

# STRIVING HIGHER

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## From the Desk of the Town Manager

**Board and Commission Openings**—The Town Council is looking for interested residents to serve on the following Boards and Commissions:

**Police Commission.** Meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. Registered Democrat or Independent required.\*

**Water Board.** Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Open to Republican, Democrat, or Independent.

**Plan Commission.** Meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Registered Democrat or Independent required.\*

**Park Board.** Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Registered Democrat or Independent required.\*

\*Political balance is required by state statute for most boards and commissions, which is why many positions are only open to certain parties.

**Calumet Avenue Fence**—The saga of the Calumet Avenue fence continues. As of this writing, Fence Masters and the Town are anticipating that the remaining product needed to complete the project will be delivered in December.

This delay is the result of the supplier, not the contractor or Town. This material is a prepriority product. We have searched for the same design, but have been unsuccessful. We have ordered a 10% "attic stock" of this product when it needs repairs.

Both the contractor and the Town are frustrated by this problem.

**Sheffield Avenue/Hart Street** is scheduled for resurfacing and repairs

in early 2018. Funding is in place with the **Community Crossing Matching Grant** from the State (\$400,000) and \$450,000 from the Town.

The work will consist of total resurfacing and minor utility adjustments, sidewalk repairs, and possible extensions. The finished road will then be restriped. At this time, we are unable to consider widening or major changes to traffic flow. These will be evaluated and completed in the future.

**Berens-Monaldi Subdivision**—This often-started, never-finished project is approaching another milestone. Within 30-45 days, a bid solicitation will go for Phase I of this storm water/street project (Monaldi Parkway and the northern half of Forest Park Drive).

Funds are in place for the next three phases and a small relief sewer. Each year, we will bid a new phase until the project is completed. When completed, all of the infrastructure will have been updated. Neighbors will be kept up to date on developments.

**Why are the lights out on Calumet Avenue?** This has been the topic of several inquiries. In mid-November, both control boxes for the 213th and Calumet Avenue traffic signal and a large section of street lights on Calumet Avenue were destroyed in a car accident. Fortunately, the traffic signal can function while awaiting a new control box. The same cannot be said for the street lights.

These devices are not mass-produced. Replacements were ordered immediately. We have charged the driver as a result of the hit and run accident. Our insurance company is handling the damage claim.

## Upcoming Recreation Events

The NEW 2018 Winter/Spring Leisuregram should have been delivered. If you did not receive one in the mail and would like to view our new classes, special events, pictures and other fun things to do, you can find it on our website: [parks.townofdye.com](http://parks.townofdye.com) or on our Facebook page: Dyer Parks and Recreation. **Online registration is here!** [parksregistration.townofdye.com](http://parksregistration.townofdye.com). For more information, please contact Dyer Parks at (219) 865-2505.

**Remote Control Mania Winter Break Camp-** Campers will use fascinating and challenging LEGO components to create dynamic vehicles, inventions, machines and more. Class takes place 12/27-29 from 9am-12pm for 5-12 year olds. Fee: \$99

**Skyhawks Basketball Winter Camp-** This camp is designed for the beginning to intermediate player. Campers will learn the skills in passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding through drills and games. Class takes place 12/26-29 from 9am-12pm for 7-14 year olds. Fee: \$105

**Skyhawks Multi-Sports Winter Camp-** Skyhawks Camp will combine Soccer, Basketball and Dodgeball into one fun-filled week. This camp takes place 1/2-5/2018 from 9am-12pm for 7-14 year olds. Fee: \$105

**NEW Fitness Classes:** We are offering several new fitness classes starting in Jan. We are offering Walking/Running groups for the Beginner or Intermediate, Boot Camp and Core Camps. We have also teamed up with Mari Fitness to offer Cardio Belly Dance, WERQ and ZUMBA.

