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**Utility Rates Approved**

The Town Council conducted a Public Hearing and considered four Ordinances that will adjust water, sanitary, stormwater and solid waste fees effective February, 2017. **Below are the increases passed by the Town Council at their December 8th Town Council Meeting:**

<b>Water</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>Storm</b>	<b>\$7.76/mo. per ERU</b>
<b>Sanitary</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>Solid Waste Fees</b>	<b>\$2.46 per month</b>
			<b>(\$2.00 local fee &amp; .46 contract increase)</b>

The Town Council and its Water, Stormwater and Sanitary Boards, spent the last year reviewing finances, expenses and prioritizing capital improvements.

The last time water, sewer and stormwater were adjusted was 2010. The rates that were approved at that time were significantly less than the recommendations made by the financial advisors and the respective Utility Boards. As a result, the revenues eroded sooner and required larger increases than if they had been established at the recommended rate.

For more information on the rate increase, you may go to the Town website at [www.townofdyer.com](http://www.townofdyer.com)

**Major Utility Capital Projects - Planning Years 2017 to 2020**

**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

**Stormwater**

- Northgate Backflow
- Harrison Street Sewer
- Magnolia Street Drainage
- Calumet Ave Corridor Storage
- Briarwood Pond Maintenance
- Pheasant Hills Pond
- Berens Storage & Sewers
- 77th & Hart Outlet Improv.
- Sheffield Estates Pump Station
- Infrastructure Improvement as a part of road reconstruction

**Sanitary**

- Solids Holding Bldg. Improv.
- Solids Dewatering Improv.
- Drain Pump Station Re-route
- RAS Control Modifications
- Sec Clarifier Skimmer Modifications
- Effluent Flume Enclosure
- Comprehensive Line Televising of Sanitary System
- Line Repairs & Maintenance
- Infrastructure Improvements in coordination with road reconstruction
- Vehicle Equipment Replacement

**Water**

- Sandy Ridge Water Tower
- Sandy Ridge Water Main Repairs
- Bibich Tank Fill Line Rehabilitation
- Infrastructure improvements in coordination with road reconstruction
- Vehicle Equipment Replacement
- Valve Testing and Repairs

## Upcoming Recreation Events

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

Be sure to keep an eye out for our 2017 Winter/Spring Leisuregram. If you did not receive one in the mail, please check out our Facebook page: [dyerparksandrecreation](http://dyerparksandrecreation.com) or our website: [parks.townofdye.com](http://parks.townofdye.com) to view our new classes, special events and fun things to do.

**NEWLY added date-Chicago Christmas Lights Tour-** Travel on a motor coach bus to Chicago to see the lights. Stops will include the Planetarium Overlook, travel along Lake Shore Drive to Lincoln Park, North Michigan Ave. and a 1hr stop at Millennium Park. From there we will take a Loop tour with a final 1 1/2hr stop at German Christkindlmarkt at Daley Plaza. We will leave the Town Hall at 4 pm and return at approx. 10pm. Fees: Res. \$40/Non-res. \$44. Date: Dec. 16th

**New! Noon Year's Eve Party-** Here's a chance for your children to have their own New Year's Eve Party. We will ring in the New Year with music, pizza, sparkling grape juice, balloons, hats, noise makers and games. We will be playing giant Jenga, stack the buckets, giant

checkers and much more. Participants will also make handmade poppers. This new class will take place 12/31 from 11am-1:30pm at the Plum Creek Center. Fees: Res. \$15/ Non-res. \$16.

**Private Guitar-** Participants 10 and older can receive one-on-one lessons for either the beginner or seasoned guitarist. We have dates open starting 2/15 with 3 different time slots available. Fees: \$100. Please contact for the time slots.

**Little Ninja's- Hapkido-** This program is being offered to your child as an introduction to the Martial Arts. Please wear comfortable clothes. This class is for children 5 & 6 years old. Next session starts 1/3/17-2/7. Fees: \$45.

**Youth Self Defense-Hapkido-** This class will promote positive, structured support to enhance your child's safety through knowledge and skill. This is for children 7-12 years of age and starts 1/3/17-2/7. Fees: \$45.

**Women's Awareness & Safety Training-** Women 18 and older will focus on physical and mental preparedness in order to enhance your personal safety and security at home, work, and travel. The next session takes place 1/3/17- 2/7. Fees: \$45.

