

Appendix A

Parks Board Creation and Amendment Ordinances

Ordinance No. 3, 1969

Ordinance No. 5, 1970

Ordinance No. 71-3

Ordinance 1989-17

Ordinance No. 2010-02

Ordinance 2015-01

ORDINANCE NO. 3, 1969

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
RECREATION AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT
THEREWITH

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH
INDIANA:

Section 1. Under the provisions of Section 201, Chapter 311, Article II of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1965, there is hereby established a Department of Parks and Recreation composed of the Board of Parks and Recreation, a Superintendent, and such other personnel as the Board shall determine.

Section 2. The Board shall be composed of four (4) members. The President of the Board of Trustees of the town of Newburgh shall select such members on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation, but not more than two (2) members shall be of the same political party.

Section 3. Upon the establishment of a Board, the terms of the members initially appointed shall be of one (1), two (2), three (3), and four (4) years. Thereafter as a term expires, each new appointment shall be for a four (4) year term. All terms shall expire on the 1st Monday of January, but an appointee shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

Section 4. At its first regular meeting in each year the Board shall elect a President and a Vice President. The Vice-President shall have authority to act as the President of the Board during the absence of or disability of the President.

Section 5. The Board shall have the general power to perform all acts necessary to acquire and develop sites and facilities to conduct such programs as are generally understood to be park and recreation functions, including powers and duties listed in Section 216, Article II of the 1965 Park and Recreation Law as aforesaid.

Section 6. The Board may create an advisory counsel and special committees composed of citizens interested in the problems of parks and recreation in accordance with Article IV of said 1965 Park and Recreation Law.

Section 7. The Board shall prepare and submit an annual budget in the same manner as other Departments of the town government. The Board may accept gifts, donations, and subsidies for park and recreation purposes.

Section 8. All other ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

Adopted on this 25 day of March, 1969, and on such day signed by the President of such Town Board and attested by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Chester Barnett
President

ATTEST:

Tholma A. Inskeep
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me, the undersigned, Clerk-Treasurer of the town of Newburgh, Indiana, to the President, this 25 day of March, 1969, at 7:55 o'clock P.M. for his consideration and action thereon.

Thelma A. Inskeep
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved this 25 day of March, 1969, at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

Chester Barnett
President

ATTEST:

Thelma A. Inskeep
Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE NO. 5, 1970

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3, 1969, ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO FIVE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH, INDIANA:

Section 1. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 3, 1969, establishing a Department of Parks and Recreation duly adopted on the 25th day of March, 1969, be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 2. The Board shall be composed of four (4) members and a member of the Newburgh Library Board ex officio. The President of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Newburgh shall select such members on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation, but not more than two (2) members shall be of the same political party. The ex officio member shall be selected by the Newburgh Library Board."

Section 2. All other ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

Adopted on this 22 day of December, 1970, and on such day signed by the President of such Town Board and attested by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Chester Barnett
President

ATTEST:

Thelma A. Inskip
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me, the undersigned, Clerk-Treasurer of the town of Newburgh, Indiana, to the President this 22 day of December, 1970, at 7:45 o'clock P.M. for his consideration and action thereon.

Thelma A. Inskip
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved this 22 day of December, 1970, at 7:50 P.M.

Chester Barnett
President

ATTEST:

Thelma A. Inskip
Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE NO. 71 - 3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1, OF ORDINANCE
3, 1967, ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
AND RECREATION BY CORRECTING THE CITATION OF
THE ENABLING ACT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF
NEWBURGH, INDIANA:

Section 1. Under the provisions of Section 201, Chapter 311, Article II, of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1955, as amended by Section 3a, Chapter 404, of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1965, there is hereby established a Department of Parks and Recreation composed of the Board of Parks and Recreation, a Superintendent, and such other personnel as the Board shall determine.

Section 2. The Board shall be composed of four (4) members. The President of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Newburgh shall select such members on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation, but not more than two (2) members shall be of the same political party.

Section 3. Upon the establishment of a Board, the terms of the members initially appointed shall be of one (1), two (2), three (3), and four (4) years. Thereafter as a term expires, each new appointment shall be for a four (4) year term. All terms shall expire on the 1st Monday of January, but an appointee shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

Section 4. At its first regular meeting in each year the Board shall elect a President and a Vice President. The Vice-President shall have authority to act as the President of the Board during the absence of or disability of the President.

Section 5. The Board shall have the general power to perform all acts necessary to acquire and develop sites and facilities to conduct such programs as are generally understood to be park and recreation functions, including powers and duties listed in Section 216, Article II of the 1965 Park and Recreation Law as aforesaid.

Section 6. The Board may create an advisory counsel and special committees composed of citizens interested in the problems of parks and recreation in accordance with Article IV, of said 1965 Park and Recreation Law.

Section 7. The Board shall prepare and submit an annual budget in the same manner as other Departments of the town government. The Board may accept gifts, donations, and subsidies for park and recreation purposes.

Section 8. All other ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

Adopted on this 23 day of March, 1971, and on such day signed by the President of such Town Board and attested by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Eugene B. Allen
President

ATTEST:

Thelma A. Inskip
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me, the undersigned, Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Newburgh, Indiana to the President, this 23 day of March, 1971, at 8:45 o'clock P.M. for his consideration and action thereon.

Thelma A. Inskeep
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved this 23 day of March, 1971, at 8:47 o'clock p.m.

Eugene B. Allen
President

ATTEST:

Thelma A. Inskeep
Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE 1989-17

AN ORDINANCE RECREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH, INDIANA

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 36-10-3, there is hereby recreated the Newburgh Department of Parks and Recreation.

SECTION 2. The Park and Recreation Board shall be composed of:

- (1) Four (4) members appointed by the President of the Town Council on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation. No more than two (2) members shall be of the same political party.
- (2) One (1) ex officio member who is a member of and appointed by the Library District Board.

The Library District Board shall fill any vacancies of their ex officio member. Ex officio board members have all the rights of regular members, including the right to vote.

SECTION III. Upon establishment of the Board, the terms of the members initially appointed shall be:

- (1) One (1) member for a term of one (1) year.
- (2) One (1) member for a term of two (2) years.
- (3) One (1) member for a term of three (3) years.
- (4) One (1) member for a term of four (4) years.
- (5) The Library Board appointee shall serve a term of four (4) years.

As a term of a Town appointed member expires, each new appointment shall be made by the President of the Town Council for a term of four (4) years. All terms expire on the first Monday in January, but a member shall continue in office until a successor is appointed. If an appointment for a new term is not made by the President of the Town Council by the first Monday in April, the incumbent shall serve another term. If a vacancy occurs, the President of the Town Council shall appoint a new member for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION IV. At its first regular meeting in each year, the Board shall elect a president and vice-president. The vice-president shall have authority to act as the president of the Board during the absence or disability of the president. The Board may select a secretary either from within or without its own membership.

SECTION V. The Board shall have the power to perform all acts necessary to acquire and develop sites and facilities and to conduct such programs as are generally understood to be park and recreation functions. In addition, the Board shall have the powers and duties listed in I.C. 36-10-3.

SECTION VI. The Board shall prepare and submit an annual budget in the same manner as other departments of Town government as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts. The Board may accept gifts, donations, and subsidies for park and recreation purposes.

SECTION VII. All other ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed. All prior actions of the Newburgh Park and Recreation Board are herewith ratified.

SECTION VIII. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and approval, according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 1989.

W.F. Kavanaugh
WILLIAM F. KAVANAUGH, PRESIDENT

Wilmer E. Wells
WILMER E. WELLS

Stephen E. Borkowski
STEPHEN E. BORKOWSKI

Rick Cannon
RICK CANNON

Joe Edwards
JOE EDWARDS

ATTEST:

Sally K. Diaz
SALLY K. DIAZ
CLERK-TREASURER

FILED

JUL 7 1989

Docket No. 1989-17
SALLY K. DIAZ
Clerk-Treasurer Town of Newburgh

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ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02

JAN 22 2010

**ORDINANCE WAIVING THE
REQUIREMENT OF IC §36-10-3-4 (b)**

Docket 190.
REBECCA J. GENTRY
Clerk-Treasurer Town of Newburgh

WHEREAS, the Town of Newburgh has created a Newburgh Parks and Recreation Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town finds it necessary to invoke the waiver allowed by IC §36-10-3-4.1 because of the absence of persons who are willing to serve on the Town Park Board who satisfy any or all of the requirements of IC §36-3-10-4(b)

BE IT NOW, THEREFORE, ORDAINED:

Section 1. The requirements of IC §36-10-3-4(b), that no more than two members of the Newburgh Park and Recreation Board be affiliated with the same political party is here by waived.


Section 2. The requirements of IC §36-10-3-4(b), that members of the Newburgh Park and Recreation Board must be affiliated with a political party is here by waived.

Section 3. These waivers are necessary because of the absence of persons who are willing to serve on the Town Park Board who satisfy any or all of those requirements.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Newburgh Town Council.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Newburgh, Indiana, this 27th day of Jan, 2010.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF NEWBURGH



President

Ann Post-Garand
Member

W.F. Kavanagh
Member

Alvin B. Mangan
Member

Lin Kasper
Member

ATTEST:

Rebecca J. Henry
Clerk-Treasurer

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ORDINANCE 2015 – 01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 OF THE NEWBURGH
CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR EX
OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

BE IT ORDAINED:

SECTION 1: Title 3, Chapter 32, of the Newburgh Code of Ordinances is amended as detailed in Section 2 and Section 3 herein.

SECTION 2: Newburgh Code of Ordinances, Chapter 32.01, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

32.01 CREATION OF PARK BOARD

Pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 36-10-3, there is hereby recreated the Newburgh Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Park and Recreation Board shall be composed:

- (1) Four (4) members appointed by the President of the Town Council on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation. No more than two (2) members shall be of the same political party.
- (2) One (1) ex officio member who is appointed by the governing body of the Warrick County School Corporation.

Members of the Park and Recreation Board, including ex officio members, shall be residents of the Town of Newburgh. The governing body of the Warrick County School Corporation shall fill any vacancies of their ex officio member. Ex officio board members have all the rights of regular members, including the right to vote.

SECTION 3: Newburgh Code of Ordinances, Chapter 32.02, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

32.02 TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS

Upon establishment of the Board, the terms of the members initially appointed shall be:


- (1) One (1) member for a term of one (1) year.
- (2) One (1) member for a term of two (2) years.
- (3) One (1) member for a term of three (3) years.

- (4) One (1) member for a term of four (4) years.
- (5) The Warrick County School Corporation appointee shall serve a term of four (4) years.


As a term of a Town appointed member expires, each new appointment shall be made by the President of the Town Council for a term of four (4) years. All terms expire on the first Monday in January, but a member shall continue in office until a successor is appointed. If an appointment for a new term is not made by the President of the Town Council by the first Monday in April, the incumbent shall serve another term. If a vacancy occurs, the President of the Town Council shall appoint a new member for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Adopted this 14 day of January 2015.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH


President


Member


Member


Member


Member

ATTEST:


Clerk-Treasurer

Appendix B

2020 Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) Awards

Green Project Award

Placemaking Award



Accelerate
Indiana
Municipalities

125 W. Market Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46204
P: (317) 237-6200 F: (317) 237-6206 aimindiana.org

December 23, 2020

Andrea Balboni
Newburgh
23 W Jennings Street
Newburgh IN 47630

Dear Andrea:

Enclosed please find a token of congratulations for your community's Green Project Award received earlier this year during the virtual Aim Ideas Summit. While we were sad not to honor your town in person, we are glad the many attendees were able to learn of your accomplishment during the Aim Annual Awards Program presented by Baker Tilly. I hope you are staying well and I look forward to gathering together in 2021!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Greller', is written over a horizontal line.

Matt Greller, Chief Executive Officer

December 23, 2020

Andrea Balboni
Newburgh
23 W Jennings Street
Newburgh IN 47630

Dear Andrea:

Enclosed please find a token of congratulations for your community's Placemaking Award received earlier this year during the virtual Aim Ideas Summit. While we were sad not to honor your town in person, we are glad the many attendees were able to learn of your accomplishment during the Aim Annual Awards Program presented by Baker Tilly. I hope you are staying well and I look forward to gathering together in 2021!

Best,



Matt Greller, Chief Executive Officer

Appendix C

Newburgh Park Inventory Forms

AMAX Athletic Fields

Kiwanis Community Playground

Lou Dennis Community Park

Old Lock and Dam Park

Overlook Park

Rivertown Trail

Veterans Monument

FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site AMAX Athletic Fields	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 5800 Lincoln Avenue, Newburgh, IN 47630			
Primary telephone number (812) 853-1720		Primary e-mail address abalboni@newburgh-in.gov	Site URL www.newburgh-in.com
Name of owner Newburgh Parks and Recreation Board		Name of manager Andrea Balboni - Facilities Coordinator	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 13.26	Land acres 13.26	Water acres 0	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
Please record "Number of" each of the following:		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE <i>(check, if applicable)</i>
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes:		

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Newburgh Youth Soccer and Castle Youth Football each run leagues from this site

FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code	Name of site Kiwanis Community Playground		
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 524 Filmore Street, Newburgh, Indiana 47630			
Primary telephone number (812) 853-1720	Primary e-mail address abalboni@newburgh-in.gov		Site URL www.newburgh-in.com
Name of owner Town of Newburgh		Name of manager Andrea Balboni - Facilities Coordinator	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 2.25	Land acres 2.25	Water acres 0	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
Please record "Number of" each of the following:		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE <i>(check, if applicable)</i>
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes: There is a track located on site		

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code	Name of site Lou Dennis Community Park		
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 402 Park Drive, Newburgh, IN 47630			
Primary telephone number (812) 853-1720	Primary e-mail address abalboni@newburgh-in.gov		Site URL www.newburgh-in.com
Name of owner Newburgh Parks and Recreation Board		Name of manager Andrea Balboni - Facilities Coordinator	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 11.66	Land acres 11.66	Water acres 0	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE <i>(check, if applicable)</i>
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes: There are three playgrounds on site (Fortress of Fun, Toddler Playground and Splash Pad Playground) One volleyball court and and two Ping Pong Tables are located on site - along with two picnic shelters and a splash pad		

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Old Lock and Dam Park	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 525 State Route 662, Newburgh, IN 47630			
Primary telephone number (812) 853-1720		Primary e-mail address abalboni@newburgh-in.gov	
		Site URL www.newburgh-in.com	
Name of owner Town of Newburgh		Name of manager Andrea Balboni - Facilities Coordinator	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 13.4	Land acres 13.4	Water acres 0	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
Please record "Number of" each of the following:		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE <i>(check, if applicable)</i>
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:
SHAARD: IHSSI (County Survey) 173-449-42115
Amphitheater On Site

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Boat Ramp and Boat Dock On Site for access to the Ohio River

FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Overlook Park	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 6866 State Route 662, Newburgh, IN 47630			
Primary telephone number (812) 853-1720		Primary e-mail address abalboni@newburgh-in.gov	Site URL www.newburgh-in.com
Name of owner United States of America		Name of manager Andrea Balboni - Facilities Coordinator	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 19.44	Land acres 18.61	Water acres .83	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE <i>(check, if applicable)</i>
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes:		

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Pond Located On Site

FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Rivertown Trail	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 715 State Route 662, Newburgh, IN 47630			
Primary telephone number (812) 853-1720		Primary e-mail address abalboni@newburgh-in.gov	Site URL www.newburgh-in.com
Name of owner Town of Newburgh		Name of manager Andrea Balboni - Facilities Coordinator	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 2,457.6	Land acres 2,457.6	Water acres 0	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

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Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes:		

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

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GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Trail has several points of access to the Ohio River, the Great Ravine and the pond located at Overlook Park

FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Veterans Monument	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 5466 Bell Road, Newburgh, IN 47630			
Primary telephone number (812) 853-1720		Primary e-mail address abalboni@newburgh-in.gov	Site URL www.newburgh-in.com
Name of owner Town of Newburgh		Name of manager Andrea Balboni - Facilities Coordinator	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Monument</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 0.9	Land acres 0.9	Water acres	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Is there a Playground on this site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
Please record "Number of" each of the following:		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE <i>(check, if applicable)</i>
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Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes:		

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Monument honoring veterans is located on site

Appendix D

ADA Ordinances, Resolutions, and Implantation Plan

Ordinance No. 1992-9

Resolution 2013-01

Resolution 2013-02

Resolution 2017-03

Resolution 2020-12

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE
EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED DISABLED
PERSONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF
A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Newburgh, Indiana to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and not illegally discriminate against a qualified disabled individual; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Newburgh, Indiana to adopt a grievance procedure for resolving complaints under the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newburgh, Indiana has established an Advisory Council for Disabled Individuals in order to establish a group to provide the Town with suggestions concerning needs of disabled individuals and how the Town may address these needs; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Newburgh, Indiana has designated the Administrative Manager as the Americans With Disabilities Act Coordinator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

I. POLICY STATEMENT

A. It is the policy of the Town of Newburgh, Indiana to not exclude qualified individuals with disabilities from participation in, or benefiting from, the services, programs or activities of the municipality. It is the further policy of the Town not to discriminate against a qualified individual with a disability in job application procedures; the hiring, advancement or discharge of employees; employee compensation; job training and other terms, conditions and privileges of employment. It is the intention of the Town to comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

B. Members of the public, including individuals with disabilities and groups representing individuals with disabilities, are encouraged to submit suggestions to Town officials on how the Town may better meet the needs of individuals with disabilities pursuant to this stated policy. These individuals or group representatives are also invited to submit this information to the Town's Administrative Manager.

C. The Administrative Manager is designated as the ADA Coordinator.

D. ADA Compliance Committee

1. The Council shall have the authority to designate an ADA Compliance Committee which shall be composed of the following membership:

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- a. The Town's Administrative Manager.
 - b. The Town's attorney.
 - c. Two (2) members of the disabled community.
 - d. One (1) member of the business community.
2. This committee shall not be required to meet on a regular basis. Upon the receipt of an appeal from the ADA Coordinator, the committee shall meet to hear the appeal within fifteen (15) days of receiving the appeal. Notice of the meeting shall be sent to each member of the committee and the appellant at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.
 3. Decisions of the committee shall be by majority of the members present. Vote shall not be made by secret ballot.

II. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. The Town hereby adopts an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the ADA or any regulations implementing the Americans With Disabilities Act.

B. Compliant Procedure:

1. Complaints should be addressed to ADA Coordinator, Town Hall, Newburgh, Indiana 47630, who has been designated to coordinate ADA compliance efforts.
2. A complaint shall be filed in writing, contain the name and address of the person filing it, and briefly describe the alleged violation of the Act.
3. A complaint shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation.
4. An investigation, as may be appropriate, may be conducted following a filing of the complaint. The investigation shall be conducted by the ADA Coordinator, or her designee. This section contemplates informal, but thorough, investigations, affording all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to a complaint.
5. A written determination as to the validity of the complaint, and a description of the resolution, if any, shall be issued by the ADA Coordinator and a copy forwarded to the complainant no later than fifteen (15) working days after its filing.
6. The ADA Coordinator shall maintain the files and records of the Town of Newburgh, Indiana relating to the complaints filed.
7. The complainant may appeal the Coordinator's findings in instances where he or she is dissatisfied with the resolution. The request for appeal shall be made in writing within thirty (30) days of the Coordinator's finding to the ADA Compliance Committee, Town Hall, Newburgh, IN 47630.
8. The right to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint filed hereunder shall not be impaired by pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of an ADA complaint with the responsible federal department or agency. Use of this

grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

9. These rules shall be construed to protect the substantive rights of interested persons to meet appropriate due process standards, and to assure that the Town of Newburgh, Indiana complies with the ADA and implementing regulations.
10. The decision of the Compliance Committee shall be deemed a final decision on any issue before it.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Newburgh, Indiana, this 14 day of October, 1992.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF NEWBURGH, INDIANA

Robert F. Leibent
President

W.F. Kavanagh
Council Member

B. Gene Aurand
Council Member

Jack Fladdick
Council Member

Council Member

ATTEST:

Shirley S. Orzegorek
Clerk-Treasurer

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SHIRLEY ORZEGOREK
Clerk-Treasurer Town of Newburgh

RESOLUTION 2013-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH, INDIANA
ADOPTING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN
AND
GUIDELINES FOR PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, the Federal government enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) to prevent discrimination of the physically and mentally disabled relating to employment and access to public facilities; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the ADA requires that municipalities adopt the Americans with Disabilities Standards for Accessible Design that provide accessibility, through proposed structural modifications to remove accessibility barriers; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the ADA recommends that, municipalities adopt the Americans with Disabilities Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way that provide accessibility, through proposed structural modifications to remove accessibility barriers; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice recently modified the ADA Standards for Accessible Design and the Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way in 2010 and 2011, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newburgh remains committed to the ADA and the elimination of barriers to public facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Newburgh hereby adopts the 2010 Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design and 2011 Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way.

ADOPTED THIS 27th day of March 2013.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF NEWBURGH


President

Deanna G. Hughes
Member

Chris Rust Arnold
Member

J. F. K...
Member

A. B. ...
Member

ATTEST:

Rebecca Gentry
Rebecca Gentry, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2013-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH, INDIANA
ADOPTING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TRANSITION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Federal government enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) to prevent discrimination of the physically and mentally disabled relating to employment and access to public facilities; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the ADA requires that municipalities develop and adopt a Transition Plan that documents physical barriers to accessibility, proposed structural modifications to remove those barriers, and a schedule to complete the modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newburgh adopted Resolution 2013-01 pertaining to ADA Standards for Accessible Design and Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice recently modified the ADA Standards for Accessible Design and the Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way in 2010 and 2011, respectively; and


WHEREAS, the Town of Newburgh remains committed to the ADA and the elimination of barriers to public facilities; and

WHEREAS, a Transition Plan for the pedestrian network has been prepared that reflects current municipality infrastructure and ADA design standards, referred to as the "Pedestrian Facilities in Public Right of Way Transition Plan"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Newburgh hereby approves the ADA Transition Plan: Pedestrian Network.

ADOPTED on this 27th day of March, 2013.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF NEWBURGH


President

Deanna K. Hughes
Member

Ann. Dist. Curran
Member

W. F. Kavanaugh
Member

A. B. Moore
Member

ATTEST:

Rebecca J. Gentry
Rebecca J. Gentry, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2017- 03
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS
ACT OF 1964 PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH

WHEREAS, the federal government enacted Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, to prevent discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin and to ensure that individuals are not excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin;

WHEREAS, throughout the years, additional regulations, statutes, directives, cases and executive orders have been passed which expand the breadth of Title VI; and

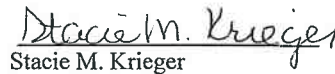
WHEREAS, it is a requirement of the Indiana Department of Transportation and the US Department of Transportation that communities receiving federal financial assistance adopt a Title VI Plan.

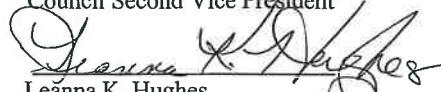
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Newburgh Town Council that it hereby adopts the attached Title VI Program and Implementation Plan.


PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Newburgh Town Council this 9 day of
August, 2017

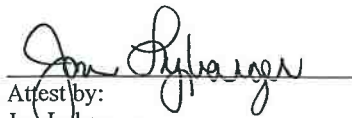

Anne Rust Aurand
Council President

Tonya R. McGuire
Council Vice President


Stacie M. Krieger
Council Second Vice President


Leanna K. Hughes
Council Member


William F. Kavanaugh
Council Member


Attest by:
Jon Lybarger
Clerk Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2020-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
ACKNOWLEDGING AND REJECTING DISCRIMINATION IN NEWBURGH**

WHEREAS, the Town of Newburgh, Indiana ("Town") is a community that welcomes all individuals regardless of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, ancestry, gender identity, disability, or familial, veteran, or military status;

WHEREAS, in today's world, hatred and discrimination occur far too often on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity;

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that the many tragic and disturbing acts of hatred and violence in Indiana and nationwide have made a profound impact on our community;

WHEREAS, the Town acknowledges the pain, frustration, and anger that has resurfaced in the wake of these tragedies, historical and recent;

WHEREAS, the Town joins and supports those individuals and businesses who have voiced their support for equality and equal justice initiatives;

WHEREAS, diversity is a critical component of a thriving, successful municipality and the Town strives to promote diversity and acceptance within the community;

WHEREAS, acceptance of diverse individuals will strengthen Newburgh as a community and deepens bonds between neighbors and fosters a welcoming environment;

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to promoting equality and strives to support its diverse members of the community;

WHEREAS, the Town desires to promote a community environment where there is an equal opportunity for all individuals and strives to ensure that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect;

WHEREAS, the Town strives to eradicate prejudice and the practice of invidious racial and LGBTQIA+ discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town Council of Newburgh, Indiana acknowledges and condemns all race, sex, and gender motivated, discriminatory, or exclusionary practices.
2. The Town renews its commitment to promote diversity and inclusion within the community.

3. The Town shall establish a diversity and inclusion committee to review the Town's policies in order to better serve the individuals of the Town and in an attempt to meet the purpose of eradicating prejudice and practices of invidious discrimination.

24 DULY PASSED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED BY THE NEWBURGH TOWN COUNCIL ON THIS DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

NEWBURGH TOWN COUNCIL



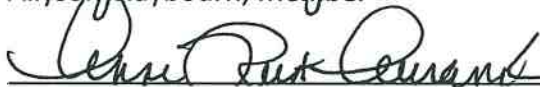
Stacie Krieger, President



Steve Shoemaker, Member



Allyson Claybourn, Member



Anne Rust Aurand, Member



Carol Hicks Schaefer, Member

ATTEST:


Nannette Angel, Clerk-Treasurer

Appendix E

Newburgh Parks Survey Form

Fortress of Fun Survey Form

Newburgh Park and Recreation Survey

2022

Your Participation is Vital

The Park System's planning and grant funding depends on your response

1. How frequently do members of your household use the following parks?

	Never	Once or twice a year	Every other month	Once or twice a month	Once a week or more	Everyday
AMAX Fields						
Kiwanis Community Park						
Lou Dennis Community Park						
Old Lock and Dam Park						
Overlook Park						
Rivertown Trail						
Veterans Monument						

2. For this question, please circle your response based on the following scale:

(1) No Way	2	(3) Maybe	4	(5) Absolutely
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2A. Does Newburgh do a good job of providing parks?

1	2	3	4	5
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Comments: _____

2B. Does Newburgh need parks at new locations?

1	2	3	4	5
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If so, where: _____

2C. Does Newburgh need new facilities at existing parks?

1	2	3	4	5
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2D. Should Newburgh provide additional program/activities?

1	2	3	4	5
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Please list park facilities/programs that, if they were added, you would use.

- _____
- _____
- _____

3. How well does the park system serve the following groups?

	Over-adequately	Adequately	Inadequately	Very Poorly
People with Disabilities				
Seniors				
Adults				
Teens				
Young Children				
Other Group				

4. How does your household use the parks?

5. For your household, how important are the following potential park ideas?

	Don't Do It	Undecided	Sure	Please do it!
Extend Rivertown Trail				
Connect the Parks by Trails				
Skate Park				
Dog Park				
Reflection Park				

The following questions are for demographic purposes only.

Please write the number of individuals in your household within each age range.

Under 5	5 to 10	11 to 14	15 to 18
19 to 25	25 to 30	31 to 39	40 to 49
50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 79	Over 80

Does any member of your household have a disability?

Yes No

Street Name _____

6. For your household, how important are the following park improvements?

	Don't Do It	Undecided	Sure	Please do it!
Park Beautification				
More Open Field Areas				
More Sports Areas				
Plant & Flower Identification in Parks				
Replace Fortress of Fun at Lou Dennis				
Update Tennis Courts at Lou Dennis				
Add Exercise Pods along Trail or in Parks				
Restore Log Cabin at Old Lock and Dam Park				
Music and Movies at the Amphitheater				
Performance Challenges along the Trail				
Enhanced Distance Markers on the Trail				
Directional Signage on Trail and in Parks				
Permanent Boat Dock				
Add a Mini-Playground to Aurand Trailhead				
Add a Mini-Playground to Overlook Park				
Educational Programs				
Bicycle Rentals				
Adopt-A-Spot Areas				
River-Related Programs				
Add Pickleball Courts				
Offer Lessons (tennis, etc.)				

7. Please share your thoughts, ideas and visions for the Newburgh Parks System:

8. Do you currently follow the following pages on Facebook?

	Yes	No
Town of Newburgh		
Lou Dennis Community Park		
Historic Newburgh, Inc.		
Newburgh Museum		

9. What is another way to inform people of park news and events?

Fortress of Fun Playground

Community Survey for Playground Design Input

The Fortress of Fun is over twenty years old. As part of the Lou Dennis Community Park Master Plan, the Fortress of Fun will be replaced by a new playground. Please review the survey questions below and respond with your children. It is our desire to collect as much community feedback as possible and utilize this information in the design process for our new playground. The children will be the designers, however, we would like input from parents as well. We see this as a great project for our community, and we cannot do it without all of you!

