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From the Desk of the Town Manager

On January 1, 2019 Steve Kramer and Eric Schultz will fill the seats of Mrs. Astor and Mr. Dekker respectively. Mrs. Lareau will vacate her office to assume the Township position. Under State law the local Republican Precinct Organization will select a replacement to fill the remainder of her term. Mr. Kramer previously served on the Council; Mr. Schultz will be serving his first term.

Construction Updates

The Town has been able to complete many projects this year on time and within budget. The Sanitary Board authorized almost \$2.0M in plant improvements. These improvements are part of a long term program to make the sanitary treatment operation more efficient by increasing automation and cost effectiveness. The story on page four about the Sludge Dewatering operation is a perfect example. When you send waste into the sanitary system by flushing the toilet; using your garbage disposal, etc., the process is only beginning. The treatment of sanitary waste is a very complex and expensive process. Future improvements planned for the Treatment Plant include major projects that will help with wet weather events.

2019 Projects

We have awarded the contract for infrastructure on Madison Ave north of 213th; this project will begin spring 2019. The remainder of the Berens- Monaldi subdivision infrastructure project will also be started in the spring. Both projects are funded. The Madison Avenue project will be one of two in the Northgate area. The other is in the

northwest corner in the Pierce and Fillmore area. We are reviewing the extent of underground utility work to define the final scope of the project. We have been awarded a \$695,000 Community Crossing Grant that will fund improvements to Hart Street from RT30 to 81st Street and along 81st both east and west. In addition to road improvements, sidewalks will be repaired and as many gap sidewalk areas will be closed. The grant is a 50/50% program.

In addition to the local Hart Street improvements, Lake County Highway Department is undertaking the reconstruction of both bridges on Hart and Main streets. Both projects **will** be disruptive to traffic. We will provide more information after the first of the year.

NIPSCO has notified us that the pole replacement work that has been causing lane closures on Sheffield and Rt30 has been temporarily suspended until late winter or early spring. This will provide a temporary break for motorists.

Leaves & Branches

The Town is working hard to get the last of the fall leaves and branches taken care of before more snow falls. Please do not rake or blow your leaves into the street. If it snows and we have to plow, the leaves will only be plowed up into your yard. The early snow and freezing has caused havoc with the schedules of area public works operations. Thanks for your patience.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Upcoming 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: @DyerParksandRec. For more information, please contact Dyer Parks at (219) 865-2505.

Transformation Creations Camp (5-12 yr. olds) - Bricks 4 Kidz Campers will enjoy the mash-up combination models that can be rebuilt into something different. Camp is 1/3/19 & 1/4/19 from 9-11:45am. Fee: \$65

Cartoon Adventures in Space (5-12 yr. olds) - Join Young Rembrandts as we travel to the farthest reaches of the galaxy in our Cartoon Adventures in Space workshop. Camp is 1/3/19 & 1/4/19 from 12-2:15pm. Fee: \$56

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. Classes are 1/8-1/31, 2/5-2/28, 3/5-3/28 or 4/2-4/25. Fee: \$55

Preschool Bricks 4 Kidz (3.5-5 yr. olds) - Introduce your preschooler to the fun of learning, building and playing the Bricks 4 Kidz way! Classes are 1/9/19-1/30/19 from 4-4:45pm. Fee: \$52

Elementary Bricks 4 Kidz (5-12 yr. olds) - Students work hands-on to design and build machines, buildings and other constructions with LEGO Bricks. Classes are 1/9/19-1/30/19 from 5-6pm. Fee: \$56

Young Rembrandts Preschool Drawing (3.5-5 yrs. old)- 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 1/9/19-1/30/19 from 4-4:45pm. Fee: \$46



Young Rembrandts Elementary Drawing- This class is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. Drawing classes are 1/9/19-1/30/19. Elem. Drawing. Fee: \$46

Line Dancing Lessons- Have you always wanted to learn the simple dance steps to the latest line dances? Classes are 1/15/19-2/19, 2/26-4/9 & 4/16-5/21 from 6:45-7:45pm for ages 14 & up. Fee: \$40

NEW! Beginner Level Ballroom Dancing- Couples will learn the Rumba, Hustle and the Foxtrot. Classes are 1/17-2/28 or 3/7-4/18. Fee: \$70 per couple

