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Long Time Town Employees Retire

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The month of April brings with it some bittersweet news. Long time town employees Jill Jacobson (30 years+) and Rick Eberly (23 years+) retire this month. Their contributions to this community will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with them.

Jill has served the community in several capacities including many years in the Clerk Treasurer's office and the Town Council office. Rick began his career here as the Zoning Administrator and has served as the Town Administrator since November of 2010.

Both Jill and Rick have roots here dating back more than 50 years. They served this community with pride and integrity and now are ready to move on to the next chapters of their respective lives. We wish them all the best.

Pay Your Utility Bill With Our New Mobile App

The Town of Dyer is continually seeking ways to improve the customer experience. Several years ago the Clerk-Treasurer partnered with a leader in the payment industry, Indianapolis based PayGOV.US, to process electronic payments. This was part of a strategic, long-term goal for the community to modernize the connection between Town government and residents.

The goal has taken another step forward with the release of PayGOV's new mobile application. Available for free on both the Google Playstore and Apple Itunes the app allows residents to pay their obligations to the Town from their phone or Ipad. The Town is also able, with the connection of a small card reader, to have their phones act as a mobile credit card machine.

It is a mutual focus on innovation and a commitment to excellence that brought the Clerk-Treasurer and PayGOV together years ago. And, it is the ongoing efforts by both parties to provide great service that continues to strengthen the partnership.

PayGOV.US assesses a nominal convenience fee processing these transactions. American Express®, MasterCard®, Discover® and VISA® along with debit cards carrying a MasterCard® or Visa® are accepted by the program. Citizens using credit cards with bonus rewards programs can, depending on their card's program, earn rewards, points, and cash-back on airline frequent flyer miles.

2016 Arbor Day Celebration

The 2016 Arbor Day Celebration in the Town of Dyer will be held on Friday, April 29th at Elmer Miller Park behind the Dyer Town Hall from 9:00 AM until Noon. In the event of inclement weather the event will be held in the Plum Creek Center which is adjacent to Elmer Miller Park.

The town will be giving away 200 saplings as part of the celebration. We anticipate having a speaker from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at the event to discuss the importance of trees to our environment as well as to advise recipients of the trees as to how best to plant and care for the trees.

At the event the Town will be receiving a Green Legacy Community Award recognizing Dyer for our efforts to "green" our community and contribute to an overall better environment in our area. Dyer is one of only 20 communities statewide to be presented with this award.

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

Upcoming Recreation Events

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

We now accept credit cards/debit cards! There is a convenience fee of 3% that will be assessed to each credit/debit card transaction. There is a minimum convenience fee of \$1.00 for all transactions under \$33.00. We also accept cash and checks!

Dyer Parks & Recreation has a Leisuregram full of exciting programs, classes and special events! If you didn't receive our 2016 Summer Leisuregram in the mail, you may pick one up at Town Hall or view it online at parks.townofdier.com.

Kick'n with the Kids Indoor Soccer Program for ages 3-5 years with parent or caregiver: This introductory program takes place on Mondays from 10-10:45am at the Dyer Indoor Soccer Arena from May 2-23. Fee per session: \$31 Res. / \$34 non-res.

Indoor T-Ball Program for ages 3-5 years with parent or caregiver: This introductory program takes place on Mondays from 11-11:45am at the Dyer Indoor Soccer Arena from May 2-23. Fee per session: \$31 Res. / \$34 non-res.

Babysitter Lessons & Safety Training for ages 11-15 years: Interested in being certified for babysitting? Be the first one in your neighborhood to become certified. This class takes place on Saturday, May 7 from 9am-1pm at the Dyer Town Hall. Fee: \$35 Res./\$40 non-res.

