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Dial 911

911 is now being used for emergency and non-emergency calls if you are in the Town of Dyer. If you need Police, Fire, or Ambulance for emergency or non-emergency you ***MUST*** dial 911. In addition, since dispatch consolidation you ***MUST*** now also call 911 if you are reporting an animal problem, code enforcement problem, utility problem, suspicious activity or any matter that requires police attention.

Multi-Jurisdictional Storm Water Project

As was reported in an earlier town newsletter, the towns of Dyer, Munster and Schererville joined forces with the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission to address a serious storm water problem in the northeast corner of Dyer. In August of 2014 a very heavy rain event caused a failure at a junction of two large storm water mains in the Briar Ridge Subdivision. The pipes served as a storm sewer intersection of sorts where storm water from Dyer and Schererville joined and then traveled north under Main St. and into Munster.

As a result of the pipe failure and subsequent washout it was decided that this would be the proper time to replace the large corrugated metal pipe under Main St. through which the water from Dyer and Schererville flowed. That pipe was inspected and found to be in very poor shape.

The work on that repair project began earlier this year and was substantially completed on or about September 12, 2015. Fortunately we did not experience any major rain events during the time that the system was under repair. The repair will improve the ability of the system to handle future large rain events.

This project is an excellent example of intergovernmental cooperation in dealing with a multi jurisdictional problem.

Town Departments

Town Council Office

865-6108

Clerk Treasurer's Office

865-2421

Department of Public Works

865-4222

Police Department

865-1163

Fire Department

865-4226

Parks & Recreation Department

865-2505

2015 Road Project Completion

The Dyer Town Council and the Dyer Redevelopment Commission recently completed construction improvements to the following roads in our community:

Audrey	Concord Ct.	Sheffield Ave spot repair near
Barberry	Lexington	Amtrak Station
Heritage Dr	Potomac	Great Lake Dr. in front of the
Cambridge Ct	Lake St in Heritage Estates	Post Office
Roanoke Ct.	Lake St in Sheffield Estates	Fairview Lane
Richmond Ct.		

Some of the landscaping and parkway restoration will be completed in 2016 but the road work itself was completed by the end of the 2015 paving season.

The Town Council looks forward to completing more road improvement projects in 2016. Look for a future article in this newsletter next spring regarding that work.

Upcoming Recreation Events

Please remember that prior registration is required for most of these programs/events. Please call the Dyer Parks & Recreations office at (219)865-2505 for class/registration information.

Please make sure to check out the Dyer Parks & Recreation's 2016 Winter/Spring Leisuregram! We are back to mailing our books out to everyone in the 46311 zip code. **This means that the Leisuregram will arrive with your regular mail.** You may also view the Leisuregram on our website at: parks.townofdier.com

Kindermusik classes will begin in January. Register before the holidays so you won't forget!

Bumper Bowling/Bowling: This popular, ongoing program will continue throughout the new year. Children ages 3-13 yrs. old will enjoy being with others of the same age as they learn the basic of bowling. Parents of children ages 3-6 yrs. old, are asked to participate with their children. What a great way to spend some quality time with your child! The first session of the new year will begin on Jan. 25. Older children may also request bumper.

Healthy, Fitness Programs: This is the perfect time to sign up for one of our many fitness

classes. Participants ages 16 & older and all fitness levels are welcome to register for **Yoga, Pilates or Zumba.** Your health is important, so start the new year off right by joining one or more of these classes!

Specially themed craft classes and events throughout the year: Watch for detailed information in our 2016 Winter Spring Leisuregram.

Beginner Guitar lessons: Did you receive a new guitar over the holidays? With our **new instructor**, you will learn to play the guitar, how to take care of and re-string a guitar; music history and theory. These lessons are perfect for the beginner guitar player or someone that wants to brush up on their skills? Feb. 3-April 13 (off 3/23). Fee: Res. \$65/non-res. \$75 for (1) ten week session.

NEW! Cookielicious and Dyer Parks & Rec. have teamed up to offer you a **Frozen** themed cookie decorating class on Jan. 27, a Valentine's Day cake pop/s decorating class on Feb. 11, an Easter themed cookie decorating class on March 17 and a Mother's Day cookie bouquet class on May 5. For detailed class information/fees, please call (219) 865-2505. Participants ages 6 & up. Participants that are 5yrs. old, may register as long as there is an adult present.

