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Social Media

Follow us for announcements!
Facebook.com/TownOfDyer
Twitter.com/TownOfDyer

From the Desk of the Town Manager

As you read this newsletter, it is hard to tell what the COVID-19 situation will be for Dyer, NWI and the Country. Because circumstances are changing so frequently, I advise you to keep monitoring the local media, including the Town's social media sources, our Facebook page, the texting program and the website.

Facebook.com/TownOfDyer
Text Dyer1 to 36000 to subscribe to the text program
www.townofdyer.com

I realize that not everyone is on social media so please keep relatives or neighbors informed. The following items are currently in effect.

All employees are working. We have restricted public access to all facilities.

Call 911 for all emergencies

Town Council Office	(219) 865-6108
Police Department	(219) 865-1163
Fire (non-emergency)	(219) 865-4226
Clerk Treasurer's Office	(219) 865-2421
Building Department	(219) 865-4228
Parks and Recreation	(219) 865-2505
Public Works	(219) 865-4222

Items at Public meetings are limited to essential business items. Public meetings will be live streamed, on the Town of Dyer YouTube channel. **Livestream.townofdyer.com** Public participation is limited to the Governor's capacity limit and social distancing. Agendas are posted on the Town's website prior to the start of the meeting.

Utility Bills - We have waived late fees and shut offs on utility bills. Late fees are only applied to the water portion of the total bill. Customers are urged to pay their bills to avoid running up balances in the future. If you need to set up a payment plan please call (219) 865-2421.

Parks - All Park and Recreation programs are cancelled until further notice. As the weather warms up we will

want to get the kids outside. When using our parks, please keep social distancing and do not engage in team sports. The playground equipment may be inviting, but it has not been disinfected. All playground equipment is off limits until further notice.

2020 Census - April 1st was the 'start' of the 2020 Census. It has NOT been cancelled or delayed. Many of us have already received emails or questionnaires in the mail. An article in the Times on Sunday, March 29th showed that Dyer and Indiana were ahead of the curve in response rates. The national rate was 30.2%, Indiana's was 33.4% and Dyer was 43.3%. If you have not completed your response, please do so. We want to have a local response rate close to 90%+. If you have submitted your form you can ignore additional requests.

Solid Waste & Recycle Pick up - Until the COVID-19 situation has lessened, Republic Waste has instituted a policy of not picking up any loose or bulky waste items outside of the containers. This is for the safety of their drivers. In this interim time period, you may use other containers (no bags) that can be picked up by the mechanical arms on the garbage trucks. If in the future, their recycling processor ceases operations; all separated recycling pickup will be temporarily suspended. All recycled material will be landfilled. **There will be no late fee for Pet Licenses, Business Registration including Arcade/Pinball Licenses.**

Hart Street Bridge - As stated in the previous Striving Higher, the Hart Street Bridge Project will be resulting in southbound lanes closures on Hart Street by the bridge. The start date has been pushed closer to May 1st due to utility relocations. We will be notifying everyone via Facebook, text program, website, and the outside message boards.

Dyer Police Department Officer Spotlight



Commander Don Foley:

Serving Since: March, 1990
Badge: #9

Commander Foley recently retired from the Dyer Police Department with 30 Years of Service. He first served in the Patrol Division for 13 years. In 2003, he was assigned to the Detective Bureau where he served his remaining 17 years. In 2006, the Major Crimes Task Force was created and Foley was an original member. During his time with the Task Force he served as Investigator, Leads Manager, and most recently Commander. In 2009, he was promoted to Sergeant and in 2015, was named Commander of the Dyer Detective Bureau. During his tenure he instructed many new recruits in PR-24, OCAT, and Firearms. Commander Foley retired this year after proudly serving and protecting the community for 30 years.

We're #INthistgether

Social distancing is the most important, effective tool we have to defeat COVID-19—and a growing coalition of Indiana-based partners is committed to equipping everyone in our state with the knowledge and the resources to stay connected and motivated. Please use the hashtag #INthistgether to help everyone feel united and spread the Governor's message. Please visit Inthistogethercampaign.com for up to date, reliable resources and information regarding the Coronavirus.



