

# STRIVING HIGHER

Town of Dyer

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### Social Media

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## From the Desk of the Town Manager

April brings another construction season for the Midwest. By the time you read this, the Main Street Bridge reconstruction project is well underway and on schedule for an early June completion.

We began work on Madison Avenue from 211<sup>th</sup> to 213<sup>th</sup>. This project includes new storm sewers, water main replacement, and full street reconstruction. The project was awarded last fall.

The Town's next Community Crossing Matching Grant Project will be the resurfacing of Hart/Sheffield south of Rt. 30 to the south corporate limits and 81<sup>st</sup> Street from the State line to the east corporate limits. Sidewalks will be installed closing many gap areas. This project will cause lane closures and restrictions like any major resurfacing project does. The Town has been working with Lake County on a replacement of the Hart Street Bridge. This project will be disruptive to drivers. Traffic will be restricted to one lane northbound. There will be accommodations for emergency vehicles for southbound responses. We will be updating our social media and website as we get closer to construction.

I know that residents get frustrated when their street is not on the construction schedule. We are working on several areas of the community that require extensive work with underground utilities in addition to the street rehabilitation. We can not only resurface a street when water, sanitary and/or storm issues need to be addressed. Each year we try to address areas within the budget limitations.

The investments of millions of dollars each year have allowed us to keep moving forward. To give you a perspective, for rehabilitation work, it costs \$75-\$90 a front foot to grind and overlay a street. It costs about \$500 a front foot

when all underground utilities are involved.

The Town Council is moving forward with plans for the relocation of Fire Station 2 from the corner of 213<sup>th</sup> and Calumet further east to the northeast corner of Central Park. This decision is being made after several other sites were considered and ruled out for various reasons. The use of the current location is not suitable. It would require the new station to be moved west, too close to the intersection at Calumet Avenue. The new facility will have multipurpose uses. In addition to the Fire Department, Parks and Police will have areas for their growing storage needs as well. The station is envisioned to include six bays, including four drive through, for Fire and south doors for Police and Parks. The exterior elevations will be sensitive to the surrounding areas. The facility will be segregated from the park circulation. An Emergency Vehicle Preemption Signal will be installed at the station curb cut in order to provide for the safe exit of emergency vehicles. The larger station will allow the Police Department to accommodate to better utilize existing space at the Hart Street EMS building. The new space for the Park Department will provide much needed storage and maintenance area as Central Park develops. By utilizing Central Park rather than purchasing additional land, this will allow a significant amount of money for other projects.

Construction on the latest development along the Calumet Avenue corridor will begin shortly. Cedarhurst will begin development of a new Assisted Living and Memory Care facility. This will include the public infrastructure needed to develop the remaining 15 acres of property north to Central Park Blvd. See the rendering of their facility on page 2.

**Dyer Police Department Office Spotlight**



**Officer Matthew Voss**

**Serving Since:** July 2018

**Badge #:** 67

**High School:** Lake Central

**College:** Attended Indiana University Northwest

**Experience:** Matthew worked at Lake County Consolidated Dispatch Center prior to becoming a Dyer Police Officer. He graduated from the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 2018 class NILEA 18-39.

Officer Voss grew up in Dyer and has lived here most of his life. He is very excited to Patrol the streets that he grew up on and serve the Community he lives in. Officer Voss is currently assigned to the Patrol Division afternoon shift.

**Development**

The Town recently approved a development for the first commercial project on the east side of Calumet Avenue south of 213<sup>th</sup>. Avenue Development, Indianapolis, has acquired 20 acres of property south of Central Park Boulevard and adjacent to the Central Park. ([www.cedarhurstliving.com/location/cedarhurst-of-dyer-in/](http://www.cedarhurstliving.com/location/cedarhurst-of-dyer-in/)) Their first development will be a 60 unit assisted living area and 20 memory care units run by Cedarhurst Inc. Plans for future development north of this facility will hopefully attract complimentary businesses to begin the long awaited development of the Calumet Avenue corridor.



**America In Bloom**

Dyer is a participant of the America in Bloom program. Through this program we received a beautification grant for the "CN Screening Project". Judges for AIB will be visiting again **July 11th and 12th** this year. We are excited to have them, please help prepare for their arrival by maintaining your yards. Please contact the Town Hall with any questions.

**Job Openings**

The Department of **Public Works** is accepting applications for full-time seasonal help. Applications can be picked up at the Town Hall, at the Department of Public Works office, or found online. Please submit them to the Town Council Office. Questions regarding this position can be answered by the Director of Public Works at 865-4222.

The **Clerk-Treasurer's Office** is hiring for a Part-time, Temporary Front Counter Clerk from 10am—3pm. Applications are available at the Town Council Office or online. Applications should be dropped off at the Town Council's Office.