What are your favorite things about the current Fortress of Fun Playground?

Is there anything you do not like about the Fortress of Fun?

Name the top 3 play features that you would like to see included in the future design?

What is your favorite thing to do at Fortress of Fun?

Would you like your new playground to be colorful?

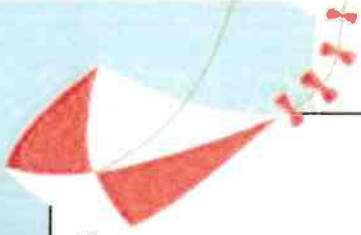
Is there something neat about our community or schools that you want included in our design?

Do you, a friend or a relative have any special needs? If so, what could we incorporate in the new playground to make sure you and/or them have a place to enjoy too?

On the separate attached sheet, have your child create a drawing showing their dream playground. Forms can be returned to: Town of Newburgh - Fortress of Fun, P.O. Box 6, Newburgh, IN 47629, dropped off at Town Hall Monday through Friday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM or after hours in the Utility drop box.

Fortress of Fun Playground

We're asking YOU, the expert playground designer, to draw a picture of your dream playground! Your ideas will be considered and may be included in the final design.



Appendix F

Public Forum Flyers

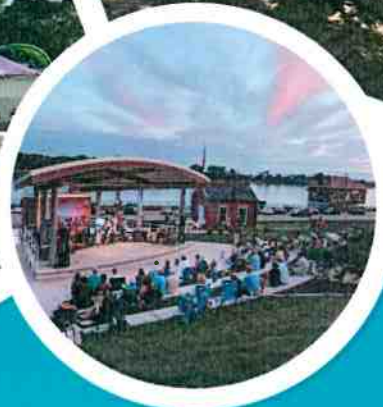
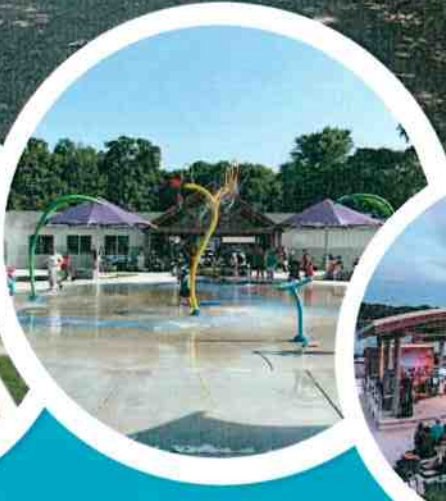
June 30th Public Forum Flyer

July 28th Public Forum Flyer

August 25th Public Forum Flyer



**TOWN OF NEWBURGH
PARKS AND
RECREATION
BOARD**



Town of Newburgh Parks Public Forum

2023-2027 Parks & Rec Master Plan

**Please
Join Us**

This plan assesses existing park system needs and provides guidance for the continued development of the parks, recreation, and open space system. An introductory presentation will be held followed by Q&A and open house stations.

Master Plan Meetings

- ✓ Public Forum - June 30th @ 6PM
- ✓ Public Forum - July 28th @ 11AM
- ✓ Public Forum - August 25th @ 6PM
- ✓ Master Plan Draft - November 3 @ 6PM

Location

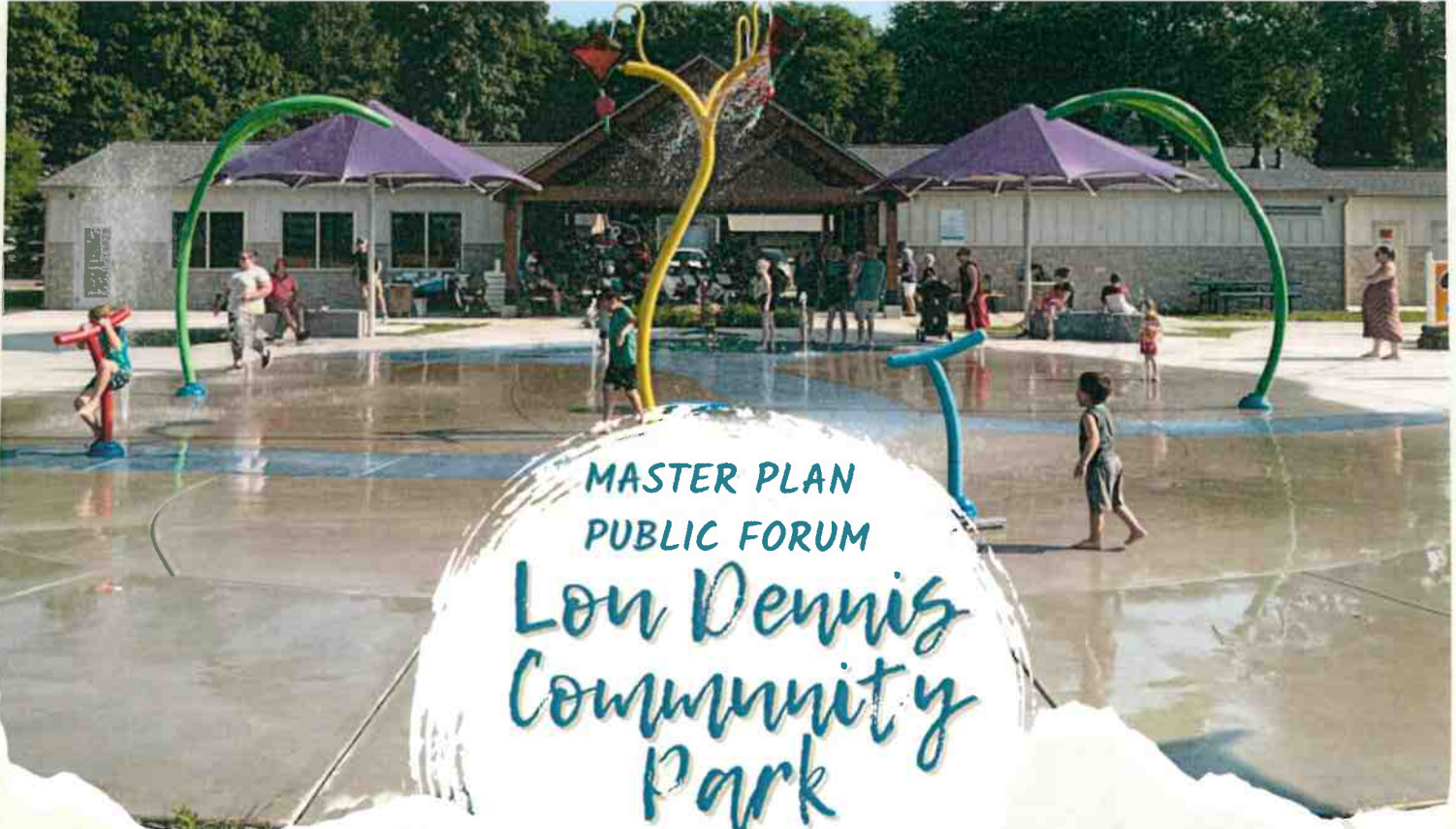


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MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC FORUM
*Lou Dennis
Community
Park*

**THURSDAY
JULY 28**
.....
11:00 AM



PLEASE JOIN US
.....
*Stop by the Lou Dennis Community
Park Event Room to hear about the
seven parks located within the
Newburgh Park System, the 2022
Master Plan Survey results and share
with us your thoughts and ideas.*

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PARKS PUBLIC FORUM

2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

COME AND JOIN US!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

6PM AT TOWN HALL

23 WEST JENNINGS STREET

NEWBURGH, INDIANA 47630

BRING THE KIDS!

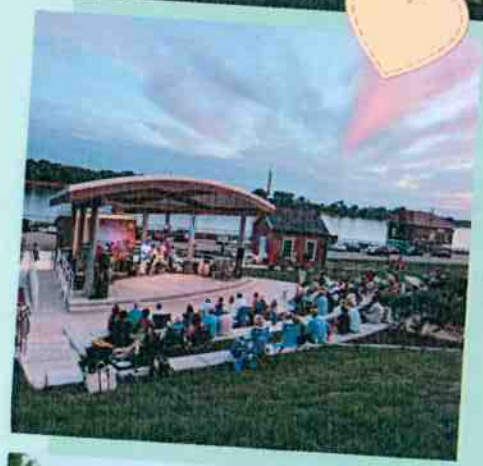
ACTIVITIES AND SNACKS

DRAW THEIR DREAM PLAYGROUND

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

- Learn about the Newburgh Park System and hear the most recent survey results
- Your opinion matters! Your thoughts and ideas can help shape the parks for the next 5 years
- Forum starts at 6PM - kids can draw their dream playground with staff while you discuss the parks with the Newburgh Parks Board

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan

2023 - 2027

Agenda

- What is a 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Organizational Overview
- Town of Newburgh
- Planning Area
- Newburgh Parks System
- 2018-2022 Top Ten Priorities
- 2022 Survey Results
- Discussion

What is a 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

A parks and recreation master plan is **a comprehensive, long-range strategy for the creation, optimization, and maintenance of a community's assets.** It doesn't focus on one particular park but instead offers a bird's-eye view of a community's parks and recreation landscape, both today and beyond.

What Goes Into a Master Plan

- Natural Landscape Features
- Man-Made Features
- Historical Features
- Cultural Features
- Social and Economic Factors
- Park Budget
- Accessibility Standards

Social and Economic Factors

- Average Travel Time to Work = 18 Min.
- Age
 - Median Age = 45.5
 - 25-44 has dropped 2 years in a row
 - Over 65 = 16.6%
 - 0-5 = 4.2%
- Poverty = 10%
- Median Household Income = \$56,611
- Disability Rate = 14.3%

Newburgh Town Council

- Stacie Krieger – Town Council President
- Anne Rust Aurand – Town Council Vice President
- Allyson Shelby – Town Council Second Vice President and Parks Board Liaison
- Steve Shoemaker
- Leanna Hughes



Newburgh Parks and Recreation Board

- Parks Board Members
 - Mary Ann Wilsbacher – Parks Board President
 - Wanda Kavanaugh – Parks Board Vice President
 - Randy Wheeler – Parks Board Secretary
 - Ron Keller
 - Susan Melfi – Warrick County School Board Appointment
- Parks Board Advisory Members
 - Shirley Moore
 - Joe Kuhn
 - Tammy Kollker
 - Heather Cutrell

Town of Newburgh Staff

- Christy Powell – Town Manager
- Andrea Balboni – Facilities Coordinator
- Kelley Gustafson – Civil Town Assistant
- Tavi Wydicks – Zoning Administrator
- Nannette Angel – Clerk-Treasurer
- Gerald Bowser – Maintenance Superintendent
- John Heck – Street Superintendent



Town Legal and Engineering

Chris Wischer

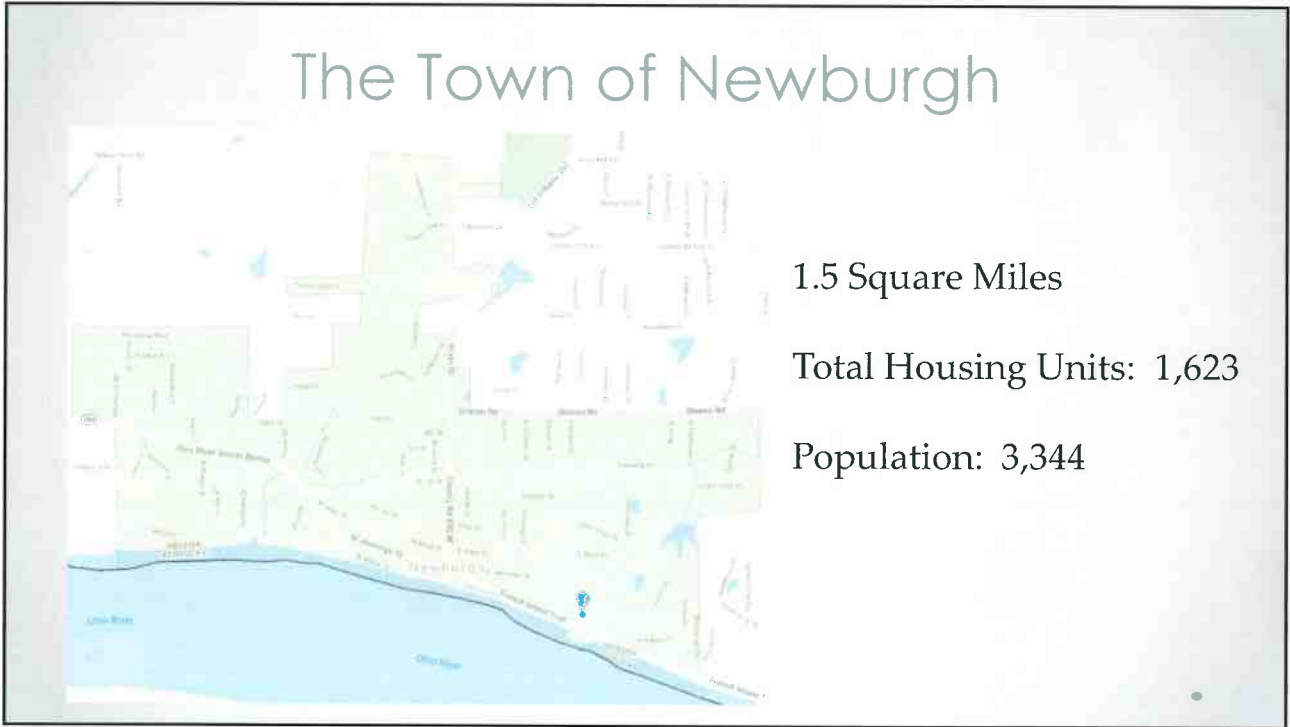


David Hynes



Drew Flamion

The Town of Newburgh



1.5 Square Miles

Total Housing Units: 1,623

Population: 3,344



Planning Area

South – Ohio River
North – Jenner Road
East – State Route 61
West – Warrick County Border


User Base = 24,458

Increased Planning Area from the 2018-2022 Plan

Newburgh Parks System

AMAX Fields

5800 Outer Lincoln Ave Community Park 13.26 Acres
Parks Board Owned
Leased by the Newburgh Youth Soccer and Castle Youth Football League
20 Year Lease (2007 – 2026)



Kiwanis Community Park

524 Filmore Street

Mini Park

2.25 Acres

Town Owned

Leased by Warrick County School Corporation and Newburgh Kiwanis

20 Year Lease (2007 – 2026)



Lou Dennis Community Park

402 Park Drive

Community Park

11.66 Acres

Parks Board Owned



Old Lock and Dam Park

525 East Highway 662

Community Park

13.4 Acres

Town Owned



Overlook Park

6877 Highway 66

Neighborhood Park

19.44 Acres

Owned by the Federal Government – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Leased by the Town of Newburgh 25 Year (2005-2030) 25 Year (2019-2044)



Rivertown Trail

715 W Highway 662 Linear Park 3.84 miles Town Owned
Constructed in Three Phases (2008, 2011, and 2020)
License with Army Corps to run through Lock and Dam Park (2006-2031)



Veterans Monument

State Road and Bell Road Special Use Park 0.9 Acres Town Owned



2018 - 2022



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Construct Amphitheater at Old Lock and Dam Park

- Allen Family Amphitheater completed in 2020 and dedicated in 2021



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Take over Operations of New Locks and Dam Park

Last Update – March 2020

Environmental documents have been prepared and reviewed – waiting on signature from Chief

Second lease for 1.84 acres of park



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Add Additional Parks

- Added 1.83 Acres to Overlook Park Lease
- Extended Trail by 1 mile



7 Increase Utilization of all Parks

- Increase Trail Utilization
 - HNI Winerlights and Halloween Illuminations
 - Aurand Trailhead Renovation, additional seating and parking added
- Increase Overlook Utilization
 - Invasive Species Plant Identification
 - Cleared Area Around Pond
 - Encouraged Sledding Area
- Increase use of Old Lock and Dam Park
 - Allen Family Amphitheater
 - Strawberry Social
 - Added Additional Picnic Tables
- Increase Use of Lou Dennis Community Park
 - Added Splash Pad and New Playground
 - Added Lou Dennis Event Room
 - Added Kiwanis Club of Historic Newburgh Picnic Shelter
 - New Basketball Courts



6 Add a Splash Pad to Newburgh Parks System

Lou Dennis Community Park – Dedicated and Opened in 2021



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Lou Dennis Community Park Renovations



- Phase I Completed in 2021
 - Splash Pad
 - Playground
 - New Basketball Courts
 - Increased Parking
 - Renovated Community Building
- Removed Old Playground Equipment in 2021
- Phase IA – Completed in 2022
 - Kiwanis Club of Historic Newburgh Picnic Shelter
- Increased Shade and Seating in 2022
 - Three new umbrellas
 - 8 new picnic tables
 - 6 new benches
- Fortress of Fun
- Tennis Courts / Pickleball Courts
- Volleyball Court
- Green Space
- Parking
- Walking Trail
- Exercise Pods

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Add Additional Restrooms within the Newburgh Parks System

- Existing Restrooms in 2018
 - Two at Overlook Park
 - Three at Old Lock and Dam Park
 - One at Aurand Trailhead
 - One at Lou Dennis Community Park
- Restrooms Added since 2018
 - One at Old Lock and Dam Park (Little Red Brick House)
 - One at Aurand Trailhead
 - Three at Lou Dennis Community Park

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3 Continue Developing Fundraising Group Known as Park Pals



Newburghparkpals.org



Facebook.com/newburghparkpals



[newburgh_park_pals](https://www.instagram.com/newburgh_park_pals)



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Rivertown Trail Expansion

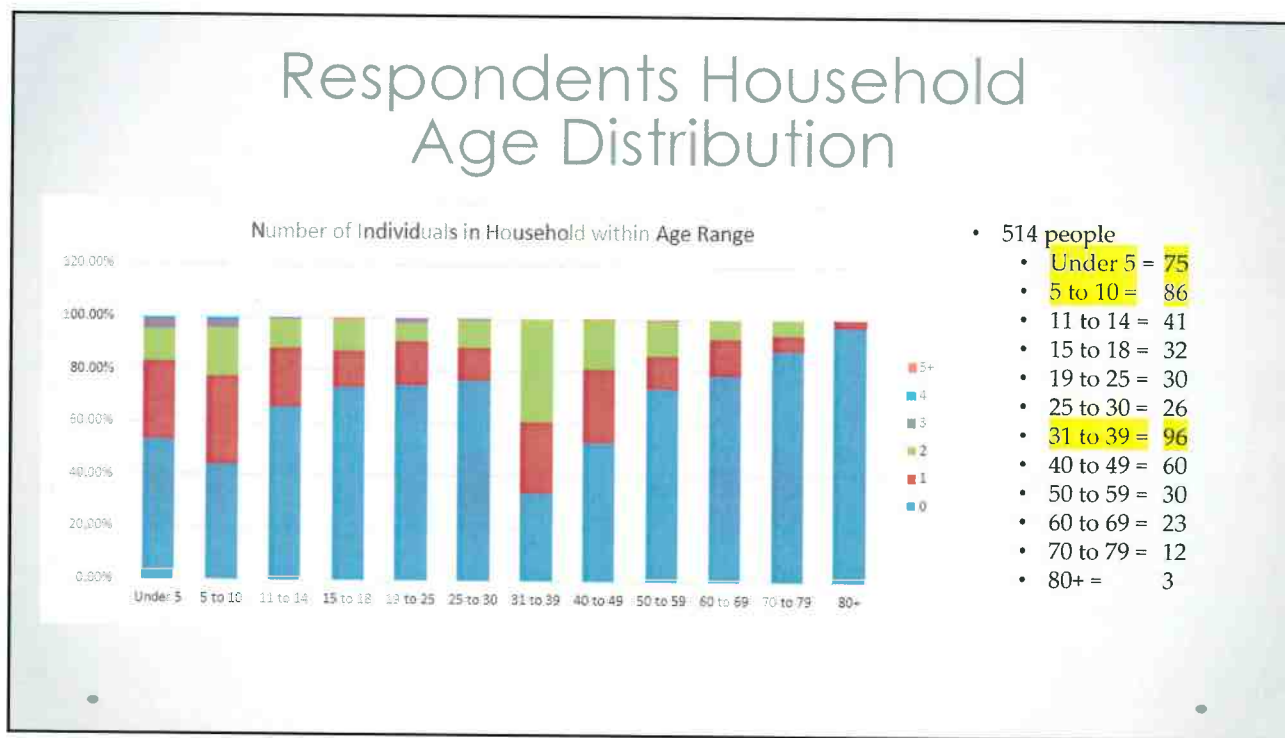
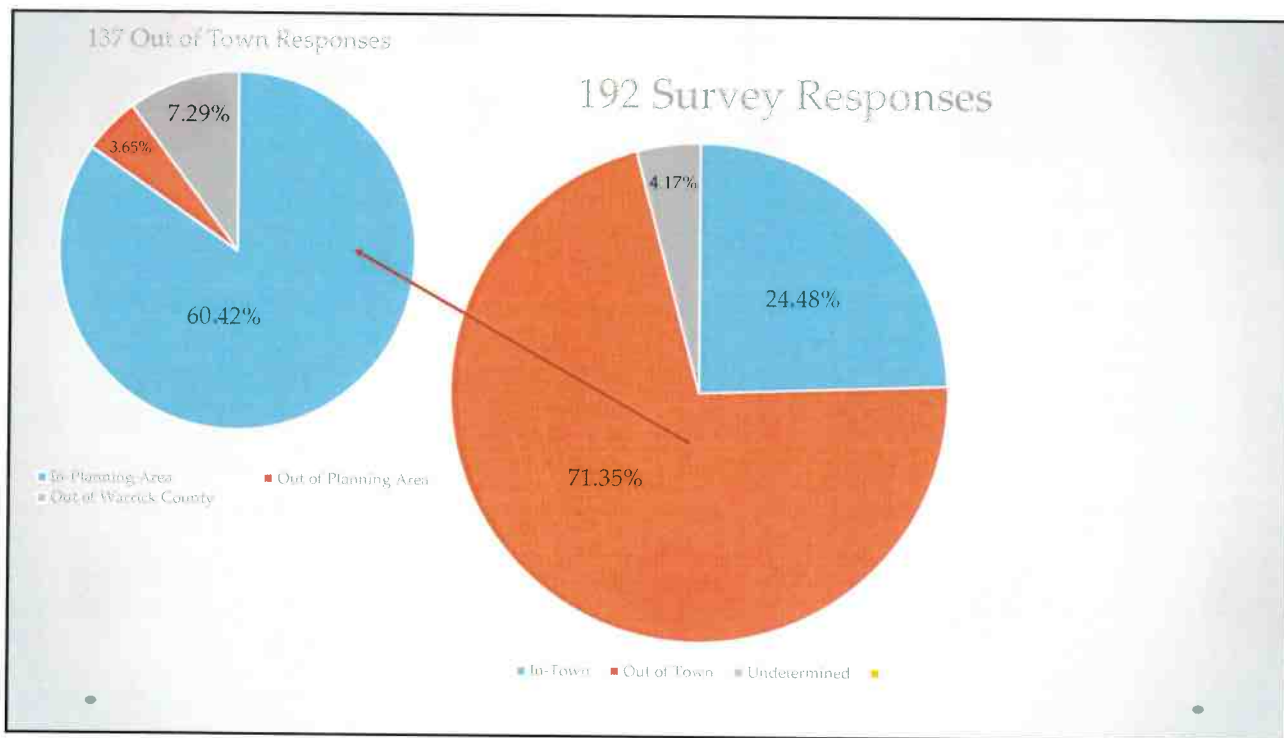


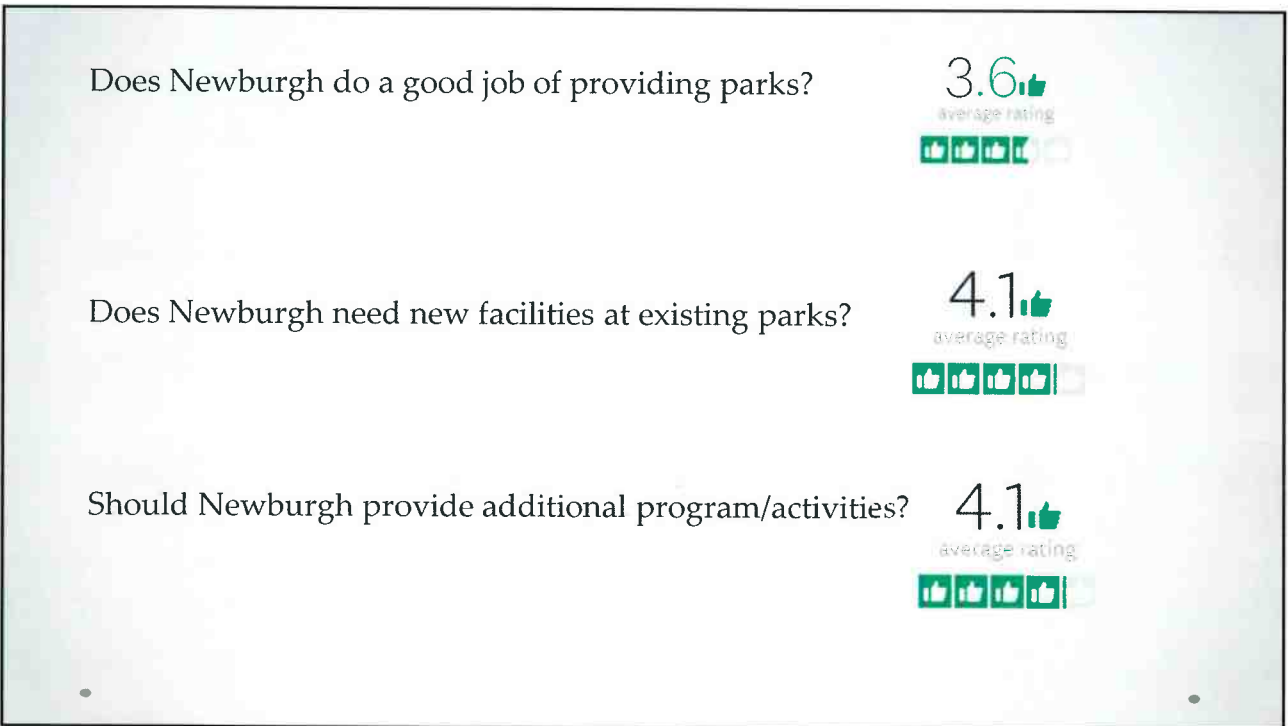
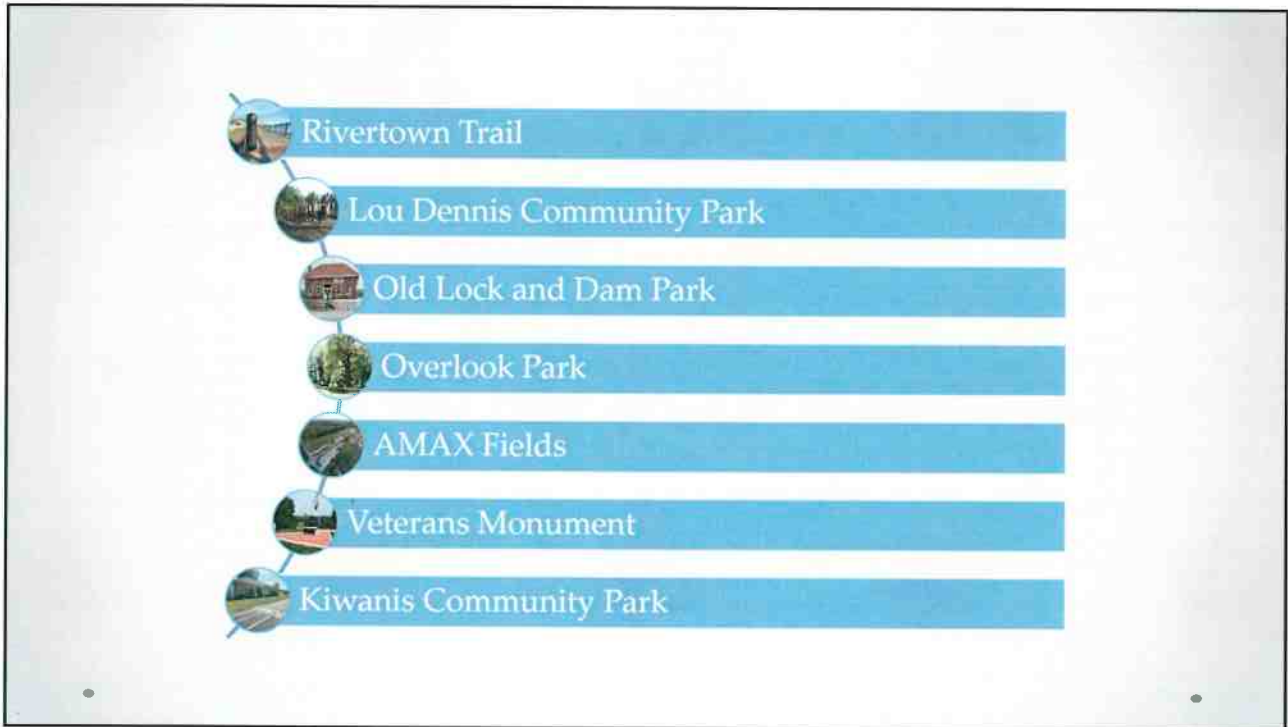
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Continued Maintenance



