



Garbage Service Increase

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At the January Town Council meeting, council members voted to extend the garbage service contract with Republic Services for another four years. Beginning with this month's utility bill, you will see a slight increase in the amount you pay for garbage service. Since 2010 the fee has been \$15.35, and with the .90 increase, residents will now pay \$16.25 per month for collection and disposal of garbage.

The increase will help to fund a vehicle and equipment replacement program for our public works department. Our fleet is aging and many of our current vehicles are in service beyond their life expectancy.

The garbage fee is paid into the Solid Waste Fund and has always been a source of revenue to make vehicle and equipment purchases but the fund needs an influx of money to allow us to replace vehicles used for the collection and disposal of solid waste, on a proper rotating schedule.

Other financial sources will be used to assist in this endeavor as well, such as the various utility funds (water, sanitary and storm) all in an effort to make sure that our vehicles and equipment are safely operable to conduct the tasks that they are designed for.

Police Department News.....

Town Departments

Town Council Office

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Clerk Treasurer's Office

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Department of Public Works

865-4222

Police Department

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Fire Department

865-4226

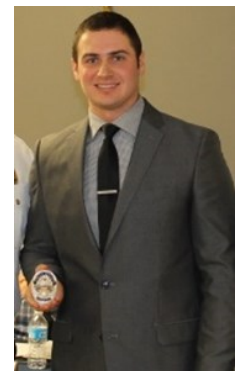
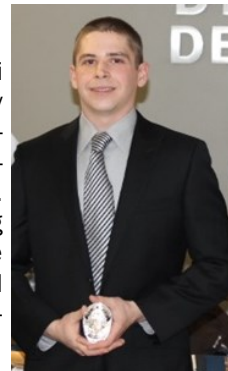
Park Department

865-2505



Dyer PD would like to congratulate Officer Jeffrey Keilman on his retirement after 22 years with Dyer Police Department. Officer Keilman served in the Patrol Division and during his tenure he was a Field Training Officer. Officer Keilman also served the town as a police dispatcher and Town Councilman. Thank you for your many years of service to the town and the Dyer Police Department. Good luck in your future endeavors.

New Officers Ciccotelli and Boss are currently attending the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (N.I.L.E.A.) for 15 weeks. After graduation they will begin field training at Dyer PD for an additional 12 weeks. These officers will fill the shortage in ranks and maintain the department of 28 sworn officers.



New Officer Michael Ciccotelli (left) and Ryan Boss (right)

Also, in preparation for consolidated dispatch, the records division will extend its' hours of operation. The hours, as of March 1st, are from 9am-7pm Monday-Friday.

The Dyer Historical Society Hosts Monthly Speaker

On April 14, 2015
7:00
Speaker
Valerie Gugala

“Mary Lincoln Todd and the Spiritualist”

“Valerie gives us an in depth look into Mary Lincoln Todd’s character through her involvement with spiritualism. After her son Will passed, Mary inquired about mediums and frequently held séances in the White House. Free admission and refreshments will be served.

A Message From The Fire Department

Please use extreme caution with heating appliances during the cold weather. Space heaters and other temporary use heating appliances are very dangerous and should not be left unattended. Extreme caution should be used when small children, the elderly and pets are in the area. Injuries may occur related to lack of knowledge, decreased mobility, decreased sensation, and other situations. Always be fire safe from the Dyer Fire Department.

No Primary Election in Dyer

Due to the fact that there are no primary races being contested in Dyer this spring there will be no Primary Election held in May. The General Election will be held as scheduled in November.

The town will save roughly \$15,000 as a result of not having to conduct a Primary Election.

2015 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

The Household Hazardous Waste program is a cooperative effort between the Lake, Porter, and LaPorte County Solid Waste Districts to collect household chemicals.

The program operates a mobile collection unit which changes locations throughout the three county area. These collection sites are held on Saturdays starting in the Spring and running through Fall. This program is not available to businesses. Residents can participate at any collection held in the county where they live.



In addition to the mobile unit, the program operates a Battery Collection Program, a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program, and is part of IDEM's Mercury Awareness Program (MAP). Call the Lake Michigan Districts to find out more on these programs at 1-800-946-4449 or 1-219-769-3820.

