

# STRIVING HIGHER

Town of Dyer

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## From the Desk of the Town Manager

August is here and **school** will be starting very soon. Drivers, please be careful around schools and at corners. Do not pass a stopped school bus with its stop arm out. This means both directions!

The **2018 Construction Work** continues unabated. **Sheffield Avenue** will get started very soon. We are coordinating with NIPSCO as they work north of 213th Street to Main Street. They are making major system improvements to upgrade service reliability. Traffic will be disrupted during certain times. We will make every effort to provide general information about detours.

When the Sheffield project gets started later this month, we **will work from Rt. 30 north**. This will allow NIPSCO to complete their work. In addition to the resurfacing and replacement of damaged curbs, we will be adding sidewalk where gaps are now. At the **CSX rail crossing**, north of 213th, a concrete median will be installed. This long-awaited improvement will complete work on all the major and collector streets north of Rt. 30 since 2016.

The Town's current storm drainage priority areas are the **Berens-Monaldi and Northgate subdivisions**. The Storm Water Management Board has started construction in Berens-Monaldi and will continue in 2019. Work will begin this summer in Northgate with reconstruction of **Madison Avenue** north of 213th. This project includes street, water, storm, and sanitary replacement.

The bid was awarded to Dyer construction in the amount of \$899,125.38. Residents will be notified of a pre-construction meeting.

The Storm Board has authorized the design engineering for the area south

of 211th Street to 213th and Harrison to Calumet Avenue. This work will be scheduled for 2020 as funding is available.

The Town Council and the three utility boards are working aggressively to undertake as many projects as possible, given various funding limitations. Many of the projects that remain are expensive. They require extensive underground work, as well as resurfacing.

The long-awaited **Calumet Avenue Fence** project is complete. The next phase will be the installation of sidewalk from 210th to Main Street. With that, we will plan for modest landscaping in the fall or spring. I want to thank the adjacent residents for their patience. It is not often that a project goes sideways like this one. Thanks to Fence Masters for their excellent work.

We will be installing a sidewalk in various areas as a part of our annual repair program. Sidewalks are evaluated based on several factors, with risk management being a top priority. Another area is the elimination of "gap sidewalks." Back in the day, developers weren't required to install sidewalks by new homes or businesses, which has resulted in large gaps between sections of sidewalk. Examples of this include the above mentioned Calumet Avenue sidewalk. In addition, we are doing new walks in Great Lakes to Fairview, north of Rt. 30. The Sheffield project from Main to Rt. 30 will include extensive sidewalk installation and repair. We will continue to fill in the gaps each summer. Developers are also now required to install sidewalks on any new development in town, residential or commercial.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

## America in Bloom

On July 23rd and 24th, judges from the America in Bloom program toured Dyer.



America in Bloom judges communities in several criteria, including: flowers, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental effort, celebrating heritage, and community vitality.

Judges come to our community with fresh eyes and make dozens of recommendations for making our community a more welcoming and beautiful place.

Our judges were shown several ongoing storm water projects, our tree nurseries, and driven around several neighborhoods to see how hard our residents work on their landscaping and gardens. Several homes will be recognized for their landscaping efforts.

Last year, Dyer earned a 3 Bloom rating out of a possible 5. This year's symposium and awards ceremony will be at the end of September in Lexington, Kentucky. We hope to improve on our scores this year!

## DPW Open House



The Department of Public Works is holding an open house on September 8th from 9 AM until noon. There will be tour of the facilities, including the waste water treatment plant, viewings of trucks and equipment, and light refreshments available.

We welcome you to come see what this important department does to keep our town up and running every day! Public Works is located at 516 Edmond Drive, just off Sheffield Avenue.

## Job Opportunity

The Town Council & Town Manager's Office is hiring an Administrative Analyst/Communication Specialist. This is a full-time position. A Bachelor's Degree is required.

Duties include preparing reports for the Town Manager, maintaining spreadsheets and databases, preparing this monthly newsletter, updating the town website, maintaining the town social media accounts, preparing correspondence, greeting visitors and callers, etc.

Please visit [townofdyer.com](http://townofdyer.com) and click "Employment Opportunities" under the "Home" tab for more information and the job description, or call 865-6108.

## Hometown Celebration

Unfortunately, we have decided not to hold the Hometown Celebration this year.

We feel it has runs its course and interest was waning. The last few years, expenses were more than revenue and sponsorships. We hope to create a new fest in the future that everyone will enjoy.

## Historical Society

Rick Pickren will be the Historical Society Speaker on September 18 at 7:00 PM.

