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From the Desk of the Town Manager

The COVID-19 shutdown situation is still changing day by day. For the latest Statewide plan to reopen the State activities, go to www.backontrack.in.gov. Lake County does not start the next Phase of reopening until May 11th. We have not set a firm date to completely reopen Town Hall. All Town employees are working. When we reopen, you will see shields installed on our customer assistance windows, hand sanitizer and other safety precautions. Employees are taking all possible precautions to insure everyone's safety. Everyone entering Town facilities will be asked to sign in with contact information in case there is a need for follow up tracing.

Circumstances are changing so frequently, keep monitoring the local media, including the Town's social media sources, our Facebook page, the texting program and the website.

Facebook.com/TownOfDyer
Text Dyer1 to 36000 to subscribe to the text program
www.townofdye.com
www.in.gov

I realize that not everyone is on social media please keep relatives or neighbors informed.

Call 911 for all emergencies
Town Council Office (219) 865-6108
Police Department (219) 865-1163
Fire (non-emergency) (219) 865-4226
Clerk Treasurer's Office (219) 865-2421
Building Department (219) 865-4228
Parks and Recreation (219) 865-2505
Public Works (219) 865-4222

Items at Public meetings are limited to essential business items. Public meetings will continue to be live streamed. Log into Livestream.townofdye.com. Currently total public attendance is limited along with social distancing.

Agendas are posted on the Town's website prior to the start of the meeting.

Summer Fest — The Summer Fest Committee has cancelled the 2020 Summer Fest due to the COVID-19 situation. They look forward to resuming the Festival in June 2021.

Parks — All Park and Recreation programs are cancelled until June 14th. As the weather warms up we will want to get the kids outside. When using our parks, please keep social distancing and do not engage in team sports. The playground equipment may be inviting, but it has NOT been disinfected. All playground equipment is off limits until further notice.

2020 Census - Dyer and Indiana are ahead of the curve in response rates. As of May 7, 2020, Indiana's was 62.4% and Dyer was 79.4%. If you have not completed your response, please do so. We want to have a local response rate close to 90%+. If you have not submitted your form go to www.census2000.gov. If you have submitted your form you can ignore additional requests from the Census Bureau.

Hart Street Bridge — During the reconstruction of the Hart Street Bridge project, please avoid unnecessary travel into neighborhood streets. The construction will result in southbound lane closures on Hart Street at the bridge until the Fall. Please drive carefully.

Closing Thoughts - Please be careful and thoughtful during this difficult time. Wear a protective face covering when you are out in public. Socially distance yourself at all times. Wash your hands frequently. Keep in contact with older relatives and neighbors. Be patient with your kids, they did not pick you as their teacher!

News From Clerk Treasurer Debbie Astor

Options to Pay Water Utility Bills — We are missing the friendly faces of our Dyer Residents. We understand how frustrating it may be to pay your utility bill while the Town Hall is closed. We have several options to choose from to pay your bill: By Mail, Check or Money Order can be placed inside the White Drop Box located outside the Town Hall.

Paying by credit card online at PayGov.us or by phone at 1-866-480-8552 (added convenience fee will apply through PayGov system) and you must have your account number.

The Town also has Auto Debit which would be taken directly out of your checking account on the 28th of every month. You can find the form online @ townofdyer.com or can be picked up inside the door of the Town Hall. A voided check must be provided with the form.

There Is No Added Fee For Auto Debit. A Friendly reminder for those that pay using online banking. Please remember to change your account number to reflect the new account numbers that were issued in August of 2019. Thank You

Pool Fills – Sewer assessment credit shall be permitted on the number of gallons used to fill a swimming pool one time each year between May 15th and June 15th for residents with existing pools. In order to qualify for this credit, the resident must provide to the Clerk Treasurer's Office their name, address and meter reading at the beginning of the pool fill, and the meter reading immediately following the pool fill. This information must be delivered or called in to the Clerk Treasurer's Office within 72 hours of the pool fill. A resident who applies for and receives permits for construction of a swimming pool shall be entitled to fill the pool one time within fifteen (15) days after completion of construction with assessment of a sewer charge on the gallons used to fill the pool. Information required to receive credit is the same as above. Per Town Code 9-70. Please remember to use the inside meter for readings.

Penalties — The past few months, including March and April, the Town waived any and all penalties accrued for the Utility Bills. Beginning the month of May, penalties will be assessed from this month forward.

St. John Township Trustee — The Clerk's Office recently reached out to the St. John Township Trustee's Office to see how they are helping the community during this difficult time. Please see message from out Trustee Cathy Lareau:

"Following Governor Holcomb's Executive Order regarding COVID-19, the St. John Township Trustee's Office will be doing business remotely until further notice. Our staff will be working staggered shifts and will be available to assist the community without interruption. While the way we are providing services to our clients is being done in a different manner, we will continue to provide quality services to our clients. Please contact us by phone during normal business hours or email anytime if you are in need of Township assistance.

