



Town of Dyer

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Show Your Support for Police Officers with a Blue Light or Ribbon

The blue ribbon or blue light has long been a nationwide initiative to honor law enforcement, and in the wake of the recent attacks on law enforcement, it's another way to show our support and appreciation for keeping our community safe. Police Officers risk their lives daily to protect our community, so residents throughout town are showing their support and saying "thank you" to our men and women in blue, and all fallen officers, by placing a blue ribbon around a tree, or changing their porch lights to blue. We encourage you to join the nationwide movement and "paint the town blue".

Consolidated Dispatch Update

In order to comply with a state mandate as of January 1, 2015 all dispatch operations, county wide, are now under the supervision of Lake County Public Safety Communications Commission. Over the next several months the Consolidated Dispatch Center will be completed. This center is located inside the Lake County Government Complex in Crown Point, IN. Slowly, municipalities' dispatch operations will move into the Dispatch Center. What this means for Dyer is that in the near future all of our emergency calls for Police/Fire/Ambulance will be answered and handled at a central location known as the Consolidated Dispatch Center. We are working hard to create a seamless transition. The way in which emergencies are reported will stay the same they will just be answered from a different location. Dyer Emergency Services units will still be patrolling and stationed in Dyer like always. We are confident that the consolidation will occur without any disturbance in emergency services. We will continue to update with any changes and information. If you have any questions please contact Dyer Police non-emergency at 219-865-1163.

Snow Plowing Procedures

As most of you know, on street parking is prohibited in the event of a 2" or greater snowfall. We ask for your cooperation in keeping vehicles off of the street in those events so that we can more efficiently clean the streets.

Please be advised that the procedure we follow when responding to a snow or icing event is to clear the main thoroughfares first such as Calumet Avenue, Sheffield Avenue, 213th St. and the like. Then we move into the subdivisions and begin clearing those secondary roads.

Our plow trucks begin by moving snow from the centerline of the street toward the curb line with the goal being to get as close to the curb line as possible so that vehicles can utilize the entire road width. Depending on the width of the road it can take up to 3 passes to clear the road from the centerline to the curb.

There are 3 primary reasons for clearing the road to the curb lines. First is to provide access for emergency vehicles. Once the plowing effort is completed and cars begin parking on the sides of the roads again there needs to be sufficient room to allow emergency vehicles to travel down the roads. The closer we get to the curb the more room there is for those larger vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances. The second reason is for mail delivery. If the postal delivery personnel cannot reach the mailboxes from their vehicles (on motor routes) they do not have to deliver the mail. The third reason is for drainage purposes. If we get a rapid thaw after a snow event we need to have the storm water curb inlets exposed so that they can take the water off of the road.

Cul-de-sacs- generally speaking we try to plow the snow away from the curb and toward the center of a cul-de-sac initially so that residents can get to their homes. We then follow that up by pushing the snow up against the most strategically available spot along the curb in the cul-de-sac. These streets can be problematic due to the limited amount of available curb area at which snow can be placed. In large snow events we may have to haul the snow out of cul-de-sac areas.

We receive complaints every year about our trucks plowing snow into cleared driveway entrances. We regret that this occurs but it is unavoidable. It would take much longer to clear the streets if we took the time to avoid the driveways. When clearing your driveway entrance (known as the apron) please take a moment to see if the street has been cleared to the curb line. If it has not, you can expect that a plow will be making another pass down your street. If you want to try to avoid having to clear your apron more than once during a given snow fall and you are able to wait for the street to be cleared to the curb line before clearing your apron that might help to avoid the duplication of effort.

We appreciate that most of our residents understand this situation and we hope with this explanation perhaps everyone will have a better understanding of the matter.

Reminder From the Fire Department

Please maintain your furnace or heating appliances. Refrain from space heater use. Make sure to have a working carbon monoxide detector. Do not burn your Christmas tree in the fire place. Continue to practice fire safety even though the holidays are over.

Dyer Historical Society Presents

“Romancing the Spoon” : The Victorian Love Affair with Silver

Join us on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm when speaker Cynthia Ogorek presents a fascinating story of our nation’s silver industry and its unique position in the economy of the post-Civil War “Gilded Age”.