Singer, songwriter, and actor Rick Pickren is a descendant of Buffalo Bill Cody. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's Degree in Musicology and an MFA in Theater.

Back by popular demand, Rick is the "Singing Cowboy." His program this year is "Stars and Stripes." Refreshments served.



## Back to School!

School begins for the Lake Central School Corporation on August 14th. Times for the school day are as follows:

Lake Central High School: 7:15 AM until 2:09 PM.

Kahler Middle School: 8:47 AM until 3:40 PM.

Bibich and Protsman Elementary Schools: 8:00 AM until 2:40 PM.

Drivers: Please keep an eye out for pedestrians, especially around the times listed above.



## Code Corner

Our noise ordinance can be found in Section 6-59 of the Town Code.

Music, parties, gatherings, etc. should not be loud enough to hear across property boundaries between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM Monday through Thursday and 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Section 6-97 in the Town Code says **fireworks** are only allowed during these specific times:

- Between 5:00 PM and two hours after sunset on June 29, 30, July 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9;
- Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 midnight on July 4; and
- Between the hours of 10:00 AM on December 31 and 1:00 AM on January 1.

Please respect your neighbors and our code by refraining from fireworks outside of the dates and times listed above.

The next legal time to use fireworks in town limits will be December 31st.

PD School Message



As students and parents prepare to go back to school, we encourage all residents and motorists to pay special attention to children on bus stops and walking to and from school.

Parents that allow their children to walk to school: please encourage them to utilize crossing guards when they are available. Crossing guard locations and times are available as well as additional school safety information by contacting Dyer Police Department's School Resource Officers Jerry Patrick or Brian Kissinger at 219-865-1163.

We hope everyone had a safe and happy summer and we look forward to a great start for the 2018-19 school year! - Chief Hein

Chamber of Commerce

The Dyer and St. John Chambers of Commerce have most recently approved a merger of the two chambers into one entity, which will be known going forward as St. John Dyer Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to merger, the members of both chambers were polled and surveyed as to their thoughts and positions. The results were in favor of a merger.

The New St. John Dyer Chamber offices will be situated at 9495 Keilman Street in St. John. Monthly board meetings and luncheons will be held alternatively in St. John and Dyer.

The St. John Dyer Chamber is intended to provide both its constituent and prospective new members with increased community engagement opportunities as well as to afford enhanced ability to conduct community events. In addition, the chambers have always shared a mutual mission of supporting businesses in the community, and the two neighboring communities combined will provide greater resources for our businesses.

Most community events, which are related particularly to either St. John or Dyer, will continue to be held and promoted throughout both towns.

The members of the newly formed St. John Dyer Chamber of Commerce look eagerly forward to continuing their commitment to the St. John and Dyer communities and to take their community involvement and dedication to a new level. For inquiries, please visit our website [www.stjohnchamber.com](http://www.stjohnchamber.com) or call chamber offices at 365-4686.

Formal press release will be sent out later with additional information, including details of our new website.—Ken Wilk

Our New Bison



As you've probably noticed, the Town recently installed a bison at the corner of Rt. 30 and Hart Street. In 2016, Indiana had its bicentennial with the theme "Bison-tennial." Communities and organizations around the state painted large fiberglass bison to represent their communities and to be on display.

Our bison went through some major delays, but we finally received it this year. This summer, two Dyer residents and Lake Central students, Hayley Skrezyna and Yvein Pia, beautifully painted the bison with symbols of Dyer. We are so incredibly grateful for their hard work. Thank you also to CARSTAR Liss Auto Body for donating their services and giving the bison a clear coat.

We envision this corner being a spot to rotate new art. The bison will live here until we find something new for the corner and it will be moved to a new spot.

We hope you enjoy it!



**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: parks.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: @DyerParksand Rec. For more information, please contact Dyer Parks at (219) 865-2505.

**Line Dancing Lessons-** Have you always wanted to learn the simple dance steps to the latest line dances? Classes are 8/28-10/2, 10/9-11/13 and 11/20-1/8/19 from 6:45-7:45pm for ages 14 & up. Fee: \$40

**Toddler Time Playdate-** Hey parents or caregivers, join us during this 5 week playdate where participants will join other families as we enjoy hands on activities, read stories, listen to music, go on a nature hunt, play interactive games and play in the park. Classes are 8/31-9/28 from 10-11am. Fee: \$45

**Tee Ball-** This introductory Tee Ball program for 4 & 5 year old boys & girls will emphasize instruction and teamwork. Participants will work on catching, throwing, ground balls & running bases. Classes are 9/5-9/26 from 5:30-6:30pm. Fee: \$36

