

STRIVING HIGHER

Town of Dyer

In This Issue

Meeting Calendar

New Distracted Driving Law

Park Programs

Firework Safety

Livestreaming Meetings

Flooding Information

Community Market



Town Council

Mary Tanis President
Alan Brooks, Vice President
Eric Schultz
Robert Starkey
Steve Kramer

Clerk-Treasurer

Debbie Astor

Town Manager

Tom DeGiulio

Town Departments

**Town Council &
Town Manager's Office**
865-6108

Clerk-Treasurer's Office
865-2421

Public Works
865-4222

Police Department
865-1163

Fire Department
865-4226

Parks & Recreation
865-2505

Social Media

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

From the Desk of the Town Manager

Town facilities are open to the public as of June 12th. If you are visiting any of the buildings, you may be asked for temperature check and to sign in as to the purpose of your visit (pay a bill, register for programming, building permit, etc.) or who you wish to speak to. The purpose is in case there is a need to do follow up tracing. Employees that will have contact with residents will be wearing masks. We request that visitors do the same. Hand sanitizer is available. Service counters will be cleaned after each transaction.

Park equipment is now open. **It is NOT sanitized by the Town.**

Park programs will be opening up in a modified format.

Remember utility bills can be dropped off in the white box located in the west driveway of Town Hall. You can also sign up for ACH payment for direct withdrawal on the due date. This is the best way to pay your bills. A sign-up sheet is in the newsletter.

We appreciate all the sacrifices that you and your families have made these past few months. I have told many youngsters that each generation has a key event or events that mark their lives. The seniors in High School are called the 911 generation. As they get older, I think they will recognize this Pandemic event as more of an impact on their lives because they lived it. They were babies or not yet born during 911. They endured the Pandemic that closed schools, lost their extracurricular activities and now the uncertainty about what college will look like in the fall.

Please remember to support your local businesses!

Other than buildings being closed we have all been working and many projects are underway.

In addition to the traffic disruption at the Hart Street Bridge project we will need to do some exploratory excavations just south of RT 30. We have had a water main break and discovered some unsuitable backfill that caused the severe

break. This main is circa 1990. We will be adding valves and may have to remove and replace an undetermined amount of main. Unfortunately, there was no indication of these issues before the street was resurfaced. After repairs are completed the areas will be resurfaced.

Work on the reconstruction of the Hart Street Bridge is progressing on schedule for a fall completion.

The construction of the new Fire/Police and Park facility on 213th at Central Park is moving along. Foundation and area underground is underway. The building will house four drive-thru bays for the FD. Police and parks will each have a bay, which will face the park to the south.

Bids have been awarded for the installation of water and sanitary sewers for the station and the northern half of the Central Park. This work will begin shortly and should be completed by the end of the summer. Bids will be opened later this month for the construction of the fourth ball field, the conversion of the grass infield to a skinned field shortening of the baseball fencing from 345' to 300' walking pathways around all the ball fields and construction of storm water ponds.

Design plans are underway for the entry way to Central Park off of 213th, the construction of the parking lot for the ball fields and visitors.

Plans are underway for the ball field hub area that will include a concession stand with restrooms and landscaping. In 2021 lighting will be installed for all four fields. The goal is to have Dyer Girls Softball using the fields by the fall of 2021. The Town will utilize its 2020 Community Development Block Grant \$84,000 allocation for the purchase of ADA playground equipment, surface and restrooms.

Sincerely,

Tom DeGiulio, Town manager

Distracted Driving Bill



On July 1, 2020, a new law will take effect in Indiana that prohibits the operator of a motor vehicle from holding or operating cell phones or other similar electronic devices while the vehicle is in motion.

HEA 1070 states that "a person may not HOLD or USE a telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle." This law applies to wireless phones, personal digital assistants, pagers, or other text messaging devices.

Exceptions:

- 1) Telecommunication devices may be used in conjunction with hands free or voice operated technology.
- 2) Telecommunication devices may be used or held to call 9-1-1 to report an emergency.
- 3) Amateur radio equipment may be operated by a licensed amateur radio operator.
- 4) Communications equipment (CB radio) may be operated in commercial motor vehicles weighing more than 10,000 lbs.

Merely pushing a button on a device to activate/answer it while it is in a dock should not be considered a violation.