**THE
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Would like to see added to the Newburgh Parks System

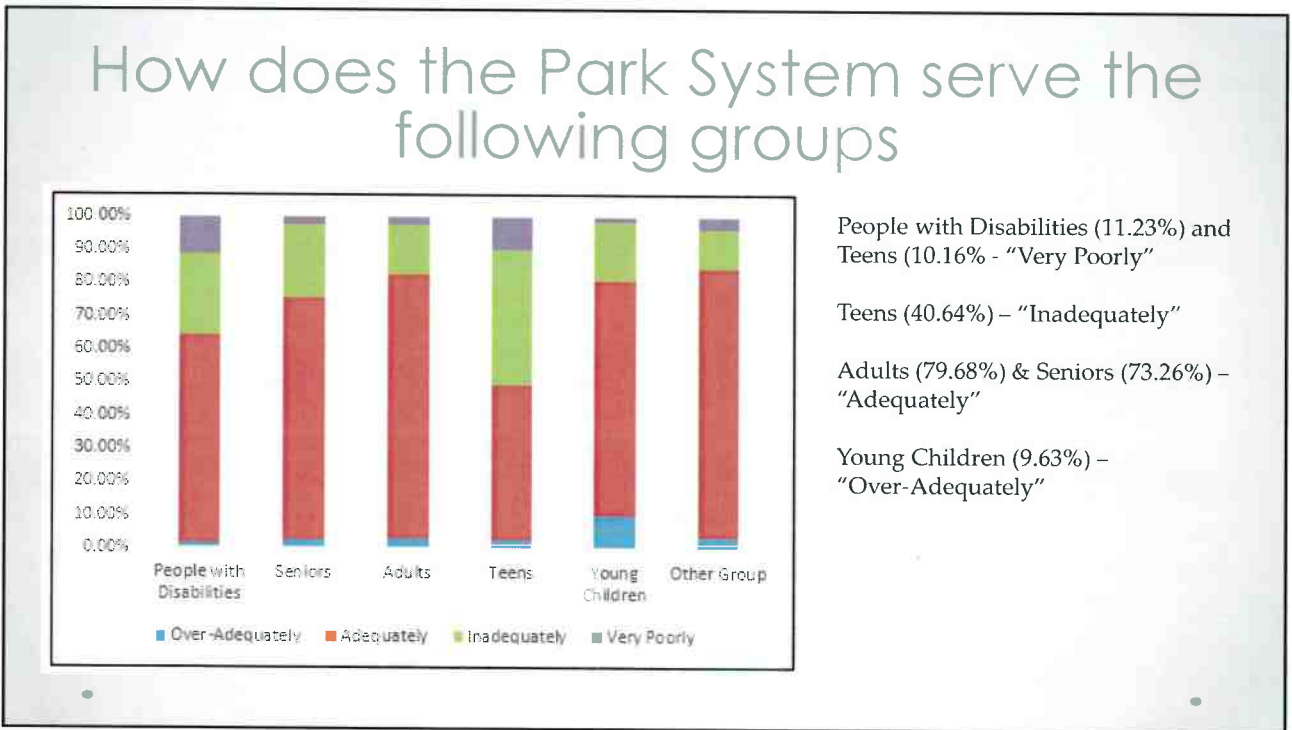
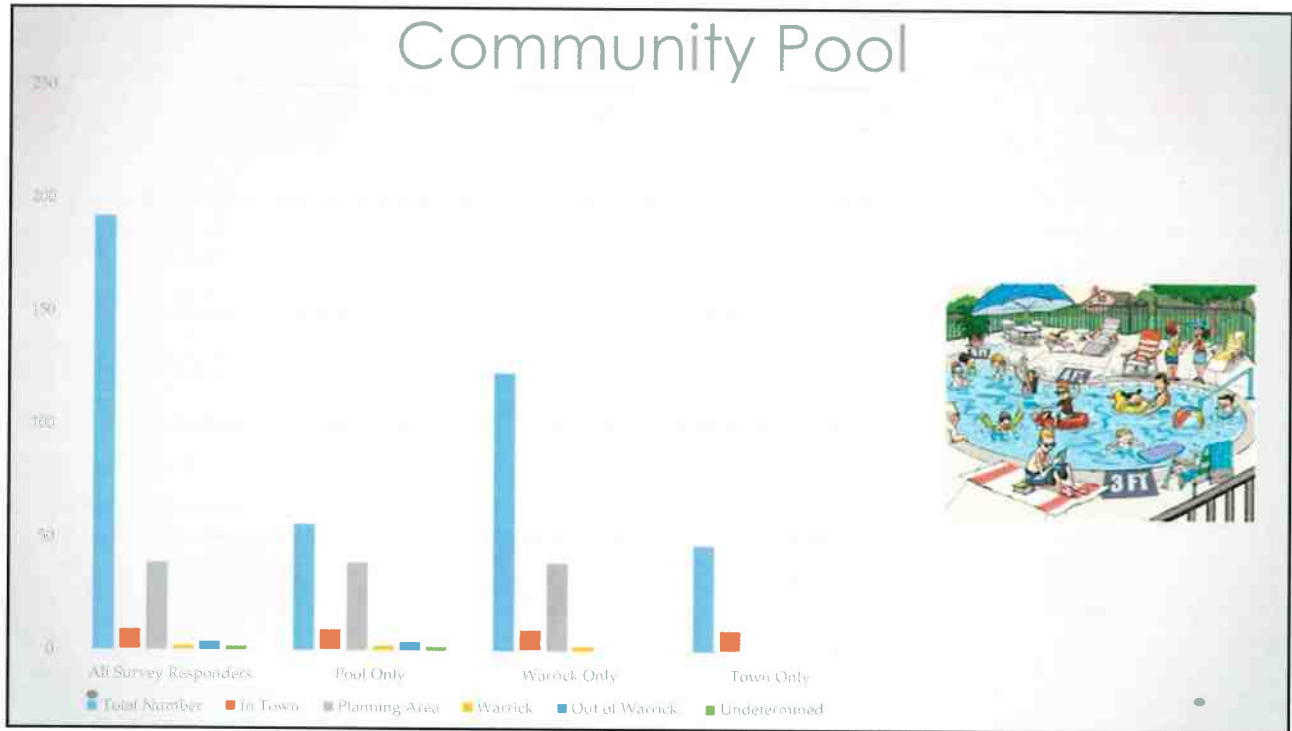
- Sidewalks that connect parks
- Batting Cages
- Community Garden
- More Soccer Fields
- Water Bottle Filling Stations
- Frisbee Golf
- Outdoor Exercise Areas
- Another Splash Pad
- More Courts
- More Bathrooms
- Pickleball Courts
- Additional Rentable Shelters
- Picnic Areas



Newburgh Community Pool

- Opened in 1972
- Major Renovation in 1997
- Expected to last 30-50 years
- Was in service for 45 years – Closing in January 2018
- Closed due to structure issues - Multiple companies contacted to repair – could not be repaired
- Average cost \$100K to run each year
- Open for 10 weeks
- Revenue dropped from \$90K in 2010 to \$48K in 2017
- April 2019 – Surveys, Public Forums and Feasibility Study
 - 90% of respondents to survey wanted a pool
 - 8% would donate towards a pool
 - 19% would volunteer or discuss ideas
 - 54% would support tax increase
 - Aquatic Center should replace pool





How Does Your Household Use the Newburgh Park System



1. Extend Rivertown Trail ✓
2. Connect the Parks by Trails
- ~~3. Skate Park~~
4. Dog Park
5. Reflection Park ?



Public Forums

Town of Newburgh Parks and Recreation Board

Town of Newburgh Parks Public Forum
2023-2027 Parks & Rec Master Plan

Please Join Us

This year, we're seeking existing park system needs and priorities for future development of the parks, recreation, and open space system. A community presentation will be held to present the 2023-2027 Parks & Rec Master Plan.

Public Meetings:

- Public Forum - June 20th @ 6PM
- Public Forum - July 28th @ 11AM
- Public Forum - August 29th @ 6PM
- Master Plan Draft - November 3 @ 6PM

Location:
Town Hall
100 West 17th Avenue
Newburgh, NY 12550

Contact: 518-861-1700 x 400 | info@newburgh-ny.gov

MASTER PLAN PUBLIC FORUM
Lon Dennis Community Park

THURSDAY JULY 28 11:00 AM

PLEASE JOIN US

Join us for the Lon Dennis Community Park Master Plan Public Forum. We will discuss the current park system and the 2023-2027 Master Plan. We will also have a presentation on the new park system and the 2023-2027 Master Plan. We will also have a presentation on the new park system and the 2023-2027 Master Plan.

CONTACT: ANDREA BARONI, FACILITIES COORDINATOR
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PARKS PUBLIC FORUM
2023-2027 Parks & Rec Master Plan

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Learn about the Newburgh Parks System and how the new system will be implemented.
- Hear from the community about the new system and how it will be implemented.
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Public Forum June 30, 2022

TOP 10

Items Discussed:

- Picnic Tables
- Fortress of Fun
- Obstacle Course
- Rivertown Trail Expansion
- Rivertown Trail Distance Markers
- Rivertown Trail Bridge Repairs
- Old Lock and Dam Signage, Crosswalks and Speed Limit
- Community Garden

1. Continued Maintenance
2. Increase the Number of Swings within the Newburgh Park System
3. Create a Space for 10-15-year-old Children to Play
4. Resurface Tennis Courts at Lou Dennis Community Park
5. Extend the Trail West
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Public Forum July 28, 2022

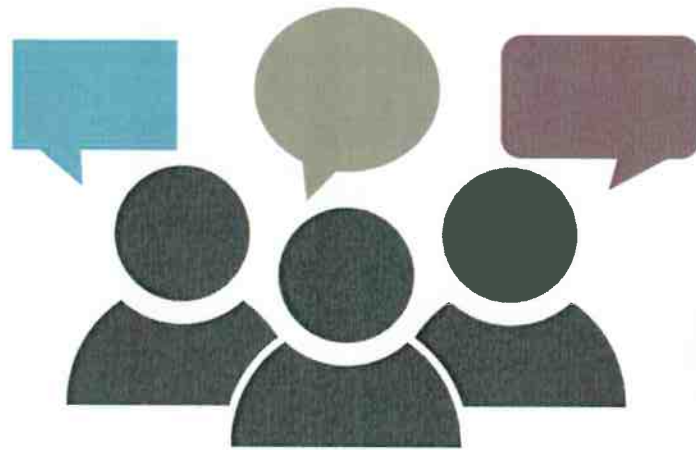
Lou Dennis Community Park

Items Discussed:

- GaGa Ball Pit
- Obstacle Course
- Teen Requests
 - Area for Checkers, Cornhole, Ping Pong
 - Area to Sit and Socialize
- Entrepreneur Night
- Skate Park
- Kickball and Baseball Field
- Make Volleyball Court more Defined
- Food Trucks
- Rebuild Fortress of Fun – AS IS!
- Small Splash Pad down by Ohio River
- Take a Book/Leave a Book Area (Free Library)
- Community Pool



Discussion



Appendix H

Public Forum Sign-In Sheets and Minutes

June 30th Public Forum Sign-In Sheet

June 30th Public Forum Minutes

July 28th Public Forum Sign-In Sheet

July 28th Public Forum Minutes

August 25th Public Forum Sign-In Sheet

August 25th Public Forum Minutes

PARKS MASTER PLAN 2023-2027 PUBLIC FORUM

JUNE 30, 2022

6PM

NO.	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS
1	Wanda Korman	32 Williams Dr.	Newburg	wkorman11061@aol
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3	Anne Rut Auernd			
4	Steve Murrell	114 U. Senicels	Newburg	SMURR070812@comcast
5	Kentell Dillner	100 W. WATER ST	Newburg	kwhackernews@sbcglobal.net
6	MATT MELFI			
7	Chris Whetstone	10000 Powers	Newburg	whetstone@icloud.com
8	Mary Ann Wilsbacher	119 W. Jennings St	NB	wilsbacher@gmail.com
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Town of Newburgh
Parks Board
2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Forum Minutes
June 30, 2022

6:00PM

William F. Kavanaugh Council Chambers

Parks Board Members Present:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher, Wanda Kavanaugh, Randy Wheeler

Advisory Board Members Present:

Joe Kuhn

Administrative Present:

Andrea Balboni, Facilities Coordinator

Town Council Present:

Anne Rust Aurand

Citizens Present:

Steve Munch

Matt Melfi

Chris Whetstone – Warrick County Council District I

Media Present:

The Warrick County Standard

Slideshow Presentation:

Andrea Balboni introduced herself and presented the forty-one (41) slides to the group. Andrea stated that this is a public forum and if anyone has any questions during the presentation to please raise their hand to discuss the topic.

Slide 35 – Newburgh Community Pool

The reporter from The Warrick County Standard asked Andrea Balboni if a new pool was built, would it still cost \$100,000.00 to run. Andrea stated that she does not know the answer to that question, but that the majority of the \$100,000.00 was salary since they had to employ up to thirty (30) lifeguards a season due to schedules. Andrea stated that there are also chemical costs that you have to factor in and that would depend on the size of the pool and how the pool is constructed. Andrea stated that the new splash pad runs off of three computers and feeds itself the chemicals along with using UV to sanitize and if a pool is constructed that way, that could affect the cost.

Slide 41 – Discussion

- *Aurand Trailhead* – Anne Rust Aurand mentioned that the handicap picnic table has been moved and needs to be turned around so the accessible side is facing the ramp access
- *Fortress of Fun* – Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that volunteers during United Way Day of Caring braced, secured and painted the Fortress of Fun. Mary Ann stated that maybe instead of removing the Fortress of Fun that we continue to work on the Fortress of Fun and save the parts that are popular and get rid of the parts that are not used as much (like the sandbox areas). Andrea Balboni stated that Leathers and Associates did come out and give an assessment of the playground and that they recommend that it be removed and a new one built. Andrea has also reached out to a playground inspector to give their assessment as well. A date has not been set yet, but will keep Parks Board informed. Continued discussion was had on the Fortress of Fun with Andrea stating that of all the changes that have happened at Lou Dennis Community Park or proposed changes, that she has received the most phone calls and emails about the Fortress of Fun and the public's desire not to get rid of the playground. Andrea stated that she believes that a second picnic shelter will be too expensive to build and would cause the park to have four possible rentals at one time, which would over crowd the park. Andrea thinks that reserved area could be used for more playground equipment that would play off the other playground equipment in that area and the Fortress of Fun area could be redesigned for older/pre-teen aged children. Andrea mentioned that a low zipline has been discussed and an area with levels and boulders and more natural play. Chris Whetstine stated that he recently took his grandchildren to the Fortress of Fun and asked them what they would like to see out in that area. He stated that his granddaughter wanted to see more flowers and his grandson would like an obstacle course. Discussion was had on using the Fortress of Fun area as the base of a new obstacle course.
- *Picnic Tables* – Anne Rust Aurand asked if a picnic table could be added to Veterans Monument and if picnic tables could be added to the shaded areas of Aurand Trailhead. Andrea Balboni stated that she has been told that there is a deed restriction on Veterans that does not allow for benches or picnic tables at Veterans but that she will research that. Andrea stated that there should be more picnic tables at Aurand, which would help with the utilization of that area. Discussion was added about adding more picnic tables to Lou Dennis Community Park.
- *Rivertown Trail* – Chris Whetstine stated that his wife would like trail markers along the trail. Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that there are trail markers and that they start at the New Locks and Dam and move west. The decision to put them in that direction was due to the trail not being all the way completed at that point and they knew new sections would be going west. The markers are granite and located in the ground. Discussion was had on making sure they are more visible and maybe putting in new markers to mark out your distance going east. Chris asked if the trail will be expanded past Pollack. Andrea Balboni stated that when Phase III was designed there was a Phase A and a Phase B and that part of Phase A that has been completed goes into Warrick County and that all of Phase B is in Warrick County and at this time the Town will not be completing Phase B but maybe in the future there could be a joint project with Warrick County and/or Warrick Trails to move that part of the trail forward. Andrea Balboni stated that Christy Powell is working on getting quotes for the red bridge – new decking and paint. Council

requested the quotes for the July 13, 2022 meeting – waiting to see if the quotes will be received by then.

- *Old Lock and Dam Park* – Matt Melfi stated that the concrete around the west restroom needs to be fixed – it is starting to break up. Andrea Balboni stated that she will look into it and get a quote to repair. Mary Ann Wilsbacher asked about the crosswalk recommendation that Parks Board made to Town Council. Andrea stated that she is talking to Chief Mitchell and that along with crosswalk recommendations they are also thinking of requesting the speed limit to be lowered in that area as well as putting up “Entering Old Lock and Dam Park” signage. Discussion was also had on the bathrooms always being locked and Andrea stated that she is working with Gerald Bowser, the Maintenance Superintendent, on getting them redone or new doors that would allow for those restrooms to stay open year-round. The issue is vandalism at night and the restrooms freezing and busting in the winter. Andrea wants to ensure whatever is done in the future allows for the restrooms to be opened as long as possible for the public but that they will remain intact and not cause expensive repairs.
- *Community Garden* – Mary Ann Wilsbacher and Andrea Balboni received an email from Barb from God is Good and she was unable to make the public forum but wanted to ask for a request of a community garden within the Newburgh Park System. The request for a community garden comes from refugees when she shows them around the area. Barb stated *“Several of the refugees asked why our parks don’t plant fruit trees and fruit bearing plants so that everyone could have the pleasure of picking fruit with or for their loved one, or someone who is hungry but has no money to buy may find good food to eat and know that their community has already thought ahead for their need.”* Barb requested a community garden with a small orchard of fruit trees and plants. If the fruit that isn’t picked by the community by a certain date, it could be donated to food pantries and organizations serving those in need. It could be a place where the community offers free lessons in horticulture during planning season for the young or young at heart increasing not only food stability but also the interaction with our parks. Barb stated that she knows a few refugees who would love to be able to share their skills one day, build relationships, and learn from American gardeners, too. Discussion was had on areas to put the community garden. The 1.84 acres that the Town leases from the Army Corps was brought up as a location, but some thought since it was so out of Town would not be easy for someone to access. Discussion was had on adding the plantings to the Senior Center and maybe even Kiwanis Park.
- *Top Ten List* – Andrea asked the group if they had to pick a top ten list for the Master Plan, which ten (10) things would they like to see the Parks accomplish in the next five (5) years:
 1. Continued Maintenance
 2. Increase the Number of Swings within the Newburgh Park System
 3. Create a Space for 10–15-year-old Children to Play
 4. Resurface the Tennis Courts at Lou Dennis Community Park
 5. Extend the Trail West
 6. Extend the Trail North on Ellerbush – Create a Walking Bridge over State Route 662
 7. Increase Programming and Connection with Ohio River
 - Barge In (Tour a Barge)

- Camping Event in the Park
 - ORSANCO Aquarium
8. Redesign Fortress of Fun
 9. Create a Ropes Course
 10. More Picnic Tables within the Newburgh Park System

Next Public Forum will be **July 28, 2022** at 11:00AM.

PARKS MASTER PLAN 2023-2027 PUBLIC FORUM

JULY 28, 2022

11AM

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4	Bonnie Kormanowicz	32 Williams Dr,	Newburgh, IN	wfkormanowicz@aol.com
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7	Mattalia Kojmets	514 Polk St	Newburgh, IN	
8	Kelley Gustafson	2300 Jennings	Newburgh, IN	
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11	Emma K Carter	7019 Yankeeburn Rd	Newburgh IN	
12	Donna Schauss	6500 Carter Ridge Rd	Newburgh IN	dgschauss@gmail.com
13	Janni Lawrence	10546 Hampton Place	Newburgh IN	
14	Ian Long	7333 Marywood Drive	Newburgh, IN	
15	Brian D Baker	6977 Bittersweet Circle	Newburgh IN	sdobker@bgnville.com

PARKS MASTER PLAN 2023-2027 PUBLIC FORUM

JULY 28, 2022

11AM

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18	Brooke Krumm	4595 Mansfield Dr	Newburgh 47638	
19	Olivia Hicks	3001 Twickenham Dr.	Evansville, IN 47111	
20	Shirley Moore	318 Cypress St,	Newburgh, IN 47630	51moore1943@gmail.com
21	Taylor Stephens	1722 S Stekenson St rd	Chandler, IN, 47610	
22	Quita Selby	3425 Mariner Dr	Evansville, IN 47114	
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Town of Newburgh
Parks Board
2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Forum Minutes
July 28, 2022

11:00AM
Lou Dennis Community Park
Lou Room

Parks Board Members Present:

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Parks Board Advisory Members Present:

Shirley Moore

Administrative Present:

Christy Powell, Town Manager; and Kelley Gustafson, Civil Town Assistant

Citizens Present:

Natallia Aolynets
Ann and Kevin Pendley
Emma Carter
Donna Schauss
Sami Laurence
Ian Long
Susan Dolker
Saugay Twineey
Michael Fauerbach
Brooke Kruman
Olivia Hicks
Taylor Stephens
Olivia and Nolan Selby

Public Forum Handouts

The Facilities Coordinator, Andrea Balboni, was unable to attend the public forum due to COVID-19. In her place, Town Manager, Christy Powell, and Civil Town Assistant, Kelley Gustafson along with Park Board Members handed out a packet that included a cover page and eight informational pages.

- Page 1 – Information about what a Park and Recreation Master Plan is, how many parks make up the Newburgh Park System, who is on the Newburgh Park Board and how the parks are maintained.

- Page 2 – Newburgh Town Limits map and population data.
- Page 3 – Information on what a Planning Area is and what the Newburgh Park System Planning Area looks like.
- Page 4 – Newburgh Park System (AMAX, Kiwanis, Lou Dennis, Old Lock and Dam Park)
- Page 5 – Newburgh Park System (Rivertown Trail, Overlook, Veterans)
- Page 6 – The 2018-2022 Top Ten List and if those projects.
- Page 7 – 2022 Parks Master Plan Survey Results (Parks by Usage, Top 5 Requests, Survey Respondents, How the Park System Serves Groups, How Park are Used)
- Page 8 - 2022 Parks Master Plan Survey Results (To Do or Not to Do)

In addition to the packets, they were also given a sheet to fill out their thoughts, wishes, opinions, and ideas for the Newburgh Park System. Only one sheet was turned in during the public forum. On that sheet they listed the following ideas:

- PVC pipe around volleyball courts to define the court area
- Setup more events at all parks to increase utilization
- Redo tennis courts and add pickleball courts
- Put nets in the soccer goals
- Add trails at Lou Dennis Community Park in the woods
- Add smaller community pool
- Add bike racks along the trail
- Add water fountains along the trail and add shaded stops
- Add apple orchard/community berry farm/garden
- Add kickball fields to all parks

Discussion:

During the open house style public forum, the following items were discussed:

- *Metal Slide at Lou Dennis Community Park* - Adding a sign to the metal slide at Lou Dennis that explains the metal slide is for children with cochlear implants and allows the slide to be used by all children regardless of their abilities.
- *Town and County Parks* – Getting the two Park Boards together to discuss and share ideas.
- *Annexation* – Gentleman stated that he lives on Williamsburg and would like to be annexed into Town.
- *Community Pool* – Build a pool at Friedman Park (explained that this is a county park and outside of the Newburgh Park System).
- *GaGa Ball Pit*
- *Teen Area*
- *Free Library / Take a Book, Leave a Book*
- *Skate Park*
- *Entrepreneur Night* – Teens could talk over business ideas that they would like to see or start
- *Kickball and Baseball Fields*
- *Corn Hole Tournaments*

- *More Food Truck events*
- *Fortress of Fun – Build AS IS – No modern design*
- *Splash Pad along the Rivertown Trail*
- *More parks out in the county*
- *Post rental information and if facility is rented on outside of facility*

Next Public Forum will be on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 6PM at Town Hall.

PARKS MASTER PLAN 2023-2027 PUBLIC FORUM

AUGUST 25, 2022

6PM

NO.	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS
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5	Rachel Lackey	8131 Wyngate Cir	Newburgh	REL5H76@yahoo.com
6	Ron Keller			
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Town of Newburgh
Parks Board
2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Forum Minutes
August 25, 2022

6:00PM

William F. Kavanaugh Council Chambers

Parks Board Members Present:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher, Wanda Kavanaugh, Ron Keller

Administrative Present:

Andrea Balboni, Facilities Coordinator

Town Council Present:

Leanna Hughes

Citizens Present:

Aaron and Colleen Scholer

Rachel Lackey and 2 Children

Family of Four (2 Adults & 2 Children)

Media Present:

Reporter from KKTV 11 News (14 News)

Children's Activities

During the slideshow started, children were asked to draw their dream playground, where given an activity to do and provided snacks. Splash Pad attendants oversaw the children while their parents listened and participated in the public forum.

Public Forum Handouts

Public Forum Participants were handed a packet with a cover sheet and eight informational pages.

- Page 1 – Information about what a Park and Recreation Master Plan is, how many parks make up the Newburgh Park System, who is on the Newburgh Park Board and how the parks are maintained.
- Page 2 – Newburgh Town Limits map and population data.
- Page 3 – Information on what a Planning Area is and what the Newburgh Park System Planning Area looks like.
- Page 4 – Newburgh Park System (AMAX, Kiwanis, Lou Dennis, Old Lock and Dam Park)
- Page 5 – Newburgh Park System (Rivertown Trail, Overlook, Veterans)

- Page 6 – The 2018-2022 Top Ten List and if those projects.
- Page 7 – 2022 Parks Master Plan Survey Results (Parks by Usage, Top 5 Requests, Survey Respondents, How the Park System Serves Groups, How Park are Used)
- Page 8 - 2022 Parks Master Plan Survey Results (To Do or Not to Do)

In addition to the packets, they were also given a sheet to fill out their thoughts, wishes, opinions, and ideas for the Newburgh Park System. No sheets were turned in.

Slideshow Presentation:

Andrea Balboni introduced herself and presented the forty-five (45) slides to the group. Andrea stated that this is a public forum and if anyone has any questions during the presentation to please raise their hand to discuss the topic. Below is a list of topics that were discussed at the public forum:

- *Fortress of Fun* – The next United Way Day of Caring is Friday, September 16th. Volunteers will be painting the Fortress of Fun and working on Landscaping.
- *Lou Dennis Community Park Basketball Court* – Place a sidewalk from the parking lot to the basketball court. There is currently a worn-out pathway in the grass and the concrete walkway will stop the area from getting muddy. A fence was also requested that would stop the basketballs from going into the parking lot.
- *Kiwanis Club of Historic Newburgh Picnic Shelter* – Facilities Coordinator stated that she is working on a quote to add a walkway from the parking lot to the picnic shelter and will look into a walkway for the basketball court as well.
- *Lou Dennis Community Park Green Space* - Resident from Jefferson Park stated that he son and his friends used the green space at Lou Dennis Community Park often and would like to see as much green space as possible kept at the park. The resident is happy with Phase I of the park and knows more phases are coming, but she wants to make sure that we keep green space for kids to play.
- *Connecting St. John's Catholic Church to Lou Dennis Community Park* – Discussion was had on connecting St. John's to Lou Dennis via a trail through the wooded area.
- *Obstacle Course* – Discussion was had on adding an area within Lou Dennis Community Park that is more like an obstacle course for older children.
- *Community Pool* – Discussion was had on a public pool and if that facility should be located within Town or within County.
- *Teen Area* – Discussion was had on adding a teen area to the Newburgh Park System.
- *Sidewalks* – Discussion was had on sidewalks within the Town of Newburgh.
- *Rivertown Trail* – Discussion was had on adding performance challenges along the trail and adding pocket parks or swing sets to the Aurand Trailhead and Overlook Park.
- *Next Five Years* – The Parks Board and the Facilities Coordinator were asked what they think park users will see within the next five-years. The Parks Board and Facilities Coordinator agreed that in the next five-years they believe park users will see the following:
 1. *Pocket parks along the trail*
 2. *A teen area*
 3. *GaGa Ball Pit*
 4. *Fortress of Fun will be replaced*

5. *Some type of obstacle course or older playground area will be built*
6. *Lou Dennis Community Park will move into Phase II and Phase III*
7. *Taking over operations at Overlook Park*
8. *Continued Maintenance and improvements within all the parks*
9. *Additional restrooms in the downtown area that could serve the Rivertown Trail users*

Appendix I

Public Forum Handouts

Cover Page

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Information

Newburgh Town Limits

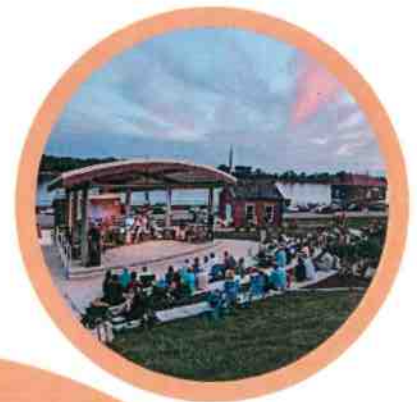
What is a Planning Area?