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.

Please be mindful and patient as some people are unable to tend to their yards with the current situations before us all. Lend a helping hand when and if you can.



Text Notifications

The Town uses a few different sources to share information whether that be road closures, events, or meetings. One source we use is the Text Notification Program. This program allows us to get messages to you quickly and conveniently. Most of these notifications include information that is intended to be shared immediately. Enrolling is as simple as texting DYER1 to 36000. The Town also has a Facebook page with many updates; Town of Dyer.



Now Hiring

The Department of **Public Works** is now accepting applications for full-time seasonal help. Applications can be found online on the Town's website, www.townofdier.com or contact the Town Hall for other options. Please contact the Director of Public Works at (219) 865-4222 with any questions.

The **Park Department** is hiring for seasonal park maintenance help. This is a part-time position which is 29 hours per week. Hours will vary from time to time depending on the season and needs.

Applications can be dropped off at Town Hall Clerk-Treasurer's **outside drop box** or emailed to moshea@townofdier.com (Park Apps) or jdzurovcak@townofdier.com (Public Works Apps).

Please find the employment application on our website under forms. www.townofdier.com

Leaves and Limbs

The Department of Public Works starts limb removal the first week of March and will continue 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 or, if they are too long, place them in the parkway with the cut end of the limbs pointing in the flow of traffic. Do not put anything else in the limb pile as this may cause serious damage to the equipment or the operators of the machine.

Also, 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 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. Please do not place limbs, rocks, bricks, or any other materials in the leaf pile.

Message from Public Works

As a reminder, the Department of Public Works is closed to the public until further notice. Therefore, we are NOT accepting any electronic waste, old batteries and/or used tires. The garbage dumpster located at our site is NOT accessible to the public. Spring cleanup for next week has been cancelled but will be re-scheduled for later this year. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works at 865-4222.



Monthly Meeting Calendar

April 14	Park Board Meeting	6:00 pm
April 15	Stormwater Board	6:00 pm
April 16	Police Commission	6:00 pm
April 20	Plan Commission w/ Study Session	7:00 pm
April 23	Town Council Study Session	6:00 pm
April 23	Redevelopment Study Session	6:30 pm
April 24	Arbor Day Park Dept. Tree Giveaway	8:30 am
April 27	Utility Board Meeting	6:00 pm
April 28	Park Board Study Session	6:00 pm
May 4	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 pm
May 12	Park Board Meeting	6:00 pm
May 14	Town Council & Study Session	6:00 pm
May 14	Redevelopment & Study Session	6:30 pm
May 18	Utility Board	6:00 pm
May 18	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
May 20	Stormwater Board	6:00 pm
May 21	Police Commission	6:00 pm

1939 Seagraves



Help preserve a part of Dyer's History, it is a 1939 Seagraves Pumper Truck. Believe it or not, we have owned and operated this beauty since 1939. It is showcased in many parades and events and we would like to continue the legacy for many years to come. We are seeking donations for repairs and restoration. Any donation is appreciated and can be made directly at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office or online at a GoFundMe site;

www.gofundme.com/f/DyerFireDepartmentAntiqueTruck

Sanitary Clogs

Due to the increased use of sanitary wipes, the Department of Public Works would like to remind all residents to place used wipes in the trash as they are not flushable. Even if the wipes state flushable, that is NOT the case. The synthetic fibers do not breakdown and will clog pumps and pipes which can lead to sanitary backups in homes and businesses.



Meetings are subject to change. Please contact the Town Council Office at (219) 865-6108 with any questions. Agendas for the meetings are posted on calendar you can find on the website; www.townofdier.com.

Although the meetings are not officially open to the public please livestream the meeting at Livestream.townofdier.com



Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events

Summer Leisuregrams have been mailed to residents in the 46311 zip code. If you did not receive your book, there are books available in the foyer of the Town Hall. If you would like to view our classes, special events, pictures and other fun things to do, check out our website: parks.townofdier.com or our Facebook page: Dyer Parks and Recreation. Register online at: parksregistration.townofdier.com. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: @DyerParksandRec. For more information, please contact Dyer Parks at (219) 865-2505.