16th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance: Feb.

20th is date night for all dad's and their daughters! Tickets for this event must be purchased in advance. Don't wait till the last minute, this **special event sells out every year!** Please bring one can of soup to donate to the St. Maris Goretti Food Pantry. Fee: Res. \$12 per person/non-res. \$14 per person. Unlimited healthy snacks, drinks and cake will be served. Raffle tickets for great prizes will be given out to each girl.

FREE! 28th Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Children 8 and under are welcome to attend this **very popular event** on Sat., March 19th at 2pm sharp! Mark your calendar today. See you at Northgate Park!

2nd Annual Mother-Son Fun Bowl: Join us on Sunday, May 1st for this special Mother-Son event which will be held at Stardust Bowl in Dyer. Make this a special time for you and your son/sons (ages 5-12 yrs. old). Awards and prizes will be awarded at the end of this event. Register TODAY!

Don't forget about our **CPR, First Aid and Babysitting classes** that we offer throughout the year. Please call for upcoming dates/details.

2016 Dyer Summerfest Fundraiser

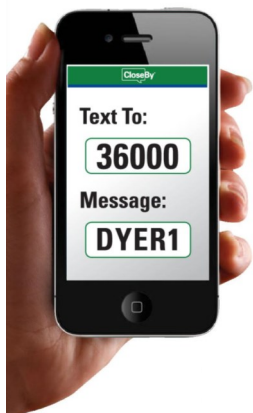
Support the Dyer Summer Fest and purchase your Texas Roadhouse Gift cards and present them with the below card. 10% of your purchase will go to 2016 Dyer Summer Fest!

Thank you for your support!!

Holiday Garbage Pick Up

Garbage pick up will be one day later than your regularly scheduled pick up the weeks of **December 21st and 28th** due to Christmas Day and New Years Day. Remember, always have your trash containers out by 6am on your pick up day.

Join our Town of Dyer



**To receive
important
announcements**

Burglary/Theft Prevention Tips

As the holidays approach, the police department would like to pass on some great crime prevention tips. These are just a few suggestions to help the Dyer Police Department fight crime. Thank you for the continued support of Dyer Police Department and Happy Holidays!

- Make it appear as if someone is home (lights on timers etc....)
- Keep ALL doors and windows locked (including the door from the garage to your house)
- Don't allow newspapers and mail to accumulate while you are out of town. Arrange for a trusted family member or friend to pick it up daily. Have these same people put your trash cans out on the appropriate day, even if they are empty. Burglars will sometimes "case" a certain area prior to committing Burglaries.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed, and snow shoveled if you will be away for an extended period of time.
- Install deadbolt locks on ALL exterior doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Consider upgraded locks.
- Consider hiding your garage door remote in your vehicle. Burglars will often steal the remote, and gain access through the garage. This is especially true when parked in a public place. The offenders will steal the garage door remote, and find your address on your vehicle registration. Knowing you are not home, they will then burglarize your residence.
- Trim your trees and shrubs, so they do not block your windows, and/or provide a hiding place for potential intruders. Make sure that your house can be seen from the street.
- If you have an alarm system installed, USE IT AT ALL TIMES!!!
- Don't leave your valuables in a common location (nightstand, dresser, closet in the master bedroom.
- Consider photographing your valuables and recording serial numbers AS SOON AS YOU ACQUIRE THE ITEMS. This may be time consuming, but this information is extremely valuable in the event of a Burglary. Keep this information in a separate location from the valuables, preferably at a relative's house or at work if possible. GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS. Neighbors are often the only witnesses to suspicious and/or criminal activity. Exchange telephone numbers with your neighbors, and communicate with each other. Let your neighbors know who should and should not be at your home.

Call 911 IMMEDIATELY if you see a vehicle or person that YOU feel is suspicious. The police will respond and investigate the activity! If any neighborhoods are interested in beginning a crime watch group please contact the police department and we will work together to make it happen.