APRIL Saturday, 25th - 9 am to 2 pm; Hammond Public Works, 601 Conkey St.	AUGUST Saturday, 22nd - 9 am to 2 pm; Highland Public Works, 8001 Kennedy Avenue, Highland
MAY Saturday, 30th - 9 am to 2 pm; Lake County Fair Grounds, 889 Court St., Crown Point	SEPTEMBER Saturday, 19th - 9 am to 2 pm; Munster Public Works, 508 Fisher Street, Munster
JUNE Saturday, 6th - 9 am to 2 pm; Gary Parks Department, 5th & Massachusetts, Gary Saturday, 20th - 9 am to 2 pm; Griffith Public Works, 134 South Colfax, Griffith	OCTOBER Saturday, 3rd - 9 am to 2 pm; Lowell Street Department, 598 Union Street, Lowell** This program is for residential household hazardous waste for Lake County, Indiana residents and is NOT for businesses, schools or organizations. Businesses, schools and organizations of Lake County, Indiana can call 1-800-946-4449 for resource information. Thank you for understanding the program restrictions.**
JULY Saturday, 25th - 9 am to 2 pm; Hobart City Barns, 340 South Shelby, Hobart	



**Town To Host Blood Drive
Saturday March 14th 10am-2pm**

A photo ID is required to donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred. Please call the Town Council Office at 219-865-6108 to schedule your appointment

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.

Easter Egg Decorating: Another Eggcellent project to register your 2-6yr. old for. A large felt egg along with a themed picture frame will be theirs to take home. Mon. March 30 at 5:30pm. Res. \$10/non-res. \$11

NEW! I'm a big Kid now! Children ages 3-5 yrs old will feel comfortable in this smaller class and enjoy being a big kid as they attend without parents/caregivers. Fun songs, ABC's, 123's, balancing, team building and working on locomotive, stability and manipulative skills through the use of games. Hand/eye and foot/eye coordination will also be worked on as well. Our goal is for children to move through this class independently and focusing on the things they did correctly. Limited spots, so register today for this 4 week program that will be held on Mondays, March 30-April 20, from 9:30-10:20am at the Plum Creek Center, Fees: \$28 Res./\$30 non-res.

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt: This is an event that children ages 9-12yrs. old won't want to miss! Participants will enjoy pizza, a drink and a huge raffle. Please remember to bring a flashlight and a bag to collect treats in. Friday, March 27 from 7-8:15pm Fee: Res. \$12/\$13 non-res. Everyone receives a

prize!

Art Spot: Basic drawing classes for children ages 3-11yrs. old and many other drawing/painting classes for adults. Please call (219) 865-2505 for detailed information.

Mother-Son Fun Bowl: Boys and their mother's will have a blast during this special time together. This program takes the place of the Mother-Son Scavenger Hunt, so don't forget to register. Fee: Res. \$ \$12 per person. (\$9 per additional child). Non-res. \$14 per person (\$10 per additional child). Prizes and awards will be given out at the end of this event! Sunday, May 3 from 1-2:30pm. Prior registration is necessary.

Attic Treasures & More: Adults, are you looking to get rid of your unwanted knick-knacks, old jewelry, picture frames, decorations and unwanted gifts? Then this is the sale for you! We are also accepting registration from anyone that makes home-made goods/wares. May 16th from 9-2pm at the Dyer Town Hall. Fee: \$15 + tax. Fee includes (1) 8' table and help with unloading and loading your wares. Please bring your own chair and change for the sale.

BLAST! Babysitter Lessons & Safety Training: Is your 11-15yr. old ready to take on a babysitting job? Well, this class will cover pediatric first aid, household safety, and the fundamentals of childcare. Participants will receive a course completion certificate and all of

the materials are included in the fee. Res. \$30/non-res. \$35. Sat. May 16, from 9-1pm at that Dyer Town Hall.

National Kids to Park Day: Join us on this great park adventure as we celebrate National Kids to Park Day. Families and friends are welcome at Central Park where we will examine nature, go on a nature hunt, and create a project with leaves. Saturday, May 16 at 10am. This event is **FREE**, but prior phone registration is necessary. (219) 865-2505.