**NEW! Kids First Tumbling & Gymnastics Programs-** This new program starts 1/7-2/4.

Tumbling for 18mo-35mo (with parent) will meet on Saturdays from 8-8:30am.

Fee: \$54.50

Tumbling/Gymnastics for 3-4 yr. olds will meet on Sat. from 8:30-9:15am. Fee: \$58.50

Tumbling/Gymnastics for 5-6 yr. olds will meet on Sat. from 9:15-10:00am. Fee: \$58.50

Gymnastics for 5-12 yr. olds will meet on Sat. from 10-10:45am. Fee: \$60.50

**Painting Classes-** Our next painting class takes place Wed., 1/18/17 from 5:30-7pm. Participant's ages 7-adult will have fun painting a Penguin on a 12x12 canvas. Fee: \$16

**NEW! Play. Sing. Act Virtual Music & Theatre Classes-** These new classes are for voice, acting, singing & piano. Please call the office at (219) 865-2505 for detailed information on these classes.

**Bumper Bowling-** Youngsters 3-6 years old (with parent/caregiver) will have all the fun of bowling without gutter balls. Fee includes shoe rental and games for the entire session. The next session starts Monday, 1/23/17- 2/13 from 4:15-5pm at Stardust. Fee: \$30

**Bowling-** Stay active and have some fun! The next 4 week session of bowling starts Monday, 1/23/17- 2/13 from 4:15- 5:30pm. Fee: \$35

**Fitness classes that are available through Dyer Parks & Recreation:** Yoga, Pilates & Zumba



### Dyer Restaurant Wins 2016 Restaurant of the Year

Each year, during the holidays, the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority honors outstanding individuals and businesses that represent the hospitality industry and help further the tourism industry along the South Shore.

At their 33rd annual celebration. Among the winners was Doc's Smokehouse and Craft Bar, which won 2016 Restaurant of the Year.



Pictured is State Representative Hal Slager with Aimee Loyd and Brent Brashie from Doc's Smokehouse & Craft Bar.

### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees at the Munster Center for Visual and Performing Arts

This wonderful event is put on by the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society and runs November 30<sup>th</sup> until January 2, 2017.

The **DAVE** group, **Dyer Arts Visionaries**, has a tree on exhibit decorated with original art; available for a donation to the group.

Please take time out from your busy schedule to enjoy the spirit of the season. And see what wonderful art has been created by the **DAVE** artists.



## SNOW PLOWING PROCEDURES

On street parking is prohibited in the event of a 2" or greater snowfall. We ask for your cooperation in keeping vehicles off of the street in those events so that we can more efficiently clear the streets.

The procedure we follow when responding to a snow or icing event is to clear the main thoroughfares first such as Calumet Avenue, Sheffield Avenue, 213<sup>th</sup> St. and other main arteries. We move into the subdivisions and begin clearing those secondary roads and lastly cul-de-sacs. Generally speaking we try to plow the snow away from the curb and toward the center of a cul-de-sac initially so that residents can get to their homes. We then follow that up by pushing the snow up against the most strategically available spot along the curb in the cul-de-sac. These streets can be problematic due to the limited amount of available curb area at which snow can be placed. In large snow events we may have to haul the snow out of cul-de-sac areas. Cul-de-sacs are labor intensive and time consuming, that is why they are plowed last.

Our plow trucks begin by moving street toward the curb line with the curb line as possible so that width. Depending on the width passes to clear the road from

We receive complaints every snow into cleared driveway entrance. We appreciate that most of our residents understand this situation and we hope with this explanation a better understanding of the

There are 3 primary reasons for First is to provide access for plowing effort is completed and the roads again there needs to be sufficient room to allow emergency vehicles to travel down the roads. The closer we get to the curb the more room there is for those larger vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances. The second reason is for mail delivery. If the postal delivery personnel cannot reach the mailboxes from their vehicles (on motor routes) they do not have to deliver the mail. The third reason is for drainage purposes. If we get a rapid thaw after a snow event we need to have the storm water curb inlets exposed so that they can take the water off of the road.



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If you have any questions, you may contact the Department Public Works at 865-4222.

### License/Registration Renewal Reminders

The rental registration fee is \$5.00 and is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Late fee is additional \$50.00 if not paid by the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pet licenses are due by May 31<sup>st</sup>. The fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$5.00, for un-spayed or unneutered dogs the fee is \$20.00. The fee is also \$5.00 for spayed or neutered cats and \$10.00 for un-spayed or unneutered cats.

