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From the Desk of the Town Manager

April 4th completed by first year as your Town Manager. The last 12 months have been exciting. Dyer has many opportunities and challenges. I view the challenges as opportunities to resolve problems and achieve new successes for our community. Dyer like all communities both large and small is faced with many of the same types of challenges. One unfortunate fact of life is that the solution for many of these opportunities/challenges is to spend money to fix, maintain or improve. A community has many assets and just like your personal or business property it must be maintained and improved. A community that does not move forward to keep improving is like a shark, if it stops it will die. The challenge that all local governments face is a lack of adequate resources to provide all the services and improvements that the varied population wants. In last month's newsletter I wrote about the solid waste and water fees. This month I want to bring you up to date on some of the improvements planned for several local parks this year, road work and utility work.

Infrastructure

I know It is frustrating to see a list of street improvements and you feel that your street should be on it this year, not two or three years out. There is a methodology to how we grade streets and evaluate them for rehab. One of the biggest issues we take into account is the accompanying underground utility that must be done at the same time. We look at the water, sanitary and storm drainage needs as well as the surface. Most of us only see the driving surface, unless you have experienced a basement backup or flooding. We look not only at that but also the condition of the water mains. Dyer has soils in many areas that are corrosive to the iron water mains that were common. These caused breaks in mains that disrupted local service and required costly repairs. Where we have numerous repairs in the same area the integrity of the main can become an issue. When the road becomes a candidate for repairs all the underground is evaluated. Spot replacement or complete rehab is decided upon and scheduled. The cost for a simple overlay on a standard residential street, of the driving surface is roughly \$300 per lineal foot. Adding underground utilities drives the price up. We estimate an additional \$50/lf. for storm, \$125/lf. for sanitary and \$125/lf. for water. These add up very quickly. A 2080 foot street segment (for example Osage from Sycamore to Hickory) is estimated to cost \$1,040,000. In addition to all the residential streets we must maintain the collector streets like Calumet, Sheffield and Hart Street. While the State of Indiana controls US 30 the Town paid for the battery backup systems that will operate the signals in case of a power failure. In addition, the town is working with the State and several other communities to improve the emergency vehicle preemption system on Rt30. Emergency Vehicle Preemption, or EVP, allows emergency vehicles to safely enter intersections and improves response times. The preemption project is 12-18 months away.

In 2017 the infrastructure plan is to bid the Schilling project (James, south of Schilling to 77th; Laurel and Edgewood) in May. This project is estimated to cost \$1,150,000. Later this summer or early fall we will have the Berens-Manoldi multiphase project designed and ready for letting. This multimillion dollar project is scheduled to take two construction seasons to complete.

Calumet Ave from Rt30 to Main Street will be resurfaced. At 213th the intersection approaches will be improved. School crossing signage will also be installed. The long awaited improvements at the CSX crossing on Sheffield are being scheduled for this year. The improvements will make this a Quite Zone; a non-mountable median will be installed. We are also discussing with the State the possibility of extending the west bound to south bound turn lane at US30 and Hart. This will permit more stacking and allow thru traffic to proceed.



The new Summer 2017 Leisuregram should have been delivered. If you did not receive

one in the mail, please check out our Facebook page: Dyer Parks and Recreation or our website:

parcs.townofdye.com to view our new classes, special events and fun things to do.

Painting Classes- Our next painting class takes place Wed., 4/26 from 5:30-7pm. Participant's ages 7-adult will have fun painting Goldie the Goldfish on a 12x12 canvas. Fee: \$16

Little Ninja's- Hapkido- This program is being offered to your child as an introduction to the Martial Arts. Please wear comfortable clothes. This class is for children 5 & 6 years old. Next session starts 4/18-6/13. Fees: \$45.

Youth Self Defense-Hapkido- This class will promote positive, structured support to enhance your child's safety through knowledge and skill. This is for children 7-12 years of age and starts 4/18-6/13. Fees: \$45.