**Tee 3-** Tee Ball for 3 yr. olds. This program is designed to teach the basics of tee ball to 3 year old boys and girls. Class is 9/6-9/27 from 5:30-6:15pm. Fee \$32

**Soccer Buddies-** During this introductory soccer program, boys & girls 4 & 5 yrs. old will practice skill development and teamwork. Shin guards and a water bottle is needed. Classes are 9/10-10-1 from 5:30- 6:30pm. Fee: \$36

**Beginner Sewing Classes-** This class will teach beginners how to use their own sewing machine, purchase a pat-

tern, select the correct yardage & notions as well as prepare fabric by pre-treating, making fabric thread perfect & grain perfect, how to read and follow a guide sheet, how to use basic sewing and pressing tools, measure & cut projects, become acquainted with sewing and pressing seams, how to measure and machine stitch a hem and learn to make casing for elastic. Classes take place 9/13-11/15 (6pm-8:30pm) and 9/18-11/13 (10am-1pm). Fee: \$150

**Preschool Bricks 4 Kidz-** Introduce your preschooler to the fun of learning, building and playing the Bricks 4 Kidz way! Classes are 9/19-10/10, 10/17-11/14, 11/28-12/19 & 1/9/19-1/30/19 from 4-4:45pm. Fee: \$52

**Elementary Bricks 4 Kidz-** Students work hands-on to design and build machines, buildings and other constructions with LEGO Bricks. Classes are 9/19-10/10, 10/17-11/14, 11/28-12/19 & 1/9/19-1/30/19 from 5-6pm. Fee: \$56

**Young Rembrandts Preschool Drawing-** Young Rembrandts provides a nurturing and strong learning environment that expands Preschoolers' image vocabulary as they draw familiar images such as fish, teddy bears, rainbows and cowboys. Classes are 9/19-10/10, 10/17-11/14, 11/28-12/19 & 1/9/19-1/30/19 from 4-4:45pm. Fee: \$46

**Young Rembrandts Elementary Drawing & Cartooning-** This class is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. Cartooning classes are 9/18-10/9, 10/16-11/6, 11/13-12/4 & 12/11-1/15-19. Drawing classes are 9/19-10/10, 10/17-11/14, 11/28-12/19 & 1/9/19-1/30/19. Preschool Drawing is from 4-4:45pm and Elem. Drawing and Cartooning are from 5-6pm. Fee: \$46

**Private Guitar Lessons-** Private lessons are a great option for the beginner as well as the seasoned guitarist. These one-on-one lessons are perfect for individuals that need a little extra help or those that want to brush up on their skills. Classes are 9/25-10-16 & 10/23-11/20. Fee: \$105

**BLAST! (Babysitting Lessons & Safety Training)-** This is a 4 hr. course which includes a course completion certificate, program materials (including a student manual), training in pediatric first aid, household safety and fundamentals of childcare. Class is 10/6 from 9am-1pm. Fee: \$35

**CPR/AED/First Aid-** During this 4 hr. long class, you will receive a completion certificate good for 2 yrs., program materials (including a student manual) and training/certification in infant, child and adult First Aid/CPR/AED. Class is 10/20 from 9am-1pm. Fee: \$40

**Hot Shots Sports-** We are offering the following classes with Hot Shot Sports: Lil' Dribblers, Basketball, Game Time Flag Football, Volleyball and Game Time Ultimate Frisbee. Please call for details

**Midwest Training & Ice Center-** We offer Parkour, gymnastics, ice skating, hockey and trampoline classes. Call for dates and fees.

**Patti's All-American-** We offer Gymnastics/Tumbling, Ninja Zone and Dance classes. Call for dates and fees.

**Yoga-** Whether you are new to Yoga or an experienced Yogi, this class is right for you. Classes are 9/10-10/15 & 10/22-12/10 from 6:30-7:30pm. Fee: \$52

**NEW Fitness Classes:** We have teamed up with Mari Fitness to offer **ZUMBA & Power Barre.**

**Monthly Meeting Calendar**

<b>August 14</b>	6:00 PM	Park Board Meeting
<b>August 16</b>	6:00 PM	Police Commission Meeting
<b>August 20</b>	7:00 PM	Plan Commission Meeting
<b>August 27</b>	6:00 PM	Sanitary Board Meeting Water Board Meeting
<b>September 3</b>	All day 7:00 PM	Town Hall Closed-Labor Day Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
<b>September 6</b>	6:00 PM	Storm Water Board Meeting
<b>September 11</b>	6:00 PM	Park Board Meeting
<b>September 13</b>	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Town Council Meeting Redevelopment Commission Meeting

**Meetings subject to change. Call 865-6108 for confirmation.**

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