

# STRIVING HIGHER

## Town of Dyer

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### From the Desk of the Town Manager

The Town Council has received the resignations of three long-time board and commission members. The Council will be accepting applications until noon on December 8th, 2017 for residents that are interested in filling one of the vacancies. Please go to the town's website at [www.townofdye.com](http://www.townofdye.com) under the "Government" tab to find a Board & Commission application form. Please return the completed form by mail to the Town Council Office at One Town Square, Dyer, IN, by fax at 865-4233, or by email at [thedrick@townofdye.com](mailto:thedrick@townofdye.com).

Many of the Boards & Commissions are required by state statute to have a political balance among members. Political affiliation is determined by the last party's primary you participated in. For example: If you voted in the Republican Presidential Primary last May, you would be considered a registered Republican. If you did not vote, you would be considered Independent. Current vacancies are for the following positions:

- **Water Board**– This Board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The Board is charged with the oversight of the water utility, including making recommendations to the Town Council on rate increases. The successful candidate would preferably have a financial background. The candidate can either be a registered Republican, Democrat, or Independent.
- **Park Board**– This Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. There may be additional work study meetings as needed. The political affiliation

needed for this Board is a registered Democrat or Independent.

- **Plan Commission**– This Commission meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. The required political affiliation is a registered Democrat or Independent.

If you have any questions about the activities or duties of any of these boards, feel free to contact me at [tdegiulio@townofdye.com](mailto:tdegiulio@townofdye.com).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our three retiring board members: Dane Huebner, the current chairman of the Park Board; Patrick Carroll of the Plan Commission; and Don Hammer, the current chairman of the Water Board

As the town completes the 2017 Infrastructure projects, planning and design engineering has been underway for months for the 2018 projects.

On Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 PM, the Storm Water Management Board will hold a neighborhood meeting with interested residents of the Berens-Monaldi subdivision. In Spring 2018, we will break ground for the first phase of a multi-year infrastructure improvement project to install new storm sewers and rehabilitate streets in the subdivision.

Effectuated residents will be receiving further information in the mail. Residents will have the opportunity at the meeting to review the detailed plans for the entire subdivision, review the impact of the project on their property, and ask any questions they may have for the engineers, staff, and board members.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

## Upcoming Recreation Events

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page: Dyer Parks and Recreation and/or our website: parks.townofdye.com to view our new classes, special events, pictures and other fun things to do. **Online registration is here!** parksregistration.townofdye.com. For more information, please contact Dyer Parks at (219) 865-2505.

**Holiday Shopping Spree and Craft Show-** Be sure to mark your calendars! The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Shopping Spree and Craft Show will take place on Sat., 11/18 at Kahler Middle School from 10am-3pm.

**Kick'n with the Kids-** This program aims at teaching the importance of sportsmanship & teamwork while making new friends. Classes take place 11/20-12/11 from 10-10:45am for children 3-5 yrs. old with parent. Fee: \$31

**Candy Cane Hunt-** Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Candy Cane Hunt is a fun winter class for children 2-8 (with parent/caregiver). Children will enjoy making a holiday craft, having hot cocoa and decorating cookies before heading outside to hunt for candy canes. Class takes place 12/3 from 1-2:30pm. Fee: \$12



**Senior Bowling-** During this 4 week program, participants 50 & older will meet new people, bowl a few games and socialize during this non-competitive program. Program dates are 12/4-1/8/18 (off 12/25 & 1/1/18). Fee: \$17

**NEWLY ADDED 2<sup>nd</sup> DATE Chicago Christmas Lights Tour-** Join us on a bus tour of Downtown Chicago to see the beautiful light displays. Stops include the Planetarium Overlook, Millennium Park and a 1 1/2 hr. stop at the German Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza. Tour is Fri., 12/8 from 4pm

-10pm. This trip sells out every year. Fee: \$45

**Yoga-** Whether you are new to Yoga or an experienced Yogi, this class is right for you. Class meets on Mondays, 12/11-1/29/18 from 6:30-7:30pm for Adults 18 & older. Fee: \$50

**Young Rembrandts Elementary Drawing-** Our elementary-age curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. Classes are 12/13-1/3/18 from 5-5:55pm for children 5-12 yrs. old. Fee: \$44