Beginner Sewing Classes (14 & older) - This class will teach beginners how to use their own sewing machine. Classes are 1/17-3/21 or 1/22-3/19. Fee: \$150

Hot Shots Sports and More (ages 3-5) - Children are introduced to the fundamentals of sports including basketball, floor hockey, football, kickball, soccer, t-ball and other sports. Classes are 1/28-3/4, 1/30-2/27 or 2/2-3/2. Fee: \$50

Hot Shots Striker Tots Soccer (ages 3/5) - This program is for young players who are looking for the perfect early soccer experience. Classes are 1/28-3/4 or 1/30-2/27. Fee: \$50

Bumper Bowling (3-6 yrs. old)/Bowling (6 & up) - Bowling takes place 1/28/19-2/25/19 from 4:30-5:30pm. Fee: \$43

Kids Painting Classes (10-Adult)- Kids Glitter Painting Class -1/28, Butterfly Heart Project-2/13, Crayon Melting Project-2/25, Celtic Tree Painting- 3/5, Be Happy Daisy Painting- 4/6, Dream Catcher Painting- 4/15, Cinco De

Mayo Glitter Skull Painting- 4/27. Fee: \$20

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 1/29, 2/19, 3/26 & 4/13. Fee: \$15

Toddler Time Playdate (18mo-4yrs. old)- Join us during this 6 week program as we all enjoy music, play games, play in the park (weather permitting) and have a snack. Class meets 2/1-3/8. Fee: \$50

Adult Painting Classes (18 & older) - Starry Valentine Kiss-2/9, Mason Jar- 3/16, Spring Tree - 3/25. Fee: \$20

Royal Princess Ball (Girl's 3-9 yrs. old) - Girls will have their nails painted, be adorned with stick on earrings, a crown and a gemstone ring. Class is 3/10. Fee: \$25 per princess

White Fence Farm Trip- Enjoy a coach bus trip to White Fence Farms for dinner & listen to Young Elvis. This trip is 4/10. Fee: \$75

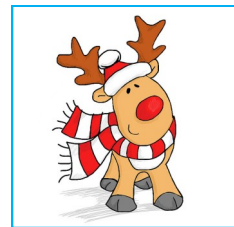
Patti's All-American- We offer Tumbling, Gymnastics, Ninja Zone and Dance classes. Call for dates and fees.

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.

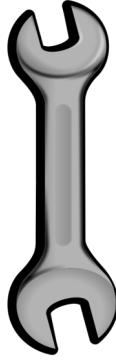
NEW Fitness Classes: We have teamed up with Mari Fitness to offer **Zumbini, Zumba Kids Jr., Zumba Kids, Zumba, Zumba Strong, Werq & Power Barre.**

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.



Contractor's License Renewal

Contractor registrations expire on December 31st. There is no deadline for renewal, you have to 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.



License/Registration Renewal



Pet licenses are due by May 31st. The fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$5.00, for unspayed or unneutered dogs, the fee is \$20.00. The fee for spayed or neutered cats is \$5.00. The fee for unspayed or unneutered cats is \$10.00. A valid rabies certificate is required for registration.

The **Rental Registration** fee is \$5.00 and is due by January 31st. Late fee is an additional \$50.00.

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.

Please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office with any questions at 219-865-2421. Monday-Friday; 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
FROM THE TOWN OF DYER**

NEW TO INDIANA?!

If you are now living in Dyer and a new resident to Indiana **"Welcome to Indiana!"** When you become a resident of Indiana, you have 60 days to obtain a new Indiana driver's license if you hold a valid driver's license from another state. **You must also transfer the titles and registrations of any vehicles you own from your previous state to Indiana.**

Additional information is available to assist you in your transition to Indiana at www.in.gov

Dyer Police Department actively enforces all out of state registration violations. If you would like to report a possible violation you can email police@townofdyer.com or leave a message for Code Enforcement at 219-865-1163.

Warming Center

As the weather starts to turn, remember that the Police Department can be used as a warming center in case of emergency.

During the day, you can contact the police department at (219) 865-1163. After hours and on the weekends, you will need to call 911 to make arrangements.

Police Department Fundraiser

Dyer officers participated in a No-Shave November fundraiser for a local Kahler Custodian who is currently battling cancer.