Cookie Decorating Class: Cookielicious is new to Dyer and we are thrilled to say that we have teamed up with them to offer this Mother's Day themed class (cookie bouquet with container) for participants 6 and older at the Dyer Town Hall on Thursday, May 5th from 6pm-7pm. 5 yr. olds may register, as long as an adult is present. Fee: Res. \$20/non-res. \$22

Painting class: Participants ages 7-12

yr. old will create a Mother's Day themed painting on a 12"x12" canvas. No experience needed to create this one of a kind masterpiece. This class takes place on Wednesday, May 4th from 5:30-7pm at the Dyer Town Hall. All materials are included. Fee: Res. \$20/non-res. \$22

NEW CLASSES:

- **Lil Ninjas:** This class is an introductory Martial Arts Class for age 5 & 6 year olds. It takes place on Tuesdays from 5-5:40pm at the Plum Creek Center in Dyer beginning April 26th and running through June 14th (off 5/24). Fee: Res. \$45/non-res. \$49.

- **Youth Self Defense for ages 7-12 year olds:** This program is based on the Korean Art of Hapkido. It takes place on Tuesdays from 6-6:50pm at the Plum Creek Center in Dyer beginning April 26th and running through June 14th (off 5/24). Fee: Res. \$45/non-res. \$49.

Women's Awareness & Safety Training: During this class, participants will focus on physical and mental preparedness in order to enhance your personal safety and security at home, work and travel. It takes place on Tuesdays from 7-7:50pm at the Plum Creek Center in Dyer beginning April 26th and running through June 14th (off 5/24). Fee: Res. \$45/non-res. \$49.

Private Guitar lessons will be held on Wednesdays from 5-6pm or 7:30pm-8:30pm and are for students ages 10 and older. These one-on-one lessons are perfect for the individuals that need a little extra help or for those that want to brush up on their skills. Register for (1) 1 hr. session. Res. \$35/non-res. \$38 or for (4) 1 hr. sessions. Fee: Res. \$ 100/non-res. \$105. Participants must supply their own acoustic guitar. These lessons will fill up quickly!

CPR/AED/First Aid: Certification for this class is good for two years and materials are included in the fee. It's never too late to learn how to save a life! This class takes place on June 4th from 9am-1pm at the Dyer Town Hall. Fee: \$ 45 Res. / \$50 non-res. If your child has already taken the Babysitter Lessons class, this is the perfect follow up to that class.

Adult Painting Class: This painting class (Poppies in Bloom) is for participants 13 & older (**Adults tool!**) and it will take place on Thursday, May 5th from 6-8pm at the Dyer Town Hall. Stop on in to see the 16"x20" sample display. The fee is: \$25 Res. /\$27 non-res.

It's always great to focus on your health and wellness. Check out our very popular **Yoga, Pilates and Zumba** lessons. Get out and enjoy some time to yourself! Classes take place in April and May, so call ahead for exact details.

Mother-Son Fun Bowl for boys ages 5-12 + their Mom/Special Adult: Sunday, May 1st from 1-2:30pm at Stardust III in Dyer. This event will bowl you over! Come on moms, team up with your son/s for an afternoon of fun. Our first game will be a warm-up game and then, get ready for the giggles and laughs as the crazy bowling begins. Have a blast as you and your child bowl with the opposite hand all while sitting on each other's lap to bowl, backwards and between each other's legs. Special prizes and awards will be given out at the wrap-up of this event. Sign up with another mother/son duo for double the fun! The fee is \$10 per person for Dyer Residents/ \$12 per person for Non-Residents.

Chicks Fun Run: It's not too early to prepare for this chicks only event. This is the perfect time to form a team! Register as an office, mother/daughter, sisters, cousins, family or neighborhood team! Individuals are welcome as well. This event is strictly for fun and no official time to run/walk or beat. The only thing we ask for is that participants dress in old prom dresses, hats, fancy jewelry, pajamas, workout gear, silly socks, funky hair, tutus, 60's style, Halloween costumes or any other fun and silly way. Prior registration is necessary. Water and healthy snacks will be provided for each participant. Thurs., June 2, 2016. **Check in will begin at 6pm** and the run/walk will begin as close to 6:30pm as possible. Prizes, in different categories will be awarded at the end of the event. Fee: Res. \$ 10/non-res. \$11. See you at the starting line!