If you are in need of financial assistance for rent and/or utilities or food please contact us. Senior Citizens are eligible to have food delivered two times a month through the Foodbank of Northwest Indiana and with help of our volunteers.

We want to remind you that your safety and well being are of the utmost importance to us. Please be assured that if you are to receive a donation from the Trustee's Office during this time, we will contact you directly." - Cathy Lareau, Trustee
trustee@stjohntownshiptrustee.com (219) 865-2705

Thank you,

Debbie Astor
Clerk-Treasurer

Officer Spotlight

Corporal Anthony Trichak:

Serving Since: 2014

Badge #: 56

High School: Highland High School

College: Ball State University
Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice

Experience: Corporal Trichak was actively engaged in Wrestling, Football, and Baseball in High School. He went on to Ball State to receive his degree in Criminal Justice and was hired by Dyer Police Department in 2014. Trichak attended the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (NILEA) and graduated in 2014. He was the first ever recipient of the Nikolaus Schultz physical fitness award for his class.

He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division as a Corporal on the afternoon shift.



Now Hiring

The Department of **Public Works** is now accepting applications for full-time seasonal help. Applications can be found online on the Town's website, www.townofdyer.com or contact the Town Hall for other options. Please contact the Director of Public Works at (219) 865-4222 with any questions.

The **Park Department** is hiring for seasonal park maintenance help. This is a part-time position which is 29 hours per week. Hours will vary from time to time depending on the season and needs.

Applications can be dropped off at Town Hall in the utility bill **drop box located in the Town Hall parking lot** or emailed to:

moshea@townofdyer.com (Park Apps) or
jdzuovcak@townofdyer.com
(Public Works Apps)

Please find the employment application on our website under forms.
www.townofdyer.com

Leaves and Limbs

The Department of Public Works has begun limb and leaf removal and will continue until the end of November. Limbs need to be placed in the parkway between the curb and sidewalk. Limbs should not be placed in the street, nor should they be placed on the sidewalk or around a fire hydrant. The branch pile needs to be stacked neatly at the curb with the cut end pointing toward the street or, if they are too long, place them in the parkway with the cut end of the limbs pointing in the flow of traffic. Do not put anything else in the limb pile as this may cause serious damage to the equipment or the operators of the machine.

Also, smaller piles of limbs and branches may be placed in your garbage can. Please make sure you only put bare limbs in the garbage can, as leaves create a greater fire hazard inside of the garbage truck.

Public Works also removes leaves during April. Just like limbs, place them in the parkway and make sure to keep them off the streets and away from fire hydrants, storm water drains, and off the sidewalks. Please do not place limbs, rocks, bricks, or any other materials in the leaf pile.

Mental Health Hotline

A new, 24 hour mental health wellness hotline **800-706-2751**, is available to Northwest Indiana residents feeling, among other things, fear, anxiety and isolation in connection to the Coronavirus Pandemic, North Township Trustee Frank J. Mrvan, launched this free hotline to all Northwest Indiana Residents, no matter what township you may live in.



Monthly Meeting Calendar

May 14	Town Council Mtg. w/ Study Session	6:00 pm
May 14	Redevelopment Commission	6:30 pm
May 18	Utility Board	6:00 pm
May 18	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
May 20	Stormwater Board	6:00 pm
May 21	Police Commission	6:00 pm
May 25	Memorial Day; Town Hall Closed	-----
May 26	Park Board Study Session	6:00 pm
May 28	Town Council Study Session	6:00 pm
May 28	Redevelopment Study Session	6:30 pm
June 1	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 pm
June 9	Park Board Mtg. w/ Study Session	6:00 pm
June 11	Town Council Mtg. w/ Study Session	6:00 pm
June 11	Redevelopment Commission	6:30 pm
June 15	Plan Comm. Mtg. w/ Study Session	7:00 pm
June 17	Stormwater Board	6:00 pm
June 18	Police Commission	6:00 pm

CSX Railroad Closure

Tentatively beginning June 1st, INDOT, CSX, and the Town are partnering to repair the Sheffield Avenue CSX railroad crossing. A new raised asphalt median, new train activation warning device will be installed, as well as new pavement markings. This area will be a quiet zone after the repairs are completed. The closure will begin June 1st and is expected to be closed for 7 days. Detour signs will be posted. Please contact the Town with any questions or concerns.



Code Corner

This month, please remember that it is prohibited to park a car on a sidewalk. This includes parking in your driveway in such a way that blocks the sidewalk in front of your house. This comes from Town Code **Section 8-68 Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited**, which says "No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle...in any of the following places: 1. On a sidewalk 2. In front of a public or private driveway 3. Within an intersection 4. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant....".