2015 Recycling Schedule

NORTH OF RT 30		SOUTH OF RT 30	
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jan 08	Jan 09	*Jan 02	Jan 03
Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 15	Jan 16
Feb 05	Feb 06	Jan 29	Jan 30
Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 12	Feb 13
Mar 05	Mar 06	Feb 26	Feb 27
Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 12	Mar 13
Apr 02	Apr 03	Mar 26	Mar 27
Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 09	Apr 10
Apr 30	May 01	Apr 23	Apr 24
May 14	May 15	May 07	May 08
*May 29	May 30	May 21	May 22
Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 04	Jun 05
Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 18	Jun 19
Jul 09	Jul 10	Jul 02	Jul 03
Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 16	Jul 17
Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 30	Jul 31
Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 13	Aug 14
Sep 03	Sep 04	Aug 27	Aug 28
Sep 17	Sep 18	*Sep 11	Sep 12
Oct 01	Oct 02	Sep 24	Sep 25
Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 08	Oct 09
Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 22	Oct 23
Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 05	Nov 06
*Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 19	Nov 20
Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 03	Dec 04
Dec 24	*Dec 26	Dec 17	Dec 18
Jan 07	Jan 08	Dec 31	*Jan 02

* Includes changes for holidays that Republic recognizes

Town Council

- Joseph Cinko
- Mary Tanis
- Jeff Dekker
- Connee Trepton
- Debbie Astor

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Patricia A. Hawrot

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

Park Department

865-2505

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.

Dyer Parks & Recreation is very excited to offer the following programs and events! If you did not receive our 2015 Winter/Spring Leisuregram, you can view it on line at www.parks.townofdye.com or pick one up at Town Hall.

Start this year off by joining one of our many health oriented, exercise programs. **Yoga, Zumba and Pilates** are all great programs for beginners and up. Work at your own pace or go all out. No better time than now!

Beginner Guitar Lessons: Did you receive a guitar during the holidays? Beginners as well as the experienced player will benefit from this 8 week session. H.G.S. Music will be instructing these classes at our Plum Creek Center. Feb. 28-April 25(off March 28).Res: \$75 Res./\$80 non-res.

NEW! I'm a big kid now! Children ages 3-5yrs. old will focus on team building, hand eye/foot eye coordination, fun songs, ABC's,

123's balancing, locomotive stability and manipulative skills during this 4 week class. Space is limited in order to provide a smaller class with less distractions.

Feb. 23-March 16 and March 30-April 20. Fee: \$28 Res./\$30 non-res.

Young Rembrandts is back! Drawing classes are available for children ages 4-13yrs. old and will be held at the Dyer Town Hall. Class hours vary during the day and after school. Please call for detailed information.

Art Spot painting classes are a hit! Many themed classes for adults and children.

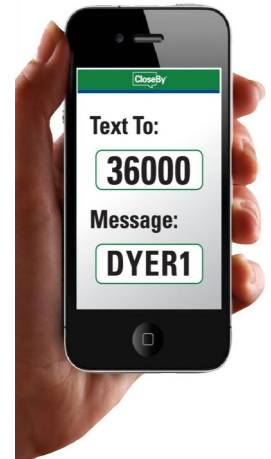
Kick'n with the Kids & Indoor Tee Ball: Children ages 3-5yrs. old, along with their parent/caregiver, are ready to get out and run of some energy. These introductory classes are great for the beginner and even better for the child that has been in the program before. Repletion is the key to learning and remembering what to do. Team building is also a very important part of these two programs. Feb. 23 - March 16 will be the first of two sessions. Fee: \$30 Res./\$33 non-res.

Bricks 4 Kidz is here! This very popular program is for children ages 4-11yrs. old. Dyer Parks & Recreation is offering classes, at a discount fee for those who register through us. Many great themes for these pre-school through middle school aged children. Don't miss out! Call for details on each age group.

Coding for Kids: Does your child love computer games, and apps-how much would they love to build them? This game design course introduces kids to programming in a fun way! Hands on experience while building games & apps that they fully personalize. It's never too early to learn the skills that the future will demand. Saturdays, Feb. 7 - March 14 from 9-10am at the Sylvan Learning Center . Fee: \$140 Res. and non-res. for this 6 week class.

Save the date for these Special Events: Feb. 21-Daddy Daughter Dance, March 27-Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, March 28-Easter Egg Hunt, May 3-Mother-Son Fun Bowl, May 16-Attic Treasures & More, May 21-2nd Annual Chicks Fun Run. Registration, for these special events, is now being taken.