Tennis- Skyhawks will be offering a 6 week session of tennis. Players will learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves during a series of drills. Sessions will take place at Northgate Park Tennis Courts from 5-6pm on 5/4-6/8 for boys & girls 7-12 yrs. old. Fee: \$80

Upcoming Recreation Events

Lacrosse for Beginners- Lacrosse combines the basic skills used in soccer, basketball and hockey into one fast-paced, high-scoring game. Athletes will learn all the fundamentals of stick handling, cradling, passing and shooting in a fun, non-checking environment. Lacrosse will take place at Northgate Park from 6:30-7:30pm on 5/4-6/8 for boys & girls 7-12 yrs. old. Fee: \$80

Mother-Son Fun Bowl- This mother/son event will bowl you over! Team up with your son/sons for an afternoon of fun. This will take place on Sunday, 5/7 from 1-2:30pm. This event is for boys 5-12 yrs. old and their Mom/Special Adult. Fee: \$11 per person

BLASTI- Babysitter Lessons & Safety Training is for participants 11-15 yrs. old. This 4 hour course will include a course completion certificate, program materials, training in pediatric first aid, household safety and fundamentals of childcare. This class takes place on 5/20 from 9am-1pm. Fee: \$3

Fitness classes are available through **Dyer Parks & Recreation:** Yoga, Pilates & Zumba

NEW Tours- "A few Kicks on Rt. 66". Travel along the original world-famous Rt. 66 from Joliet to Pontiac. This bus trip is on Fri., 5/19. Bus will leave Dyer Town Hall at 8:30am and return at approx. 5:30pm. Fee: \$82 per person (includes a family style lunch)

Kids Garage Sale- This sale is to encourage kids to sell their unused toys, books, clothing, sports equipment, collectables, bikes and dolls to others (parental supervision is required).

Bring your own table, chairs and change. This event takes place 6/17 from 10am-1pm. Fee: \$11

Chicks Fun Run/Walk- We are looking for Chicks of all ages to register for this 4th Annual GIRLS ONLY walk/run. Dress as you wish, but old prom dresses, hats, fancy jewelry, jeans (with holes), pajamas, work out gear, silly socks, funky hair and tennis shoes are encouraged. This event will take place 6/22 at 6 pm at Central Park. Fee: \$10 per person

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Screening- Do you have pain in your legs when you walk? This could be caused by PAD, which is a disease that occurs when the arteries in your legs become narrowed or blocked by plaque. **Register for your Free Pad Screening TODAY!** Screening will take place on Sat., 7/8 from 8-4 at the Dyer Town Hall. **Call (219) 836-3477 or (866) 836-3477 to make an appointment.**

Pullman Tour Trip- A visit to America's First Complete-Planned Industrial Town. The tour will include a stop at the Pullman Visitors Center, the Pullman Porters Museum, Greenstone Church, Hotel Florence and the on-going restoration of the factory grounds. Bus will leave at 9am on Friday, 8/25 and return at approx. 4pm. Fee: \$90 (includes catered lunch at Hotel Florence)

Coming Soon- Online registration for programs, events and facility rentals this Fall!

Park Improvements

New bleachers and concrete at Northgate Park for the upcoming softball season

From the Desk of the Town Manager Continued.....

Parks

The Park Department will begin the first phase of improvements to **Hearthstone and Eberly Parks**. At Hearthstone Park the proposed improvements consist of walking paths, drainage improvements, playgrounds with poured in place surface, installation sidewalks, ADA ramps, parking lot, bathroom screening, pad for temporary bathroom facilities and landscaping consisting of trees, bushes or native grasses. At Eberly the proposed improvements consist of walking paths, drainage improvements, playgrounds with poured in place surface, installation sidewalks, ADA ramps, parking lot, bathroom screening and pad for temporary bathroom facilities and landscaping consisting of trees, bushes or native grasses.

Improvements will also take place at **Sheffield Estates, Veterans Park and Elmer/Miller Parks**. The proposed improvements consist of walking paths, drainage improvements, playgrounds with poured in place surfaces, installation of sidewalks and ADA ramps.

Replacement bleachers will be set up for the upcoming season for Softball, Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. In addition the three existing fields at Central Park are being renovated to improve their overall playability. Other improvements include the replacement of old and damaged picnic tables, replacement of drinking fountains, concrete pads and fence enclosures for portable restrooms; and technology and security for the Plum Creek Center.