Newburgh Park System (2 Pages)

2018-2022 Top Ten

Survey Results (2 Pages)

2023-2027 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN



PUBLIC FORUM INFORMATION

Facilities Coordinator: Andrea Balboni | 812-853-1720 x 4
abalboni@newburgh-in.gov

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

A parks and recreation master plan, according to DNR, is a comprehensive, long-range strategy for the creation, optimization and maintenance of the park system. It doesn't focus on one particular park but instead offers a bird's eye view of a community's park and recreation landscape, both today and beyond.

How often does the Parks Board have to redo a Master Plan?

Every Five Years



Does Newburgh have a Parks Department?

No, the Town of Newburgh does not have a dedicated Parks Department but has a board of five volunteers that make up the Parks Board. The parks are maintained by Town Staff.

Who is on the Parks Board ?

- Mary Ann Wilsbacher, President
- Wanda Kavanaugh, Vice President
- Randy Wheeler, Secretary
- Ron Keller
- Susan Melfi, Warrick County School Board Appointment

What Goes Into a Master Plan?

- Natural Landscape Features
- Man-Made Features
- Historical Features
- Cultural Features
- Social and Economic Factors
- Park Budget
- Accessibility Standards

How many parks are within the Newburgh Park System?

- AMAX Athletic Fields
- Kiwanis Community Park
- Lou Dennis Community Park
- Old Lock and Dam Community Park
- Rivertown Trail
- Overlook Park
- Veterans Monument

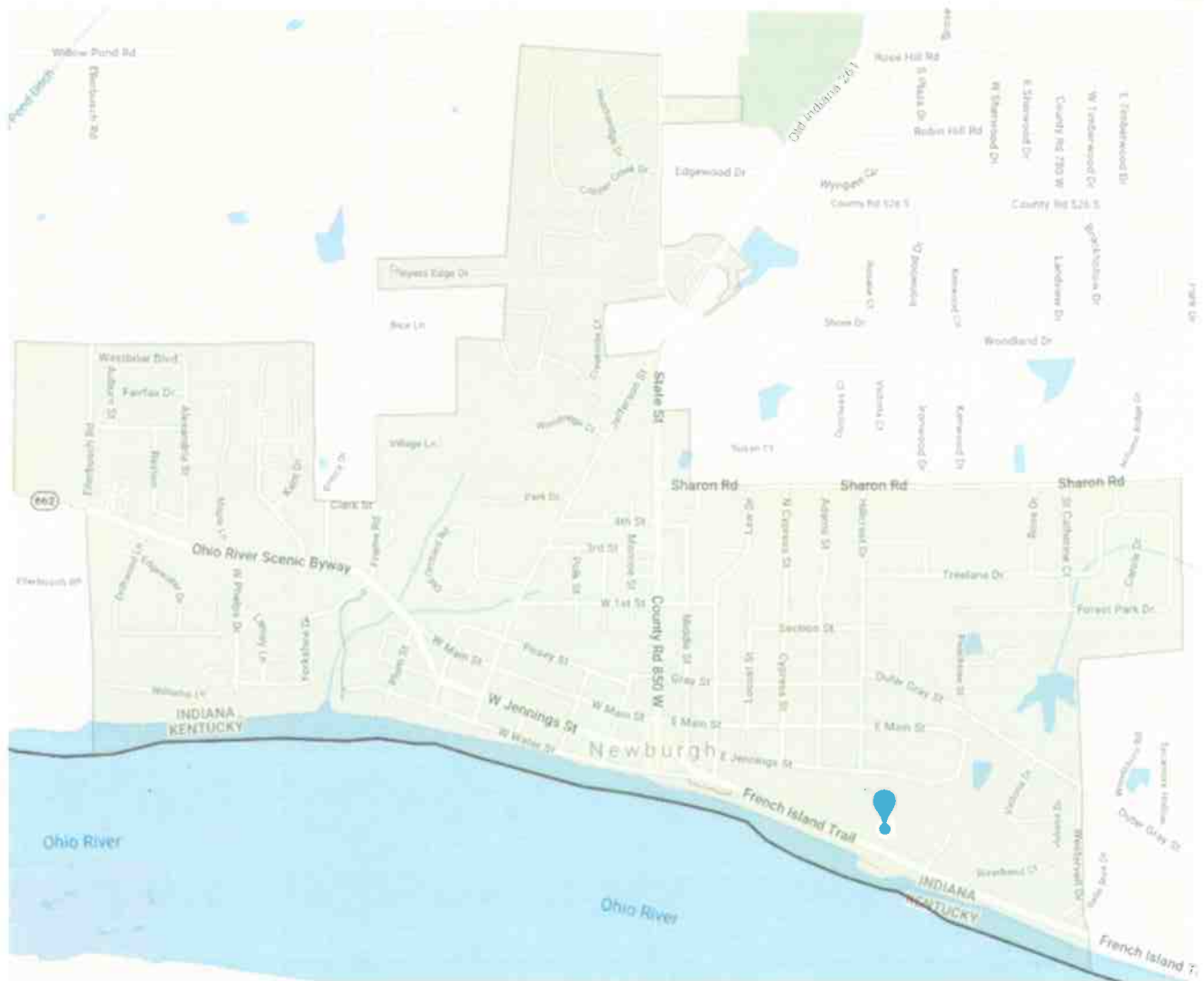


How does the Parks Board develop their Master Plan Top Ten List?

Town Staff and Parks Board use information obtained from the Master Plan Survey and Public Forums to formulate a Top Ten List that they will use as a guide for the next five years.

Newburgh

TOWN LIMITS



1.5 SQUARE MILES

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS
1,623

POPULATION
3,344

What is a Planning Area?

Generally, this is the area located within the jurisdictional boundaries or taxing district of the park board, but really should include the main area your users live in. Where do all your park users actually come from?



24,458

User Base

South - Ohio River

North - Jenner Road

East - State Route 61

**West - Warrick
County Border**

The Town of Newburgh must face the challenge of proving parks and recreation services for a user base of 24,458 on a tax base of 1,623.

NEWBURGH PARK SYSTEM



AMAX Athletic Fields

13.26 Acres - 5800 Outer Lincoln Ave.

Leased by Newburgh Youth Soccer and Castle Youth Football Leagues

Soccer & Football Fields, Concession Stands, Playground, Parking



Kiwanis Community Park

2.25 Acres - 524 Filmore Street

Leased by Warrick County School Corporation and Newburgh Kiwanis

Kiwanis Building, Newburgh Elementary School Track, Parking



Lou Dennis Community Park

11.66 Acres - 402 Park Drive

Splash Pad, Playground, Fortress of Fun, Basketball Court, Tennis Courts, Volleyball Court, Indoor Event Room, 2 Outdoor Shelters, Restrooms, Parking



Old Lock and Dam Park

13.4 Acres - 525 East Highway 662

Old Lock and Dam Control Building No. 47, Lockmaster Cottages, Allen Family Amphitheater, Boat Ramp and Boat Dock, Parking, Restrooms

NEWBURGH PARK SYSTEM



Rivertown Trail

3.84 Miles - Pollack to Lock and Dam

Constructed in 3 Phases
(2008, 2011 & 2020)

Aurand Trailhead and Historic Bridge
No. 264



Overlook Park

19.44 Acres - 6877 Hwy 66

Owned by Federal Government
Leased by Town of Newburgh

Parking, Trail Access, Restrooms,
Overlook Area, and Pond



Veterans Monument

0.9 Acres - State & Bell Road

Designated Parking, Monument, Flag
and Donor Bricks

2018-2022 TOP TEN

BELOW IS THE 2018-2022 TOP TEN LIST THAT THE NEWBURGH PARKS BOARD HAS BEEN USING AS A GUIDE FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS

1. Continued Maintenance



2. Rivertown Trail Expansion



3. Continue Developing Fundraising Group Known as Park Pals



4. Add Additional Restrooms within the Newburgh Park System



2018 = 7 Public Restrooms
2022 = 12 Public Restrooms

5. Lou Dennis Community Park Renovations

Phase I



6. Add a Splash Pad to Newburgh Parks System



7. Increase Utilization of all Parks



8. Add Additional Parks

- Added 1.84 Acres to Overlook Park
- Extended Trail by 1 Mile



9. Take Over Operations of New Locks and Dam Park

Last Update from Army Corps - Waiting on Signature from Army Corps Chief



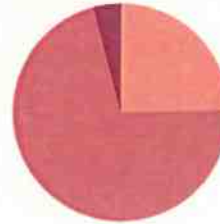
10. Construct Amphitheater at Old Lock and Dam Park



SURVEY RESULTS

PARKS BY USAGE

- Rivertown Trail
- Lou Dennis Community Park
- Old Lock and Dam Park
- Overlook Park
- AMAX Fields
- Veterans Monument
- Kiwanis Community Park



TOP 5 REQUESTS

- More Swings
- More Bike Lanes
- Dog Park
- More Playgrounds
- Community Pool

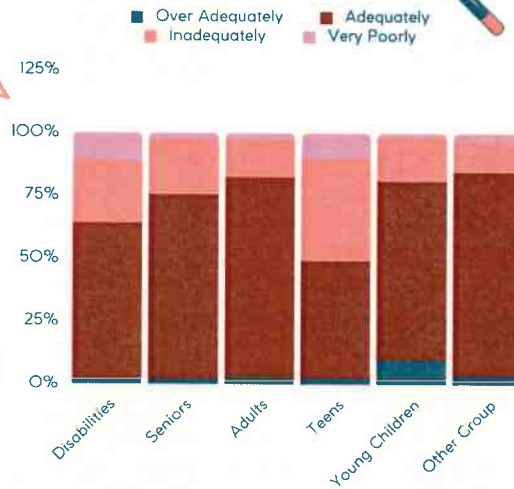
192 Survey Responses

- 47 - In Town Residents
- 137 - Out of Town Residents
- 8 - Undetermined



How does the Park System Serve the Following Groups

Teens were listed as the most inadequately served group



HOW THE PARKS ARE USED

TOP 10 ANSWERS

1. Kids Play/Burn Energy
2. Walk/Run the Trail
3. Bike on the Trail
4. Picnics
5. Splash Pad
6. Exercise
7. Socialize
8. Family Time
9. Connect with Nature
10. Walk Dog

21 PARK IMPROVEMENTS WERE SUGGESTED TO THE SURVEY RESPONDERS. BELOW ARE THE TOP FIVE FROM EACH CATEGORY

TO DO OR NOT TO DO

DON'T DO IT

- Restore Log Cabin
- Performance Challenges along the Trail
- Bicycle Rentals
- Replace Fortress of Fun
- Permanent Boat Dock

UNDECIDED

- Permanent Boat Dock
- Update Tennis Courts at Lou
- More Open Field Areas
- Offer Lessons
- Add Pickleball Courts

SURE

- Park Beautification
- Adopt-A-Spot Areas
- Directional Signage on the Trail and in Parks
- River-Related Programs
- Educational Programs

PLEASE DO IT!

- Music and Movies at the Amphitheater
- Replace Fortress of Fun
- Park Beautification
- Add a Mini Playground to Overlook Park
- Add a Mini Playground to Aurand Trailhead

Appendix J

Final Public Presentation Documents

Final Public Presentation Flyer

Final Public Presentation Sign-In Sheet

Final Public Presentation Slideshow

Final Public Presentation Draft Plan Comment Card

Final Public Presentation Minutes



FINAL PUBLIC
PRESENTATION

2023-2027
Town of Newburgh
Parks Master Plan

OCTOBER 18, 2022
5 PM

NEWBURGH TOWN HALL

COMMENT SUBMISSION
DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

TOWN HALL ADDRESS
23 W. JENNINGS ST.
NEWBURGH, INDIANA

COPIES OF THE MASTER PLAN ARE AVAILBLE FOR
VIEW AT NEWBURGH TOWN HALL OR ON THE TOWN
WEBSITE (NEWBURGH-IN.COM)

2023-2027 PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING

October 18, 2022
5PM

NO.	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	TOPIC/DISCUSSION
1	Jim Wilsbacher	119 W. JENNINGS ST.	NEWBURGH, IN	47630
2	MARY ANN WILSBACHER	119 W. JENNINGS ST	NEWBURGH, IN	47630 / MASTER PLAN 2022
3	Randy Wheeler	100 W. WATER ST.	NEWBURGH, IN	47630 Master Plan 2022
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*2023-2027
Parks, Recreation and
Open Space
Master Plan*

*Draft Review
October 18, 2022*



Purpose of the Plan

- It will gather feedback and input from Town of Newburgh residents along with surrounding county residents and report the information in an accurate manner.
- It will aid Newburgh in recognizing the importance of wise utilization and preservation of its natural resources.
- It will help to broaden the community's view of itself in terms of the use of these natural, man-made, historical and cultural resources for recreational activities.
- It will help to determine the recreational needs of Newburgh, identify sites or areas to meet these needs, and to develop methods and programs to preserve and/or develop these sites and areas.
- It will assist the community in recognizing the importance of good fiscal planning in the utilization of public funds.
- It will maintain an up-to-date master plan to assist the Parks Board in promoting the parks goals and obtaining grant funding.

Planning Area

South = Ohio River
North = Jenner Road
East = State Route 61
West = Warrick County Boarder

Town of Newburgh (Yellow)

3,344 Population
1,623 Households

Planning Area

24,458

Town must face the challenge of providing parks and recreation services for a user base of 24,458 on a tax base of 1,623 households.

- Request Partnerships
- In Town & Out of Town Rates
- Sponsorships, Donations, Volunteers





Parks Board and Administrative Staff

- Facilities Coordinator position was created*
- Civil Town Assistant position was created*
- Seasonal Maintenance Staff*

- Dedicated Park Maintenance position*

Natural Landscape Features

- Natural Regions
 - Topography
 - Significant Nature Areas
 - Climate
 - Mining
 - Water Resources
 - Invasive Insect Species
 - Invasive Plant Species
- Flooding and how it effects our parks
 - Tree Inventory
 - Invasive Plant Species Training
 - Invasive Insect Species Treatments
 - Continued Relationships

Manmade, Historical and Cultural Landscape Features



Local Roads
Historic District
Lock and Dam



Johnson's Raid
WC Bridge No. 264
Historical Properties



Local Groups
Yearly Events

Social and Economical Factors

Population = 3,344 (Grew 1.3%)
Boonville (8.5%),
Chandler (9.2%),
Warrick County (3.1%)

Indiana Business Review gave population projections for Warrick County to grow 40% between 2010-2050

Increase growth means a greater demand on parks. Create demand means increased noise, litter, overcrowding and maintenance.

- In Town and Out of Town Rates
- Work with local organizations and groups to help with maintenance costs and develop parks outside of Town

Median Age = 45.5
Boonville (39.9)
Chandler (36.1)
Warrick County (41.5)

Middle-Aged & Seniors Increased

Younger Adults (25-44) Decreased

- Walking/Sitting Areas
- Cultural Programming
- Senior/Adult Programming
- Volunteer Base Increase

Population

Race
90.51%

Age

Disability
14.3%

Education and
Employment

Poverty
10%

National Recreation and Park Association Classifications

Type of Park	Service Area	Acreage Per Thousand	Park	Town Limits Overage/(Shortfall)	Planning Area Park Overage/(Shortfall)
Mini	Less Than Quarter Acre Radius	Quarter to Half	Rivard Community Playground	1-42 Acres	(5.87 Acres)
Neighborhood	Between Quarter Mile and Half Mile	1-2	Overlook Park	None in Town	(5.05 Acres)
Community	1-2 Mile Radius	3-8	Lee Dennis Community Park, Old Lock and Dam Park	3-35 Acres	46.07 Acres
Regional/Metropolitan	1 Hour Driving	5-10	None		
Regional Park/Preserve	1 Hour Driving	Varies	None		
Linear	No Guidelines	No Guidelines	Rivertown Trail		
Special Use	No Guidelines	No Guidelines	AMAX & Veterans Monument		
Conservancy Area	No Guidelines	No Guidelines	None		

Newburgh Park System



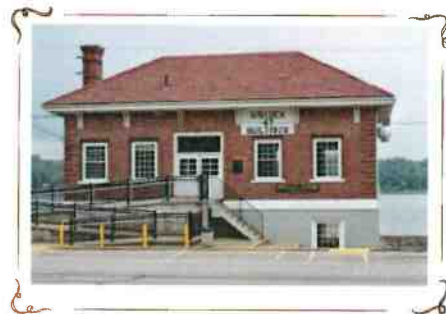
AMAX Athletic Fields
Outer Lincoln
Special Use Park - 13.26 Acres
1979 - Deed Restrictions
1981 LWCF Restrictions



Kiwanis Community Playground
Filmore Street
Mini Park - 2.25 Acres
1944, 1945, 1957
Restrictions on Deed



*Lou Dennis Community Park
Park Drive
Community Park - 11.66 Acres
1969 Starting Acquiring Lots
1971 LWCF Restrictions*



*Old Lock and Dam Park
French Island Trail / East Hwy 662
Community Park - 13.4 Acres
1979 Deed Restrictions*



Overlook Park
Highway 66
Neighborhood Park - 19.43 Acres
2005 & 2019 (Leases)
Owned by Federal Government



Veterans Monument
State/Bell Road
Special Use Park - 0.9 Acres
1999



*Rivertown Trail
New Lock and Dam Park to Pollack Ave
Linear Park – 3.84 Miles
2008, 2011, and 2020
Restrictions*

Level of Service Analysis (LOS)

- **Local (County, Township, City or Town) recreation acres:**
Land owned by municipal, township and county governments, as well as land privately owned but open for public use.
20 acres per 1,000 people (.02 acres per person)
- **State/federal recreation acres:**
Land owned mostly by State or federal governments, and does include some non-profit sites (such as those owned by Land Trusts) open for public recreational use.
35 acres per 1,000 people (.035 acres per person)
- **Total (Statewide) recreation acres:**
Total of all statewide public recreation land that is owned by all entities in the other two categories.
55 acres per 1,000 people (.055 acres per person)

Level of Service Analysis (LOS) – Continued

Local Recreation Areas

- Indiana has 92 counties – 55 counties are deficient in local-level recreation areas
- Acres by County - Warrick County meets recommendation – having a surplus of 650.08 acres above recommendation
- Acres by Region - Warrick is grouped with Vanderburgh, Gibson, and Posey – deficient by 272.30 acres
- Newburgh - Recommendation of 66.88 acres but only has 64.74 acres – deficient by 2.14 acres

State/Federal Recreation Areas

- Acres by County – Warrick County has a surplus of 5,724.26 acres above recommendation
- Acres by Region – The four counties have a surplus of 15,956.03 acres above recommendation
- Newburgh – No State Parks but manages 19.43 acres of Federal land

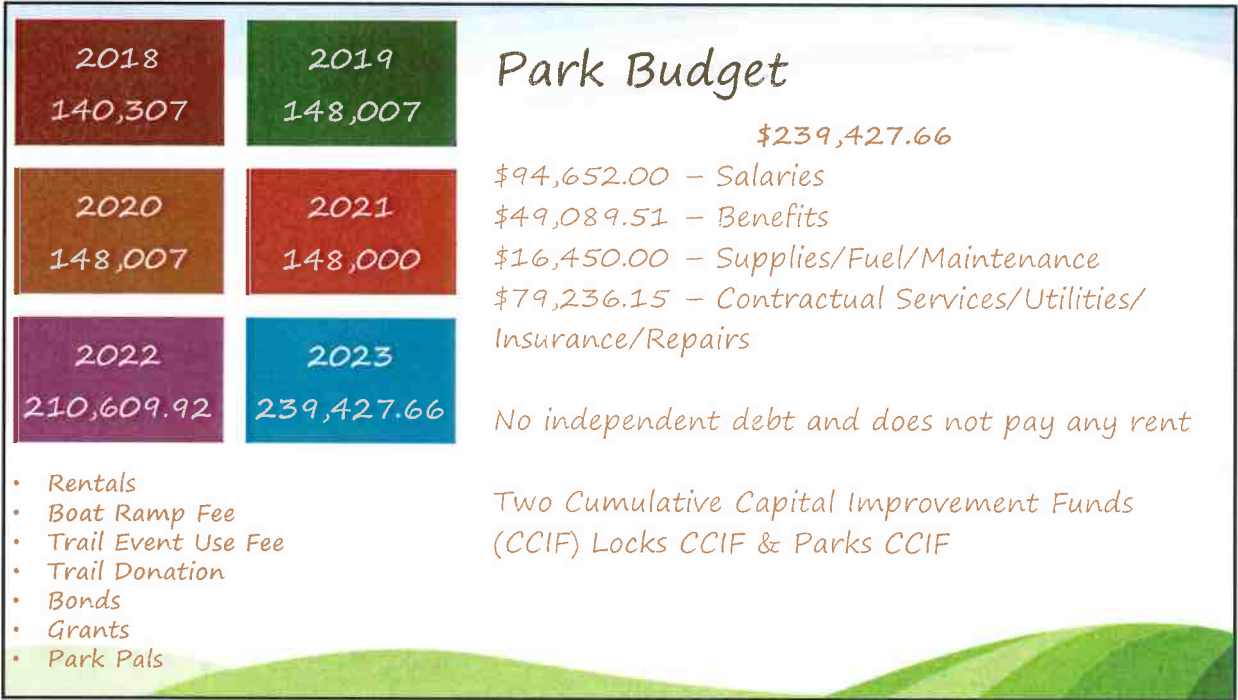
Total (Statewide) Recreation Areas

- Group Warrick, Vanderburgh, Gibson and Posey – have a surplus of 15,956.03 acres above recommendation



Accessibility and Federal Accessibility Standards

- . Ordinances
- . Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- . Self Assessment





Public Participation

- Parks Survey
- Fortress of Fun Survey
- Three Public Forums
- Two Community Group Presentations

Needs Analysis

Issues from Public Input

1. The need for more amenities within the Newburgh Park System
2. Restoration of the Fortress of Fun
3. Trail Extension
4. Park Restrooms Open all Year
5. A Place for Pre-Teen and Teenagers to Use

Issues from Parks Board and Staff

1. Lack of Funding
2. Deciding on How to **Proceed** with the Fortress of Fun
3. Creating Pocket Parks and Adding Amenities
4. Safe Space for Pre-Teens and Teenagers
5. Moving Forward with Phase II of Lou Dennis Community Park

What the Newburgh Parks System Needs

- 1. Funding for Capital Improvements, Regular and Continued Maintenance and Park Programming*
- 2. Dedicated Personnel for the Newburgh Park System*
- 3. Full Tree Inventory and Invasive Plant Species Assessment*
- 4. New Amenities with the Current Parks*
- 5. An Increased Connection Between the Newburgh Parks System and the Ohio River*
- 6. New and Accessible Play Equipment and Accessible Routes Between Amenities*





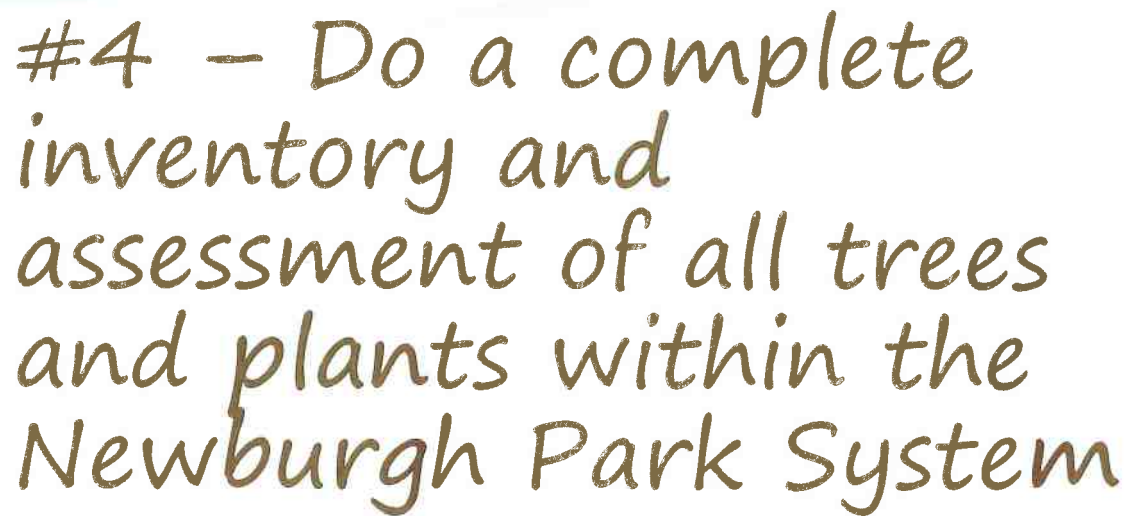
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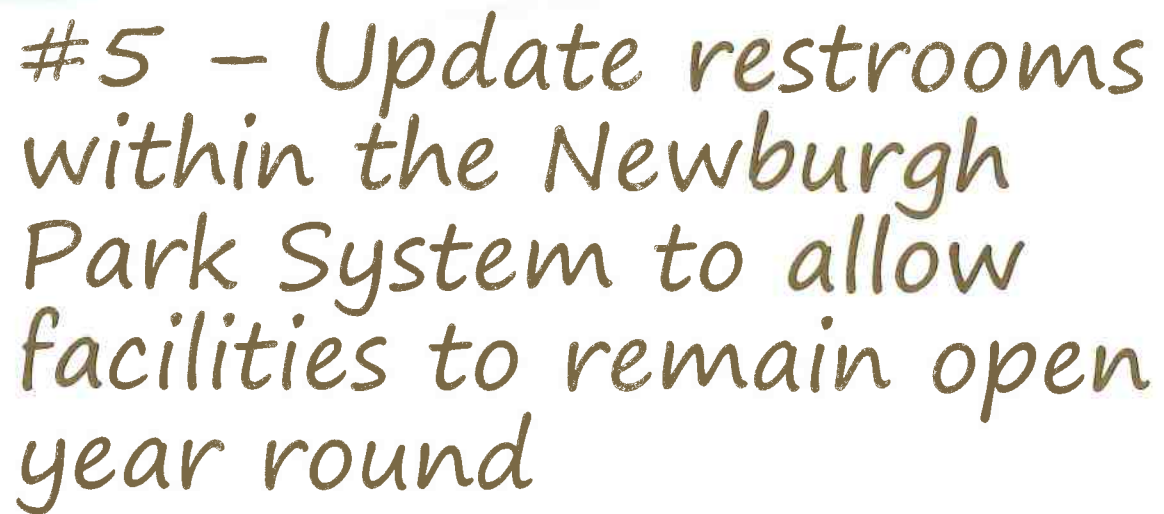
#2 – Hire dedicated
personnel for the
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#3 - Update all
walkways to and from
amenities and facilities
to be ADA compliant



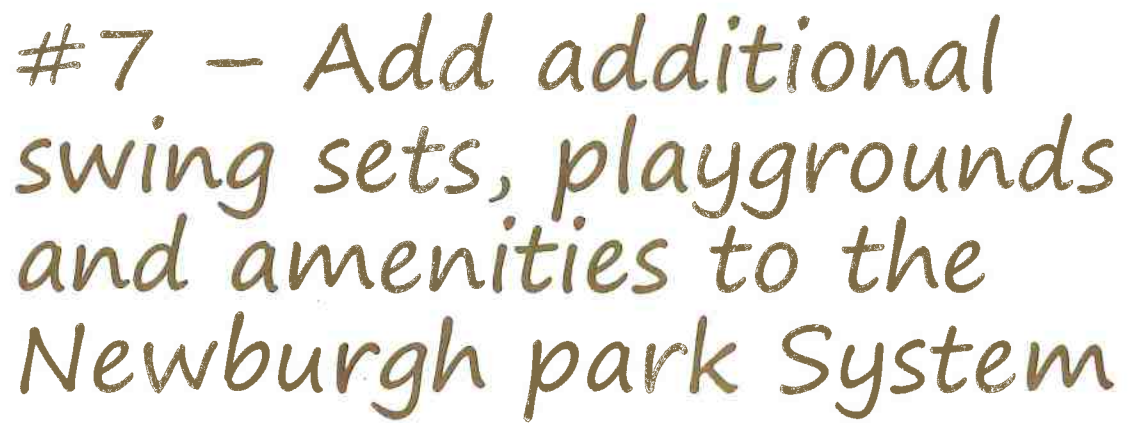
#4 – Do a complete inventory and assessment of all trees and plants within the Newburgh Park System



