



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Town of Munster, 1005 Ridge Road

APRIL 2025

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A message from The Water Billing Department

The Town of Munster Water Billing Department manages over 9,000 water accounts, and while we try our best to identify significant usage patterns, we rely on you, our customers, to help us catch potential issues early.

Monitoring Your Usage: We encourage you to regularly review the **12-month usage graph** included in your water bill. (If you're a paperless customer, simply open the PDF version of your bill.) Typically, fluctuations of one to three thousand gallons from month to month are not a concern. However, if you notice a significant, continuous increase in your usage, we recommend checking for a **running toilet** as it is often the hidden culprit behind high water consumption.



A running toilet might not always be audible, especially if it's a less-used toilet (e.g., in the basement). You won't see water leaking outside of the toilet but it may be continuously running due to a faulty seal. For helpful tips on diagnosing and fixing this issue, please visit our website at www.munster.org/waterbilling, where you'll find information sheets to guide you.

Rate Increase Reminder: Please note that water, sewer, and trash rates increased with the March invoice. As a result, your bill may be higher, though it may not be due to increased usage.

Need to Manage Your Water Service?

- Sign up for New service
- End service if you're moving or selling your home
- Set up ACH/Auto Pay with no fees through a bank account

You can easily complete these tasks on our website, www.munster.org/waterbilling



Meter Replacement: We are in the process of replacing the oldest water meters in town. If you receive a pink tag asking you to contact us about a meter replacement, please do so. The process typically takes 15-20 minutes and comes at **no cost to you**. These newer meters have advanced capabilities, allowing us to detect leaks and pinpoint their exact timing.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. contact water billing at 219-836-6940 or me at wmis@munster.in.gov

We are happy to assist you!

Thank you for being a part of our community and for your cooperation in helping us maintain efficient water usage.

*Sincerely, Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer,
Town of Munster*

From The Town Council President:

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance traffic flow and improve safety, we are developing a signal timing plan for the Calumet Avenue corridor from River Drive to Main Street. This initiative aims to optimize traffic signals to reduce congestion, improve travel times, and enhance pedestrian and vehicle safety along this critical corridor.



We recognize the importance of Calumet Avenue as a major roadway in our community, serving residents, businesses, and visitors. By implementing a well-coordinated signal timing plan, we aim to achieve:

- **Improved Traffic Flow:** Reducing unnecessary delays and smoothing vehicle movement.
- **Enhanced Safety:** Minimizing stop-and-go conditions that contribute to accidents.
- **Environmental Benefits:** Decreasing fuel consumption and emissions through better traffic efficiency.

We appreciate your cooperation and support as we work toward making Munster's roadways safer and more efficient for everyone.

On a sad note. On Tuesday morning, February 25th, 2025, shortly after 1:00 a.m., Officer Perez was involved in a traffic accident with a semi tractor trailer. As a result of the collision, Officer Perez passed away on scene. His death has dealt a significant blow to the law enforcement community, and the Town of Munster. He will be greatly missed by his brothers and sisters in the Police Department.



Immediately upon joining the Munster Police Department, Officer Perez's experience and leadership were quickly recognized by his superiors. His peers were fast to gravitate to him, due to his confidence, and sense of humor. Ryan had a knack for being able to make people laugh, even in stressful situations, and exuded confidence when dealing with any situation.

God Bless and Memory Eternal.

Warm regards,



George Shinkan, Town Council President



- 4/1 Centennial Park Pay-to-Park is NOW ENFORCED
- 4/1 SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY DEADLINE: Park Maintenance
- 4/2 CSRI Open Gym
- 4/4 Friday Fun and Games
- 4/4 Cats Theatre Trip DEADLINE
- 4/7 Hispanic Heritage Dance
- 4/8 Munchkin Masterpieces – Umbrella for April Showers
- 4/9 Fashion Outlets of Chicago
- 4/11 Colleen Moore Lunch and Show
- 4/11 Flashlight Egg Hunt
- 4/11 Soda Pops and Paint Strokes – Swing into Spring
- 4/12 Community Egg Hunts + CSRI Egg Hunt
- 4/12 Babysitting Lessons and Safety Training
- 4/12 Spring Soccer Games Begin
- 4/13 Underwater Egg Hunt
- 4/16 Naperville Trip DEADLINE
- 4/19 Puppy Obedience Training
- 4/21 Ladies Golf Lessons
- 4/21 Men’s Golf Lessons
- 4/22 Youth Golf Lessons
- 4/24 Wado-Ki Karate
- 4/25 Tiny Tykes
- 4/25 Servsafe Food Certification
- 4/25 Cash for Clutter Early-Bird DEADLINE
- 4/26 Kid’s in the Park: Weed Wrangle
- 4/30 Cinco de Mayo Challenge
- 4/30 A day in downtown Naperville

Just another reminder that **Centennial Park pay-to-park** is currently in effect as of April 1. Munster Residents are allowed to register up to 4 vehicles per home address. It does not matter if your vehicle was registered last year – ALL vehicles need to be registered at every year. www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com otherwise you will be ticketed.