**Code Corner**

This month, we wanted to talk about Section 6-59 in the Town Code. This section covers several different nuisance-type codes, but in honor of spring cleaning, we want to highlight the following yard conditions considered to be a nuisance:

"The maintaining, using, placing, leaving ... on any public or private property any of the following items... accumulation of rubbish, trash refuse, junk, and other abandoned materials, metals, lumber, or other things" or "any condition which provides harborage for rats, mice, snakes, and other vermin."

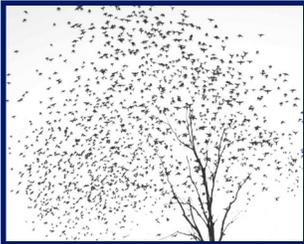
This is also a good time to remind everyone that grass and weeds are not to exceed six inches on a developed lot and ten inches on an undeveloped lot.



### Leaves and Limbs

The Department of Public Works begins limb removal the first week of April and continues every week until the end of November. Limbs need to be placed in the parkway between the curb and sidewalk. Limbs should not be placed in the street, nor should they be placed on the sidewalk or around a fire hydrant. The branch pile needs to be stacked neatly at the curb with the cut end pointing toward the street. Do not put anything else in the limb pile. Putting items in the limb pile other than limbs may cause serious damage to the equipment or serious injury to the operators of the machine.

Smaller piles of limbs and branches may be placed in your garbage can. Please make sure you only put bare limbs in the garbage can, as leaves can create a greater fire hazard inside of the garbage truck.



Public Works also removes leaves during April. Just like limbs, place them in the parkway and make sure to keep them off the streets and away from fire hydrants, storm water drains, and off the sidewalks. Be sure that only leaves are placed in the pile.

Please visit [townofdye.com](http://townofdye.com) to view the limb and leaf pickup map. Call 865-4222 if you have any questions.

### Important Crime Prevention Tips from Dyer PD

#### IRS Scam

It's TAX season! Make sure to file your taxes on time and remember that there are many scams going around this time of year. The IRS will not call you and demand payment or threaten arrest over the phone. If you receive a call that you are suspicious of, please do not give them any personal information. The police department is aware of these scams, and if you have not given out your personal information, there is not need to make a police report. If you have doubts if the calls are real, advise the caller that you will hang up and call your local police department and IRS office to confirm.



If you see any suspicious activity or are the victim of a scam, please call the police department dispatch center at 911 or 219-660-0000.

### Historical Speaker

Join us at the Town Hall on April 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm for our guest speaker Tom Brew. He has been a newspaper reporter and editor for nearly four decades. He is a Schererville native who attended Indiana University in Bloomington and has worked at some of America's finest newspapers.



### Monthly Meeting Calendar

Park Board Meeting	<b>April 9</b>	6:00 PM
Town Council / RDC	<b>April 11</b>	6:00 PM
Plan Commission	<b>April 15</b>	7:00 PM
Historical Speaker	<b>April 16</b>	7:00 PM
Stormwater Board	<b>April 17</b>	6:00 PM
Police Commission	<b>April 18</b>	6:00 PM
Town Hall Closed	<b>April 19</b>	-----
Water/ Sanitary Board	<b>April 22</b>	6:00 PM
Park Board	<b>April 23</b>	6:00 PM
Town Council / RDC Study Session	<b>April 25</b>	6:00 PM
Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>May 6</b>	7:00 PM

### Arbor Day

April 26th is Arbor Day and we will be giving away 100 tree saplings. Beginning at 8:30 am until supplies last at Town Hall Park Office. These trees include Tulip Trees, Sycamores, Bald Cypress, Swamp and White Oak. Please call 219-865-2505 with any questions.



## Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events

If you would like to view our classes, special events, pictures and other fun things to do, check out our website:

parcs.townofdye.com or on our Facebook page: Dyer Parks and Recreation. Register online at: parksregistration.townofdye.com. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: @DyerParksandRec. For more information, please contact Dyer Parks at (219) 865-2505.

**Essential Oils 101 & Mini Make & Take (18yrs. & older)** - Join us in this informative class and you will go home with 3 items that we'll DIY. Classes are 4/23. Fee: \$15

**NEW! The Senior Shuffle (60+)** - This intro class will help Senior Citizens put their muscles to use. You will stand, walk or dance along with a personal trainer.

