

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ's



1. What area is the Town proposing to annex?

The proposed annexation includes South Broadview Estates, portions of South Broadview, Wyngate, Andrea Court, Cherry Ridge Estates, Pine Lake Estates, Sharon Rose Manor and other surrounding properties. A map of the proposed annexation area is on the back.

2. Why is the Town proposing this annexation?

Over the years, the Newburgh area has grown rapidly, but the town's boundaries have not changed to keep up with that progress. Although over 30,000 people have a Newburgh address and consider themselves residents of Newburgh, only approximately 3,000 live within the Town limits. Bringing the people of the Newburgh community together under a unified Town government is critical to the long-term health of the community and the Town itself. By bringing our neighbors into Town, the Town will be better able to design and budget key infrastructure projects, including roads, sidewalks, sewer and stormwater systems, plan for police and fire protection, and provide much needed quality of life improvements for all of the Town, including the annexed area. Also, extending the Town's boundaries to add people and talent will better position the Town to compete in today's regional economy.

3. Will I pay more taxes if my property is annexed?

Owners of property in the Town pay a municipal property tax in addition to other property taxes (county, school, township, library, etc.). In many cases, any increase will be limited by the property tax cap. As an example, for residential properties the total property tax bill cannot exceed 1% of the property's assessed value. Any increase will be offset at least in part by reduced bills for sewer, trash and other services (see below). The Town of Newburgh has conducted a fiscal impact study of the proposed annexation and will be prepared to share individual financial impact estimates for each property at the upcoming public informational meetings. You may also request this information by contacting Christy Powell, the Newburgh Town Manager (see contact information below).

4. When will the Town tax show up on my property tax bill?

The proposed annexation is currently planned to be effective December 31, 2022. That means the Town tax will not be on your tax bill until 2024 (for taxes assessed in 2023 and payable in 2024).

5. Will I see a reduction in my sewer bill?

Yes. As of the effective date, all annexed properties will be eligible for in-town sewer rates. Newburgh sewer rates are based on water usage. The monthly charge is calculated using a minimum charge that covers the first 3,000 gallons used plus a treatment rate that is charged for each additional 1,000 gallons. The current minimum charge is \$42.38 in Town and \$59.84 out of town. The current treatment rate is \$11.46 per 1,000 gallons for in town users and \$17.28 per 1,000 gallons for users outside Town limits. The following chart shows anticipated savings based upon different amounts of water usage as of July 1, 2021:

Monthly Usage (Gallons)	Out of Town	In Town	Monthly Savings	Annual Savings	Percentage Savings
3000 (Min)	\$59.84	\$42.38	\$17.46	\$209.52	29.17%
5000	\$94.40	\$65.30	\$29.10	\$349.20	30.83%
7000	\$128.96	\$88.22	\$40.74	\$488.88	31.59%
10000	\$180.80	\$122.60	\$58.20	\$698.40	32.19%



6. Will my other utility bills be affected?

Water, gas, electric and other utility services (except sewer – see above) are provided by other entities, such as Indiana American Water and CenterPoint Energy. Fees and charges for those services will not be affected by the annexation.

7. What other services and benefits will I receive once I am annexed?

Curb-side Trash and Recycling – The Town of Newburgh provides curb-side trash and recycling services to residents and businesses within the Town limits through a contract with Advanced Disposal, now Waste Management. Residents pay a fee to the Town of \$11.90 per month for the service. The contract also includes additional benefits such as Christmas tree pickup, leaf pickup and an annual heavy trash day. Curb-side trash and recycling service will be extended to the annexed area upon the effective date of the annexation. Residents in the annexed area will no longer need to separately contract for trash and recycling and will also benefit from their street or neighborhood having the same collection day. The Town's trash and recycling contract is periodically put out for public bid to ensure that the Town receives the best service at the best rate.



Stormwater – The Town has a three-citizen Stormwater Board that actively works to identify and correct stormwater issues in the Town of Newburgh. Town residents pay a stormwater fee of \$10.50 per month. The stormwater fee was established to ensure the Board has sufficient funds to design and undertake meaningful projects to resolve systemic drainage issues. For example, the Board is currently finishing a \$1 million stormwater project to resolve long standing issues in Forest Park subdivision, using stormwater funds as a match for a state grant.



Police – Upon annexation, the annexed area will be served by the Newburgh Police Department, consisting of nine dedicated full-time police officers and a number of reserve officers. With annexation, residents of the annexed area will benefit from regular patrols of their neighborhoods and quicker response times in emergencies.

Fire – The annexed area will continue to be serviced by the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department; however, with annexation the Town of Newburgh and the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department will be legally bound to provide fire prevention service to the annexed area, whereas now it is provided through contracts with Ohio Township.



Snow removal – The Town of Newburgh provides prompt snow removal to all streets within the Town limits, starting with main thoroughfares and designated snow routes and extending to secondary and subdivision streets.

Street lighting – The Town provides and pays for street lighting service where streetlights are installed within the Town. Streetlights within the current corporate limits of the Town are owned and operated by CenterPoint Energy, successor by merger to Vectren. Many of the streetlights within the corporate limits of the Town were installed by CenterPoint Energy, or its predecessors SIGECO and Vectren, at no cost to the Town. For new developments, the Town's subdivision ordinance provides the developer is responsible for the installation of new streetlights, although that requirement has been waived on occasion at the request of the developer. The Town is committed to provide and pay for street lighting service within the annexed area when it is desired by property owners and where installation costs are paid by CenterPoint Energy according to the current agreement or where funding for installation can be otherwise secured.