Easter is late this year! Join us on:
 April 11 for our teen **flashlight egg hunt**,
 April 12 for our **community egg hunt** or
 April 13 for our **unique egg hunt** searching underwater at Munster High School.

Fees apply. Check our Recreation Guide for specific ages. Pre-registration required for the underwater egg hunt on 4/13.



Horseback Riding Lessons
 This will be a hit this month – learn something new! Private lessons are available thru Nova Quarter Horses. \$270 for 5-one hour lessons.



Looking to obtain a **Servsafe Food Certification**?
 Let us help! *Sanitized on Safety* will be on hand Friday, 4/25 from 9AM-3PM to give instructions, share the book and give the exam. Perfect for a local business as required by law at least one person should be certified in food safety.



Enjoy a **day in downtown Naperville**, exploring shops or walking the boardwalk.
 Trips departs Wednesday, 4/30 at 9:15AM. Resident rate: \$54.



Park Wranglers at the Weed Wrangle will take place Saturday 4/26 at Heritage Park from 9AM-12PM.
 Help rid the area of invasive plants. Want to learn more about the nature and history of Heritage – there will be educators on site. This is a great opportunity to get out and volunteer as a family – FREE.



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



Come connect with the Earth and your community on April 26th at Heritage Park.

Start with the **Weed Wrangle from 9 AM to Noon**, helping remove invasive plants. Then, stick around for the **Earth Day Celebration from 11 AM to 2 PM**.

There will be something for all ages including local organization booths, engaging presentations, and fun activities. We will also be planting new trees to enhance the beauty of Heritage Park.

Come be a part of something green, meaningful and fun! See you there!





Let's Minimize Garbage and Landfills—Recycle Right!

Homewood Disposal has labeled Munster residents' recycling bins to help clarify what can and can't be recycled. But as with many things, the devil is in the details. Recycling correctly makes a big difference, so let's take a closer look at what belongs—and what doesn't—in your recycling bin:

DO RECYCLE (In Your Household Bin)	DON'T RECYCLE
Flattened cardboard boxes and cereal and other packaging boxes	Wet, or soiled cardboard boxes / packages, such as pizza boxes
Paper goods such as office paper, magazines, newspapers, brown bags and even books!	Shredded paper Don't put your paper into plastic bags
Gently rinsed metal cans, aluminum cans, trays and pie tins	Aerosol cans or items with food waste
Gently rinsed bottles and jars	Light bulbs, household glass such as windows, dinnerware or mirrors
Gently rinsed cartons made mostly of paper and cardboard egg cartons	Juice pouches, ice cream cartons, or foam egg cartons (Styrofoam or polystyrene is NOT recyclable)
Gently rinsed plastic jugs and bottles of all sizes Maximum is up to five-gallon buckets	Takeout containers, prescription bottles, straws, plastic bags, motor oil containers and materials such as bubble wrap, packaging peanuts, or hard plastic packaging
DO RECYCLE (Other Than Your Household Bin)	REALLY!? BUT WHERE?
Plastic bags	Jewel, Target or Green Witch Café in Highland (The bags at Green Witch will go to creating a bench!)
Eyeglasses, cell phones, hearing aids and keys	Munster Town Hall. Lions Club has a collection box inside
Plastic bread closure tags	Munster Town Hall. These tags will be used to create a chair for the disabled
Pop tabs (from aluminum cans)	Munster Town Hall. Project Gee will donate to the Ronald McDonald House
Athletic shoes or Crocs	Green Witch Café or at the Lincoln Center in Highland
Batteries	<i>No longer at the Munster Town Hall.</i> Staples and Lowes will accept them.



LAKE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**Household
Hazardous
Waste
Collection**

All collections are from 9 am to 1 pm

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Munster Public Works

508 Fisher Street

****NO PAPER SHREDDING
AVAILABLE**

What is accepted?



RECYCLING SCHEDULE 2025 A & B WEEK



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 A WEEK
 B WEEK
 HOLIDAY

We're closed on the these 2025 holidays

New Year's Day – Closed

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Monday and Tuesday service will remain on schedule this week. Wednesday – Friday residential service will be delayed one day for this week only.

Memorial Day – Closed

Monday, May 26, 2025

All residential service will be delayed one day for this week only.

Independence Day – Closed

Friday, July 4, 2025

Monday – Thursday service will remain on schedule this week. Friday residential service will be picked up on Saturday, July 5.



We're open on the these 2025 holidays

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Open

Monday, January 20, 2025 – No service interruptions.

Presidents' Day – Open

Monday, February 17, 2025 – No service interruptions.

Juneteenth National Independence Day – Open

Thursday, June 19, 2025 – No service interruptions.

Columbus Day – Open

Monday, October 13, 2025 – No service interruptions.

Halloween – Open

Friday, October 31, 2025 – No service interruptions.

Veterans Day – Open

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 – No service interruptions.