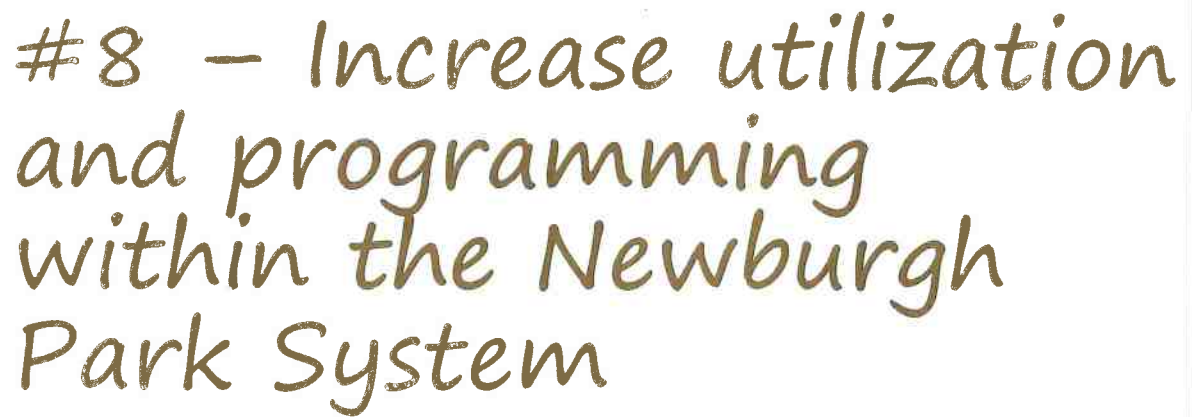
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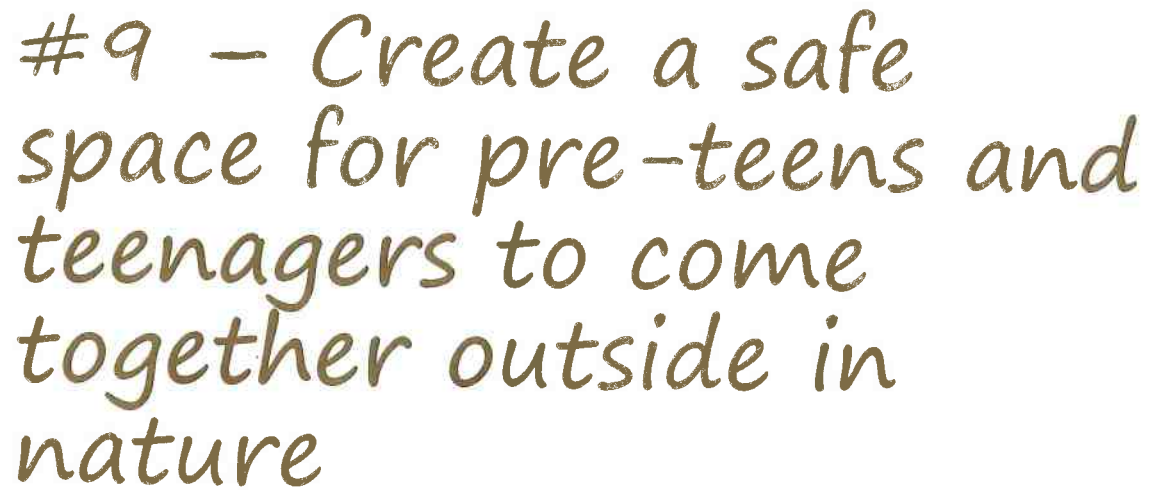
#6 – Continue moving
forward with Lou
Dennis Community Park
Master Plan phases



#7 - Add additional
swing sets, playgrounds
and amenities to the
Newburgh park System



#8 - Increase utilization
and programming
within the Newburgh
Park System



#9 - Create a safe space for pre-teens and teenagers to come together outside in nature



#10 - Take over
ownership of Overlook
Park and Overlook Park
Extension

2023-2027 Priorities

1. Removal of all unsafe play equipment; preparation of all play areas for new usage
2. Hire dedicated personnel for the Newburgh Park System
3. Update all walkways to and from amenities and facilities to be ADA compliant
4. Do a complete inventory and assessment of all trees and plants within the Newburgh Park System
5. Update restrooms within the Newburgh Park System to allow facilities to remain open year round
6. Continue moving forward with the Lou Dennis Community Park Master Plan phases
7. Add additional swings sets, playgrounds and amenities to the Newburgh Park System
8. Increase utilization and programming within the Newburgh Park System
9. Create a safe space for pre-teens and teenagers to come together outside in nature
10. Take over ownership of Overlook Park and Overlook Park Extension

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October 18, 2022

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Mary Ann Wilsbacher, Randy Wheeler

Administrative Present:

Andrea Balboni, Facilities Coordinator

Citizens Present:

Jim Wilsbacher

Slideshow Presentation:

Andrea Balboni ran through the slideshow for the Park Board Members and citizen present. Dialog was opened to the attendants The following was discussed:

- Time line for hiring dedicated park staff.
- Replanting trees after a tree is removed.
- In-town and out-of-town rates and how that would work, when that would be implemented and how will the addresses be verified.
- Working with organizations outside of Town and helping them with playground/park projects.

Parks and Recreation News Articles

Newburgh Community Pool

- Squires, Wyatt. "Newburgh Council Closes Public Pool". *The Warrick County Standard*, 18 January 2018, p. A1
- Evans, Zach. "Newburgh Shuts Down Pool Citing Costs". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 20 January 2018, p. A5
- Zimmerman, Helen. "Actions Speak Louder Than Words". *The Warrick County Standard*, 25 January 2018, p. B6
- Evans, Zach. "Newburgh Closes Pool Citing Costs". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 2 February 2018, p. W7
- Zimmerman, Helen. "What Happens to the Park After Pool Closes?". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 16 March 2018, p. W7
- Higgins, Jessie. "Newburgh Parks Board Fundraisers for New Pool". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 18 May 2018, p. W7

Parks Tobacco Ban

- Squires, Wyatt. "Newburgh Mulls Smoking Ban for Parks". *The Warrick County Standard*, 19 April 2018, p. A1

Old Lock and Dam Park Sledding Ban

- Loesch, Sarah. "Newburgh Teen Dies in Sledding Incident". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 15 January 2018, p. A1
- Fater, Tori. "Police Close Road After Newburgh Sledding Crash". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 17 January 2018, p. A3
- Squires, Wyatt. "Newburgh Teen Killed After Sledding into Path of Car". *The Warrick County Standard*, 18 January 2018, p. A1
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- March, Segann. "Newburgh Sledding Ban to Remain in Place Through This Winter". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 4 January 2019, p. W5

Food Trucks

- Higgins, Jessie. "Newburgh Not Ready for Food Trucks". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 28 May 2018, p. A1
- Squires, Wyatt. "Newburgh Town Council Set to Vote on New Food Truck Ordinance". *The Warrick County Standard*, 30 May 2019, p. A1
- Higgins, Jessie. "Food Trucks on Newburgh Riverfront? Maybe Not". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 1 June 2018, p. W7
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- Doyle, Michael. "Newburgh Will Now Allow Food Trucks Downtown". *Evansville Courier and Press*, 14 June 2019, p. A6
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Newburgh teen killed after sledding into path of car

Driver charged with DUI

BY WYATT SQUIRE
The Newburgh police department announced the death of a Newburgh teenager after a sledding accident. According to the release, the teen was sledding down a hill when he was struck by a car. The driver was charged with DUI.

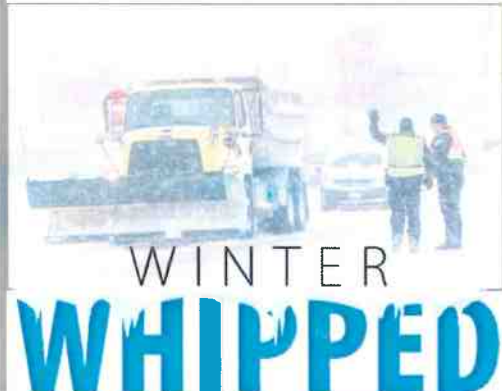


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Newburgh Council closes public pool

Costs and safety cited

BY WYATT SQUIRE
The Newburgh Town Council has voted to close the Newburgh Community Pool. Council Board members and Finance Committee Chair Steve Hughes said the council is doing so due to rising costs and safety concerns.



WINTER WHIPPED

County hit with 2 major snows

BY WYATT SQUIRE
Warrick County was hit with two major snowfalls in the last week. The snow started with a heavy snowfall on Tuesday that brought down to the ground. The snow continued to pile up through the weekend.



Top: A Highway Department plow driver and snowblower operator clear the Hillside area of Hillside Rd in Boonville on Friday. They made several passes before the lanes were clear. Bottom: Newburgh's middle school maintenance employee Mike Daugherty works to clear snow while the snow still falls on Friday during the weekend storm that brought several inches of snow. Photo by [unreadable]

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BY WYATT SQUIRES

The Newburgh Town Council has made the decision to close the Newburgh Community Pool.

Council board member and Finance Committee Chair, Shari Krieger told the council in their regular meeting held on Jan. 10 that the committee decided to recommend the move after working to find solutions to the town's financial issues.

"The next motion I have from the Finance Committee is one that I have to bring up, but it is necessary," she said. "Due to budget constraints due to safety issues, Finance is recommending and moving that we close the pool for a period of one year to evaluate."

While the council knew the move would be a tough one to make, the council ultimately voted in favor of the temporary closure. Bill Blum, Kimanunugh and Tonya McForte were not present at the meeting.

Council president Anne Russ (Abund) said the possibility of closing the pool is not a new idea.

She said the pool is costly to run and doesn't bring in enough money to cover high costs.

"I think it is way past due, honestly," she said. "It is a wonderful thing for a town like ours to have, as beautiful as the one we have, but keeping it up is not working. It costs and paying for it is just not something we can do any longer."

Council member Leanna Hughes said it won't be easy to implement the change, and it won't be a move that is celebrated by the public, but it's something the council will need to do in order to be fiscally responsible.

"I know this saddens all of us... it's not a very popular decision," she said. "It's not just money, although that is the big component, it's safety. We've got some issues that need to be dealt with and there's just no way to do it this year. So I totally support it, but I am sad to have to."

In addition to approving the closure, the council also approved a measure to institute a purchase order system for each of the departments in the town. The measure would require the departments to better track and report spending prior to sending in bills by sending the council a purchase order before approving the expense.

"We need to get a handle on spending," Krieger said.

Town attorney Chris Wischer said the move is not specifically about cutting costs, but more about tracking spending in order to ensure the departments in the town are being fiscally responsible. He said

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the departments aren't majorly overspending, but will still need to find areas to cut.

"It's a lot about tracking expenditures and making sure they get assigned to the appropriate budget place. Then, as you go through the year, you have a better handle on what dollars are being spent," he said. "The idea is to have a process to make sure everyone is on the same page."

Krieger said the closure and the purchase order system are not the only steps the council will take to work on spending. With stagnant revenue, she said the town will have to continue to make changes to stay in the black.

"We are working on several other cost saving

issues," she said. "But this will go a long way to getting us on the right path and getting us out of the problem we're in."

Wischer said the town is struggling due to repercussions of the property tax caps that were instituted in 2010. He said the town's revenue is now at a point where it won't increase while costs will continue to rise.

Wischer said annexation is a route some municipalities have taken, but the town would have to spend a lot of money to make money in that way. In addition, he said new developments really just even out in terms of revenue in the long run.

"Really, we need to find other sources of revenue," he said.

Wischer said the town's best option would be to ask the County Council to institute a Local Option Income Tax

(LOIT) in the area. The LOIT would create a new revenue stream outside of regular property taxes and could be assigned specifically to public safety, which is the town's highest costs.

"Those elements were put in the statute at the same time as the tax caps to allow counties and local governments to replace what they're going to lose," he said.

Wischer said the town is losing 10 percent of their revenue from property taxes each year due to the tax caps. He said it's good the town is working on tracking spending and cutting costs, but more will need to be done.

"It may take some time convincing people," he said.

The Newburgh Town Council will be back in session in their regular meeting on Jan. 24, at 5:30 p.m.

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Obituaries

Verda Topper

Ms. Verda, 92

Verda Marie (Eisenmann) Topper, 92, of Mt. Vernon, IN passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Lake E. White House in Howe, She was born May 11, 1925 in Posey County, IN to the late Henry and Lucile (Johnson) Eisenmann. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Topper in 2003, son-in-law, Bobby White, grandson, Kris Topper and brother, Earl Eisenmann.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry White, son, Bob (Barb) Topper and Alan Topper, grandchildren, Traci and Kelsey, Cheryl Bush (Brian) Bush, Craig Topper, and Casey (Valerie) Topper, great-grandchildren, Brittany (Scott) Lewis, Samantha (David) East, Noah, Hannah, Mimi, and Kenneth Keller, and Marissa Topper; two great-grandchildren; since-to-be, Baby Eisenmann, niece and nephew.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am Monday, January 22, 2018, at Schneider Funeral Home, 312 Main St., Mt. Vernon, IN with Pastor Mark Tabor officiating and burial to follow in DeKalb Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm, Sunday, January 21, 2018, at the funeral home. A special thank you to the staff and nurses at West River Health Campus in Ellettsville, IN White Topper House.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Chiswick Scholarship Fund or The Parkinson's Foundation. Condolences may be made online at www.schneiderfunerals.com



Researchers hoped for signs of a robust reproductive year soon after the right whale calving season began Dec. 1. But no calves have been reported off the Atlantic coasts of Georgia and Florida, where the whales typically migrate to give birth each winter. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

Endangered whale's calving season peaks, but no babies

Russ Dymov

AMANKANG, Ga. — Scientists waiting for baby right whales off the southeast coast have yet to spot a single newborn seven weeks into the endangered species' calving season — the longer researchers have gone without any sightings in nearly 20 years.

Bad weather that has limited efforts to look for whales could be to blame, rather than a reproductive slump. But scientists also worry it could point to another low birth year for the imperiled whales after a giant 2015 when 17 orphaned right whale deaths far surpassed a scant five recorded births.

"We basically right now should be at the peak of the season and we haven't seen anything, so that's concerning," said Dr. George, a wildlife biologist who oversees right whale surveys for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The culprits have been the constant heavy rain in the past few weeks.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimates only about 450 Northern Atlantic right whales remain. The agency warned in December the species could face extinction without new protective actions.

Researchers hoped for signs of a robust reproductive year soon after the right whale calving season began Dec. 1. But no calves have been reported off the Atlantic coasts of Georgia and Florida, where the whales typically migrate to give birth each winter. It's still relatively early in the calving season, which has about three months to go.

Clay said it's the longest scientists have gone into the season without any calf sightings since 1998 when they typically count the top 100 calves using trained observers in planes to look for mother-and-calf pairs. Previously, the lower right whale sighting was Jan. 1 — and that was during the annual bottling season a year ago.

Right whales have averaged about 12 births per year during the past three decades. Since 2012, all but two seasons have yielded below average calf counts. The five births recorded last year were the lowest since 2000, when surveys found only one newborn whale.

The reason no calves have been spotted so far this season may have more to do with the weather, since used for aerial surveys have often been grounded this season because of high winds and cloudy skies, George said. Weather conditions have cut the number of survey flights per week roughly in half.

Both Dymov, who oversees the right whale recovery program in the U.S., and George for NOAA Fisheries said that's why the lack of sightings is so much yet.

"I am not convinced that right whales aren't here, rather than we just can't see them because we can't get out," Dymov said. "We're all assembling to face observers and figure out what's going on."

Right whale reproduction can fluctuate greatly, year-to-year. After hitting bottom last in 2000, the whales rebounded with a baby boom of 21 newborns the next year. One season the numbers can even go significantly higher than that. Right whales typically give birth only once every three years or so.

Without an increase in births, right whales appear to be dying faster than they are reproducing. NOAA estimates nearly 100 more than the population has been declining since 2010, with females hit hardest than males. Many whales die from being struck by ships or getting tangled in fishing gear.

Both deaths were the focus of a federal lawsuit filed Thursday by the Center for Biological Diversity and other conservation groups, which argued the federal government has failed to adequately protect right whales as required by the Endangered Species Act.

Meanwhile, the Center for Coastal Studies in Miami recently reported a survey flight Tuesday identified 11 adult right whales in Cape Canaveral, an important feeding habitat. While that's more whales than are typically seen by the top 100 sightings, Dymov said it may not necessarily affect calving because pregnant females typically have already migrated south by now.

"We're in a bad spot with right whales, there's no doubt about it," Dymov said. "Everybody's anxious to see more calves, and the calves aren't coming." He still hopes to conduct another survey this year before the calving season ends in mid-April.

SERVICES

Brown, George W. Knoxville, TN Services: 10:00am, Sat, Jan 20, 2018 at Home Funeral Home, East Chapel, 1350 Westgate Avenue, Bartlett, Tennessee or Memorial Park, Memphis, Tennessee. Visitation: 4:00pm - 7:00pm, Sat, Jan 20, 2018, at Home Funeral Home, East Chapel.

Orth, Joyce Jean "J.J." St. Henderson, KY Services: 10:00 AM, 1/22/18 at Tapp Funeral Home with Dr. Travis Mitchell officiating. Burial Entombment will follow at Resurrection Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Visitation: 4:00 PM, 1/20/18 to 9:00 AM, 1/22/18 at the funeral home.

Parr, David A. Knoxville, TN Services: Funeral services will be held 10 AM, Monday, January 22, 2018, at Alexander East Chapel, 2115 Lincoln Avenue, officiated by Chaplain Keith Turner. Burial: Maple Hill Cemetery, Visitation: 3:30 PM, Sunday, January 21, at the funeral home.

Robber, Stanley R. Evansville, IN Services: Funeral services will be held 10 AM, Monday, January 22, 2018, at Alexander East Chapel, with burial in Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation: 4:00 PM, Sunday, from 10:00 AM until service time at the funeral home.

Stokes, Dr. Allen B. Ft. Huachuca, Ind. Services: 1:00 pm, EST, Sunday, January 21, 2018, at the Home & Son Funeral Home in Huntington. Visitation: 12:00-5:00 pm, EST, Sunday, at the Home & Son Chapel. www.westwood.com

Strang, Leona (Marionetta) Ft. Evansville, IN Services: 11:00 A.M. Sunday at St. Agnes Church, 1600 Glenfield Ave. Burial: St. Joseph Mausoleum, Visitation: Monday from 1PM until 4:00 PM, at Home Funeral Home and Monday from 10:30 A.M. until service at St. Agnes.

Wagel, Colleen (Frick) Ft. Huachuca, Ind. Services: 2:00 pm, EST, Monday, January 22, 2018, at Home & Son Funeral Home in Huntington. Burial: Fairmount Cemetery, Visitation: 11am-7pm, EST, Monday, at the Home & Son Funeral Home. www.westwood.com

Author Julius Lester dies

Associated Press

Julius Lester, an author, musician, civil rights activist and university professor who wrote a late-life memoir to his children, has died, he was 78.

Lester's daughters, Lisa Ann and the Associated Press on Friday that his father died Thursday. The son has passed peacefully, surrounded by family, she posted on her father's Facebook page.

She did not give a cause of death, but Lester had suffered his last public post on Facebook on Jan. 3 about his struggles with emphysema.

Lester, who lived in Indianapolis, was a professor of both black studies and Jewish studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst for more than 30 years before retiring in 2003.

"I'm a Jew and I'm Jewish," he wrote in his memoir, "and I'm a black man, a university professor and a writer, a university spokesman and a Jew."

The 81-year-old son of a Methodist minister had long known he had a Jewish mother and converted to Judaism in the early 1960s, changing his name to Julius. He wrote "Loving, Breathing a Jew."

He wrote more than 40 books, including nonfiction, adult novels, and children's books, often combining history and fiction.

One of his best-known books, co-written by folk singer Peter Seeger, was "The D. Bragg Guitar as Played by Leadbelly," published in 1962.

Before his career in academia, he recorded two volumes of original music. He wrote of the civil rights movement; some included in an exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution and he hosted radio and television talk shows in New York City.

He is survived by his wife and five children. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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Zach Evans

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Newburgh Parks Board member Shanda Kapteck said the town could maintain that much less.

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Actions speak louder than words

They always say don't read the comments on social media, and traditionally that is true. However, as I watch the statements and comments in regards to Newburgh, including the closing of the Newburgh Pool and the Parks Department, I'm glad I read them. Wow, what a diverse group of statements — some true, some stretching the truth, some totally inaccurate. What did I take from this? I realized that perhaps it's time to remind everyone how to actually get involved in your community to make positive change.

Did you know that Town Council meetings are public meetings open to anyone who wants to attend? I traditionally try to go to at least one a month so I know what is happening in the community I serve. I never have to fight for a seat, as most of the time there are few guests there to observe. The Town posts a monthly schedule of meetings on their webpage www.newburgh-in.gov. Make it a goal to stop in and sit through a meeting.

The monthly schedule of meetings also includes the Town Board, the Committees and Commissions. Want to know what is happening with the parks? Attend a Park Board meeting. Interested in the preservation of our historic community? Attend the Historic Preservation Commission meetings. These committees and the board are all made up of community members. I encourage you to attend. You will gain a new respect for some of the work being done when you realize how much time these individuals dedicate to making Newburgh a place we are all proud to call home.

In regards to the pool, I know the Council and Finance Committee

struggled with this decision. Is a pool a staple in a community our size? Of course it is. Will it be missed? Of course it will. Is this a knee-jerk decision? No. Until the finances were published, did you even know it takes approximately \$100,000 to run the pool? And that only about \$40,000 in revenue and sponsorships were being generated? The pool is 45 years old and in dire needs of work and repair. Expenses would be higher simply to open the pool doors this year. I've seen people claim that the decision is "sneaky" or "deceitful."



HELEN
ZIMMERMAN
JOURNALIST
NEWBURGH, IN.

While not a popular decision, it is currently the financial reality for our community. It would be irresponsible to annually budget a \$60,000 loss. The information is not hidden. You just have to be engaged in the community to know what is happening.

If you attend meetings, you will know that there is a new Parks Master Plan that has been submitted to the state that includes a vision for Lou Dennis Community Park that incorporates a new pool or splash park. There will be a public forum specifically dedicated to the pool in March. The date has yet to be set, but we will share when it is. If you want to donate to the pool prior to that meeting, join Park Pals and indicate that you would like your donation to specifically be targeted to the Newburgh Pool. You can find the Parks Pal information on the town website as well.

Please get involved and get engaged. Educate yourself on what is going on in your town and Newburgh Community. Make the effort to educate yourself and get the facts. Your informed voice can make a positive difference.

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Knights defend wrestling sectional title

KYLE SOKELAND
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NEWBURGH, Ind. -- Devon Casebolt wasn't thrilled with the call.

Late in the 113-pound championship match of the wrestling sectional, the Castle High School junior appeared destined to win his third straight sectional title. But the referee called him for stalling, which tied the match at 3-3 with under 10 seconds left.

But Casebolt couldn't complain too much. He needed to save that passion for the mat.

The junior responded with a pin in overtime of Boonville's Logan Sutton to win the sectional title. Casebolt was part of another banner day in the gym for

Castle wrestling, which won its fourth straight sectional team championship.

"It's definitely the most exciting (title) that I've gotten yet," said Casebolt. "I just had to suck it up and keep going. No matter how tired I get I try to keep going and push the pace."

After winning sectional titles at 106 his first two years, Casebolt moved up a weight class for coach Bob Harmon and the Knights. The only difference he said is a little bit of added muscle.

Casebolt was nearly taken out in the second round of the final after "getting his bell rung." The ref thought he was having trouble standing but Casebolt was quickly cleared to go.

After winning in



Devon Casebolt



Carson Willis

overtime, Casebolt threw his hands up to loud cheers from the Castle faithful.

The Knights finished the day with an impressive nine individual champions and totaled 289.5 points. The top four in each weight class advance to the regional next Saturday at North.

"People have no idea how hard we go in the room," said Casebolt.

Carson Willis pinned his opponent in 1 minute and 39 seconds.

"I felt him pressing really hard down on my elbow and that's when I knew that I had to make my move," said Willis. "It all starts in the room working hard together. (Winning the sectional title) is important but I have bigger things that I want to accomplish."

If those were the only winners for the Knights, it would have been a good day. But Castle also received blue ribbons from Logan Hunt (120), Matt Kincaid (136), Ian Hartz (160), Will Nunn (182) and Will Rolley (195).

Just like his athletes, Harmon points to the time spent in the room.

"We talk about being prepared and taking it one match at a time," he said. "Just survive and

advance is the goal. We tried to set ourselves up for next week at the regional."

This is only the first piece of the puzzle. That is the motto that Harmon instills in his athletes. Down the road at Central, the Mater Dei Wildcats won their 42nd straight sectional title and had 10 individual champions.

The two teams will need to be ready for another battle at the regional. Mater Dei already bested Castle last weekend in the SIAC meet.

"Everybody has to be ready to wrestle right out of the gate," said Harmon. "If you lose that first round, you are out of the tournament."

Memorial was the team runner-up with 171 points, while Boonville finished third at 168.5.

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Kavanaugh urged people to donate money to the city's park foundation, "Park Pals," if they want to keep the pool open another season, or put the money toward a new facility.

Newburgh resident Melinda Mitchell is planning to meet with other residents Saturday to discuss plans for a new pool and splash park.

Mitchell said it wasn't feasible to keep the pool open.

"I don't blame the town council for making this decision. Even though it seems abrupt to most people, it really was not," she said.

The Newburgh Community Pool was privately funded when it was built in 1972. Mitchell led a fundraising effort to pay off unpaid student lunch debt last year, and she thinks that same community spirit could lead to a new pool.

"I do know if the community is aware of the problem, there's a lot of wonderful folks that are willing to step up and go beyond what we think is feasible or possible," she said.

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Emily Day, right to left, leads the way as her nieces Hannah Pastore, 10, and Gabby Pastore, 6, and her daughter Kiera Day, 8, swim across the Newburgh Pool in June 18, 2017. The pool will not reopen this year. SAM OWENS / EVANSVILLE COURIER & PRESS

What happens to the park after pool closes?

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Park Pals is an extension of the Newburgh Parks Board which strives to preserve, protect and manage natural, historical, and recreational resources and facilities to offer leisure activities and programming for all citizens. Park Pals is a non-profit organization established to enhance the public's enjoyment of the Newburgh public parks along with preserving, protecting and growing the parks.

The Park Pals will be hosting "Ring in Spring" on March 17. This first-ever Parks Pals event will be a tea and style show with proceeds go-

ing to the treatment of the trees. "Ring in Spring", sponsored by ERA First Advantage Realty will be from 2-4 p.m. at Preservation Hall on March 17. Newburgh businesses and merchants have stepped up to sponsor, provide fashions and accessories for the show and door prizes along with food and beverages for all in attendance.

Tickets are \$15 per person. Checks are payable to Park Pals of Newburgh. Reservations and payments should be sent to 119 W. Jennings St., Newburgh, IN 47630. Additional information on the event can be found on the Historic Newburgh, Inc. Facebook page or by calling 812-483-4440.

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"In the scheme of things, this is a low amount of money," said Carol Schaefer, with Kiwanis. "But we're a little organization of 40 members, and that is a lot of money for us. And we want to show people that it is important to donate whatever you can. As a community organization, we recognize how important it is to have a community pool."

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Newburgh mulls smoking ban for parks

BY WYATT SPENCER
WARRICK COUNTY REPORTER

The Newburgh Town Council has approved a smoking ban for parks.

In an effort to bring clarity to the town's policies, the council approved an updated smoking ordinance on April 11 that will take effect on April 23. In addition, the council approved a resolution for parks to outline specific rules.

ordinarily decided to allow the Newburgh Parks Board to have the final say on the ordinance.

Town attorney, Steve Wilson, said the ordinance was drafted by the board's legal counsel at the April 12 meeting. Wilson said the board considered a complete ban on smoking in the parks.

Paula, Board President Mary Anne Wilson, said the board will consider and discuss the proposed ordinance in their next meeting on Thursday, April 19.

Wilson said she will have the ordinance ready to be presented to the board on Thursday. She will also have the ordinance ready to be presented to the board on Thursday.

"They need to also discuss that ordinance about the smoking ordinance in the parks," she said. "I want to be sure all around it there is a good discussion on the topic."

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Castle hosts town hall meeting



From left to right: Democrat Edna Hardesty, who is running for state representative for District 79, Republican Steve Moore, who is running for state representative for District 77, Republican Ryan Hartfield, who represents District 70, Republican Steve Moore, who represents District 77, and Republican Steve Moore, who represents District 77.

