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From the Desk of the Town Manager

As I write this month's column, it is Tuesday, February 20th at 7 PM. Many of our Town employees have been working a lot of hours dealing with Mother Nature the last few weeks. After snow storms dumped a foot or more of snow in the area, Public Works crews worked to salt and plow 10 days in a row. Police and Fire were responding to calls in blistering cold conditions.

Beginning Monday (2/19), Mother Nature decided it was spring and **4+ inches of rain** fell. Crews worked around the clock beginning Monday at 10 PM to deal with the heavy rains. Sitting here during a lull in the series of storms, we are hoping that we have seen the last of the storms for a while to allow water ways to drop to normal levels.

A big thank you and job well done to all of our employees that pulled together to get us through these storm events. It took more than 10 days to put the snow on the ground and less than 24 hours to get rid of it. The 15 inches of snow melt added at least another inch to the rain totals. The rain falling on frozen ground doesn't allow for normal percolation. This causes aggravated yard and street flooding.

We had many calls during the rain storm with reports of street and yard flooding. Unfortunately, some residents experienced interior water damage. None of these were caused by over-land flooding. Sandbags were distributed at Public Works to many residents who needed them. Public Works employees sandbagged several areas in the community that are prone to flooding.

Among the many calls, residents asked **"why we shut off the**

pumps," when we were going to **"close the flood gates?"** These are all common flood myths. We do not have flood gates. We don't shut off pumps. In fact, we had employees making rounds to all of our pump stations to ensure they were running properly during the event. The system worked exactly as it should. Our crews did everything in their power to alleviate the issues that arise during an event like this.

We have several areas of the community that are prone to street flooding. The Storm Water Management Board has been moving on major projects that will help alleviate the severity of future storm events. We will continue to look at our response to the event to see what we can do to improve next time.

One of the largest inconveniences we have is the delays caused by **trains** stopping or stalling at crossings.

We have been working with CSX to reduce train blockages in town. In mid-February, they informed us that they would be moving certain work out of our area to reduce the number of blockages we experience.

On Tuesday, February 20th, in addition to the storms and street closures, a CSX freight train had a mechanical breakdown. Crossings were blocked along the line from Rt. 30 to Sheffield. In addition, Calumet was closed from 213th to Main. The blockage was excessive, as the train crew had to visually inspect each coupling to determine if there was any damage. Although CSX is working to reduce blockages, incidents like this are unfortunately unavoidable.

We will continue to work with the railroads to minimize their operational inconveniences.

Arbor Day Giveaway



We will be giving away 100 seedlings on Friday, April 27th at Town Hall beginning at 8:30 AM until supplies last. There will be 25 River Birch, 25 Sycamore, 25 Kentucky Coffee, and 25 White Oak.

Historical Society



On April 17th at 7 PM, the Historical Society will be hosting speaker Cynthia Ogorek to talk about the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad.

Most people don't know about this railroad, so Cynthia will enlighten us about why it was important to have five mainline railroads into downtown Chicago, four of which came out of Indiana, including the Monon.

Utility Drop Box



Pictured is our brand new utility payment box!

The drop box for utility bills outside of Town Hall that was destroyed last month has been replaced.

The new drop box is white and is in the same location as the old one. This is for utility bills ONLY.

As of the time of this writing, it looks like the Post Office will not be replacing the mail box at this location. There is a mailbox at the Post Office and several along Sheffield Avenue.

For those of you inconvenienced by the box being gone, now may be a good time to consider ACH. Your monthly bill is safely deducted from your bank account on the due date each month.

Call the Clerk's office at 865-2421 for more information.

Summer Concerts

Our Summer Concert Series is back this summer! Here's a preview of what we have to offer this year. All concerts are at 7 PM at Pheasant Hills Park.

June 26—Crawford's Daughter

July 10—The Sting Rays

July 17—Breaking Dawn Band

July 24—The Kritters

July 31—Jack Whittle Band

August 7—The Associates

August 7th is the 2018 National Night Out and will be held at Central Park.



Calumet Avenue Fence

The Redevelopment Commission recently received information that the fence project will continue this spring. The east side will be started late this spring.

We are making arrangements with a new supplier. We will keep the community advised via the website and newsletter.

Code Corner

The weather is warming up and it's almost time to cut the grass!

With that in mind, we want to remind residents that if you have a fence on your property adjacent to town-owned property (parks, pump stations, buildings, etc.), you are responsible for edging or weed-whacking along the outside of your fence.

This falls under Section 6-59 of the Town Code, which requires property owners to keep their grass at or below 6 inches on developed land and at or below 10 inches on undeveloped land.



SAVE THE DATE

27th Annual Dyer Summer Fest - 2018
Thursday, June 7th thru Sunday, June 10th, 2018
Pheasant Hills Park

Dyer Summer Fest Committee is also looking for volunteers. If interested, please contact Bob Block at gov8990@aol.com



Public Works Spring Clean

Beginning April 2nd, the Department of Public Works will be out picking up branches and leaves (please see our website for the map and schedule). Please have any leaves or branches out at the curb before 7:00 AM on your pickup day.

Also, beginning Saturday, April 6th, the Public Works complex at 516 Edmond Drive will be open from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM every Saturday until November 2nd to allow residents to use the town dumpster.

The dumpsters are for Dyer residents only and proper proof of residency will be required before use.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 865-4222.



The following items are **not permitted** in the dumpsters:

- Construction/Demolition/Remodeling Debris
- Decks, Sheds, Siding, Windows, Fences
- Household Garbage
- Hazardous Waste (Paint, Oil, Gas, Etc.)
- Roofing Materials

- Railroad Ties
- Lawn Waste, Landscape Materials
- Bricks, Concrete, Stone, Gravel
- Propane Tanks

Hazardous Waste Schedule

The Lake County Solid Waste Management District (LCSWMD) has posted the 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule on their website www.lcswmd.com. This program is for residents of Lake County only and is not for businesses, schools, or organizations. Please call 853-2420 for more information. The schedule is below. Collection on these dates is from 9 AM until 2 PM.