Join our Town of Dyer Text Program



**To receive
important
announcements
& updates**

DYER GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

SIGN-UP
 Ages 5 & Up
Jan 19 & 29 6PM-8PM
 Dyer/Schererville Public Library
 Or online starting Jan. 4
www.dyergirlsoftball.com

License/Registration Renewal Reminders

The rental registration fee is \$5.00 and is due by January 31st. Late fee is additional \$50.00 if not paid by the 31st.

Pet licenses are due by May 31st. The fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$5.00, for unspayed or unneutered dogs the fee is \$20.00. The fee is also \$5.00 for spayed or neutered cats and \$10.00 for spayed or

unneutered cats.

Business licenses are due by April 1st. The fee is \$75. If you do not register or renew your business license by April 1st, 2013 there will be a late fee of \$300.

All of these are paid at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. The hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 AM

to 4:30 PM and on Thursday 7:30 AM until 6:00 PM.

Utility bills can now be received via email. Check the box provided on the bottom of your bill and provide us with your email address, or if you prefer you can call the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at 865-1150 to sign up for this service.

The “Dyer Green Project “- A Study by Purdue University Calumet Engineering Students for the Recycle Use of Dyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent for Irrigation in Central Park.

The Town of Dyer, through its various Boards And Commissions ,has for several years been engaged with Purdue University Calumet (PUC) in programs which allow students to work on real world problem solving with Governmental bodies, Institutions and Industry. Most recently the Dyer Park Board has worked with a group of four (4) senior engineering students (Christian Martinez, Patrick Robinson Jr., Max Schrementi, John Vazquez; Advisor: G. Nnanna; Industrial Advisor: R. Hunter) on their graduation required senior project titled “Dyer Green Project”. The project involved assessing the effluent discharge of the Dyer Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) to irrigate the eighty acre Central Park site just across Calumet Avenue from the wastewater treatment plant. During most dry summer months the park site will require irrigation to its common areas and athletic fields to optimize the usage. Normally, city potable water or well water would be used for this purpose. Effluent water from the wastewater treatment plant, which is normally discharged directly to Hart Ditch, could be used to provide a reliable, long term cost effective water source for this service which preserves energy and provides a recycled water usage for the effluent. Further, the wastewater treatment plant effluent contains nutrients that can greatly reduce or eliminate the use and related cost of any fertilizers that may be needed for the Park site.

The student’s project included the design, equipment selection, installation and project cost estimate for pumping systems, piping distribution systems, control systems and interface with the wastewater treatment plant effluent source. The students conducted a review of the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the water chemistry and biological content standards for recycled water use as irrigation water in a public park setting. Recycled water is used in this application in many locations throughout the USA. The students presented their findings in a report at the Dyer Town Council meeting on November 13, 2014 with the Town Council present as well as numerous representatives from the Park Board and other Town Boards and Commissions. The conclusion of the report will provide the Park Board with options and insights not only for the potential use of wastewater treatment plant effluent for irrigation but also for other possible uses in the park such as a water source for a pond.

The students were highly commended by all present for their study and their presentation.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

January 2015

Jan. 8	6:00 pm	Town Council Meeting
Jan. 12	5:30 pm	Redevelopment Commission Meeting
Jan. 12	7:00 pm	Economic Development Commission Meeting
Jan. 13	6:30 pm	Recycling Commission Meeting
Jan. 14	6:30 pm	Park Board Meeting
Jan. 15	6:00 pm	Police Commission Meeting
Jan. 15	6:30/7:00 pm	Water Board Study Session & Meeting
Jan. 19	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting with Study Session
Jan. 21	6:30 pm	Emergency Response Volunteer Team
Jan. 22	6:00 pm	Town Council Study Session
Jan. 26	6:00/6:30 pm	Sanitary Board Study Session & Meeting
Jan. 28	6:30 pm	Park Board Study Session

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Feb. 2	7:30 pm	Board of Zoning Appeals (if there is business)
Feb. 5	6:30/7:00 pm	Stormwater Board Study Session & Meeting
Feb. 9	6:00 pm	Redevelopment Commission Meeting
Feb. 11	6:30 pm	Park Board Meeting
Feb. 12	6:00 pm	Town Council Meeting

***Please call 865-6108 or check our website, www.townofdye.com, for any meeting changes**