Focus placed on school safety funding

BY WARRICK COUNTY REPORTER

Members of Castle High School's student council group met with school officials to discuss funding for school safety.

Castle High School's student council group met with school officials to discuss funding for school safety. The group discussed the need for additional funding to improve school safety measures.

Three candidates vying for one open commissioner seat

BY WARRICK COUNTY REPORTER

Three candidates are vying for an open seat on the Warrick County Board of Commissioners.

The candidates are Steve Moore, Ryan Hartfield, and Edna Hardesty. They will meet at a public hearing to discuss their platforms.

Residents express concerns about county nuisance law at meeting

BY WARRICK COUNTY REPORTER

Several residents expressed concerns about the county's new nuisance law at a public meeting.

The meeting was held to discuss the new law, which aims to address nuisance properties. Residents expressed concerns about the law's impact on property owners.

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Newburgh Herb Festival taking place this weekend

The Newburgh merchants are getting in the spirit for the Herb Festival in Newburgh this weekend.



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Energy Systems Group President Gary Cook cuts the ribbon while L. Gene Holliman, Council and President of the Newburgh Energy District Board look on Friday.

NUISANCE

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The nuisance case involves a property owner who is causing a disturbance to their neighbors. The court has ruled in favor of the neighbors, ordering the property owner to take action to stop the nuisance.

BAN

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BY WYATT SQUIRES
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The Newburgh Town Council has proposed a smoking ban for the parks.

In an effort to bring clarity to the town's policies, the council approved an updated smoking ordinance on April 11 that will align the town's rules to the state's law passed in 2012. In addition, the council considered extending those rules to outdoor venues, but

ultimately decided to allow the Newburgh Parks Board to have the first look at the ordinance.

Town attorney Chris Wischer said the conversation started at the April 5 Parks Board meeting after the board received a complaint about cigarette smoking in the parks.

Parks Board President Mary Anne Wisbacher said the board will consider, and discuss the proposed ordinance in their next

meeting on Thursday, May 3.

While she hasn't yet seen the details of the ordinance, she said she believes the board will be in favor of the ban.

"There needs to be some thinking and discussion about the smoking ordinance in the parks system," she said. "It would be better all around if there's not smoking in the park areas, the next is there for further discussion on the topic."

In addition to concerns about health and the over all images modeled to children, Wisbacher said there are also worries about damage from burns and the waste often left behind from users of smokeless tobacco.

She said the town should be mindful of the clean up involved with allowing tobacco products as well.

"I don't want to step in or sit in the spittle [from smokeless what-

col," she said. "Cigarette butts are left behind and increases the need for cleanup."

Wischer said the proposed bill would ban not only cigarettes, but all tobacco products and e-cigarettes from use in the town's public parks. He said the move expands further than the state's law by including more spaces for the ban and includes more products.

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BAN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

"That is an expansion of the prohibition in two ways," he said.

Council President Leanna Hughes said she would support the bill as it stands, but agreed that the ordinance should be reviewed by the parks board before the council makes a decision.

She said there may be other things to consider, but she believes the ban is necessary for the health and well-being of children at the park.

"I would support this the way it is," she said. "My concern is if we don't do something in our park facilities, the park facilities are used so much by children...and it's been proven that second hand smoke is just as dangerous as smoking itself. So, I guess I would like to add

that layer of protection."

Council member Stacie Krieger agreed with Hughes, but said she is concerned about how the ban would be enforced.

She said the council should be sure about the penalties before passing the ordinance.

"Whenever we announce any ordinance or ordinance change, my first thought is, 'How are we going to enforce it?'" she said.

Wischer said the ban would already be captured in the town's general ordinance for penalties in situations like this.

He said the enforcement would start with a warning and then advance into citations from that point.

"For the most part, you'd want to remind people...and that probably ends it right there," he said.

Newburgh Police Major Jonathon Scully said smoking in prohibited areas can

be cited as an infraction.

He said there are also actions that could take place in civil law through the health department and other offices to tackle the issue.

"It's a B infraction for the first offense and if you have three related infractions, it enhances to an A infraction and brings a fine," he said.

While it will first be up to the parks board to review the ordinance in their May 3 meeting, Wisbacher said she doesn't think there will be any major hurdles for the ordinance to move forward.

"I do believe that the parks board will be in favor of an ordinance that is against smoking in the parks," she said. "But, we can't make the assumption until we see the ordinance."

The council will meet again on Wednesday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m.



Bosse boys roll over Harrison to win SIAC Tournament

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Newburgh teen dies in sledding incident

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NEWBURGH - A Catholic High School student died after being struck by a vehicle while sledding Saturday night.

When witnesses accused they found Cullen had been hit by an oncoming vehicle and the teen pronounced dead at the scene.

2017 to operating a vehicle while an individual endangers a person. The teen, 17 years old at the time and still legally in the charge of Chris A. Stubermeister.

By [Name] Cullen with their date of birth and the area where he resided. She was also reported to attend a certain high school which is meant to show where the officer searched driving records on Cullen.



Antonio Cullen hugs his 10-year-old daughter Cecily Cullen after she and his three other children, Enrique Cullen, 8, Marisol Cullen, 6, and Anthony Cullen, 4, not pictured, arrived at the Veracruz International Airport in Veracruz, Mexico on Thursday.

Kids reunite with deported father

Man had not seen them in 3 months since arrest

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VERACRUZ, Mexico - An 11-year-old boy and his three other children were reunited with their father in Veracruz, Mexico, on Thursday.

Antonio Cullen was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers at his home in Newburgh, Kentucky.

MLK's America remains a world of trouble

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The historical response to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, a landmark moment in American history, showed the civil rights movement's most powerful, gifted and fearless leaders and their influence across the country.

The Holy Week observance, in the United States, is a time of reflection and prayer, a time to give the country the respect it needs to move forward. Not long ago, we were told what we should do, and we did it. King's death was the catalyst for a new era of economic development, which is expected to last three years of 2018.

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Newburgh teen dies in sledding incident

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NEWBURGH - A Castle High School student has died after being struck by a vehicle while sledding Saturday night.

Davis Collier, 16, was hit by the car after she slid onto the roadway at the Old Lock and Dam in Newburgh.

The call came in to Warrick County Dispatch around 10 p.m. Saturday night.

When officers arrived they found Collier had been hit by an oncoming vehicle, and she was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as 20-year-old Galina Witte. Witte was arrested on a preliminary charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated with a prior conviction and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated endangering others.

Witte was arrested in January of

2017 for operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person. She was 19 years old at the time and pled guilty to the charge, a Class A Misdemeanor.

She was required to enroll in and complete the Warrick County Pretrial Deferral Program while following all rules of the Substance Abuse Program.

In October of 2017 Witte was sentenced to one year at the Warrick Coun-

ty Security Center with four days served and the rest moved to probation. She was also required to attend a victim impact session which is meant to show drivers the effects impaired driving can have on others.

According to a release from the Newburgh Police Department, the investigation is ongoing, and additional charges may be filed.

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Teen

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The Newburgh Town Council has closed the French Island Trail to traffic between Westervelt Drive and State Street. No time frame has been announced as to when it will reopen.

The Castle High School auditorium will be opened until 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon to students who may need to speak with grief counselors.

Davis Collier, 16, died after being struck by a vehicle while sledding Saturday. TWITTER



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It's time for us to let this (expletive) go



Jim Webb
Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate from Virginia

I remember the first time an adult caught me reading. It was at seventh grade health class, and I had just devoured something to the hilt (chocolate). I don't remember what it was. It must have been anything. When I got home, my mother, everything in her kitchen.



It's time for us to let go of the latest Supreme controversy President Trump has caused.

By now, you know President Donald Trump repeatedly called Judge Kavanaugh and respectfully to the Supreme Court. "I'm not calling you a f---ing f---," he said. "I'm not calling you a f---ing f---," he said. "I'm not calling you a f---ing f---," he said.

Beyond issue, it's not like Trump has been the first to use a vulgar expression. And he's hardly the first to use it repeatedly during the debate. It's not like he's the only one who has used it. It's not like he's the only one who has used it. It's not like he's the only one who has used it.

The problem with this whole controversy is that we're missing the point. The point is that we're missing the point. The point is that we're missing the point. The point is that we're missing the point.

It would be a shame if DACA is lost because it's being lost. It's being lost because it's being lost. It's being lost because it's being lost. It's being lost because it's being lost.

If we could implement DACA, which of course is a very narrow group of individuals, we have to hope that all of us would be able to do it.

That should never happen in this country. The country's immigration policies should never separate families. For that's what's happening.

For the sake of our children, let's let this go. Let's let this go. Let's let this go. Let's let this go.

Police close road after Newburgh sledding crash

Tony Foster
Evansville Courier and Press Staff Writer

NEWBURGH — Snowdrift is taking some safety precautions near the Old Lock and then after a Clark High School student was hit by a vehicle while sledding.

Police closed the road after a sledding accident. The accident occurred on a residential street. The accident occurred on a residential street. The accident occurred on a residential street.

DACA

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parties around here hold up signs that read, "Stop separating families." "We have you, Joe!" said Garcia. "We have you, Joe!" said Garcia. "We have you, Joe!" said Garcia.

Garcia said he had called 311 to report whether they could make sure the DACA legislation is passed, which might expand the age range for immigrants in custody. But they refused and said he had to leave by Jan. 25.

That's the way it is, Garcia said. Garcia said he had called 311 to report whether they could make sure the DACA legislation is passed, which might expand the age range for immigrants in custody.

At the airport, Garcia said he was greeted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. Garcia said he was greeted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

Especially painful will be the separation from his children, Garcia said. Garcia said he was greeted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

Authorities nab suspect in Illinois sex abuse case

Lisa White
Evansville Courier and Press Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A suspect in the sex abuse case in Illinois, has been arrested. The suspect is a 35-year-old man.

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French Island Trail in downtown Newburgh is closed to traffic next to the park until further notice, the Town Council announced. Shortly after the crash happened, the Council closed the road from Westervelt Drive to State Street.

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The Town Council also announced it will strictly enforce the park closing after dark. At this time of year, the sun sets in Newburgh at about 5 p.m.

Davis Collier, 16, was hit by an oncoming vehicle after she slid onto the road while sledding Saturday night. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Newburgh Police said the department’s investigation is ongoing. The Town Council has also said it will investigate the circumstances of the crash and determine “what action should be taken with regard to sledding at the park.”

Newburgh teen killed after sledding into path of car

Driver charged with DUI

BY WYATT SQUIRES
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The Newburgh police have released information about the incident that led to the death of a Newburgh teenager.

According to the release, dispatch received a call about a wreck involving injuries in the area of the Old Lock and Dam in Newburgh around 10:15 p.m.

Saturday evening. Upon arrival, police found that a teenager was struck by a vehicle.

The 16-year old was identified as Davis Collier by a tweet from the Castle High School principal Twitter account.

According to the release, it was reported that Collier had been sledding and was struck when the sled entered the road-

way and slid into the path of the oncoming vehicle.

Collier was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle, Galina Witte, 20, of Evansville was arrested and preliminarily charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior conviction, a Level 6 felony, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person,



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a Class A misdemeanor. Witte was previously arrested on similar charges last year when officers responded to several calls of reckless driving on I-64.

Newburgh Police said the department's investigation is still ongoing and additional charges may be filed.

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Council expressed their concern and sympathy after the event. A statement from the council noted the incident and also detailed the council's commitment to taking action after the incident.

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In the meantime, the council has closed French Island Trail to traffic along the riverfront between Westervelt Drive and State Street until further notice. In addition, the council is also enforcing closure of the park each night at dark.

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Evansville resident Sophie Husak pauses to reflect after decorating the grave of her husband of 54 years, Marine veteran John Husak, at Evansville's Cox Hill Cemetery on Sunday. [PHOTO BY JACQUELINE WIGGINS](#)

Newburgh not ready for food trucks

By **Jacqueline Wiggins** | [jwiggins@courierpress.com](#)

NEWBURGH, Ind. — A local food truck wants to set up on Newburgh's downtown — and some in the town don't want her there.

Scott Camp, who manages the Plaza in front of downtown Newburgh, says he'll support the Newburgh Food Truck Council's effort to get a permit to park in downtown.

His request has details. "I want to protect our community and environment," said Louise Hughes, Newburgh town council president.

"There, there are no water lines when chosen to travel here and pay a large amount of taxes to be here and to be permitted from someone else to come to and start a few businesses and take away their business."

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"I have concerns with them not even a food truck, because of the traffic and the noise," Hughes said. "All those are ultimately approved to food trucks."

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Marengo Cave has adventures for all

By **Morgan Beaman** | [mbeaman@courierpress.com](#)

MARENGO, Ind. — On Sept. 6, 1855, two kids were exploring the woods in Marengo County when they came across a hole in the ground. They went in. The rest of the story is the history of Marengo Cave.

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Marengo Cave has a variety of cave formations, such as this stalactite that hangs from the ceiling. [PHOTO BY JACQUELINE WIGGINS](#)

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BY MARISA PETER
Warrick County Clerk Lane Clark filed a lawsuit against the Warrick County Clerk's office over a lawsuit she filed in the previous election.



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Newburgh Town Council set to vote on new food truck ordinance

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The Newburgh Town Council is taking action on an ordinance that would regulate food trucks within the town.

After choosing not to move forward with any ordinance last year, the new council will soon move forward with an ordinance that will allow food truck vendors to register with the town and operate in certain areas of the town. The council held discussion on the ordinance and issues regarding food trucks in their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 22.

Town attorney Chris Wischer told the council he and council member Allyson Clayborn worked to meet with Newburgh merchants and other interested parties to make sure that the ordinance wouldn't hinder any one group or business within the town. He said the ordinance that was prepared was built off of the issues voiced and other similar ordinances implemented in other areas.

"I know I've had some comments from multiple council members and others about points in it and some good comments," he said.

Wischer said there were several meetings with restaurant owners and retail shop owners who voiced their concerns. He said all of the concerns were taken into account in planning and drafting the proposed ordinance.

"We worked through some of those things and we really tried to understand what their concerns were," he said. "Nothing's going to be perfect."

The proposed ordinance not only sets up policy regarding registration of food trucks within the town, but would limit the operation of food trucks to Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wischer said limiting hours has been done in other cities and has seen success. He said the hours could be changed in the future, but

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the plan was to keep a balance with the food trucks and the other merchants in the town.

"The idea was to not have it be daily and regular, but have it more event oriented or organized around a time," he said.

Wischer said the limited hours also tackles two areas of concern. He said some merchants hope that the operation of food trucks could help bring more people to town, but food truck operators tend to go to places where people already are.

"This was trying to come up with a balance of what would allow food trucks to operate at certain times in town, certain locations merchants can utilize and protect the restaurants from being inundated," Wischer said.

Clayborn said the times set in place in the ordinance came from discussion with restaurant owners about their operations and their ability to take in overflow if there are more people visiting downtown within those times. She said the restaurant owners agreed it wouldn't hurt their busier times and their staff would be prepared during the operating hours for increases in customers.

"That actually came from them," she said.

Council president Bill Kavanaugh said that while the proposed ordinance defines certain areas for the operation of food trucks, it also allows for food trucks to operate on private property and asked if that also includes residential properties. He said he was concerned with food trucks just setting up at people's houses, but Wischer said the food truck operators wouldn't be able just to set up

shop anywhere.

Wischer and Clayborn said that provision was included to allow private residents to host food truck vendors as part of private parties on their property, not to allow the operators to set up shop in random residential areas. In addition, Clayborn said zoning limitations prohibit public sales or commercial activities in residential areas, which would only allow food trucks to participate in private, closed events in those areas.

"It's not like a food truck could park in somebody's driveway and start selling to the public," she said.

Council member Stacie Krieger said she is hopeful about the ordinance encouraging and supporting food truck operation within Newburgh. She said there are going to be concerns, but, with the following food trucks tend to have, the inclusion of food trucks in the

town will hopefully increase the number of people who choose to spend time in Newburgh.

"I think it would be a way of getting people who might never come to Newburgh down to Newburgh," she said.

Kavanaugh said the discussions last year tended to be negative toward the inclusion of food trucks, but he feels like the majority of people are favorable to including food trucks. He said he is positive about going forward with the ordinance.

"This was brought before the previous council and I was led to believe before in the debate on this that the merchants were against it," he said. "As it turned out during the meeting, most merchants were in favor of it."

The council will consider moving forward with the ordinance in their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m.

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The Pizza Revolution company sells wood-fired pizzas from inside their red double-decker bus at the Bus Boys' Vintage Bus Rally at Bru Burger in downtown Evansville, Ind. in 2017. The weekend event included bus rides, a live auction, and food vendors. MARLENA SLOSS/COURIER & PRESS

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Bid to seal Kelley file is denied

Father questioned parts of death investigation

Mark Wilson
Evansville Courier and Press Staff Writer

A Warrick County judge for a second time has denied a request to block release of records in the Kelly Kelley missing person and death investigation to anyone except her father, Todd Kelley.

Court records show Warrick Superior Court Judge Zach Wilson denied the request Friday, but over a week after a May 29 court hearing about it.

Kelley has questioned aspects of the records being investigated, which show no criminal investigation during the summer of 2014. Kelley and her vehicle were eventually found in a lake and her death was ruled accidental.

After the Warrick County Sheriff's

Office denied Kelley access to his daughter's file, he soon went back to his own records. The Indiana Court of Appeals in April sided with Kelley and said the records were not part of a criminal investigation and could not be withheld in any application to the Indiana Access to Public Records Act.

However, Kelley then sought to temporarily prevent their release to anyone except her father until after his attorney April Edwards had time to go through the voluminous file.

The Court of Appeals has asked for the records through a public records request.

Warrick County Sheriff Mike Widder said the records request will be filed after June 17 when the appeals court certifies its ruling.

He said the file will be released in its entirety with the exception of autopsy photographs, social security numbers and birth dates of individuals in the file.



A missing person sign for Kelly Kelley hanging in a window at Blueberry Community Center in Evansville, Ind., in 2014. (APRIL 2014)

denied until it could be determined if they would ask for the appointment of a special prosecutor.

Kelley, a 27-year-old pharmacy technician and mother, was last seen at 1006 Park 20th in Evansville on Aug. 15, 2014, after a night out with friends. On Sept. 8, 2014, she was found inside her abandoned vehicle at the bottom of a lake at Mount Carmel and Vanderburgh roads in Warrick County.

Wilson said he may that be disagreed with the court of appeals ruling and still believed "the law today recent investigation file into the Kelley case is substantially similar to any criminal investigation file," but would not challenge it further.

Wilson stated that some of the file's content is graphic and said that he release may cause distress or embarrassment to individuals who consented to the investigation and requested that their identity or personal disclosure were made confidentially.

Alliance asks EVSC to not appeal lawsuit ruling

Stephan March
Evansville Courier and Press Staff Writer

Todd Hall told Evansville Vanderburgh School Board members during Monday's meeting he was physically assaulted when using the bathroom but not required to go to the high school and nothing was done about it. Hall is a fourth high school graduate and transgender man.

EVSC's current policy requires students to use the bathroom aligning with their sex at birth.

Hall doesn't want another student to go through what he went through and hopes EVSC will expand its discrimination policy and work with transgender students.

"When I was in high school, I was already dressing like the children I felt comfortable being," Hall said. "I did not feel comfortable going into the women's restroom, and I never went back there, even though I would probably cause a big panic — not just for my myself, but also for many students."

Hall, along with 700-state educators, was encouraged by LGBTQ activist organizations "It's Time Alliance" to speak during EVSC's regularly scheduled board meeting Monday evening.

Their goal was to ask school board members:

to all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identification.

"I'm not pay more money for legal fees associated with court appeals for a recent transgender student's lawsuit against EVSC."

To protect more future student lawsuits.

Indo-homosexual based individuals to implement an expansion of EVSC's discrimination and anti-bullying policy.

EVSC will use sex, and you will not the transgender society... to protect the student and do the best choice policy and use the taxpayer money." Additionally, we want to school board members during the meeting.

EVSC Independent Board member and school board member did not respond to the visitors' comments.

EVSC Attorney Pat Sheehans told CWP (March) that EVSC has a solid long-term policy in place that "takes care of every child no matter what their gender identity, color, race or religion is."

"The EVSC Alliance and their supporters continue to say the school transportation is making their anti-discrimination statement to do gender identity," Sheehans said.

"That argument actually didn't prevail in the Indiana Legislature during the past session. In fact, we just demonstrated a policy given further down the state education law."

Why is this happening?

On Friday, U.S. District Court Senior Judge William Lawrence ruled against EVSC on grounds that the fourth largest school district in the state violated LGBT rights protections by not allowing a transgender boy to use the men's restroom.

The EVSC student, who identified as male, filed the suit through the American Civil Liberties Union in February 2018. He argued that his rights under the 14th Amendment and Title IX were violated by EVSC. According to the lawsuit, school authorities told him he could only use the women's restroom in a gender-neutral bathroom in the name of Title IX. The student was told he would face disciplinary action if using the restroom without school permission.

With the ruling, the student will be able to seek damages in the case, however, they will have to decide if the student is entitled to damages and what he should be awarded.

Lawrence wrote that EVSC's practice — allowing transgender students to use gender-neutral restrooms but not restrooms corresponding to their gender identity — violated Title IX, whether or not the school district knew it affected any specific student like the boy named in the case.

The school district did not provide facts that showed it had any policy other

than one requiring transgender students to use a bathroom that did not contain their gender identity.

The EVSC prohibits institutions like public schools from discriminating on the basis of sex. The lawsuit also asked Friday that EVSC had violated the student's Title IX rights and that it should protect the student from discrimination.

Lawrence issued a preliminary injunction last year before the law required to return that required EVSC to allow use of the men's restrooms.

Friday's ruling was on the student and ACLU's motion for partial summary judgment, which asked the court to find EVSC liable for violating Title IX and the 14th Amendment.

The ACLU of Indiana published a statement Friday after the ruling.

"Many factors, without expert testimony, should be taken into account by the court in determining whether the student's conduct was consistent with their gender identity," Lewis told. "ACLU of Indiana Legal Director said in the statement, 'But for the fact that students continue to have discriminatory policies in place, they should be held liable for this and other students' discrimination and create an unsafe climate and other forms of harassment of all students.'"

Attorneys said the district still has to decide whether to appeal and what to do to her. It is still to determine damages. The issue remains open, he said.

Obituaries

Deborah E. (Elperman) Martin

EVANSVILLE, IND. — Deborah E. Elperman Martin, 81, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away Monday, June 10, 2019, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital.

Deborah was born in Evansville, Indiana on July 17, 1937 to the late John A. and Amelia A. (Wright) Elperman. She was a lifelong member of First Avenue Presbyterian Church where she held various offices and was a Farm Bureau board member. While her children were in school, Deborah was active with Scott P.A. She loved traveling, USA basketball, and golfing. Above all else, Deborah enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Deborah is survived by her daughter, Marcia Lynn (Michael) of Evansville, IN; sons, Bryan Martin (Candice) of Ireland, PA and Barry Martin (Susan) of Carter Valley, IN; grandchildren, Ashley Craig (Sam), Marcia Lynn and her fiancé, Aaron Ripple, Marissa Martin and her fiancé, Richard Harting; Hunter Martin, Jennifer Martin and Tyler Martin; brother, Melvin Elperman (Marilyn) of Newburgh, IN; and nephews-in-law, George of Evansville, IN.

Deborah was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Donald E. Martin in 2017; her parents; brother, Robert Elperman; and sisters-in-law, Beverly.

A celebration of Deborah's life will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 14, 2019, at Berean Funeral Home, 236 E. Diamond Ave., Evansville, IN 47711 with Rev. Gene Ferguson officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. Friends may visit from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Berean Funeral Home and again from 9:00 AM until service time on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vanderburgh Farm Bureau Scholarship Fund, 1010 W. Shena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710. Condolences may be made online at www.bereanfuneral.com.



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Michael Doyle
Evansville Courier and Press Staff Writer

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"I think we've crafted something appropriate to all parties that would allow for food trucks in designated sections at designated times," Chapman said.

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At the time, there was no town ordinance or policy to allow for food trucks in Newburgh.

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Chapman said she had spoken to business and restaurant owners who now believe food trucks operating in Newburgh will be a positive step despite more repeat visitors back to Newburgh, especially downtown.

"In the past where there have been food trucks in business downtown it resulted in an increase of business in those locations," she said. "The more people coming to Newburgh, the better."

She believes there is enough support for the measure to pass at Wednesday's council meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Ted Downing made a full grille inside Uncle Ted's just Dan Good Food truck. Photo by: [unreadable]

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Michael Boyle
Evansville Courier and Press

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The ordinance is a single 30-day building permit, pending a period of public notice, before food trucks can conduct business.

Allyson Clayman, who was voted off to the town council last November, disappointed by food truck ordinance and wanted the several months to wait an agreement that, in the end, local business owners and residents would support a ban without exception.

"It took really good to see the support," Clayman said. "It's a landmark to the business who had a group that came together for the good of our town."

Food trucks will be able to operate on five designated areas from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays. These locations are: the community park, Old Oak and from a parking lot on the west side of town, the state street parking lot and the Annual Tradition.

Four members of the public took the floor and spoke in favor of the ordinance, including representatives of two local restaurants. No one spoke in opposition.

All members of Newburgh's Planning Board had initially been opposed to food trucks coming into town. The board then changed its mind and was now fully supportive.

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The following 2019 ordinance will allow food trucks to operate in Newburgh from the beginning.

One third of members of the board have opposed to food trucks in the past, but it is an ordinance coming in to "bring pieces of the town together and see things differently."

"If we get more people coming into our town, our street gets bigger," she said. "There's a bigger silver linings to it."

Wheeler said she is excited and looking forward to the long haul. "I've seen this town grow and become a great place. I think this is a great thing for all of us."

Evansville child molesting suspect arrested, jailed

Ted Fater
Evansville Courier and Press

An Evansville man accused of sexually abusing a child is being held at Vanderburgh County Jail on preliminary \$100,000 charges.

Christopher Dittus was arrested Wednesday afternoon on preliminary charges of child molesting.

His bond has been initially charged as of Thursday morning.

According to a probable cause affidavit, the child spoke with a forensic interviewer in Dittus' house and reported she began sexually abusing Dittus when the child was younger than 10 years old.

The child reported she made these accusations in an interview with police.



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Ex-nurse aide sentenced for drugging patients

Ted Fater
Evansville Courier and Press

An Evansville woman serving a 10-month sentence for drugging patients has been sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Gloria Wolfson, 41, was sentenced to just more than two years of probation for three charges of neglect of a dependent at least a felony.

Wolfson will also have to perform 400 hours of community service and be prohibited to administer any drugs, including to assist patients, for one year.

Three misdemeanor charges of false billing of medical services were dropped as part of Wolfson's plea agreement.

Wolfson was an employee of Golden Living Center Woodbridge, nursing home in Evansville when she was accused of administering her own painkillers to three patients who were using OxyContin.

According to a probable cause affidavit, Wolfson was fired from her job as a certified nurse aide in July 2017 only

after putting OxyContin in the patients' food.

All three patients tested positive for the drug when toxicology tests were conducted, according to the affidavit. Wolfson did not have authority to give patients any medication.

Wolfson was charged in Vanderburgh Circuit Court and pleaded guilty in May. She was sentenced Wednesday under the terms of her plea agreement.

While she pleaded guilty to felony charges, Wolfson's plea agreement also includes a condition that if she ever has a conviction without any probation conditions and says all fines in full, the charges will be reduced to misdemeanors under annual sentencing guidelines.

Wolfson was fired from her job for not filling prescriptions right away when Wolfson admitted to giving the patients her own medication.

Judge also faces charges of false neglect of a dependent and misdemeanor interference with medical services in this case, according to court records and the state Attorney General's Office. No hearing has been set in her case.

Convention

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ing on people.

"You can take (the event) into many ways," Cohen said. "We want people to understand more than anything is that, knowing the principles and having the primary objective, that is going to make for a better life for everybody."

On Saturday and Sunday, attendees will be able to watch the final golf tournament, "The Story of Jewish Love in America: How We Got Here."

Joe Dukes, executive director of the Evansville Commission of Values, said the religious institution brought in more than \$1 million in revenue annually to the local community. The date, however, Wolfson is the largest

religious group based in Evansville each year.

"It has economic impact for all of us," Taylor said. "It builds our community. It makes us more connected to one another and embrace. It really does impact the total community. The Jewish Community Center is a special institution because it means for two religions. The impact is broad and deep."

Cohen said that more than 1,000 volunteers needed to clean and prepare the Ford Center for the convention. This is a day, starting, "we clean the Ford Center from top to bottom."

He said the organization doesn't receive a discount in exchange for their work, but it's done for religious reasons. Cohen said volunteers had to be sure that the facility is properly cleaned.



Between 500 and 1,000 volunteers worked to clean and prepare the Ford Center for the convention. Thursday.

RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, June 15, 2019
8:00 am - 12:00 noon

4-H CENTER
201 E. Booneville-New Harmony Rd

ITEMS TO BRING:
ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN AND SORTED

- Appliances
- Carpets
- Mattresses
- Tires
- Stoves
- Washers
- Dryers
- A/C Units
- Freezers
- Dishwashers
- Lawn Mowers
- Tractors
- Generators
- Power Tools
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Ted Denning mans a full griddle inside Uncle Ted's Just Darn Good Food truck.
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PUZZLE ANSWER



Today's answer:

**Some old timers?
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Todd Megar with Lolly's Pop Bar was on hand at this year's Evansville Food Truck Festival in May. AIMEE BLUME/COURIER & PRESS

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Newburgh will now allow food trucks downtown

Michael Doyle

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NEWBURGH, Ind. — Newburgh town council members voted unanimously Wednesday to approve an ordinance that will allow food trucks to operate here.

There will be a roughly 30-day waiting period, pending a period of public notice, before food trucks can conduct business.

Allyson Claybourn, who was elected to the town council last November, championed the food truck ordinance and worked for several months to craft an agreement that, in the end, local business owners and restaurateurs seemed to support almost without exception.

"It feels really great to see this happen," Claybourn said. "It's a testament to the hard work of a

lot of people who came together for the good of our town."

Food trucks will be able to operate in five designated zones from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays and 5-9 p.m. Wednesdays. Those locations are: the community park, Old Lock and Dam, a parking lot of the west side of town, the State Street parking lot and the Aurand Trailhead.

Four members of the public took the floor and spoke in favor of the ordinance, including representatives of two local restaurants. No one spoke in opposition.

Jeff Wheeler of Tomelly's Pizza said while he had originally been opposed to food trucks coming into town, he had since changed his mind and was now fully supportive.

"Originally I didn't want to ac-

cept his, but after talking with people, I think we have to look outside the box and think about the long term and the growth of the town," Wheeler said. "I am all for it now, and I appreciate all the work that has gone into this."

Tin Fish owner Morgan Castillo said she had been in favor of food trucks from the beginning.

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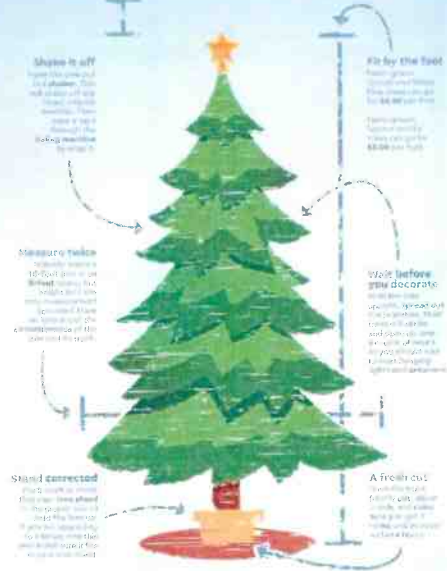
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Fit by the foot
Make sure the tree fits in your home. Measure the doorway and the living room. You can get a tree that fits in the doorway but won't fit in the room.

Shrink to fit
A 10-foot tree in an 8-foot room will look like a 10-foot tree. The tree will shrink to fit the room. The tree will look like a 10-foot tree in an 8-foot room.

Visit before you decorate
If you're going to decorate the tree, visit the store before you buy the tree. You can see the tree in person and see how it looks in your home.

Stand corrected
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trailhead near Yorkshire Drive. It will meander through Driftwood Park, cross Allen Ditch and then parallel Indiana 662 ending at a proposed Evansville Trails connection at Pollack Avenue.

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Warrick Trails also will donate a new trailhead at the entrance to Mulzer Ball Fields west of Ellerbush Road.

Powell said it was too early to settle on a construction date but she said the extension, already designed by CHA Consulting, Inc., has been anticipated for almost 10 years.

It will be the third major expansion of Rivertown Trail since it opened in 2009.

Warrick Trails also has committed to upgrading other Newburgh trailheads by adding or improving amenities such as bathrooms, water fountains, bike maintenance stations and shade with donations from corporate sponsors.

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Newburgh unveils new dual receptacles

Newburgh and Alcoa officials celebrate the finalization of a project that was originally brought to the town's attention by a teenage citizen. Last year, council member Allyson Shelby said she was approached by a teen-aged citizen of the town concerned about the lack of recycling receptacles in the town. A \$40,000 grant from Alcoa helped the town put up matching funds through another grant from the state and is now being awarded with funds through the Access to Recycling Program's Green Project Award.

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STORM DAMAGE

Newburgh weathers tornado



Emergency of Falls survey the storm damage Sunday morning on Jennings Street in downtown Newburgh, Ind. A tornado crossed the Ohio River from Kentucky and hit the area Saturday night. (COURIER PRESS FILE)

Only one injury reported but damage widespread

Abbey Doyle, Leah Selbert and Jim Walsh
COURIER PRESS STAFF WRITERS

NEWBURGH, Ind. — Homeowners and emergency responders were busy this morning through the hundreds of pieces of debris scattered through the town of Newburgh (Sunday) night.

The storm hit thousands, without power for much of the night as trees and power lines were scattered across downtown Newburgh, and many homes in Hamilton.

Monday morning, Warrick County Sheriff Mike Walker said one person was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. They received no other reports of injuries.

The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky, was reviewing damage done from Saturday night's storm in Hamilton County, Jan. Park, and in the Newburgh area. Later Monday they said both areas reported tornadoes. The Hamilton storm was an EF-2, the Newburgh storm had not yet been rated.

A lot of homes were damaged, Walker said, although most of the damage was minor. There were a few homes, Walker said, that sustained more severe damage. Work and assessments are still underway.

Bill and Ann Williams live in downtown Newburgh. Their home,

Neighbors assess damage, begin repairs

John T. Martin and Leah Selbert
COURIER PRESS STAFF WRITERS

NEWBURGH, Ind. — Hours after the storm hit, neighbors helped one another begin to assess damage.

The town's many day mills repair shops in the area, packed with severe and moderate home damage, reported trees, uprooted limbs and damaged power lines seen throughout the generally high income community.

While shined, shingles blown, and partially open subdivisions became hundreds of work zones for assessment and repair work for homeowners.

The precise amount of damage was not clear, but trees and limbs left scattered here and there of all sizes. One neighbor later, a massive oak smothered a parked small blue car.

Neighbors described the horror that 300 houses might be in the Newburgh area. Some homes were destroyed. They wanted to know if there were government loans. "I want updates to get a credit and

that must have been when it hit because pressure hit the side of the house," said Oscar Jackson, who lives on Broken Street and Federal Street. "I went back to the basement, and we had power."

After the storm passed, Jackson stepped out but found the car and walked a few yards.

"We had a gas tankage down the street, so we had fumes, and at one time we had some police cars in front of our house."

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Read about the community coming together to help one family recover from the Newburgh tornado.

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Details

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Vanderburgh hits 17 cases, Warrick reaches 8 cases

Abbey Doyle
COURIER PRESS STAFF WRITER

The number of confirmed community cases in Vanderburgh County rose to 17 from 15 on Saturday, according to the Indiana State Department of Health's statewide dashboard of positive cases reported every day at 9 a.m. EDT.

Warrick increased from six to eight. Gibson County remained at three, and Posey County remained at three.

Of the confirmed cases in Vanderburgh County, nine are in Hamilton County, Department director and another a dispatcher for Metropolitan Evansville Transit Services, city officials have said.

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State adds 290 cases
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view from 1,232 to 2,241. The number of deaths rose from 33 to 35. There have been 9,200 tests, up from 8,107.

A 30-year-old Vanderburgh woman has been confirmed to have contracted COVID-19, the Evans River Health District Health Department announced last Sunday. It's unclear exactly how many cases in Hamilton County have 28 and 120 cases, Hamilton County and Warrick counties all each have 10 cases of cases cases — 23 — have been reported in neighboring Dubois County.

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Storm complicates 'stay at home' compliance

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A moderate and persistent windstorm that swept home faster-moving in heading a soft, orange lightning storm in South Point, Ind., on Monday, complicates the "stay at home" compliance. Of course, there's no good time for a storm to hit, but the one that happened on Monday complicates the "stay at home" compliance. Saturday night brings an extra set of complications. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, people in Indiana and around the world are expected to be socially isolating themselves. But people's stay home if you have left the house in the past week, it's been developed.

Porter, his wife and daughter were standing on the sidewalk right. They heard the storm hitting, and while they didn't have the benefit of a camera or a camera staff into the program, in all these days between a case. Their phones didn't have any pictures.

Eventually, Porter's phone got hit from over the phone. There's a heavy feeling straight for the moment.

Within 15 seconds, they heard the wind accelerate. Just as they ran to go down the street, it sounded like a tornado hit the house.

The storm tore off part of the roof and dented a new blue roof's gutters. It also tore debris, including through windows and siding around the house.

A hole tearing wall on the south side of Porter's house was already leaning on it Monday morning. He was hoping the additional wind give them the effect of a hole that he would miss.

Even if the house is not hit, workers will have to come inside.

"Get a little touch on one of the windows, so we're checking on it. This is a bad time," he said.

Porter has ordered his staff to stay at home if they have to leave. But social distancing could complicate that as well.



Venue Contracting workers John Mahesh, from top, Jeff Christian and Larry Riley nail a tarp over Mark Porter's garage Sunday on Jennings Street in Downtown Evansville. (COURIER & PRESS)

People in Tennessee are having the same problem. Just two days after a flooding episode moved through Nashville and its rural suburbs on March 8, Tennessee announced its first two days of stay-at-home orders. That number has grown to more than 1,000 in the state.

Construction sites have been deemed "essential" and are working to rebuild. David Starnes, a Nashville contractor, recently told me that his contractors are working the hard hours to get the jobs done.

"We work in small areas, primarily, so kind of a caution to keep away from interacting and too

many people coming into contact with each other," he said.

For most of the houses he's working on, he's got people staying in them. Other workers might have to have a figure out that follows, make you have a safe place to stay while keeping yourself safe as well.

"I thought these essential workers were there. I thought to see them. They're exhausted," Porter said. "They can't be supposed to be socially isolated. We're not supposed to have the construction in the house with everybody else."

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STORM DAMAGE

'Huge turnout' to help family after storm blows off roof

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NEWBURGH, Ind. — When the power went off at their home, Melissa and Nathan Mosley knew what they would need to do.

The couple headed to their basement with their young daughter, ages 4 and 2, to use. One of their six dogs leaped along. The other refused.

“Less than a minute or 30 seconds of us getting disconnected by Hurricane ‘Ike,’ Melissa said.

The couple’s home sat on Adams Road west of Nashville town limits. The area was among the hardest hit by Saturday night’s storm.

“It just sounded like a bomb. But it was raining through,” Melissa said.

Nathan went outside to assess the damage. In that point, it was clear that a large part of their roof was missing.

No one was injured, and all their pets, including two cats, were accounted for. Melissa packed her girls and themselves to the car and headed to her brother’s, a single house, where they would be spending the night.

Melissa stayed behind, along with Melissa Bellmont, trying to assess what they would be placing tops over their belongings.

But they would only assess the full extent of the damage over the next few days, the best morning.

“It looked worse,” Melissa said. “It looked 20 times worse.”

The roof was blown into a nearby corridor, she said, and almost all the windows, their property were destroyed.

“The main part about it is our neighborhood houses are fine and it’s like the tornado came down, touched our house and then left,” Melissa said.

Melissa thanked, though everyone was safe, and the scene could be contained.

“I think the family had a lot of help, especially from our neighbors,” she said.

That day, she met Tiffany Kirk, who said she had more than 100 people show up to help with the cleanup.

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Friends, family and neighbors from Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana help the Mosleys repair damage to their home Saturday night in Newburgh, Ind. (COURIERPRESS.COM)



Melissa Mosley shows the previous year's dog print she discovered in the debris to her husband, Nathan Mosley. (COURIERPRESS.COM)

Toyota from neighbors. A few others were from 11 State A Village for Bill Bowers, which Melissa has lived at since at her elementary school days.

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Rick Williams takes a moment to rest on the sofa in his living room as he evaluates the storm-damaged house on Jennings Street in Newburgh, Ind., Sunday morning. He and his wife have lived in the home for over 40 years and were home Saturday night when a tornado hit the Newburgh area. (COURIERPRESS.COM)

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of the house," she said. "We had the victims' gear here."

Zeigler's home was spared serious damage. She missed victims for getting her power restored at a Sunday meeting.

"We've lived here on pain, and this is the first time the kind of thing has hit us," said Zeigler, who said she was taking up debris.

Saturday night's storm struck members of Class 6, 2005, at Class Park. It later lived in a different house in the same Southridge neighborhood when that deadly tornado hit.

It was relieved Saturday's event left only damage and no fatalities. Twenty-five people were killed in the 2005 tornado, which hit Zeigler's home, came to Southridge on a cross-street path from Hardaway County.

"I was outside for a little bit, you could hear thunder and then it started to rain," Parker said. "I knew it was going to get the dog and get the house. I found him hanging out, and it rained for hours and hours."

Deborah took on a burden Parker's said.

"After that, we knew what to expect for a year," Parker said.

Bryon Harris and his family were huddled in an interior bathroom as their house started shaking.

"We heard some impacts," Harris said by phone. "We thought the roof was going to go, we thought for sure. Then it kind of passed, and we went out and saw what we could see in the dark. It was kind of ominous, really. We could hear people talking. Everybody was out in the street shaking on each other."

"We had a few days that looked like it was maybe hit by lightning," Harris said. "It looked like the house and maybe got some water. The hole in the roof was about 17 inches wide. It was the hole in the roof that landed in the neighborhood. We had had it split down. The hole, nobody pays for a splash down. Our house is all inside, but the hole, for the most part, was on the outside. All the siding was pulled off, and some gages were taken out of it."

Chris Curran was among several residents of Bryan Harris' neighborhood damaged Tuesday afternoon. She was home alone on Saturday night when the storm hit; her son and three granddaughters were gone. A tree smashed through a window into Curran's kitchen, and her roof blew away through.



Chris Curran was in her basement Saturday night when a tree came through a window and into her kitchen. "Thank God for basements," Curran said. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

"I was in the basement," she said. "Thank God for basements."

Curran was startled by the damage that was done. "The tree got to the window, broke it, and then the wind went through the kitchen," she said. "It made everything very bad."

Saturday night's damaging winds were a blowout from the construction industry that continues to challenge local, state and national crews.

Many neighborhoods, some residential and others more commercial, are still being worked through.

ough on Sunday afternoon, in many cases quoting of long-term workers for the House Control and Primary Commission. That people stand at least a foot apart to their spaces of construction.

In a message on Instagram, about a dozen neighbors and friends who had been picking up debris looked closely together for a group photograph.

The most recent Indiana Department of Public Health update on COVID-19 released Monday evening showed eight confirmed cases in Vanderburgh County and 1 in Vanderburgh County.

Pizzeria borrows to keep workers on the job

Wayne Perry PHOTOS BY MARY

INDIANAPOLIS — Bryan Harris and his brother Michael operate Pizzeria's Pizzeria in this Army Shore town. In the summer, they deliver cheese steak pizza and 12-inch subs and pull trucks to the nearby beach. In winter, customers flock to the cozy, black and white food restaurant on Main Street.

But across the ocean, inside Harris' Bryan Harris' house and around at night after watching news reports of how a virus spread quickly in Italy, eventually spreading life to a viral pandemic and leading to massive layoffs as businesses closed doors.

He could not let this happen at Pizzeria's. Many of his employees have been with the business for a decade or more; the bond has been there for 22 years, when the business was owned by Bryan and Michael's father.

"The (pizzeria) provides for my employees. I supply their salary, and if they don't have a salary, they won't be able to afford their rent, their credit card bills, their insurance, they'll die," he said.

To decide to do the right thing and take the hit, and to make it, he went down the line.

About two weeks ago, Harris presented a \$500,000 line of credit from his bank. He presented his workers they'd have a job for at least the next two months. He'd receive conditions after that, but for everything possible to keep the pizzeria flowing.

As word of the business' plight got around, the community rallied. Customers began bringing out an extra \$100 on top of the usual 20% tip, a few bucks out of pocket for the kitchen staff.

People called and asked the pizzeria to change their menu cards for food to be sent to those on the front lines of the virus response. Donors, donors and staff staff at a rate by hospital, police, firefighters and EMS agencies.

In just two days last week, Pizzeria's bank had nearly \$4,000 to make and deliver pizzas to first responders, military, before Bryan Harris was interviewed last week, the pizzeria sent 80 free pizzas to Henry Shoup Medical Center, a vital battleground in the fight against COVID-19 in a state that has the second most cases in the nation.

All because the team cared.



Pizzeria's Pizzeria donated food to workers at the Hancock Memorial Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Hopkins City, N.J. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

Obituaries

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Name	Age, Town, State	Death Date Arrangements
Bates, Henry L.	90 Corydon, Mo.	25-Mar. Taylor Funeral Home
Boettler, Patricia Ann (Picklerell)	81 Muncie, Ind.	27-Mar. Burdette-Gilks Funeral Home
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Curran, Anthony Todd	30 Jackson, Mo.	28-Mar. Southridge Funeral Home
Curran, Mary Elizabeth (Butter)	92 Corydon, Mo.	26-Mar. Park Community
Yus, Victoria	62 Corydon, Mo.	26-Mar.

* Additional information is displayed in display obituaries. Obituaries appear in print and online at www.ancestry.com/evansvillecourierandpress.

Henry L. Bates
Henry L. Bates, 90, passed away March 25, 2020, at his home with his family around him. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Naples. He served as a greeter for many years. He was a former member of First Southwestern Baptist Church in Evansville, Ind. where he served as a deacon. He was a ceramic tile contractor for over 50 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, serving in the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman and Mary Bates, and his brother, Joe. He is survived by his loving wife, Gloria, and a loving daughter, Debra. He is survived by his sister, Betty (Bob) Kuhn, adopted daughter, Leslie (Scott) Phillips, and nieces and nephews.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 28, 10:30 to 9:00 AM at Fuller Funeral Home, 14444 East Trail East, followed by a Private Service at 10:30 AM. A Private Graveside Service will be held at the National Cemetery in Sarasota, FL, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Anne Hospice, Naples, FL. For online condolences visit: Fullernaples.com

Patricia Ann (Picklerell) Boettler
MUNCIE — Patricia Ann (Picklerell) Boettler, of Muncie, Ind., died Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in South Fort, Florida.

Pat is survived by her 3 children: Cheryl (Tom) Butler, Tom (Annette) Boettler, & Craig (Linda) Boettler of Newburgh, IN. Full obituary can be found at fullernaples.com.

A Letter from Heaven
When someone dies, we often think of them as being in heaven. But what does it really mean to be in heaven? It means to be in a place where there is no pain, no suffering, and no death. It means to be in a place where we can be with our loved ones forever. It means to be in a place where we can be with God forever.



Victoria Yus
EVANSVILLE — Victoria Yus, of Evansville, Indiana, departed this life for a better life with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, March 20, 2020 at the age of 62. She was an active member of the Evansville and First Wayne community centers with her Artwork, Dance, Troops and Fashion Shows. She was a very caring and sharing person. Our loved one, better known as Vickie, is survived by two sisters, Lois and Margaret; five brothers, Jimmie, Reggie, Bertie, Victor (with husband's Sarah Truss) and a loved one, beloved niece and nephew. The family of Vickie Yus wishes to express their gratitude to the many friends that have reached out with comforting words during this time of grieving. Thank you and may God bless you.

I give you this one thought to keep, I am with you still, I do not sleep, I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sunlight on rippled grain, I am the gentle Autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift, sparkling rish of quiet birds in circling flight, I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not think of me as gone, I am with you still in each new dawn

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Workers with Waggenheim Moving and Handling clear a room at 421 East Jennings as utility crews, homeowners, moving companies and customers help clean up and restore order on Monday. [PHOTO BY JAMES GIBSON](#)

Council cuts budget by \$2.8M

9-0 vote recognizes virus' effect on revenue

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Being a public meeting facilities of which nobody had ever seen, the Evansville City Council voted 9-0 to cut \$2.8 million from this year's city budget to address lost funds from the coronavirus pandemic.

Only three council members physically present for the vote: President Allen Bunting, Finance Chair Ron Rowe and Justin Eipper. The other six participants by phone.

Gov. Eric Holcomb's order limiting in-person gatherings to 10 people made the large council meeting impossible.

In addition to the three council members in the room at City Council Chambers, Evansville Mayor Jack Claycomb, City Attorney Michael Holman, City Clerk Tony Wood, David Mays, David Womack, City Controller Ross Lloyd II, an ODFP-authorized support staff member and a Courier & Press reporter.

When Department of Metropolitan Development Director Ricky Green spoke, Lloyd left the room, leaving the remainder of the council.

Wood said the City Council the vote was necessary because of the prolonged absence of Evansville Mayor Claycomb.

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Newburgh in 2-source state of emergency

Tornado damage, virus spread a double punch

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NEWBURGH — Newburgh remains under a state of emergency as residents deal with the aftermath of the two 122 tornadoes that rained major damage throughout the Tri State Saturday night.

"We know that everything is going to be fine, and it's going to be OK."

Melissa Mosley
COURIERPRESS.COM

The flood got to give lighter weather Monday afternoon, marking the

end to a week of the popular Springfest 2020 and other town events.

In a release, Newburgh said the move was intended to promote social distancing, allow for clean-up and give priority to homeowners.

The news comes as the town, which was already under a state of emergency because of the spread of COVID-19, was struck by the

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Indiana ramping up response to virus

Officials firming up head counts, facilities

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Some closed Indiana hospitals could receive care from hospitals that might open up and medical supplies and related doctors could be allowed to practice as a response to the spread of the novel COVID-19 virus, which state officials said Monday could come in the next two to



The novel coronavirus.

Gov. Eric Holcomb and other state leaders made a number of announcements

Monday in anticipation of the expected surge in cases, such as all because to increase the number of critical care beds across the state and an increasing the total amount of ventilators.

The steps came on a day when the state's total cases rose to 1,770 and death toll increased to 25.

As of Monday, Indiana hospitals have 1,818 critical care beds, a 30% increase in the first phase of surge planning. Also, there are 1,927 ventilators.

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extent of this situation that moved through the area over the weekend. The flat tornado hit in Crookston, Monday, at 11:30 a.m. Monday according to the National Weather Service. It moved northeast, sweeping the southern edge of Henderson as its winds reached an estimated 105 mph over the course of its 15-mile path.

"That 15-mile length was pretty long," said Steve Paulsen, a meteorologist with the Storm Prediction Center, who said the tornado was a good while there.

In spots where reported in Henderson County, but dozens of homes sustained roof and siding damage, some homes were also damaged, and one was completely destroyed with no debris found hundreds of yards away.

The tornado also swept in support of hundreds of trees before it died off east of the Henderson Country Club at 9:32 p.m.

The tornado that seems to damage much of Newburgh forced only minor damage at 7:11 a.m.

It began on the heavily wooded edge of the Blue River across from Henderson, Newburgh, in some areas, the trees, houses, streets, and within seven minutes, the major damage as it headed northeast for just over five miles.

The 2015 said the tornado, with winds that reached speeds of up to 100 mph, tore off at least portions of the roofs of five homes, at least one house lost some of its exterior siding walls.

Dozens of other homes saw moderate to severe damage, and the tornado caused power lines, disrupting emergency building permit line for residents whose homes were damaged.

Paulsen said the two tornadoes were similar, but the one in Newburgh caused more damage because of its path.

The Henderson one struck mostly southeast of Henderson proper and hit primarily more rural locations, he said. Two people were treated and one killed from head injuries, according to the NWS.

Warrick County Sheriff Willie Wilton said his deputies were alerted, and involved a woman who stepped on a car, and the other woman was killed by the hail.

On Monday afternoon, residents were still dealing with and making repairs. Several street parking remained closed to allow crews to work.

"A lot of the stuff is out of our hands," said Melissa Munday, whose house on Burton Road had most of its roof.

She said that most of the work was removal of long-term cleanup and repairs after a crew of more than 10 people helped her family pack belongings and move out.

"It was a bit to deal with," Munday said. "It's a winding cleanup. We know that even things are going to be fine, and it's going to be OK."

The father and mother of Munday continue to clean debris, she added.



Utility worker Charles Sumner of Warrick, Ind., uses a chainsaw to cut a log off of a power line Monday as utility crews, homeowners, roofing companies and volunteers help clean up and restore order in the Jennings Street area of Newburgh. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

When people do not know what to do with their belongings, they can contact the Red Cross, which manufactures recycled wood products.

He said the arrangement is mutually beneficial. Residents can clear their property, because removal fees are high and wood fees stay out of landfills.

It's such a large volume of debris, he said, that it's difficult to get it all out of the area, but he said he'd like to see it all removed by the end of the year.

That means keeping debris in temporary and smaller and not entering restricted areas of the facility.

"When you get a good dumpsite, and there's a lot of stuff that still needs to be cleaned," she said.

She said the work will continue through the end of the year, but she said she's not sure how long it will take to get everything cleaned up.

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9 things to do in the Evansville area this weekend, next week

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EVANSVILLE, Ind. — This weekend features a smattering of concerts, two first Friday gatherings, a few dog shows and a day for children's adventures. Check out this week's calendar to plan what you'd do this weekend and into next week.

Thursday

Music in the Park
8 p.m., State Hospital Park
Musicians in the park continue presenting annual Evansville's Music in the Park. This week, the concert features 2 Miles Inc., firing your own pizza and drinks or buy them from one of the food or beer trucks. Bring a blanket or chairs. There will be a hot pot at each event.

Friday

First Fr Friday First Friday Rock Party
5 p.m., 184 Andrew St.
This free community event will feature DJ A.D. and M.C. CAAB. There will be appearances by DeShawn Paul and Angelo. There's a 20 ruben garden for the community along with food, music and vendors.

Hayden's Career First Friday event
6:30-9 p.m., Hayden's Career
The first First Friday for Hayden's Career of the season will feature food trucks, entertainment and other activities. The event's First Friday activities will kick off with a family-friendly outdoor dog show at 6:30 p.m.



Justin Moore
7 p.m., First Center
Tickets are \$24-\$66 and available at all Ticketmaster venues.
Justin Moore is described as having a traditional country sound giving audiences a sophisticated live show. His fifth studio album was "Late Nights and Longways" and topped the charts when released and included ball track "The Ones That Didn't Make It Back Home" and follow up "Why We Drink." His latest "We Didn't Have Much" resonates on Moore's album highlighting and appreciation of life's most precious moments. Moore's adult studio album, "Bright On the Country" continues the trend of country traditionalism, which storytelling and signature Arkansas fiddle bring across eight tracks.

Saturday

Newburgh Amphitheater opening celebration
8 p.m., to show to Newburgh Farmers Market. 8:30 dedication of amphitheater. Strawberry festival to follow, 7 p.m. Back & Soul Under the Stars. Newburgh's Allen Family Amphitheater, at the Old Lock and Dam Park.

Sunday will be full of events at Newburgh's Old Lock and Dam Park celebrating the dedication of Newburgh's Allen Family Amphitheater. From 8 a.m. to noon is the first Newburgh Farmers Market of the season. The Old Dam Band Home will play from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. At 10-11 a.m. is the dedication and ribbon cutting. Several Old Dam Band members will perform until 11 p.m.

After the dedication, the Historic Newburgh, Inc. Strawberry Festival will begin with all things strawberry, including the historic homemade ice cream stand with strawberries and chocolate.

And the Newburgh Band Under the Stars concert begins at 7 p.m. But attendees are encouraged to start gathering at 6 p.m. for food trucks. Bring a blanket or lawn chair as concert seating is limited. The concert is free but donations are encouraged.

Sunday

Music Carves Us Through
8 p.m., outdoor building to open some through 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:00-11:00 AM Methodist Church
7:30 Evansville Children's Choir Inc. presents Music Carves Us Through. The string concert will be free of charge, donations will be accepted. There is a lot of good music over one through 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Items can be viewed in person the day of the concert.

Food trucks will also be on-site during the event. Participate in the auction by visiting <https://bit.ly/3u5a23k>.

Friday

Prize Farm
7 p.m., GM National Emma Frazee
Organizers are encouraging attendees to join over 1,500 students for the 19th Annual Prize Farm for LGBTQIA+ students and staff. The event also features a dog show.

Tuesday

Tuesday Food Truck and Farmers Market
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, parking lot on the corner of Fourth and Mulberry
Stop by for Southwestern Tuesday program Farmers Market and food truck event. There will be a different food truck each Tuesday.



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Submitted by: Caroline Nellis

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And the Rock & Soul Under the Stars concert features Factor Primo at 7 p.m. But attendees are encouraged to start gathering at 6 p.m. for food trucks. Bring a blanket or lawn chair as concrete seating is limited. The concert is free but donations are encouraged.