Street maintenance – After annexation, the Newburgh Street Department will assume responsibility for maintaining the streets, roads, signs, and rights-of-way in the area to be annexed. It will perform street sweeping, leaf and limb collection, street paving, and maintenance among other services. The Town of Newburgh regularly inspects its streets and maintains a priority lists of streets that need paving or repair, and the Town actively pursues funding such as Community Crossing Grants to ensure paving and repair are performed in a timely manner.





Building Permits and Code Enforcement – The Town's Zoning Administrator also serves as the Town's Building Commissioner and Code Enforcement Officer. This means zoning and building permits will be just a short drive away at Newburgh Town Hall, and you can expect the Town's ordinances for such things as unsafe buildings, un-mowed lawns, abandoned vehicles and other nuisances, will be enforced.

Participation in Town Government – As a resident of the Town, you will have a voice and a vote, enabling you to influence the future direction of the Town of Newburgh. The Town is governed by a five-member Town Council elected by the residents of the Town. Town finances are managed by the Town's Clerk-Treasurer, which is also an elected position. As a resident of the Town, you will be eligible to vote in all Town elections and run for office. Since the Town Council operates as the sewer board, you will have increased representation and influence on sewer matters, including rate increases. Town residents are also eligible to serve on a number of Town boards and commissions, including the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Stormwater Board, Historic Preservation Commission, and Park Board.

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Parks and Recreation – There are currently six public parks within the Town of Newburgh. Parks are overseen and maintained by the Newburgh Parks Board and the Newburgh Parks Department. Amenities include the Rivertown Trail, the Allen Family Amphitheater, basketball courts, tennis courts, multiple shelters, playgrounds and of course the newly opened splash pad at Lou Dennis Community Park.

8. Will zoning or permitted uses of my property change?

Property uses in the annexed area that are legal under County zoning will remain legal under Town zoning. Each property in the annexed area will be assigned to the most appropriate zoning classification found in the Town's zoning ordinance. If an appropriate zoning classification is not currently found in the Town's zoning ordinance, a new Town zoning classification can be created. If a zoning violation happens to be created as a result of the annexation, it would be considered grandfathered in, as what is referred to as a legal nonconforming use. Again, the intention is that all current legal uses within the annexed area will continue to be legal after the effective date of the annexation.

9. Will annexation affect where my child may attend school?

No. The annexation will have no effect on where your child attends school.

10. How will the proposed annexation impact the size of the Town?

The Town of Newburgh currently has just over 3,000 residents and has an estimated net assessed value of \$168,707,879 (2020 Assessment). The annexation will add an estimated 1,797 residents and \$75,439,672 in net assessed value.

11. What are the next steps for the proposed Newburgh Annexation Plan?

The Town of Newburgh is conducting an outreach program designed to provide information and solicit feedback about the proposed annexation. The letter you received along with this FAQ is the first step in that program. In the coming weeks, the Town will be holding six public information meetings. The public information meetings will be an opportunity for you to hear directly from representatives of the Town who will discuss the proposed annexation, including the Town's plans for providing capital and non-capital services and the expected fiscal impacts to the Town of Newburgh and those being annexed. You will have the opportunity to talk with Town elected officials and staff to answer your questions about the annexation. Dates and times of these meetings are included in the enclosed letter. All meetings will be held at the Newburgh Town Hall located at 23 W. Jennings, Newburgh, Indiana. Following the public information meetings, the Town Council will adopt a written fiscal plan and introduce an annexation ordinance. More than 60 days after the introduction of the annexation ordinance, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation. Following the public hearing, the Town Council will consider and vote on adoption of the ordinance and approval of the annexation. The public hearing is anticipated to occur in November 2021 with the final consideration of the ordinance to occur in December 2021.

12. When will the annexation ordinance be effective?

The current plan is for the annexation to be effective on December 31, 2022. The Town will be required to provide non-capital services within one year of the effective date and capital services within three years of the effective date, all in the same manner as such services are provided currently within the Town. As mentioned above, this means you will not see any increase in taxes until 2024, although you will receive the benefits of the lower charges for sewer, trash and other services in 2023.

13. Whom should I contact with questions?

You may direct questions to Christy Powell, Newburgh Town Manager. She can be reached by phone at **812-853-1720** or by email at **CPowell@newburgh-in.gov**. You may also find answers to your questions on the Town's annexation website at www.newburgh-in.com/annexation-plan.

14. What if I am opposed to the Annexation?

The Town of Newburgh encourages you to consider all the benefits and opportunities this annexation will have for you, your property, and the long-term health of the Town and the greater Newburgh community. The Town Council, town staff, and numerous volunteers work tirelessly to provide the best for the Town of Newburgh and for all its residents. The Town is committed to engaging in a transparent and informative discussion throughout the annexation process. Through this discussion, we are confident you will determine that becoming part of the Town of Newburgh is in your and the Town's best interests. A win-win for all! Should you decide to oppose the Newburgh Annexation Plan, you will have the opportunity to sign a remonstrance petition should the Town Council adopt an annexation ordinance. The Town of Newburgh will provide additional information about the remonstrance process when an annexation ordinance is adopted.

NEWBURGH ANNEXATION PLAN MAP