**Bumper Bowling:** This class is for youngsters ages 3-6. All the fun of

bowling without the gutter balls! Fee includes shoe rental and games for the entire session. Classes are held 1/22-2/12 & 2/26-3/19 from 4:15-5pm. Fee: \$30

**Bowling:** This class is for 6-13 yr. olds. Each week we'll bowl as much as time permits. Classes take place 1/22-2/12 & 2/26-3/19 from 4:15-5:15pm. Fee: \$35

**Private Guitar or Group Guitar:** If you are looking for a one-on-one or group lessons, we have lessons being offered Jan.-April. Call for fees and dates.

**All-American Snow Box Derby:** This event will take place on 2/3 at Northgate Park. Pre-registration at the Parks Dept. is required. List of rules & regulations can be found in the Leisuregram or our website. Check-in will be at 9:30am and the race will start at 10:00am. Fee: \$11 per box

**Essential Oils Workshops:** We will be offering several Essential Oil classes in the New Year. Intro to Essential Oils (2/2, 2/16 & 3/20), Valentine's Day (2/6), Winter Wellness (2/20), Babies, Kids & Oils (3/2), Healthy Emotions (3/6), Oils & Pets (3/16 & 4/20), Ditch & Switch (4/6) & Springtime Wellness (4/24). Each class meets for 2 hours and is \$15 each.

**Bricks 4 Kidz-Pre-School:** Children, 3 1/2-5, will build 3D models using DUPLO LEGO blocks. Some themes include A TRIP TO THE ZOO, FUN AT THE FARM and FAMOUS PLACES. Classes take place 2/7-28, 3/7-28 & 4/4-25 from 4-4:45pm. Fee: \$56

**Bricks 4 Kidz-Elementary:** Students, 6-12 yrs. old, will use Lego bricks, axels, pulleys, gears and mo-

tors to create fun and interactive models. Classes take place 2/7-28, 3/7-28 & 4/4-25 from 5-5:55pm. Fee: \$56

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance: NEW** this year! Do to the popularity of this event; we are hosting this dance on 2 different nights. The first dance will be held on Fri., 2/9 from 6:30-8:30pm and the second dance will be held Sat., 2/10 from 6-8pm. Fee: \$28 per couple, per date (\$14 per additional participant, per date)

**Young Rembrandts:** We are offering Pre-School drawing classes, Elementary Drawing and Cartooning classes with Young Rembrandts in Feb., March & April.

**Skyhawks Basketball:** This camp is a skill-intensive program that is designed with the beginning to intermediate player in mind. Passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding will be worked on through drills and games. This class is for boys or girls 5-12 yrs. old. Class for 5-7 yr. olds will be from 5-6pm and 8-12 yr. olds from 6:15-7:15pm on 2/12-3/19. Fee: \$76

**Patti's:** We offer Infantbears, Tumblebear, School-age gymnastics and Ninja Zone classes at Patti's. Call for dates and fees.

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

**Coming in the Spring 2018:** Senior Weekly 18 Hole Golf League, Adult Slow Pitch Softball League, & Adult Baseball League

For more information, please visit us at: [parksregistration.townofdye.com](http://parksregistration.townofdye.com).

## America in Bloom

America in Bloom envisions communities as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work, and play. Judges evaluate six areas of our town: floral display, landscaping, urban forestry, heritage preservation, environmental initiatives, and overall impression in the residential, commercial, and municipal sectors. They then make suggestions and give us direction to improve in these areas.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on an AIB citizen committee for the purpose of planning and implementing the vision for beautification of Dyer. Think about

what you most enjoy about living in Dyer and the good things that are happening. The volunteer committee will be recommending projects to beautify Dyer, such as creating floral displays and improving landscaping in several spots throughout town.

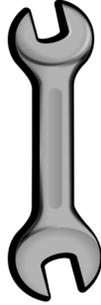
Contact [aretske@townofdye.com](mailto:aretske@townofdye.com) if you are willing to volunteer several hours each month. The meetings will begin in January/February. The 2017 AIB evaluation is available at the Dyer Town Hall and on the website at [townofdye.com](http://townofdye.com) under the "Residents" tab.

Applications are due no later than Monday, January 8, 2018.



