held from 9am till 2 pm

Where: Lake County Fairgrounds 889 Court Street, Crown Point

The LCSWMD HHW program is for residential, household hazardous waste for Lake County, IN residents and is NOT for businesses, schools, organizations or those who live outside Lake County. Businesses, schools, and organizations of Lake County can call (219) 853-2420 for resource information. Loads are limited to 100 lbs. Latex paint is not accepted. Visit www.lcswmd.com for more information.



Homewood Disposal Service

If your garbage or recycling container is in need of repair or replacement, please contact HDS at 219-931-9000 to request the repair.



Munster Public Works Office Hours

Monday – Friday

7:00am – 3:00pm

219-836-6971 or 6970

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS MARCH 2025

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.**

***Town Council and Redevelopment Commission Meeting Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 507 875 5757

Passcode: 126807

Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	March 3, 2025	6:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	March 6, 2025	1:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	March 11, 2025	6:45 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Plan Commission Mtg.	March 11, 2025	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	March 17, 2025	6:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Safety Mtg.	March 18, 2025	7:00 am	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Park Board Mtg.	March 18, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	March 20, 2025	1:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)



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