We are proud to announce that we raised over \$1,000 do date and have extended the fundraising efforts until **December 31st**. Thank you or supporting a great cause.

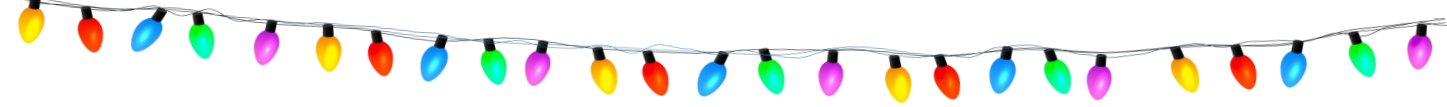
Donations can be dropped of at the Dyer Police Department or on the Dyer FOP "go fund me" page.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP



Garbage pickup will be one day later than your regularly scheduled pickup between December 24th and New Years Day because of the Holidays.



Monthly Meeting Calendar

December 11	6:00 pm	Park Board & Study Session
December 12	6:00 pm	Stormwater Board
December 13	6:00 pm	Economic Development Commission
December 13	6:15 pm	Redevelopment Commission
December 13	6:30 pm	Town Council
December 17	6:00 pm	Joint Water/ Sanitary Boards
December 17	7:00 pm	Plan Commission
December 18	6:00 pm	Historical Society
December 20	6:00 pm	Police Commission
December 27	6:00 pm	Town Council /Redevelopment Commission Study Session

**Meetings dates and times are subject to change.
Call 865-6108 for confirmation.**

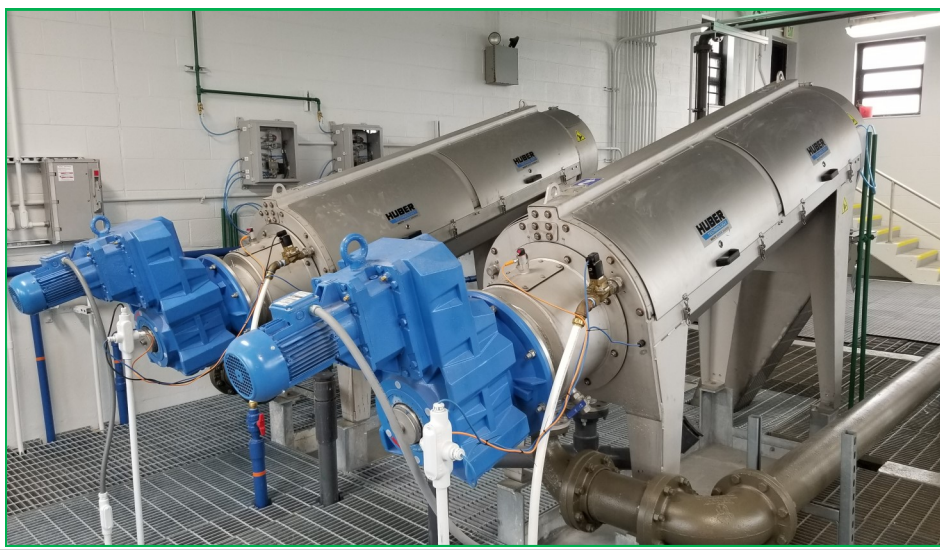
Code Corner

This month, we wanted to remind you about parking during the winter months. We know that snowfall causes a lot of chaos and in order for our Street Department to efficiently plow our roads this winter please see the below Code.

SNOW REMOVAL - No person shall park any vehicle on any street within the corporate limits of the Town of Dyer, whenever there is two (2) inches or more of snow thereon, until said snow is removed. Any vehicle which is parked on said streets when the depth of the snow exceeds two (2) inches, may be towed away in the manner provided in Division VII, Section 8-54 of this Traffic Code. (See Schedule 2) (Ord. No. 81-8, Art. VII, § 3, 4-1-81)

Sludge Dewatering Project

The Sludge Dewatering Project was completed this past month after being under construction for the past year. This project replaced two sludge belt presses that were in service for 24 years with two new screw presses. These screw presses are able to produce a drier end product and is set-up for an automatic operation, thus reducing costs in manpower and removal of sludge. In addition, all sludge feed pumps and polymer systems were replaced and the walls, floors, and piping in the entire building was restored.



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.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.