Now that the weather is getting warmer and people are having more get-togethers, this is becoming more of a problem. We also understand that some people have short driveways. But please avoid parking on the sidewalk. In most residential areas, parking on the street is widely permitted. Please take advantage of this if you find yourself out of driveway space. Thank you!

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 the calendar you can find on the website; www.townofdwyer.com.

Although the meetings are not officially open to the public please livestream the meeting at Livestream.townofdwyer.com



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.**

Registration is now being taken for our Summer Camps such as: Toddler Time, Kiddy Kamp, Outside Adventurers, Tiny Tots Sports Camp, Tee 3, Soccer Buddies, Sporties for Shorties, Tee Ball, Cheerleading Camp and Volleyball Camps.

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (9-12 yrs. old) - Participants will need to bring a bag and flashlight to look for candy and eggs. Pizza & a drink will also be served. Event is 5/21 from 7-8:15pm. Fee: \$17

Preschool Bricks 4 Kidz (4-5 yr. olds) - Students will use DUPLO Bricks to build a creation step-by-step. Classes are 6/4-6/25 or 7/9-7/30 from 9:30-10:15am. Fee: \$50

Elementary Bricks 4 Kidz (6-12 yr. olds) - Students work hands-on to design and build machines, buildings and other constructions. Classes are 6/4-6/25 or 7/9-7/30 from 10:30-11:30am. Fee: \$55

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. Classes are 6/9-6/30 or 7/7-7/28 from 11:30am-12:25pm. Fee: \$45

Preschool Drawing (4-5 yr. olds) - Preschoolers' will draw familiar images such as fish, teddy bears, rainbows and cowboys. Classes are 6/9-6/30 or 7/7-7/28 from 9:30-10:15am. Fee: \$45

Elementary Drawing (6-12 yr. olds) - Our curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. Classes are 6/9-6/30 or 7/7-7/28 from 10:30-11:25am. Fee: \$45

"We Learn, We Build, We Play" Bricks 4 Kidz Camp "Brickapalooza-Mashup" (6-12 yr. olds)- At this fun and interactive one-day camp, students will create a THEME MASHUP of motorized builds, create 3-dimensional designs and brick mosaic designs. Class is 6/11 from 2:30-4:30pm. Fee: \$49

Yoga (18 & older) - Our instructor will guide you through poses, breath work, meditation and more. Classes are 6/15-8/10 from 6:30-7:40pm. Fee: \$70

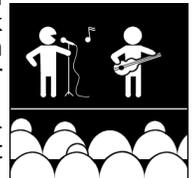


Zumba (18 & older) - Take the "work" out of workout by mixing low and high intensity moves for a high calorie burning fitness class with easy and repetitive movements. Classes are 6/17-7/8, 7/15/8/5 or 8/12-9/2 from 6:30-7:30pm. Fee: \$36

Painting Classes (5-Adult) - All supplies are provided for a 16x20 canvas. Paintings include "Sox vs Cubs" is 6/20, "Ice Cream Dream" is 7/18, "Lightening Bug" is 8/15 and "The Mouse" is 9/12 from 2-3:30pm. Fee: \$30

One Day Camp: Art with Chalk Pastels Camp- Ocean Life (7-16 yr. olds) - Students will explore ocean life as they learn to draw and color sea turtles, blue crab or a jellyfish with chalk. Class is 6/23 from 2:30-4:30pm. Fee: \$45

Summer Concert Series- "Got Issues Band"- 6/2, "Crawford's Daughter"- 6/16, "Jack Whittle Band"- 7/7, "The Sting Rays"- 7/21,, "Time Bandits"- 8/11 and "4th Point"- 8/18. 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).



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

Revolt Cheer & Tumble- Cheer-Nastics and Tumbling classes are now being offered. Call for dates, times & fees.

Patti's All-American- Gymnastics/ Tumbling, Tumblebear, Ninja Zone, Dance classes and Swim Lessons are now being offered. Call for dates, times & fees.

Dyer Community Market will be held at Pheasant Hills Park on 6/2, 6/16, 7/7, 7/21, 8/11 & 8/18 from 4-8pm. Like us on our Facebook page- Dyer Community Market.

THANK YOU TO ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR KEEPING US SAFE

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE

Text Program

The Town uses a few different sources to share information whether that be road closures, events, or meetings. One source we use is the Text Notification Program. This program allows us to get messages to you quickly and conveniently. Most of these notifications include information that is intended to be shared immediately. Enrolling is as simple as texting **DYER1 to 36000**. The Town also has a Facebook page with many updates; Town of Dyer.