MUNSTER POLICE SEEKING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT DONATIONS

The Munster Police Department is seeking monetary donations through June 13th towards Munster's 30th Annual National Night Out Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 5th in the area of the Munster Community Pool. This fun, memorable, and nationally recognized event for all ages is held annually to promote positive police and community partnerships through activities such as free swimming for residents, emergency vehicle displays, door prizes, K-9 demonstrations, over 100 booth participants, a magic show, music, giveaways, games, prizes, safety information, special guests, food, awards, a Community Parade, and more.

Munster's event was ranked by the National Association of Town Watch as the #2 National Night Out event in the United States for our population category in 2024!



We are currently collecting donations so that we can reserve vendors and purchase supplies in advance of the event.

If you would like to provide a donation, please make checks payable to the Town of Munster (memo: NNO) and mail/drop them off to the Munster Police Department, c/o Community Policing Unit, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 46321. For more information about how you can support or get involved with this year's event, please call 219-836-6639. Thank you in advance for your support this year!

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 onto the alley.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

Starting Tuesday, April 1, 2025, **weather permitting for 2 weeks**. In front of the home **ONLY**. **Do NOT put leaves in your garbage can, plastic bags or in brown bags, Homewood Disposal Service will not pick them up.** Rake your leaves to the curb for the spring leaf collection.



Since pick-up quantities are not known, it is difficult to predict exactly which neighborhood will be picked up on which day, so please have your leaves out. We will start on the northwest section of Town and work south.

Please place your leaves in a continuous long pile. We will be using a leaf vacuum to collect your leaves. If your street has curbs, please place your leaves right behind the curb on the grass parkway. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE STREET.** If your street does not have curbs, please place your leaves on the edge of the street pavement. Also, please be careful not to mix leaves with large sticks, rocks or other debris, which could cause injury to an employee or damage to the equipment.



Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.

BRANCH COLLECTION

Starting Tuesday, April 1, 2025, **weather permitting**; branches will be picked up **ONLY** in front of the home with the chipper. These branches should be no longer than 5' long and 7" in diameter. Small branches should be bundled and tied; these will be picked up with your garbage.



Rental Property Regulations

The Town of Munster requires residential rental properties to be registered with the Town and to have a Town-issued rental certificate. The process of obtaining a rental permit is as follows:

- * Submit a rental permit application to the Town of Munster Community Development Department.
- * Pay for and schedule a rental inspection.
- * The Town will inspect the property for compliance with current building and fire codes, as well as property maintenance standards. If the property passes inspection, the Town will issue a rental certificate to the property owner.

The rental permit expires whenever there is a change of ownership.

If you have any questions regarding residential rental permits, please contact the Community Development Department at 219-836-6990 during regular office hours, Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or by email: communitydevelopment@munster.org



Electrical Code – Electrical Panel Safety

Did you know that the Indiana Electrical Code [NEC 110.26 (A) (1&2)] requires a certain amount of clearance around your electrical panel? You are required to have a minimum of **2.5 ft wide by 3 ft deep by 6.5 ft high area** in front of the panel clear for access and work. This requirement is for the typical 120/240-volt residential panel. If there are exposed live parts on both sides of the panel, which is not common in a residential setting, the depth minimum is 5 ft.

There are additional requirements for electrical panels:

Storage is **NOT** permitted within the clearance area (identified above)

A panel is **NOT** to be located in a clothes closet, bathroom, or on stairs

The door to the panel must be able to open a minimum of 90 degrees

The area in front of the panel must be illuminated

Please be sure to check your electrical panel and verify that you are in compliance with these codes. Thank you.

**MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING
FEATURING K-9 UNIT**



The Munster Police Department invites all residents and business representatives to attend the next Munster Crime Watch Meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Munster Town Hall, located at 1005 Ridge Road. This meeting will

include recent crime statistics compared to previous years and a presentation from the four members of the police department's K-9 Unit about their duties.



Several door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of this meeting which will only last one hour. For more information, please contact the Community Oriented Policing Unit at 219-836-6639. We hope to see you there!

***The Munster Fire Department ***



MFD is conducting a smoke alarm canvas for Munster residents in the northwest area of town on Wednesday April 30.



Firefighters and American Red Cross volunteers will go door to door offering free installation of smoke alarms. Smoke alarms will be provided at no cost to residents by American Red Cross. Residents that are not home will be provided with contact information to schedule a smoke alarm install at another time.

Any Munster resident interested in free smoke alarm inspections and installations can call the fire department at 219-836-6960.



TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS APRIL 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.	April 7, 2025	6:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	April 3, 2025	1:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Zoning Appeals Mtg.	April 8, 2025	6:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Plan Commission Mtg.	April 8, 2025	6:45 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Town Council/Redevelopment Mtg.	April 21, 2025	6:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Board of Safety Mtg.	April 23, 2025	7:00 am	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Park Board Mtg.	April 15, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)
Site Plan Review Mtg.	April 17, 2025	1:30 pm	Main Meeting Room (MTH)



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