Yoga, Zumba, Pilates and Wado Ki are fitness classes that are suitable for the beginner. Work at your own pace or go all out! Various class days/times. Please call for more information.

Chicks Fun Run: We are looking for chicks of all ages to register for this GIRLS ONLY event. Walk or run during this 5K event, but don't forget to stop and have your picture taken at one of our special stations. Dress as you wish, but make sure it's CRAZY. No official time to beat, just a fun girls night out! Sign up individually or as a mother-daughter, family, or neighborhood team. Healthy snacks, fruit and water will be served. Prizes will be awarded for craziest outfit, best hair, youngest, oldest, and many other categories. Prior registration at the Parks Dept. is necessary. Fee: Res. \$10/non-res \$ 11. Thursday, May 21st 6:30pm. Sign in will begin at 6pm. No onsite registrations.

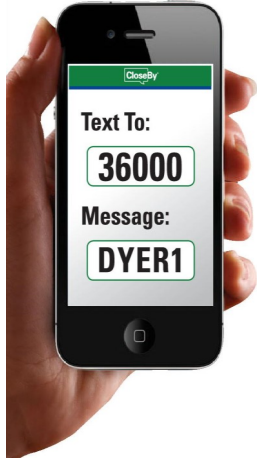
From the Clerk-Treasurer's Office

Seniors over the age of 65- Are you aware that your monthly utility bills can be penalty free? Please contact the Clerk-Treasurers Office 865-1150 for more information.

Business Licenses Due March 31st. The license fee is \$75.00. After March 31st the fee is \$300.00. The license application is on the town website at www.townofdye.net, or you can pick one up from the Clerk-Treasurers office. Clerk-Treasurer Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM and on Wednesday from 7:30 AM until 6:30 PM.

E-Billing -If you are interested in receiving your monthly utility bill and town newsletter through e-mail please contact us with your e-mail address or check the box on your utility bill and return it to us with your e-mail address.

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Parkway Tree Trimming

The Town will be trimming trees in the rite-of-ways that are obstructing/impeding vehicles and/or pedestrians. Tree trimming will begin the week of April 20, 2015. Should you choose to trim the trees yourself, please have work completed prior to the Towns start date to avoid any conflicts

Spring Clean-Up Week

Spring clean-up will begin the week of April 20th. During this time Public Works will be picking up any residual leaves and branches. Piles should be separate with only leaves and branches in each of the piles. Items should be in the parkway/curbside, (never in the street) for collection. These tasks are seasonal and equipment put in storage, we will be ready the week of 4/20/15 to start the season. Please do not put out items prematurely.

Branch Pick-Up Schedule

April 20-24	August 24-27
May 4-7	September 8-11
May 18-21	September 21-24
June 1-4	October 5-8
June 15-18	October 19-22
June 29-30, July 1-2	November 2-5
July 13-16	November 16-19
July 27-30	November 30, Dec 1-3 <u>Weather Permitting</u>

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

March 2015		
March 16	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting with Study Session
March 18	6:30 pm	Emergency Response Volunteer Team
March 19	6:00 pm	Police Commission Meeting
March 19	6:30/7:00 pm	Water Board Study Session & Meeting
March 25	6:30 pm	Park Board Study Session
March 26	6:00 pm	Town Council Study Session
March 30	6:00/6:30 pm	Sanitary Board Study Session & Meeting
April 2015		
April 2	6:30/7:00 pm	Stormwater Board Study Session & Meeting
April 3		Holiday—Offices Closed
April 6	7:00 pm	Board of Zoning Appeals
April 8	6:30 pm	Park Board Meeting
April 9	6:00 pm	Town Council Meeting
April 13	6:00 pm	Redevelopment Commission Meeting
April 13	7:00 pm	Economic Development Meeting
April 15	6:30 pm	Emergency Response Volunteer Team
April 16	6:00 pm	Police Commission Meeting
April 16	6:30/7:00 pm	Water Board Study Session & Meeting
April 20	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting with Study Session
April 22	6:30 pm	Park Board Study Session
April 27	6:00/6:30 pm	Sanitary Bd Study Session & Meeting

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