Driver inattention is a factor in more than 1.6 million crashes in North America annually, resulting in serious injuries, deaths, and an economic impact that some experts say reaches nearly \$400 Billion per year. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for approximately 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that is like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

The use of a cell phone while driving increases your chance of getting into a crash by 400%. In other states with a similar law already in effect, there has been a 15% decrease in the number of traffic fatalities. If the same stats hold true for Indiana, this law could save approximately 130 lives on Indiana roadways each year.

Suggestions:

- 1) The preference is do not use your phone when you drive.
- 2) Use the vehicle manufacturer installed hands-free system.
- 3) Place the device in a vehicle mount.
- 4) Utilize an aftermarket Bluetooth device to connect the device to your vehicle.
- 5) Utilize an auxiliary cable.
- 6) Utilize a cassette adaptor for older vehicles.
- 7) Utilize a single earphone equipped with a microphone.

Monthly Meeting Calendar

June 15	Plan Comm. with Study Session	7:00 pm
June 17	Storm Water Board	6:00 pm
June 18	Police Commission	6:00 pm
June 22	Utility Board	6:00 pm
June 25	Town Council & Study Session	6:00 pm
June 25	Redevelopment Commission	6:30 pm
July 3	Town Offices Closed	-----
July 6	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 pm
July 9	Town Council & Study Session	6:00 pm
July 9	Redevelopment Commission	6:30 pm
July 14	Park Board & Study Session	6:00 pm
July 15	Storm Water Board	6:00 pm
July 16	Police Commission	6:00 pm
July 20	Plan Comm. with Study Session	7:00 pm
July 23	Town Council & Study Session	6:00 pm
July 23	Redevelopment Commission	6:30 pm
July 27	Utility Board	6:00 pm
July 28	Park Board Study Session	6:00 pm

Livestreaming Meetings

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.townofdye.com. Although the meetings are now officially open to the public, with the social distancing requirements, with limited space, please livestream the meeting at Livestream.townofdye.com



Flooding Damage

Lake County Homeland Security / EMA in cooperation with Indiana 211 and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security are asking Lake County homeowners impacted by recent flooding to submit their information through an online portal to help formulate a preliminary damage assessment and initiate the mitigation process. Submissions should be made here: <https://in211.communityos.org/idhs-damage-assessment>



The portal is open for all Lake County residents with damage to report. Indiana 211 asks residents to utilize the online submission rather than calling Indiana 211, which is receiving a high call volume currently.

Initial reports indicate more than 2,000 homes likely received damages, estimated to be several million dollars.

Flood Information

The Town of Dyer participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and has adopted flood hazard area protection standards. As a public service, the Town of Dyer's Stormwater Director, Bryan Lane, will provide the following information upon request:

1. Basic flood map information

- A. Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).
- B. Zone, base flood elevation, and panel reference information from the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).
- C. Copies of Elevation Certificates for certain improvements to properties located in floodplains.
- D. Copies of Letters of Map Amendments (LOMAs) and Letters of Map Revisions (LOMRs) on file in our office.
- E. A handout regarding the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people seeking a mortgage or financing for property located in the SFHA.

2. **Additional flood map information**, including floodways and regulatory requirements for development in a floodway.

3. **Known flooding problems** not shown on the FIRM maps, such as localized drainage problems or areas served by stormwater pumps.

4. **Anticipated flood depths** on a property in a flood hazard area.

5. **Information on prior flooding at a site**, if available.

6. **Sensitive areas serving natural floodplain functions**, such as wetlands, critical habitats, and open space.

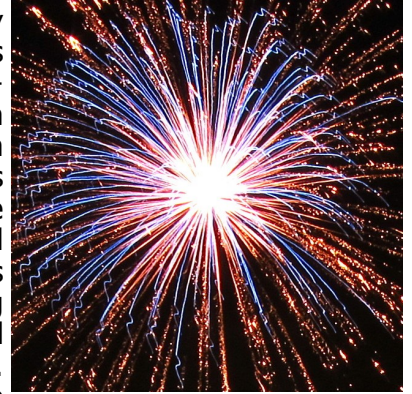
To request flood map information, you may contact Bryan Lane with the property's address or parcel number by phone at 219-865-6108 or email at blane@townofdyer.com. Bryan is generally available from 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. You can also visit at 1 Town Square for a one-on-one visit. There is no charge for this service.