Business licenses are due by March 31, 2017. The fee is \$75. If you do not register or renew your business license by March 31, 2017, there will be a late fee of \$300.

All of these are paid at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. The hours are Monday, thru Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Utility bills can now be received via email. Check the box provided on the bottom of your bill and provide us with your email address, or if you prefer you can call the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at 865-1150 to sign up for this service.

### Town Hall is a Warming Center

In the event of a power outage or natural disaster, the Town Hall will be used as an emergency warming shelter. If you find yourself in need of shelter, please call ahead so we may make accommodations. Call 865-6108 before 4:00 pm, M-F, or 911 after 4:00 pm or on weekends.



# MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

## December

### December 17

6:00 pm Police Commission Meeting  
7:00 pm Water Board Study Session and Meeting

### December 19

6:00 pm Sanitary Board Meeting  
6:30 pm Sanitary Board Meeting  
7:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting w/ Study Session to follow

### December 20

6:00 pm Spcl. Town Council Meeting  
6:30 pm Spcl. Redevelopment Commission Meeting

### December 23 & 26

Town Hall Closed for Holiday

## January

### January 2

Town Hall Closed for Holiday  
No BZA Meeting this month

### January 5

6:00 EDC Meeting

### January 11

6:00 pm Park Board Meeting w/ Study Session

### January 12

6:00 pm Town Council Meeting  
6:30 pm Redevelopment Commission Meeting

### January 16

7:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting w/ Study Session to follow

### January 19

6:00 pm Police Commission Meeting  
7:00 pm Water Board Study Session and Meeting

## Dyer Police Dept. Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

As the holidays approach the police department would like to pass on some great crime prevention tips. These are just a few suggestions to help the Dyer Police Department fight crime. Thank you for the continued support of Dyer Police Department and have a Happy Holidays!

### Burglary/Theft Prevention Tips

- Make it appear as if someone is home (lights on timers etc....)
- Keep ALL doors and windows locked (including the door from the garage to your house)
- Don't allow newspapers and mail to accumulate while you are out of town. Arrange for a trusted family member or friend to pick it up daily. Have these same people put your trash cans out on the appropriate day, even if they are empty. Burglars will sometimes "case" a certain area prior to committing Burglaries.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed, and snow shoveled if you will be away for an extended period of time.
- Install deadbolt locks on ALL exterior doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Consider upgraded locks.
- Consider hiding your garage door remote in your vehicle. Burglars will often steal the remote, and gain access through the garage. This is especially true when parked in a public place. The offenders will steal the garage door remote, and find your address on your vehicle registration. Knowing you are not home, they will then burglarize your residence.
- Trim your trees and shrubs, so they do not block your windows, and/or provide a hiding place for potential intruders. Make sure that your house can be seen from the street.
- If you have an alarm system installed, USE IT AT ALL TIMES!!!
- Don't leave your valuables in a common location (nightstand, dresser, closet in the master bedroom.
- Consider photographing your valuables and recording serial numbers AS SOON AS YOU ACQUIRE THE ITEMS. This may be time consuming, but this information is extremely valuable in the event of a Burglary. Keep this information in a separate location from the valuables, preferably at a relative's house or at work if possible.
- GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS. Neighbors are often the only witnesses to suspicious and/or criminal activity. Exchange telephone numbers with your neighbors, and communicate with each other. Let your neighbors know who should and should not be at your home.

Call 911 IMMEDIATELY if you see a vehicle or person that YOU feel is suspicious. The police will respond and investigate the activity! If any neighborhoods are interested in beginning a crime watch group please contact the police department and we will work together to make it happen.



**Dyer Police Department welcomed its newest member "Kolt".**

**Kolt will be partnered with Officer Kissinger and assist him in his duties as School Resource Officer.**

## Dyer Police Dept. Senior Citizen Outreach Program

The Community Policing Division is enhancing our Senior's program. Beginning in January we will be offering additional services to Seniors and their families to includes such services as:

- Weekly phone contact**
- Officer Liaison Program**
- Safe Commerce Transaction Location**
- Identity Theft/Fraud Information**
- Ruse Burglary/Scam Prevention Tips**

Anyone interested in registering a family member for this service or interested in volunteering to help out please contact Community Policing Officer Brian Kissinger.