Please visit www.lcswmd.com for a complete list of items you can and cannot recycle at these collections. Examples of items they will not accept include auto/boat/truck batteries, fireworks, and unusable latex paint.

Examples of items they will accept include gasoline, auto fluids, household batteries, fluorescent tubes, oil-based paint, and pesticides.

Saturday, April 7
Lake County Fairgrounds
889 Court Street
Crown Point

Saturday, June 9
Munster Public Works
508 Fisher Street
Munster

Saturday, September 8
Lake County Highway Dept
18211 Wicker Avenue
Lowell

Saturday, May 5
Hudson Campbell Center
455 Massachusetts
Gary

Saturday, July 21
Whiting Public Works
1915 Front Street
Whiting

Saturday, October 13
Griffith Public Works
134 South Colfax
Griffith

Saturday, June 2
Hobart Public Works
340 South Shelby
Hobart

Saturday, August 25
Highland Public Works
8001 Kennedy Avenue
Highland

Saturday, October 27
Hammond Public Works
601 Conkey Street
Hammond

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. **Online registration is here!** parksregistration.townofdye.com. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: @DyerParksandRec. For more information, please contact Dyer Parks at (219) 865-2505.

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

NEW! Essential Oils Workshops: We are offering several Essential Oil classes. Oils & Pets (4/20), Ditch & Switch (4/6), Healthy Emotions (4/10) & 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. Class takes place 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 motors to create fun and interactive models. Class takes place 4/4-25 from 5-5:55pm. Fee: \$56

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

Women's Awareness & Safety Training: Join us in this 2 hour course to gain knowledge and skill in Personal Safety. Learn in enhance your levels of safety and awareness at Home, Work and Travel. Class takes place 4/11 from 6-8pm for women 16 & older. Fee: \$30

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt: All participants need to bring a flashlight and bag to hunt for candy and eggs after having pizza and a drink. The Hunt is

3/22 from 7-8:15pm for participants 9-12 yrs. old. Fee: \$12

Robotics Spring Break Camp- We will incorporate the newest generation of motors, sensors and software by programming commands directly into the EV3 Intelligent Brick. Class takes place 3/28-30 from 9am-12pm (noon) for boys & girls 9-14 yrs. old. Fee: \$150

Skyhawks Soccer & Flag Football- These 6 week classes are designed for the beginner and intermediate players. Soccer will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control. Flag Football will focus on safety, skills and games. Classes are for participants 5-12 yrs. old on 4/2-5/7 (Soccer) & 4/3-5/8 (Flag Football) from 5-6pm (5-7 yrs. old) and 6:15-7:15pm (8-12 yrs. old). Fee: \$76

Tot-Adult Movement & Tumbling- Children are introduced to age-appropriate exercises specifically designed for balance and coordination of their large muscle groups. Through basic gymnastics and movement, participants experience their world in a whole new way and begin to understand how their bodies work. Wear loose fitting clothing, gym shoes, water bottle and be prepared to have tons of fun! *Parent or caregiver participation is required.* Class will be held 4/7-4/28 from 9-9:45am at Plum Creek Center for 2-4yr. olds. Fee: \$40

Yoga- This innovative program combines yoga and movement to create an environment of imagination and creativity in a nurturing and friendly setting. Using yoga style games and activities, participants build strength, confidence, increase self-esteem and body awareness. This class provides a fun filled way for your child to be introduced to Yoga. Class will be held 4/7-4/28 from 10-10:45am at Plum Creek Center for 3-6yr. olds. Fee: \$40

NEW! Mother-Daughter Sock Hop: Are you ready to shake, rattle & roll?

Then put on your 50's threads; poodle skirts, saddle shoes, rolled up jeans or your favorite dress and hop on over to register. This event takes place 4/13 for moms and their daughters from 6:30-8:30pm. Fee: \$28 per couple

Mother-Son Fun Bowl: Lace up your bowling shoes and get ready for the giggles and laughs as he head right into crazy bowling. This event is for moms and their son/sons (5-12 yrs. old) on 5/6 from 1-2:30pm. Fee: \$12 per person

Line Dancing Lessons- Have you always wanted to learn the simple dance steps to the latest line dances? Dyer Parks & Recreation is offering line dancing classes with Linda. Classes are 4/24-5/29 from 6:30-7:45pm for ages 14 & up. Fee: \$40

Town Wide Garage Sale- In order to highlight your address and be included on the map, participants must register no later than 4pm on Fri., 5/18. Garage Sale will take place 6/2 from 8-2. Fee: \$17 per household.

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. If you are a free agent looking to be put on a Softball or Baseball team, please go to parksregistration.townofdye.com to sign up.

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 **WERQ** and **ZUMBA**.

Monthly Meeting Calendar

March 13	6:00 PM	Park Board Meeting
March 15	6:00 PM	Police Commission Meeting
	7:00 PM	Water Board Meeting
March 19	7:00 PM	Plan Commission Meeting
March 22	6:00 PM	Special Town Council & RDC Meetings
March 26	6:00 PM	Sanitary Board Meeting
March 30	All Day	Town Offices Closed - Good Friday
April 2	6:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
April 5	6:00 PM	Storm Water Board Meeting
April 10	6:00 PM	Park Board Meeting
April 12	6:00 PM	Town Council Meeting
	6:30 PM	Redevelopment Commission Meeting

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

Join our text program to receive important updates!