**License/Registration Renewal**

Contractor registrations expire on December 31st. There is no deadline for renewal, you just must be registered before continuing work on an existing permit and before applying for a new permit. The fee is \$50 and is due to the Building Department. You must also provide us with an updated Certificate of Insurance and a bond recorded with Lake County. Call 219-865-4228 with questions.



The rental registration fee is \$5.00 and is due by January 31st. Late fee is an additional \$50.00.

Pet licenses are due by May 31st. The fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$5.00, for un-spayed or unneutered dogs, the fee is \$20.00. The fee for spayed or neutered cats is \$5.00. The fee for un-spayed or unneutered cats is \$10.00. Late fee \$10.



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

Rental registration, pet licenses, and business licenses are paid at the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Town Hall is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Officer Recognition**

Seen in the first picture: Ofc. Antonucci was recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty when he assisted an elderly resident at her home in town. He went out of his way to replace the batteries in the keypad on her garage instead of having to force entry into the home.

Seen in the second picture: Cpl. Hendron (left) and Ofc. Boss (right) were recognized at a recent Police Commission meeting for their life-saving efforts at this year's National Night Out. They observed another officer in distress and choking.

**Holiday Crime Prevention**

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 your continued support of the Dyer Police Department and have a Happy Holiday!



- Make it appear as if someone is home (lights on timers, etc.)
- Keep all doors and windows locked (including the door from an attached garage into your home).
- 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. Ask these same people to put your trash cans out on the appropriate day, even if they are empty.
- 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, as they can find your address on your vehicle registration.
- Trim your trees and shrubs so they do not block your windows or provide hiding places for burglars and your house can be seen from the street.
- If you have an alarm system installed, use it at all times.
- Don't leave valuables in a common location (nightstand, dresser, etc.)
- Consider photographing your valuables and recording serial numbers as soon as you acquire the items. This information is extremely valuable in the event of a burglary. Keep the information separate from the item.
- Get to know your neighbors! They are often the only witnesses to suspicious/criminal activity. Exchange telephone numbers, communicate, and let them know who should and should not be at your home.



They immediately recognized the need to intervene and performed life-saving techniques on the officer to free the obstructed airway. Great job, officers!



**Holiday Garbage Pickup**

Garbage pickup will be one day later than your regularly scheduled pickup during the weeks of December 24th and December 31st due to the Christmas and New Year's Day Holidays.

**Fire Safety**

Please use extreme caution during the holiday season with cooking, candles, and other open flame. Make sure your tree is well-watered and away from heating devices and open flame.



Children and pets should not be left unattended in rooms with candles burning.

Check your holiday lights for bare wires, discoloration, and other issues and replace them before there is a problem. **Do not** overload electrical outlets, and be sure to turn off lights when the area is unattended.



**2018 Spring Season  
Registration Opens December 1st.**  
[www.dyergirlssoftball.com](http://www.dyergirlssoftball.com)

- Register now for Winter Conditioning
- Pitching and Catching Clinics
- Optional Payment Plans
- Ages 5 and up (as of December 31<sup>st</sup>)

**St. Jude Fundraiser**

Dyer officers participated in a No-Shave November fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Team Dyer PD competed with Team St. John PD in hopes to raise over \$15,000.

We are proud to announce that we raised over \$18,400 in just one month of competition! Thank you or supporting a great cause. Bearded officers will be on patrol until December 31st!



**Monthly Meeting Calendar**

<b>December 18</b>	6:00 PM	Plan Commission Meeting
<b>December 21</b>	7:00 PM	Water Board Meeting
<b>December 25 &amp; 26</b>	All day	Town Hall closed
<b>December 28</b>	6:00 PM	Town Council/RDC Study Session
<b>January 1</b>	All day	Town Hall closed
<b>January 4</b>	6:00 PM	Storm Water Board Meeting
<b>January 9</b>	6:00 PM	Park Board Meeting
<b>January 11</b>	6:00 PM	Town Council Meeting
	6:30 PM	Redevelopment Commission Meeting

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updates!**