Due to the Coronavirus, all dates and classes/events are subject to change. Please call for updated information.

Registration is now being taken for our Summer Camps such as: Toddler Time, Kiddy Kamp, Outside Adventurers, Tiny Tots Sports Camp, Tee 3, Soccer Buddies, Sporties for Shorties, Tee Ball, Cheerleading Camp and Volleyball Camps.

Home Alone (10-14 yrs. old) – Your child will learn the necessary skills & gain confidence in order to be safe in their home for short periods of time and in public. Class is 5/2, 9-11:30am. Fee: \$32

Cartooning (5-12 yr. olds) – This Young Rembrandts' class combines step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor and their vivid imaginations. Call for dates and times. Fee: \$47



Bricks 4 Kidz (5-12 yr. olds) - Students work hands-on to design and build machines, buildings and other constructions. Call for

dates and times. Fee: \$57

Drawing (5-12 yr. olds) - Our curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. Call for dates and times. Fee: \$47

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 5/6-9/16 (20 weeks). Fee: \$15 start-up fee payable to Dyer Parks, \$25 per week with a cart and free range balls or \$30 with breakfast or lunch.

Painting Classes (5-Adult) – All supplies are provided for a 16x20 canvas. Paintings include "Spring Elephants" is 5/9, "Sox vs Cubs" is 6/20, "Ice Cream Dream" is 7/18, "Lightening Bug" is 8/15 and "The Mouse" is 9/12 from 2-3:30pm. Fee: \$30

CPR/AED/First Aid (16 & older)

– Training in infant, child and adult First Aid/CPR/AED with a 2 year completion certificate. This class is offered through ECSI (Emergency Care and Safety Institute). Class is 5/9 from 9am-1pm. Fee: \$40



Scrapbooking Craft Night (Adults 18 & older) – Make a fun page, border and card and get to play with the latest tools from Creative Memories. Class is 5/11 from 6:30-8pm. Fee: \$10

Kids in the Kitchen (6-12 yrs. old) - Each week there will be 2-3 different kid friendly, themed meals to prepare and enjoy. Class is 5/13-6/3 from 5-6 pm (6-8 yrs. old) or 6:15-7:15PM (9-12 yrs. old). Fee: \$52

Easter Egg Hunt (8 yrs. & Younger) – To be entered into our 32nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

raffle, you must pre-register. Dyer residents living in the 46311 zip code can call (219) 865-2505 to pre-register for free. Those living outside the 46311 zip code can pre-register but for a \$5 per child fee will be charged. Hunt is 5/16.

Route 66 Tour- Travel along the original world-famous Rt. 66 from Joliet to Pontiac. There will be photo stops at the Polk-a-Dot Restaurant, the Gemini Giant and many others. Lunch will be at Bernardi's Restaurant in Pontiac. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Trip is 5/15 from 8:30am-5:30pm. Fee: \$90

Mother-Son Fun Bowl (Boys 5-12 + their Mom/Special Adult) - Have a blast doing crazy bowling with your child/children. A raffle will be held at the end. Event takes place 5/17 from 1-2:30pm. Fee: \$16 per person



Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (9-12 yrs. old) - Participants will need to bring a bag and flashlight to look for candy and eggs. Pizza & a drink will also be served. Event is 5/21 from 7-8:15pm. Fee: \$17

Midwest Training & Ice Center- Gymnastics, ice skating, parkour, hockey and dance classes are being offered. Call for date, times & fees.

Revolt Cheer & Tumble- CheerNastics and Tumbling classes are now being offered. Call for dates, times & fees.

Patti's All-American- Gymnastics/Tumbling, Tumblebear, Ninja Zone, Dance classes and Swim Lessons are now being offered. Call for dates, times & fees.



Coming Summer 2020! Like us on our Facebook page- Dyer Community Market

By now you should have received your invitation to complete the 2020 Census. The Census can be completed online, phone, or paper copy. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems. Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education. The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults. For more information or to complete your Census online please go to 2020census.gov.