In addition, if you are having problems with your property related to drainage, have questions about retrofitting existing structures to flood proof them, or would like to discuss proper siting of new structures to reduce the potential for future flood damages, the Stormwater Department may be able to assist you as well. Use the same contact information above to contact Bryan Lane to discuss this further.



Fireworks

Please be very cautious this summer especially during the 4th of July with fireworks. This summer with the lack of organized fireworks displays it will be tempting to purchase and set off fireworks. Please use



extreme caution. They are very dangerous and unpredictable. Please refer to In.gov the state website for safety information. Do not allow children to use fireworks and remain vigilant to not only the injury potential but that of fire as well. Have a safe summer!

Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events

Summer Leisuregrams have been mailed to 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 on 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.**

Dyer Day Camp 2020 (4-10 yrs. old) - We are offering a 3 week day camp this summer. Camp is Mon-Thurs from 10a-2p. Min: 15 Max: 30 Fee: \$165

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. Class is 7/17-8/7 from 11:30am-12:25pm. Fee: \$45



Elementary Drawing (6-12 yr. olds) - Our curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. Class is 7/17-8/7 from 10:30-11:25am. Fee: \$45

Elementary Bricks 4 Kidz (6-12 yr. olds) - Students work hands-on to design and build machines, buildings and other constructions. Class is 7/17-8/7 from 10:30-11:30am. Fee: \$55



One Day Drawing Camp: Cooking & Baking (5/12 yrs. old) - Students will draw, decorate, build and color everything in the kitchen that relates to cooking and baking. Class is 7/14 from 2-4pm. Fee: \$45

Zumba (18 & older) - Take the "work" out of workout by mixing low and high intensity moves for a high calorie burning fitness class with easy and repetitive movements. Classes are 7/15-8/5 or 8/12-9/2 from 6:30-7:30pm. Free trail class on 7/8 from 6:30-7:30pm. Must call to pre-register. Fee: \$36



"We Learn, We Build, We Play" Bricks 4 Kidz Camp- Despicable Minions" (6/12 yrs. old) - Students will create a Minions Themed variety of motorized builds, create three-dimensional designs, brick mosaic designs and have fun making Brick themed crafts. Class is 7/16 from 2-4pm. Fee: \$49

Golf, Games & More (6-10 yrs. old) - Have fun playing 18 holes of golf, disc golf, giant Legos, giant Jenga, giant Kerplunk and many other entertaining games along with a hot dog, chips & water. Class is 7/17 from 12-2:30pm. Fee: \$15

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

One Day Camp: Art with Chalk Pastels Camp- Animals of Africa (7-16 yrs. old) - Students will be captivated by exotic African beasts such as an antelope, zebra and lion. Class is 7/21 from 2-4pm. Fee: \$45

EVP Volleykidz Camps (6-9 & 10-12 yrs. old) - This introductory camp will introduce passing, setting and spiking using a light volleyball. Camp is 7/27-7/30 from 5-6pm for 6-9 yrs. old and 6-8pm for 10-12 yrs. old. Fee: \$76 for 6-9 yrs. old & \$99 for 10-12 yrs. old.



EVP Junior- Volleyball Camp (11-15 yrs. old) - Camp will concentrate on passing, setting, serving, spiking and overhand serving. Camp is 7/27-7/30 from 6-8pm. Fee: \$99

Chicago White Sox Summer Camp (5/12 yrs. old) - Learn from the White Sox on throwing, hitting, fielding and base running. Camp is 7/27-30 from 1-4pm. Fee: \$149

Summer Concert Series- "Jack Whittle Band"- 7/7, "The Sting Rays"- 7/21, "Time Bandits"- 8/11, "4th Point"- 8/18, "Got Issues Band"- 9/1 and "Crawford's Daughter"- 9/15. All concerts will be held at Pheasant Hills Park from 5:30-8:30pm along with the Dyer Community Market. "Good Clean Fun"- 8/4 (during National Night Out @ Central Park).



Sights & Sounds of the River- Join us aboard the Spirit of Peoria for this river adventure. Enjoy a 2-entrée buffet and live music as the American paddle wheeler travels along the Illinois River Valley. Trip is 10/20 from approx... 9:30-5:30. Fee: \$80

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

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