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Rain, flooding in Tri-State is reaching historic levels

SARAH LOESCH
Evansville Courier and Press Staff Writer

MEMPHIS — The struggle to the south
hasn't a right now as to why most of the south
hasn't. The Department of Transportation
and there are a lot of the states that are not
impacted, that are not by the rainfall.

"The rainfall has potential for flooding,"
he said, "but we don't get rain that affect
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Memphis resident Michelle Whiting stands on a bridge on the southern Ohio side as two inches continued to fall in the Tri-State area of Saturday, March 2, 2018.

Rain, flooding in Tri-State is reaching historic levels

SARAH LOESCH
EVANSVILLE COURIER & PRESS
USA TODAY NETWORK

NEWBURGH — The message to the community right now is to obey road closure signs.

Jason Tiller, communications for the Southwest Indiana Department of Transportation, said there are areas of the state that are more impacted than usual by the rainfall.

"(These areas) have potential for flooding," he said. "But we don't get rains that affect them this badly."

Some of those areas, such as State Road 65 between Owensville and State Road 64, are entirely closed. That road eroded due to the sheer amount of rain it underwent.

"We use the hashtag 'TurnAroundDontDrown,'" Tiller said. "That's not just a cute little saying."

He was reading comments from followers on social media when he came across a woman saying she drove through a flooded area the night before.

No matter how long the detour is for a driver, Tiller said, it's worth it when the alternative could be their life.

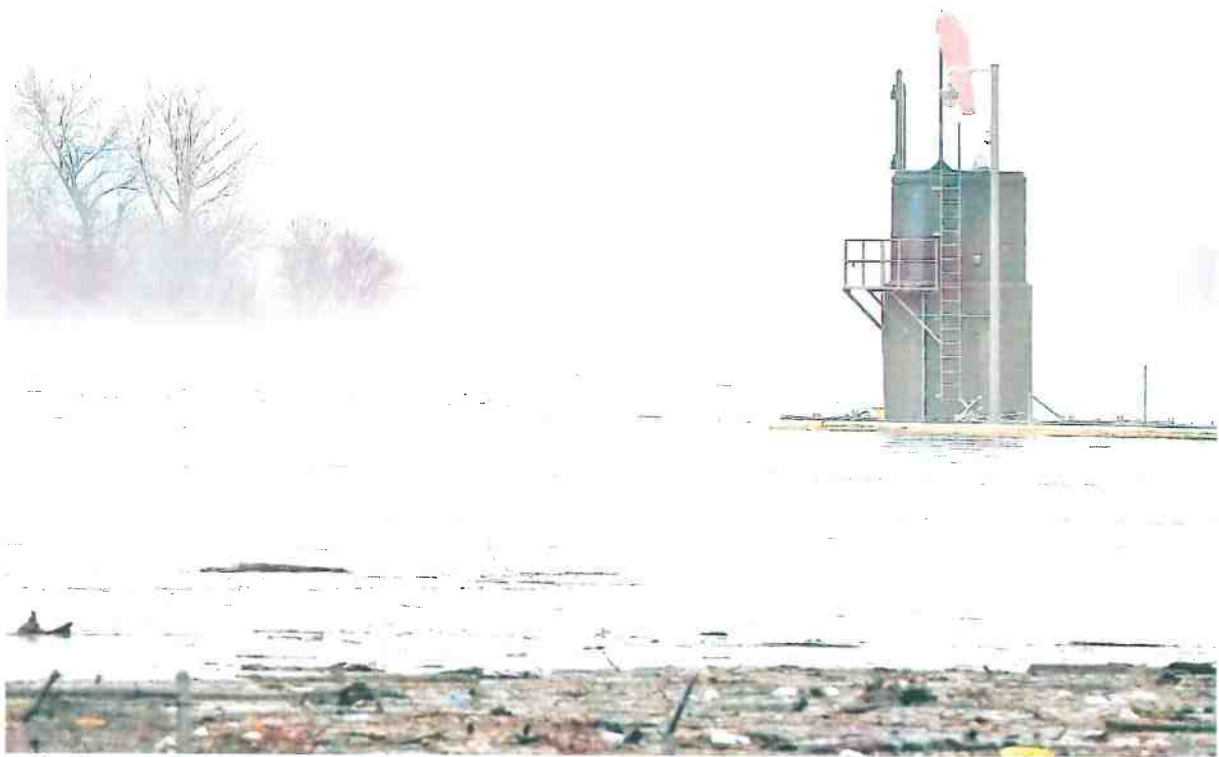
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Cliff Weaver, director of the EMA, said

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Fog shrouds an upstream island as flood waters near the top of the lock at the Newburgh Lock and Dam as river waters continue to rise in the Tri-State area Saturday. Flooding was expected to get worse as afternoon storms were expected to bring wind, some flash flooding and a chance for "isolated tornadoes." MIKE LAWRENCE / COURIER & PRESS

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Newburgh resident Landen Sonlling takes pictures of the swollen Ohio River at the Newburgh riverfront as river waters continued to rise in the Tri-State area Saturday.

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The basement of the old U.S. Lock and Dam in Newburgh flooded as river waters continued to rise in the Tri-State area Saturday.

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Ohio River flood waters surround the old U.S. Lock and Dam in Newburgh Saturday. MIKE LAWRENCE/COURIER & PRESS

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Ducks play outside of the fence at the Newburgh Ind., riverfront as river waters rose in the Tri-State area Saturday. PHOTOS BY MIKE LAWRENCE/COURIER & PRESS

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Concept art of a plan to renovate Lou Dennis Community Park in Newburgh, which was presented at a meeting of the Parks Board.

Concepts presented for new Lou Dennis park

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Concept design for the clubhouse. IMAGES COURTESY LAMAR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

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CALENDAR

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kets. Adults: \$10.00, children under 10, \$4.00 with a hotdog.

Porkapalooza: Follow your nose to Newburgh Senior Center on, Sept. 27-28 for the 2019 edition of Porkapalooza. The Newburgh BBQ Coalition will be smoking ribs and tenderloins on the side yard of the Center at 529 Jefferson Street. You can order those

ribs and tenderloins and pulled pork by the quart beginning August 15 by calling 812-853-5627 or stopping by the Center from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday - Friday. Pulled pork sandwich lunches will be available both days of Porkapalooza from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. You can eat in or carry out. The cost is \$5 per lunch.

Dinner and Auction: Old Friendship Church, located 4 miles east of Hwy 61 on Hwy 68 Lynnville, is having a Lord's Acre Dinner and Auction on Aug. 10.

The dinner will start at 4pm and the auction will start at 6pm. There will also be a country store and a bouncy house and a clown doing balloon animals for the children. Some of the items for auction include handmade quilts, handmade wood items, Reds tickets, Cardinals tickets and much more. For more information, please call 812-983-4618.

The Newburgh Museum's new featured exhibit, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," opened June 14. Using the

collection of Dave Johnson, former sports editor of the Evansville Courier-Press, the museum has an exhibit of early baseball memorabilia. Also on display is a collection of vintage ice cream makers and accessories. Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 812-853-5045.

To have items included in the calendar, send information to warrick@courierpress.com.

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Newburgh Parks Board hears public comment on Lou Dennis master plan

BY WYATT SQUIRES
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The Newburgh Parks Board took public comment on the master plan presented to update Lou Dennis Park in a public hearing Monday evening.

The board was recently presented with the plan from Lamar Architecture and Design with potential options for updating the park. The plan involves filling in the pool as well as implementing a splash pad and playground, upgrading the clubhouse, adding a trail with fitness pods, replacing the 21-year old Fortress of Fun with a new adventure play area and later adding a new pool.

Board president Mary Ann Wilsbacher told the crowd at the public hearing that many members of the public have provided comments and concerns about the potential plans. She stressed that the master plan as presented is a concept, not a design that is set in stone and will likely be subject to change.

"We need you to understand that compromise will be necessary," she said. "We need to hear and listen, really listen to each other and to

come up with a final plan that the residents in the town and the surrounding area can be proud of."

Facilities coordinator Andrea Balboni said there has been confusion about what is considered in town and out of town and many people have commented that they believe the pool shouldn't be built last in the plan. She said the town isn't ignoring the voices of the residents about the desire for a pool, but there is more to consider when planning to construct a new pool.

Even though the pool survey showed that a majority of residents and nonresidents would like to see a pool, Balboni said the majority of those who took the survey also said they would not be interested in helping with the project. She said the town has to come up with its own plan to complete and fund the project which is why the plans for the updates are to be accomplished in phases and include multiple new revenue options for a whole park overhaul.

"If we put a pool back in the park as it is, even if it is a brand new pool,

it's not going to survive," she said. "It's not going to support itself."

Resident Joe Kuhn spoke to the board representing the nearby homeowners association. He said he and the organization are overall happy about the plan to improve the park, but there are concerns about safety and a lack of a buffer zone between neighbors and the park's proposed amenities.

"We're excited we're here talking about (the plan)," he said. "We're very concerned about the buffer zone that is left for your neighbors."

Former resident Bill McDowell spoke at the meeting for his mother Lois who still lives adjacent to the park. He said his mother misses the sound of children having fun at the pool.

"She misses the pool," he said. "She can hardly hear, but she can hear the kids."

McDowell said a lot of conversation has centered around people who have moved outside of the city limits in Ohio Township who may use the new facilities. He said working with the township may be a solution to the problem.

"Build your pool in partnership with Ohio Township," he said. "The people out in the area, they're the ones that pretty well take care of a lot of stuff out in the county. The people in Newburgh do a good job, but money-wise, you just can't do it."

Resident Lisa Conner said she hopes the final plans will include opportunities for elements to blend in with the natural beauty of the area. Overall, she said she thinks the park is definitely in need of an update.

"Part of what attracted us to Newburgh, was (the park), being close to that and having that community feel," she said. "Having this hole in the ground for two years I, frankly, am embarrassed."

After the public hearing, the board will continue to take public comment before considering adopting the master plan. If the board chooses to adopt the plan for Lou Dennis, the master plan will be attached to the overall parks five-year plan as an amendment.

The Newburgh Parks Board is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.

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Bill Coenen, left, and Tom Dussard meet for lunch (he they do pretty much every year at the 90th West Side Fall Chili Fall Festival Thursday afternoon. Although not West Siders, the two say they have a passport that lets them in line day of the year to grab lunch. **PHOTO BY JOHN T. MARTIN FOR THE COURIER & PRESS**

Meet the Fall Festival PEOPLE WATCHERS

Seeing cheery, satisfied crowds part of fun for some every year

Isaiah Gehbart
Community Reporter
USA TODAY NETWORK

Debbie Hampton and Barbara Pritz see their lives blend up in the shade. The pair of friends, who live in Madisonville, Kentucky, come to the Fall Festival every one day. They make a half-day trip out of it, starting for five or six hours. After they stop by several booths to grab some food, they sit down and watch the people go by.

"Lot of happy people," Hampton said. "Hardly anybody walking by that doesn't have a smile on their face."

"They're not rude," Pritz added. "They're not rude at all."

For them, among cheery, satisfied people is a part of the fun of Fall Festival every year.

But for others with more local ties, especially

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Linda Lutzker, left, and her sister-in-law Sharon Lutzker visit a bit outside the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth Booth 79 on Thursday afternoon.

Newburgh shares vision for park

Wanted: Splash pad, improved playground

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Community Reporter
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Those officials hope to begin work in 2020 on the first phase of Lee Dennis Community Park's reconstruction.

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Holcomb hands out checks for road work

John T. Martin
Community Reporter
USA TODAY NETWORK

The local government officials, being handed checks by the governor to fund about 100 highway projects might the best photo-op imaginable.

It played out on Thursday afternoon in the Lee-Cook Center. Gov. Eric Holcomb came by to formally announce Southwest Indiana's share of \$99.3 million in state grants for local projects through the Next Level Roadside Community Connectivity Initiative.

As you would expect, there were well-to-do smiles.

Community meeting Community Connectivity grants meet north the

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Phase I is estimated to cost \$1.5 million.

Kiwanis Club members had lots of opinions and questions for Newburgh officials and the project's architect, Jason Barisano with Lamar Architecture and Design.

Some objected to no longer having a public pool. Officials responded there's room in the park to build a pool in the future, should that decision be made.

For now, however, they said there's not nearly enough money to fix the existing pool or construct a new one. That would cost \$4 million to \$5 million.

"The park is worked on constantly," said Mary Ann Wilsbacher, parks board president. "It's not been neglected. But it's aged. The pool was 45 years old when it failed. It had a 30-year lifespan. We had USI do a study for us, and their study showed that if you put a brand-new pool into a run-down park, the pool was almost guaranteed to fail."

The splash pad is "a piece we want to be fantastic and make a unique element for Newburgh," Barisano said. "We'd like to see the new playground and splash pad adjacent to each other, so when the splash pad is shut down, kids can still run on it."

The park's existing playground, Fortress of Fun, was built by Newburgh



Lamar Architecture and Design have released some conceptual drawings of a redeveloped Lou Dennis Community Park. Amenities include a splash pad, an accessible playground and an event rental facility. LAMAR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

community members in 1998. Some Kiwanis Club members fondly remembered helping with the playground. It has wooden structures, similar to the now-demolished Kids Kingdom in Evansville.

Fortress of Fun is nearing the end of its life. Newburgh officials noted its age and lack of play options for people with

disabilities.

"We look at this as a multi-generational goal," Barisano said. "It should be universal to everyone with all abilities, where grandparents can take their grandchildren. Fortress of Fun isn't a place where kids with a wheelchair can play."

Officials said they want Lou Dennis

Community Park to encourage physical activity and to reflect Newburgh's character and history.

Another goal is adding something distinctive at the park's entrance.

"Everyone likes the fact that it's kind of secluded, but if you haven't been to Newburgh before, you wouldn't know a park was there," Barisano said.

The strategic plan includes a short walking path around the core amenities and a longer one around the park's outer edge. The plan calls for upkeep of the park's tennis courts and basketball court and the addition of four pickleball courts.

Newburgh officials said the town has an annual budget of about \$2 million, and taxpaying residents include only 1,400 or so households.

The most recent population estimate was 3,204. Town officials noted that people in Warrick County who live outside Newburgh's boundaries use the town's park facilities.

A Kiwanis Club member asked if Warrick County government could become involved with helping redevelop Lou Dennis Community Park. Newburgh officials said the county has not shown interest.

"The whole county and town thing comes up constantly, and we don't know how to fix that," said Andrea Balboni, Town of Newburgh facilities coordinator.

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Sheriff discusses plan to request funding

BY WHAT'S HOTTER
By Jennifer H. Hester

Warrick County Sheriff Willie Widler announced a plan to use funds generated by the Warrick County Jail to hire a review and oversight of the Warrick County Sheriff's Office's policies.

Widler told the Warrick County Commission that he plans to request funds for hiring a consultant to review the county's policies. He said he will also request funding for a review of the county's policies.

Widler said the commission's Warrick County Jail has been operating and he plans to continue funding inmates while space is available. He said the inmates have been better due to measures taken to limit jail operations during the coronavirus pandemic, but the agreement is to limit to 100 inmates in 2020 and has already limited to 100 in 2020.

Widler said that while some of the policies involved in the review will be public, some will not. He said he will be reviewing the policies and will be reviewing the policies.

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Newburgh officials break ground on Lou Dennis Park renovations

BY WHAT'S HOTTER
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Newburgh officials mark the first dirt on the groundbreaking for the first phase of the Lou Dennis Community Park renovation project.

The event on Thursday, June 18, marked the beginning of construction for the project. The project will start with the demolition of the existing park and will include the construction of a new park.



Newburgh Parks Board President Maryanne Whitehead (center) speaks to individuals gathered at the groundbreaking for the first phase of the Lou Dennis Community Park renovation project.

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Whitehead said the park has been a priority for the community and she is excited to see the project move forward. She said the park will be a great addition to the community and she is excited to see the project move forward.

Boonville Council approves IURC opt out

BY WHAT'S HOTTER
By Jennifer H. Hester

The Boonville Council approved an ordinance that would allow the utility to opt out of the Indiana Utility Review Commission.

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Warrick County jobless rate fluctuates as businesses reopen

BY WHAT'S HOTTER
By Jennifer H. Hester

More than 1,200 Warrick County residents got back to work in May, making Warrick County's unemployment rate decrease after a sharp increase in April.

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The event on Thursday, June 18, marked the beginning of construction for the project. The project got started after Danco was awarded the project with their bid of \$1,677,500.

The base of the bid for the first phase of the project covers the core of the park including the demolition of the old pool, the renovation of the poolhouse, the construction of the splash park and fun zone and improvements to parking and drainage. In addition, Danco's awarded bid includes the relocation of the basketball court and east side parking as well as concrete stain, but will not include proposed plans for an additional pavilion.

Newburgh Facilities Coordinator Andrea Balboni said in celebrating the future of the park, it's important to remember the input of previous Newburgh officials. She said the park wouldn't be where it is without the dedication of the town over time.

"Today we want to celebrate the future of this park, but we also want to look back and say thank you to the past councils, the past parks boards and all the residents of Newburgh who, 49 years ago, had the forethought to make this piece of land into a community park," she said. "Their actions, their fundraising and their donations led to this



Standard photo/Wyatt Squires photos

Newburgh officials move the first dirt in the groundbreaking for the first phase of the Lou Dennis Community Park renovation project.



Newburgh Parks Board President Marianne Wilsbacher (center) speaks to individuals gathered at the groundbreaking for phase one of the Lou Dennis Community Park renovation project.

piece of property going from a single playground to a community park that continued to grow."

Balboni said the common factor over time has been each administrator's dedication to the park. She said the park has been and will continue to be a Newburgh tradition.

"Now, in 2020, we want to continue the tradition of enhancing the amenities in

this park for the Newburgh community by breaking ground on phase one of the renovations," she said.

Town Manager Christy Powell said the park has served as the backdrop to cherished family memories for decades, but the loss of the pool was a difficult challenge for the entire community.

"As we all agree, with the

loss of the pool, the deep loss to the community was evident by the passion this town and even the greater community showed which became the catalyst we needed to imagine a new park with the knowledge that this community would support it," she said. "It's hard to look 50 years down the line when potholes need to be filled and payroll needs to be met, but we cannot truly calculate the value of the millions of moments and memories that we can only dimly see future generations creating here, the community bonds that will be forged and the uses and programming that will grow in the decades to come in this spectacular new setting."

Newburgh Town Council Member Allyson Claybourn said she is passionate about the project because she has frequented the park since she

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was a child. She said she is motivated by the need for a safe place to play in the community, but she wants to help make the park better.

"I wanted it to get back to the best it can be like I remember it when I was younger. I think this project is a great step in the right direction for that," she said. "This is going to be a facility for everyone in our community of all ages and all abilities and that's going to make it a very unique place in this region. I'm really, really proud of us for putting those types of priorities at the forefront of this project."

Newburgh Parks Board President Marianne Wilsbacher said she was influenced when she saw a child with disabilities watching other kids play at a playground. She said she decided then to make sure the renovations would be inclusive for children with disabilities.

"The look of longing on that child's face broke my heart," she said. "I made a personal vow at that time to help make our new renovations as inclusive as possible."

Wilsbacher said inclusivity features like a sensory wall will give parents and kids the ability to continue to play instead of sitting out.

"They don't have to take their child back to the car. They don't have to take their child home," she said. "They can find a place here to comfort their child out of the vision of other people who can be judgmental."

Wilsbacher said Park Pals is continuing to fundraise for current and upcoming parks projects. She said individuals can donate money to sponsor playground equipment or make smaller donations.

Wilsbacher said fundraising will continue to be important for the renovations and later maintenance at Lou Dennis Park.

"That is necessary for this park," she said.

The first phase of the project which will cover the core of the park including the demolition of the old pool, the renovation of the pool house, the construction of the splash park and fun zone and improvements to parking and drainage. The Newburgh Town Council met after press time on Wednesday, June 24, and will meet again on Wednesday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Newburgh announces overhead utility line burial dedication

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Newburgh will soon celebrate the burial of overhead utility lines at the town's Old Lock and Dam Park.

A dedication will take place today (Thursday, Aug. 6) at 5:30 p.m. between the Log Cabin and Gazebo at the park.

For over fifteen years the Town of Newburgh has dreamed of an amphitheater on the river. In 2017, a large campaign to raise private funds for an amphitheater began and by the end of 2019, the Newburgh Arts Commission had raised enough money to start the project.

During multiple design meetings the idea of burying the utility lines on the north side of the Old Lock and Dam property was discussed. Burying of the utility lines would not only protect the lines but would beautify the park as well

as enhance the view of the Ohio River from the north side of the park.

In 2019, the Town along with the Newburgh Arts Commission began to research if the lines could be buried and what the cost would be. Once a plan was developed and the price identified, a sponsor was needed.

That sponsor ended up being KM Specialty Pumps and the owners Russ and Debbie Welder.

On Aug. 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. the Town of Newburgh, Newburgh Arts Commission and the Newburgh Parks Board would like to publicly thank KM Specialty Pumps and Russ and Debbie Welder by placing a plaque in their honor on the north side of Old Lock and Dam Park. The generous donation from the Welders shows how much can be accomplished when the community comes together to achieve a goal.

Historic cabin to be dismantled, logs saved

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The historic log cabin in Newburgh's Lock and Dam Park will soon be dismantled.

The Newburgh Town Council made the decision to dismantle the cabin saving salvageable logs for potential future use. The council made the decision in their regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 22, after months of discussing solutions to the problems at the cabin that have made it unsafe for use.

"Something needs to happen right away just because it's in such bad repair," council member Steve Shoemaker said in last week's meeting. "If we don't do something one way or the other it's going to fall down and somebody's going to get hurt potentially. So I think we need to act on it and act soon."

The issue was brought to the council by a recommendation from the town's Parks Board earlier this year to make a decision on the future of the cabin by the end of the year. Ultimately, the council learned that repairs would come with a cost of nearly \$23,000 and purchasing a new cabin could cost the town an estimated \$150,000, which would both be out of reach for the town.

Demolishing the cabin would come with a cost of \$3,300, but the council was hesitant to demolish the historic cabin that was donated to the town by the Kroeger family. In the

end, the council chose a quote from Bailey Construction of Corydon to dismantle the cabin saving salvageable logs and bricks for \$8,000 with an additional cost of \$1,000 for dumpster rental.

Newburgh Building Commission member Jim Renne said Newburgh Park Pals is agreeing to pay \$5,000 of the expected costs. In addition, Kroeger family member Karen Lance said her family hoped the cabin could be saved, but are in favor of the logs being saved to maintain their historic value. She said after making a Facebook post about the cabin more than \$500 had already been donated after one week.

Lance said her uncle originally donated the cabin that her grandfather had been born in. She said the cabin has obvious value to her family, but even removed from that connection, the cabin has value to the community.

“Even if it wasn’t my family cabin I would be upset myself as a member of the community if we just put it in the dumpster,” she said.

Newburgh Town Council considers log cabin construction

• By Dylan Gray Warrick County Standard

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NEWBURGH — The Newburgh Town Council discussed the possibility of constructing a full or partial log cabin at the site of Old Lock and Dam Park near the Allen Family Amphitheater.

The council convened on Wednesday, July 27, for their second and final meeting of the month. The project they discussed would be to create either a small cabin to be used exclusively for photo opportunities or a partial cabin with only two walls for similar purposes. Jim Renne spoke about the project in front of the council during the meeting.

The parks board approved of the log cabin project under the condition that exclusively private funding was used to fund the project. According to Renne, the goal is to make the log cabin into a sculpture for the city to celebrate its history, a view shared by council member Stacie Krieger.

The council eventually decided to table the project for further discussion at their next meeting. However, overall response to the project was tepid on the part of the council,

with some suggesting that the city focus on other projects rather than the cabin due to its lack of a practical function.

Following this, the council moved on to new business, including ordinances regarding salary amendments and financing and acquisition of a new F-350 for use by the Street Department. These ordinances were approved, along with an ordinance declaring certain vehicles to be surplus and authorizing their disposal.

As usual, the council discussed a large amount of business relating to sewers, approving a pair of encroachment agreements with CenterPoint Energy, as well as a pay application for Victoria National Lift Station and a construction permit for Plaza Drive Sewer Plant.

The council had it brought to their attention by a citizen that the soda vending machine at Old Lock and Dam Park may be against the guidelines they use for historical preservation, as they prohibit backlit plastic signs such as the one on the front of the machine. However, this guideline does offer exceptions for certain amenities, which may include the machine. The council will look into the matter further to determine if the machine is in compliance.

The council also reviewed and approved a request to close State Street Between Gray Street and Main Street for a tree removal on Aug. 1. The tree fell during a recent storm and the city needed to close the street to remove it. The parks department met to determine the future of the project concerning Lou Dennis Park and what direction they should take the park next.

Newburgh town council debates log cabin project

• By Dylan Gray Warrick County Standard

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NEWBURGH — During their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, the Newburgh town council reconsidered the log cabin project that has been the topic of contentious discussion for several meetings now.

The project concerns the refurbishment of the log cabin that was dismantled from the site at Old Lock and Dam over a year ago.

Council members made their opinions on the issues known, with council member Stacie M. Krieger voicing support for restoration while council member Allyson Shelby voiced disapproval.

According to council member Shelby, a survey conducted by the town earlier this year revealed that the majority of respondents were against the restoration. However, council member Anne Rust Aurand called the validity of the survey into question, stating the sample size was too small and it was not restricted solely to the town's residents.

It is estimated that the restoration of the cabin would cost roughly \$114,000, with the majority of the money planned to come from private donations. Currently the project has raised \$5000 with an additional \$25,000 check available pending council approval. This was tabled for the next meeting.

The council also approved a short term renewal for the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Service Contract. As part of the 2021 City County Management Group the council approved change order three, resulting in a \$46,928.21 decrease in their payment. They also approved pay application four for E&P Paving in the amount of \$299,242 with a 5% retainage.

Following this, the council discussed the 4655 Lenn Road Sewer Relocation Project, which was recently finished. They elected to approve the certificate of substantial completion. Following this, the council approved pay application 11 for Green Springs Valley in the amount of \$68,797.05 with 5% retained and \$65,357.20 paid out. This project is through Regal Construction.

With development nearing completion, the council approved final acceptance of for the Villas of Oak Grove Planned Unit Development. This was a total of \$361,122.30 in sewer maintenance. The section 401 water quality certification was also submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers for approval, which will ensure sufficient water quality for the development.

The Historic Preservation Committee proposed establishing a walk of honor, tentatively named Freedom Walk, at the Old Lock and Dam Park that would feature flags flying at certain days of the year to honor veterans, specifically Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day. Sponsors could pay \$50 for a flag and have it feature their name or the name of their business on a sign corresponding to their flag. This idea is still in development and has not been formally proposed to the council.

The WARRICK COUNTY STANDARD

NEWBURGH — The Newburgh Town Hall hosted the first of several public parks forums on Thursday, June 30, as a part of the city's state mandated series of public forums.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide a roadmap for the direction the city is taking their parks, as well as provide the public with an opportunity for input and questioning for the direction the parks are being taken.



As the Town of Newburgh does not have an independent parks department, the town government directly hosts the meetings. Those who were unable to attend the most recent meeting but still wish to be a part of the public parks forums, will have several more opportunities to do so.

The next forum is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, at 11 a.m., followed by a forum on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m.

Finally, there will be a master plan draft on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. All forums and meetings will be held at the Newburgh Town Hall.

All who have an interest in Newburgh parks are permitted to fill out a survey that includes suggestions about different directions to take the Newburgh parks, as well as statistical information that allows the town to better decide where to allocate resources and see who is using their parks.

As Newburgh Facilities Coordinator Andrea Balboni put it, “The master plan is a comprehensive, long range strategy for the creation, optimization and maintenance of the community’s assets. It does not focus on a particular park, rather it is an overview of all of them.”

The scope of the forums includes the parks’ natural landscape and manmade features, historical, cultural features, budget, social and economic factors and accessibility.

Roughly 24,458 people live within the parks planning area, which is bordered by Indiana Route 61 to the East, Jenner Road to the North, the Ohio River to the South and the border with Vanderburgh County to the West.

The parks featured in these discussions are the AMAX Fields, Kiwanis Community Park, Lou Dennis Community Park, Old Lock and Dam Park, Overlook Park, Rivertown Trail and the Veterans Monument.

The survey, which had 192 respondents, stated that the Rivertown Trail, Lou Dennis Community Park and Old Lock and Dam are the most used parks, while the most requested addition to the parks is to connect them via trails, making it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to access Newburgh’s parks safely.

A few suggestions the community was interested in seeing implemented include a pair of mini playgrounds at the Overlook and Aurand Trailhead and general park beautification, while one of the least popular suggestions was a restoration of the log cabin by the Allen Family Amphitheater. The community was seemingly divided on a replacement of the “fortress of fun” at the Lou Dennis Community Park, as it appeared on both the most and least popular suggestion lists.

Newburgh holds Public Parks Forum

By Dylan Gray Warrick County Standard

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