**Young Rembrandts Cartooning-** Learning to draw can be fun, especially when we create silly characters, funny expressions and drawing sequences that tell a joke! Classes take place 12/13-1/3/18 for children 5-12 yrs. old. Fee: \$44

**Elementary Bricks 4 Kidz-** These one-hour classes will explore architecture, engineering and technology concepts using LEGO Bricks. Students work hands-on to design and build machines, buildings and other constructions. Classes take place 12/13-1/3/18 for children 5-12 yrs. old. Fee: \$55

**Young Rembrandts Australian Adventures Winter Break Camp-** This 3 day workshop will provide you with plenty of opportunity to try different techniques and media all in the hopes of challenging your artistic skills. Take an adventure Down Under as we explore cartooning with Australian-related jokes and scenes. This workshop takes place 12/27-29 from 12:30pm-2pm for ages 5-12. Fee: \$54

**Young Rembrandts Pastels: World of Dinosaurs Winter Break Camp-** Travel back in time to the land of the lost. Everyday students will learn to

use chalk pastels to create vibrant, impressive and frame-worthy art. Class take place 12/27-29 from 2:30pm-4pm for 9-14 yrs. old. Fee: \$62

**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

**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

**Santa Letter-** Imagine the look on your child's face when the mail arrives and he/she sees a personalized letter from Santa. Hint sheets will be accepted from now until 12/14. Fee: \$3 per letter

**"Deck the Homes"-** We invite all residents to decorate the exterior of their homes with colorful lights, wreaths, scenery and decorative ornaments during the holiday season. Anyone living within the 46311 zip code is eligible to enter. Pre-registration by 12/13<sup>th</sup> is necessary in order to be judged. Judging begins at 5pm on 12/14. Prizes will be awarded on 12/15

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

## Toys for Tots

There is a Toys for Tots box located in Town Hall next to the Building Department window.

They are only accepting **new, unwrapped** toys and the box will be picked up the first week of December.

For more information, visit [www.ToysForTots.org](http://www.ToysForTots.org).



## Snow Plowing Procedures

It's that time of year again where we'd like to remind you about our snow plowing procedures.

Just a reminder: **On-street parking is prohibited** in the event of a 2" or greater snowfall. We ask for your continued cooperation in keeping vehicles off of the street during these events.

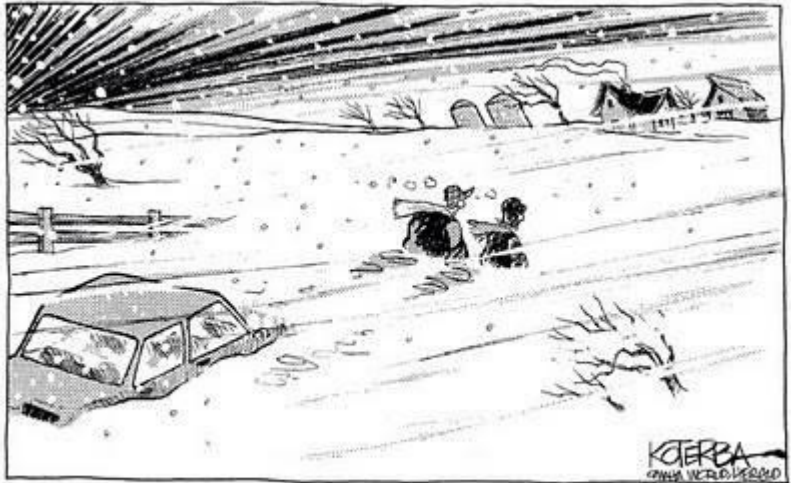
When our plows respond to a snow or icing event, their **first job is to clear the main thoroughfares**, such as Calumet Ave., Sheffield Ave., Hart St., and 213th St. Then, we move into subdivisions and begin clearing those secondary roads, followed by cul-de-sacs.

Our plows begin by moving snow away from the centerline of the street toward the curb line, with a goal of getting as close to the curb line as possible so that vehicles can utilize the entire road. Depending on the width of the road, it can take up to three passes to clear the road.

In cul-de-sacs, we generally try to plow the snow away from the curb and toward the center of a cul-de-sac at first so that residents can get to their homes. Then, we follow that up by pushing the snow up against the most strategically available spot along the curb in the cul-de-sac. These streets can be problematic due to the limited amount of available curb area at which snow can be placed. In large snow events, we may have to haul the snow out of cul-de-sacs.