### Line Dancing Classes (Adults 14 & Older) -

Have you wanted to learn the simple dance steps to the latest line dances? Class is 4/16-5/21 from 6:45-7:45pm. Fee: \$40

**Serger Workshop 1 (18 & older)** - This workshop will review the parts of the serger & their functions, recognizing good & poor tensions and making tension corrections. Classes are 4/16 or 4/18 & 4/25. Fee: \$40

**Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (ages 9-12 yrs. old)** - Participants will need to bring a bag and a flashlight to look for candy and eggs. Pizza and a drink will be served. Event is 4/18. Fee: \$15

**Serger Workshop 2 (18 & older)** - This will review Workshop Zero and 1. It will consist of locating seam guidelines, the use of one accessory foot and using it to make a simple project. Classes are 4/23 or 5/2 & 5/9. Fee: \$40

**Senior Weekly 18 Hole Golf League (Adults 50+)** - We have teamed up with Lincoln Oaks Golf Course to play golf. League format will be based on participation. League runs 5/1-9/11 at 10am. Fee: \$15 start-up fee to

Dyer Parks, \$25 per week with a cart and free range balls or \$30 with breakfast or lunch

**Mother-Daughter Sock Hop (Babes 13 and under with an attending Pink Lady)** - Put on your 50's threads and hop on over to register for this bash. Event is 5/3. Fee: \$19 each person

**Mother-Son Fun Bowl (Boys 5-12 + mom/Special Adult)** - Such a fun event for Mothers & Sons! Register with family/friends for added fun. Each boy will be entered into a raffle and each one leaves with a goody bag. Event is 5/5. Fee: \$15 each person

**Painting Classes-** Mother's Day 5/11, "Diving Snoopy" 6/15, "Mr. Sunshine" 7/20, "Goldfish in Glasses" 8/24 and "Autumn Owl" 9/14. Fee: \$30 each class

**CPR/AED/First Aid (16 & older)** - During this 4 hour class, you will receive a completion certificate good for 2 years, program materials and training/certification in infant, child and adult First Aid/CPR/AED. Class is 5/18. Fee: \$40

**Hot Shots Sports- Lil' Dribblers (ages 3-5), Basketball Clinic 101 (ages 6-8), Flag Football (ages 7-10), Volleyball Skills 1 (ages 7-9), Volleyball Skills 2 (ages 10-12) & Summer Baseball League (ages 9-12).** Call for dates and fees.

**Summer Camps-** Toddler Time (18 months-3yrs. old) Wed. 6/12-7/17, 9:15-10am, Kiddy Kamp (3-5yrs. old) Mon-Thur., 10:30-12 and Outside Adventurers (6-10yrs. old), Mon-Thurs., 12:30-2:30pm

### Summer Sports Camps- Tiny Tot Sports Camp

(3yr. old boys & girls), 6/13-7/25 (off 7/4), 9:15-10am; **Tee 3** (3yr. old boys & girls), 6/13-7/25 (off 7/4), 6:15-7pm; **Soccer Buddies** (4 & 5 yr. old boys & girls), 6/11-7/16, 10-10:45am; **Sporties for Shorties** (4 & 5 yr. old boys & girls), 6/13-7/25 (off 7/4); 10:15-11am; **Tee Ball** (4 & 5 yr. old boys & girls), 6/10-7/22 (off 7/3), 6:15-7:15pm

### Chicago White Sox Summer Camp (5-12 yr. old boys & girls)

- Learn from the pro's this summer! Professional coaches from the White Sox will work on throwing, hitting, fielding and base-running. Camp runs 7/29-8/2 from 1-4pm. Fee: \$159



**Young Rembrandts Summer Programs-** Preschool Bricks 4 Kidz; Elementary Bricks 4 Kidz; We Learn, We Build, We Play Bricks 4 Kidz Camp; Preschool Drawing; Elementary Drawing; Cartooning; Drawing CAMP: Favorite Apps & Video Games; Drawing CAMP: STEAMin" Up Summer & ONE DAY CAMP: Art with Chalk Pastels Camp. Call for dates and fees

**TRIPS!** Join us in a trip to St. Joseph Michigan (6/22), Cubs vs Pirates (7/12), White Sox vs A's (8/9 or Long Grove, Illinois (9/21). Call for details and fees.

**Midwest Training & Ice Center** - We offer Parkour, gymnastics, ice skating, hockey and trampoline classes. New dance classes are being offered at the Crown Point Midwest location. Call for dates and fees

**Patti's All-American-** We offer gymnastics/tumbling, swim lessons, Ninja Zone and Dance classes through Patti's. Call for dates and fees.

**NEW Fitness Classes:** We have teamed up with Mari Fitness to offer **Zumbini, Zumba Kids Jr., Zumba Kids, Zumba, Zumba Toning and Zumba Step.**

**New! Second Street Dance Studio:** We have teamed up with Second Street Dance Studio to offer **Zumba and Zumba Seniors.** Call for dates and fees.



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