Fairview Drive Opening

The Dyer Redevelopment Commission recently completed construction of a short section of Fairview Dr. between Great Lakes Dr. and the newly developing Pennington Subdivision. That road work now provides access from Northwinds Dr. west to Great Lakes Dr. and in so doing provides more convenient access to the signalized intersection of Great Lakes Dr. and US 30. This is a public safety improvement that hopefully will reduce the number of vehicles attempting to make left hand (eastbound) turns off of Northwinds Dr. onto US 30.



2015/2016 Road Striping

The Town Council recently approved spending up to \$150,000 on a town wide road striping project to begin in 2016. However, Calumet Avenue between US 30 and 213th St. was in immediate need of some new striping as was the "S" curve portion of Sheffield Avenue from Edmond St. south to a point just south of the CN railroad crossing.

The Calumet Avenue striping work began on December 3rd and with any luck both areas will have been completed by the time this newsletter is mailed out.

MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

December

Dec 14

6:00 pm EDC Meeting
6:30 pm Redevelopment Cmsn Mtg.

Dec 16

6:30 pm Emergency Response Volunteer Team

Dec 17

6:00 pm Police Comm. Meeting
7:00 pm Water Board Meeting

Dec 21

6:00 pm Sanitary Board Study Ssn
6:30 pm Sanitary Board Meeting
7:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting

January

Jan 4

7:00 pm BZA Meeting

Jan 7

6:00 Stormwater Board Meeting/
Study Session

Jan 11

6:00 pm EDC Meeting
6:30 pm Redevelopment Cmsn Mtg

Jan 12

6:30 pm Recycling Comm. Mtg

Jan 13

6:00 pm Park Board Meeting

Jan 14

6:00 pm Town Council Meeting

Jan 18

7:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting/
Study Session

Jan 20

6:30 pm Emergency Response Volunteer Team

Jan 21

6:00 pm Police Commission Mtg
6:30/7:00 pm Water Board Study
Session & Meeting

Jan 25

6:00 pm Sanitary Board Study Sess.
6:30 pm Saniitary Board Meeting



*The Town Council and employees of
Dyer wish you a very
Happy Holiday Season!*

Dyer Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance

The Dyer Chamber of Commerce will host their annual dinner dance on Saturday January 23, 2016 at Casa Maria at Saint Maria Goretti Church from 6pm-11pm.

Show your Saturday Night Fever dance moves & Boogie the Night Away with DJ Jef Jarecki from Main Event Music at this 70's Themed Bash with hits you might remember like Night Fever, More than a Woman and everyone's favorite Stayin' Alive. Bid at the silent auction or just come out and enjoy the evening. Catering by one of our local favorites Ace Catering .

The Chamber will be presenting the Business Person of the Year Award and the Kris Thomas Community Enhancement Award to some outstanding citizens.

Tickets are \$50 or save BIG money, purchase a table for 8 only pay for 7.

Tickets are available at the following locations:

First Merchants Bank: 1100 E Joliet St or by contacting Dawn Combs @ 322-5314
Centier Bank: 1121 Sheffield Ave or by contacting Stephanie Fazekas @ 865-3100
Jethroe Smith DDS & Sandy: 425 Joliet St. Suite 311 @ 865-6555
Dyer Town Hall in the Town Council Office: One Town Square

Join us for a GREAT NIGHT!!!!

For more information visit their website at: www.dyerchamberofcommerce.com
Or email at: chamber@dyerchamberofcommerce.com

HOLIDAY MIXER

A Holiday mixer your girls will not want to miss. Girls ages 7 and up are invited to participate in our first holiday mixer. Activities will include a holiday craft, movie, pizza and snacks. We will also have a motivational guest speaker talking about their experiences in softball.

All participants will have an opportunity to win some great prizes including \$50 towards 2016 Dyer Girls Softball registration fee.

Parents this is a great opportunity for your daughter to find out about Dyer Girls Softball and for you to get any last minute holiday shopping done.



Tuesday, December 22 – 5:30-9PM
Dyer Plum Creek Center

**In order to attend you must RSVP
by Dec. 18th at:
www.dyergirlssoftball.com**

Mixer Hosted by: Dyer Girls Softball

**Dyer Girls Softball Registration
Jan 18 & Jan 28
Dyer/Schererville Public Library
6-8PM**