Every year, we receive complaints about our trucks **plowing snow into cleared driveway entrances**. We regret that this occurs, but it is **unavoidable**. It would take much longer to clear the streets if we took the time to avoid the driveways. When clearing your driveway entrance, please take a moment to see if the street has been cleared to the curb line. If it has not, you can expect that a plow will be making another pass down your street. If you want to try to avoid having to clear your apron more than once during a given snow fall and you are able to wait to clear your driveway, wait for the street to be cleared to the curb. This might help avoid the duplication of effort.

We appreciate that most of our residents understand this situation, and we hope this explanation will give everyone a better understanding of the matter.



"REPEAT AFTER ME: AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES...  
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## Emergency Road Work

The Town Council has decided to do some emergency paving on Lilac Drive due to concerns that the street could not survive the winter.

There are also plans to stripe Sheffield Avenue north or Route 30 before the end of the year, weather permitting.

As of the printing of this newsletter, we do not have an estimated start or end date for either of these projects. We are in the process of getting quotes for the Sheffield Avenue work and are finalizing plans for Lilac Drive.

The goal is to complete both of these projects by the end of the year. Updates will come on our Facebook and website.

## Park Updates



With the assistance of the Lake County Community Development Block Grant Program, new playground equipment has been installed at Northgate Park.

For the first time, this site includes PlayBound Poured-In-Place surfacing material under the playground area. The PlayBound Poured-in-

Place is a 2-layer system consisting of a basemat of 100% post-consumer recycled Styrene Butadiene Rubber and polyurethane and a top surface consisting of recycled post-industrial Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer rubber and polyurethane. The new swing set and current solo play items will remain with woodchip surfacing.

Recently, construction has begun for Elmer Miller Park, Hearstone Park, Eberly Park and Veterans Park. All four parks will be getting new playground equipment with PlayBound Poured-In-Place surfacing and a walking path will be installed at Hearstone and Eberly Parks. The estimate completion date for all work to be done is early Spring 2018.

# Monthly Meeting Calendar

## November

### November 16

7:00 pm Water Board Mtg

### November 20

6:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting

### November 23 & 24

Thanksgiving  
No RDC or Town Council Mtg  
Town Hall closed

### November 27

6:00 pm Sanitary Board Meeting and Study Session

### November 27

6:00 pm Park Board Study Session

## December

### December 7

6:00 pm Storm Water Board Meeting

### December 8

Town Hall closes at 11:30 AM

### December 12

6:00 pm Park Board Meeting

### December 14

6:00 pm Town Council Mtg  
6:30 pm RDC Meeting

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



Text us to sign up for updates!

## Holiday Garbage Pickup

Garbage pickup will be one day later than your regularly scheduled pickup during the week of November 20th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



## 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 865-1163. After hours and on the weekends, you will have to call 911 to make arrangements.

## Enbridge Pipeline Work

Enbridge Pipeline will be doing some maintenance work on the Schererville/Dyer border near 215th Street and Walnut Avenue. It should wrap up close to the end of the year.

There may be increased traffic and noise in the area during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Save the Date



If you live in the Berens-Monaldi neighborhood, this one's for you. The Storm Water Management Board will be hosting a resident meeting on November 30th at 6:00 pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall to discuss the upcoming storm water utility work planned in the area and to answer any questions you may have.

## Veterans Financial

Veterans Financial is a company that educates families on aid and benefits they may be eligible for through the VA.

Visit their website [www.veteransfinancial.com](http://www.veteransfinancial.com) or give them a call at 1-800-835-1541 to find out more information.

## America in Bloom

The Town of Dyer has participated in America in Bloom (AIB) for the last two consecutive years. In 2015, Dyer received an America in Bloom/CN Railway grant to help screen the CN rail right-of-way from residential property in the Hearthstone/Deercreek area. The grant provided funds for over 500 evergreens on the south side of the tracks, north of Deercreek Drive. The Town maintained the evergreens for one year, and subsequently turned maintenance to the HOA.



AIB 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 this areas.

Several suggestions were made by our judges. The most important is appealing to volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to serve on an AIB 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 committee will be taking on projects to beautify Dyer, such as creating floral displays and improving landscaping in several spots throughout town.

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

Applications are due no later than Friday, December 8, 2017.