Funding for these projects come from the 2016 Park Bond and the Parks share of the County Economic Income Tax (CEDIT). The Town Council annually allocates \$150,000 of CEDIT to the Parks for improvements.

The Park Board has been working on the Master Plan for Central Park. This will be an expensive project but the long term benefits to the community are tremendous. It will serve as a gather spot for all ages and will complement the long term development of the Calumet Ave corridor. These types of projects take years of planning and even longer to come to fruition. This is another example of my shark analogy. If we stop moving forward it too will die. The park will be developed in stages this year we will have the ball fields and the north area to enjoy. The next phase is a lot of digging and earth moving to install the underground drainage and storm water ponds. The hope is these ponds will provide for irrigation for the site.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Any topics you would like to see email me at tdegulio@townofdyer.com.

Spring Reminders

**Register for the
Townwide Garage Sale!**

**Celebrate Arbor Day with a
Free Tree!**



**TOWNWIDE
GARAGE
SALE**
Saturday, May 20 from 8am-2pm
Register @ Dyer Parks & Recreation Dept.
219-865-2505
www.parks.townofdyer.com

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Town of Dyer Parks and Recreation Department will be giving away 100 sapling trees! The giveaway will take place on Friday April 28th, 2017 from 8am to 4pm.

Please stop by Town Hall and visit the Parks and Recreation office to get your sapling. Additional material will be provided on the importance of trees to our community and how to best plant and care for trees. The tree varieties are Sugar Maple, Hickory, Pin Oak and Shagbark . Please stop by to get your tree while supplies last.



**TIME TO DO SOME SPRING CLEANING AND
MAKE A LITTLE \$\$\$\$.**

Register at the Dyer Park Department to participate.
\$15 registration fee
Garage sale is held at **EACH RESIDENT'S HOME!**
The Park Dept. will provide a map of all homes
Participating. Map will be available on our website.

MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

April

April 13

6:00 pm Town Council Meeting
6:30 pm Redevelopment Commission Meeting

April 17

7:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting

April 20

6:00 pm Water Board Meeting
7:00 pm Police Commission Meeting

April 24

6:00 pm Sanitary Board Meeting w/ Study Session to follow

April 27

6:00 pm Town Council Study Session
6:30 pm Redevelopment Commission Study Session

May

May 1

7:00 pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting - **NO BUSINESS**

May 4

6:00 pm Storm Water Meeting w/ Study Session

May 10

6:00 pm Park Board Meeting

May 11

6:00 pm Town Council Meeting
6:30 pm Redevelopment Commission Study Session

May 15

7:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting

May 18

6:00 pm Water Board Meeting
7:00 pm Police Commission Meeting

Beginning in **May** and running through **October**, the Department of Public Works will be open on the **first Saturday of the month** from 9 AM to 1 PM for residents to use the dumpster located in their facility at 516 Edmond Drive. Use of the dumpster is for household items no longer wanted, small inside remodeling, etc. Items not allowed are construction or roofing materials or hazardous waste.



SAFETY VILLAGE 5K/10K WALK-RUN

Register by **May 7th** for free racer t-shirt. If registering on day of race wear patriotic clothing for \$5 off.

CHILDREN AND STROLLERS WELCOME. NO PETS PLEASE

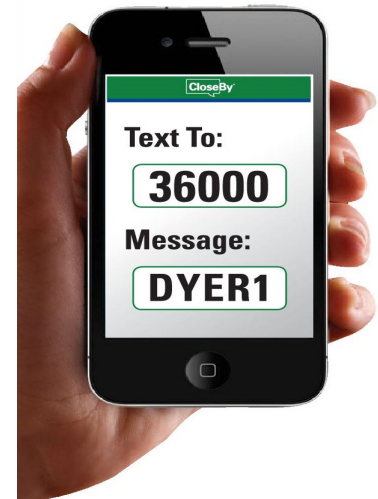
QUESTIONS: 219-865-9600

PRE-REGISTRATION:

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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Leave non-perishable food donations by your mailbox **Saturday, May 13**