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Join Cub Scouts!!

Dyer Pack 510

1st-5th Grade Boys

For More info email:
pack510@hotmail.com

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We are now taking registration for our 2016 Summer Programs!

Here are some of the different camps that we offer:

- **Toddler Time Camp:** Parents or caregivers, have fun in our beautiful Elmer Miller Park while you & your child (18 months – 3 years old) join other families as they are introduced to interactive stories, nature, new friends, crafts, music and play during this camp that takes place on Wednesdays from 9:15-10:00am at Elmer Miller Park beginning June 8th and running through July 13th. Fee: \$30

Dyer Residents/ \$33 Non-res.

- **Kiddy Kamp:** Children ages 3-5 years old that are participating in this camp will be introduced to foreign languages, colors, the alphabet and sign language. There will also be special guests and field trips during this camp that takes place Mondays-Thursdays from 10:30am-Noon at Elmer Miller Park beginning June 6th and running through July 21st (off 7/4). Fee: \$100 Dyer Residents/ \$105 Non-residents.

Outside Adventurers Camp: During this 7 week camp, children ages 6-10 yrs. old will look forward to the special activities and field trips that we have

planned. Campers will also enjoy the many special guests that we have lined up during this camp that takes place Mondays-Thursdays from 12:30-2:30pm at Elmer Miller Park beginning June 6th and running through July 21st (off 7/4). Fee: \$115 Dyer Residents/ \$120 Non-residents.

We also offer Tee 3 (Tee ball for 3 year olds), Tee Ball (for 4 & 5 year olds), Sports camps (for ages 3-5 years), Soccer Buddies (for 4 & 5 year olds), Swim lessons for various ages, and many more summer programs. Please call Dyer Parks & Recreation (219-865-2505) for more information

New Sidewalk on Route 30

The long awaited sidewalk project along the south side of US 30 from Calumet Avenue east to Castlewood Dr. will finally become a reality with construction beginning during the week of APRIL 21st. A sidewalk will also be constructed along the east side of Calumet Avenue from US 30 to Richard Rd. The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-May weather permitting.

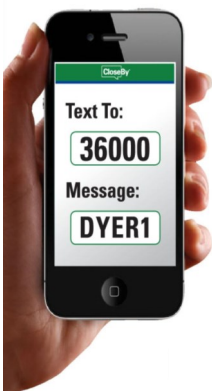
This project will provide safer access for children who walk to and from Kahler School from parts of Sandy Ridge and Castlewood Subdivisions and in fact is partially funded through a state program called Safe Routes to School. It will provide the opportunity for increased pedestrian activity in general as well as bicycling accessibility in the area. Keeping the sidewalk clear of snow and ice will become the responsibility of the property owners who front US 30 and Calumet Avenue in that area.

A Message From Animal Control

The Canine Influenza, H3N2, has been confirmed in our area. We have all followed the news regarding the Canine Flu outbreaks the past year, but it has never been this close to our community. I have received some concerns and questions, so here is some information to know about the Canine Flu.

The Calumet Humane Society does in fact have the H3N2 outbreak and is closed. We also have had some confirmed cases in the town, but it appears that was a couple weeks ago. It is important to recognize the symptoms in order to get your dog diagnosed and treated and also to keep other dogs safe. This virus is highly contagious and symptoms come on fast. Symptoms can mock a respiratory infection. Some of these symptoms include a deep cough (sounds like a honking goose), green/yellow mucus, heavy nasal discharge, vomiting, loss of appetite, and lethargy. Some of these symptoms can be mild to severe. If you notice your dog showing any signs, please contact your Veterinarian and keep your dog away from other dogs. Also, when you arrived at your pets Clinic, please call them to let them know you are in the parking lot. Do NOT just walk your dog in! Most Clinics will have the Vet come out first to assess the dog so they can avoid spreading the virus. There are vaccinations available at most clinics for both H3N2 and H3N8. Please contact your Veterinarian with any questions regarding the vaccinations.

Animal Control has a list of local Animal Clinic if you are in need or are new to the area. We also have other information regarding local rescues, shelters, and wildlife in our area. Remember all pets MUST be registered with the Town of Dyer. You can obtain town tags by bringing proof of rabies vaccination into the Dyer Town Hall.



**Join our
Town of Dyer
Text Program
To Receive
Important
Announcements**

MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

April



Apr 11

6:00 pm EDC Meeting

Apr 13

6:00 pm Park Board Meeting

Apr 14

6:00 pm Town Council Meeting
Followed by Redevelopment Comm. Meeting

Apr 18

7:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting/
Study Session

Apr 20

6:30 pm Emergency Response
Volunteer Team

Apr 21

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

Apr 25

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

Apr 27

6:30 pm Park Board Study Session

Apr 28

6:00 pm Town Council Study Ses-
sion followed by Redevelopment
Study Session

May

May 2

7:00 pm BZA Meeting

May 5

6:00 pm Stormwater Meeting with
study session to follow

May 9

6:00 pm EDC Meeting

May 10

6:30 pm Recycling Commission Mtg.

May 11

6:30 pm Park Board Meeting

May 12

6:00 pm Town Council Meeting fol-
lowed by Redevelopment Comm.

Meeting



A Message From Code Enforcement

Garbage Cans - Garbage containers shall be placed out for collection no sooner than 6:00 p.m. the day prior to scheduled pickup, and returned to storage location by 8:00 p.m. on the day of pickup.

Storage of garbage containers as stated in town code requires the containers to be stored behind the front foundation of the primary residence. Garbage containers must not be stored in the front of the residence.

Weeds/Grass - It is the property owners responsibility to maintain property in accordance with town code 6-59. Please keep your property in compliance. Any observed violations can be forwarded to Code Enforcement at the Dyer Police Department .

Branch Pick-Up Schedule

April 25

May 9 & 23

June 6 &

July 5 & 18 (1 delay due to holiday)

August 1,15 & 29-Sept 1st

September 12 & 26

October 10 & 24

November 7 & 21 (23rd will be Wed & Thurs.)

Branches should be curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day.

Dyer Garden Club Plant Sale



The Dyer Garden Club is sponsoring a "Shade of Blooms Plant Sale," which will be in conjunction with Dyer's civic organizations. Come meet Dyer's volunteers and find out how we are developing our Town to be a better place to live. Join us Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Dyer Town Hall. Available the day of the sale there will be Flats, Containers, Hanging Baskets, Nature-Inspired "Kitchen Solutions," items...something for everyone. If you are interested, in our pre plant sale (deadline, April 22, 2016) please contact Mary Hoppe at 219.322.0083 or email at mlhoppe@comcast.com. Find us on Facebook at "Dyer Garden Club."

Extra plant order forms will be available at the Town Hall and can be printed from our Facebook page. Come rain or shine we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

Saturday, April 30th

9 am - 2 pm
Hudson Campbell Center
455 Massachusetts, Gary

Saturday, May 7th

9 am - 2 pm
Munster Public Works
508 Fisher Street, Munster

Saturday, June 4th

9 am - 2 pm
Hobart City Barns
340 South Shelby, Hobart

Saturday, June 11th

9 am - 2pm
Lake County Fair Grounds
889 Court Street, Crown Point

Saturday, July 23rd

9 am - 2 pm
Hammond Public Works
601 Conkey Street, Hammond

Saturday, August 27th

9 am - 2 pm
Highland Public Works
8001 Kennedy Ave, Highland

Saturday, September 10th

9 am - 2 pm
Lake County Hwy Department
Rt 2 & Rt 41, Lowell

Saturday, October 15th

9 am - 2 pm
Griffith Public Works
134 South Colfax, Griffith

These collections are for household residents of Lake County, Indiana and are NOT open to businesses, schools, churches, organizations or resident of another county. If you have questions, you may call 769-3820.