

NEWBURGH NEWS OF NOTE

Fall 2021



COVID-19 Precautions



As the COVID-19 case numbers rise in Warrick County, the Town is asking all visitors in our public buildings to observe social distancing measures and mask usage. The Town is taking every precaution possible, following CDC guidelines for quarantining, and is instituting extra sanitizing measures

in all of our public facilities. Governor Eric Holcomb has extended his declaration of the Health Emergency Order which allows for virtual public meetings and virtual public access. At times, the Town may find it necessary to close some of our buildings to the public temporarily, or hold a public meeting or committee meeting virtually. If you are following an issue or a committee and plan on attending, you should take note of the details on how to access the meeting from the posted agenda.

Please follow the CDC preventive measures to help control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which includes limiting gatherings, keeping social distance from others, frequent hand washing and covering sneezes and coughs. For further information, go to www.cdc.gov.

Newburgh Mourns the loss of former Wastewater Treatment Facility Superintendent, Leon Ray Key



Leon Key started with the Town of Newburgh on April 6, 1977 as the Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Four year later, Leon left to work for larger cities, gaining knowledge and experience along the way. On February 9, 1998, Leon came back to work for the Town and stayed a loyal, dedicated employee until his retirement in April of 2021.

Leon was devoted to the Wastewater Treatment Facility and was a meticulous scientist who strove to master the latest advancements in his field. As Newburgh grew, so did the facility. The brains and the heart behind that growth was Leon Key, who made the facility a great source of pride for Newburgh. Due to his dedication, the facility was named the Leon Key Wastewater Treatment Facility upon his retirement.



Leon was a visionary who had a tremendous impact on all who got to know him. He fostered the development of a great team, who consider themselves lucky enough to have worked with him. Leon was in a class by himself.

On September 13, 2021, Leon Key passed away. The memory of Leon's personality and many contributions will be celebrated by all who knew him.

Town of Newburgh

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812-853-2815



A NOTE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



It's hard to believe another summer is over and the kids are back to school. On September 18th, the Town officially closed out the first Lou Dennis Community Splash Pad season with the 2021 Splash Bash Celebration hosted by Newburgh Park Pals. I'd like to say thank you to this active community partner helping us make a difference in all of our parks. A huge thank you is also due to the Parks Board, Town Council, Contractors and Consultants, Park and Facilities staff and all the sponsors that helped this fantastic amenity to our community not only be constructed, but successfully operated in its maiden season. The Newburgh Parks Board will continue its mission of making Lou Dennis Community Park a place all ages can enjoy. The Board is already busy working on more additions and improvements that will be the backdrop of family memories for generations to come.

If you'd like to see how you can get involved with Newburgh Park Pals please email newburghparkpals@gmail.com or visit their website at www.newburghparkpals.org.

Don't forget that even though the splash pad is closed, the Lou Event Room and Lou Shelter House at the park are still available to rent for parties or meetings. The playgrounds and courts offer a great amenity for your guests.

The Preservation Hall Event Venue on State Street will soon start taking reservations for 2022. Another great asset to the community, the 1851 historic building, once the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has undergone structural and interior remodeling to provide an elegant, ADA accessible facility, perfect for a large party or meeting, wedding ceremony, reception and/or rehearsal dinner. The renovated building offers a private bridal suite, downstairs reception area, a cocktail service area, caterer's kitchen and large ball room event space upstairs. Contact the Facilities Department at 812-853-1720 x 4 to check accessibility, tour the space or reserve a date. The Facilities Department can also assist you on any of the Town's other six rental spaces.

As a Town, paving and drainage repairs are some of our most significant expenses. With the assistance of INDOT's Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG), the Town is able to leverage 75% of the construction costs for paving and roadside drainage repair through Federal Highway and INDOT transportation funds earmarked to assist small communities' pavement needs, up to 1 million dollars each round. The Town's most recent CCMG project, the Forest Park Drive paving, stormwater and manhole rehabilitation and replacement project, is nearing completion. This large pavement and drainage improvement project combined much needed utilities upgrades, drainage infrastructure

repair, and pavement reconstruction and repair to this area. Thank you to the residents of Forest Park for the past and continued patience as we complete this project.

And there are more projects on the horizon. The Town has submitted and is waiting for approval of INDOT CCMG grants for paving and roadside drainage projects for Steamboat Run, Foster Drive, Law Drive, East Jennings Street, Heatheridge Drive, Ranleigh Court, Briarose Court, Yorkshire Drive, Maple Avenue and Copper Creek Drive. The Town uses pavement management scoring tables to identify roadway projects based on condition, need and available funding. Kent Drive, Dorsett Drive and Plum Street Reconstruction will be the next roads targeted for paving and drainage improvements. If you have concerns about your roadside drainage or pavement conditions, please use the 'report an issue' feature on our website or email cpowell@newburgh-in.gov.

In other news, the Town is pursuing an annexation of a portion of developed area north and east of State Street and Sharon Road. We are striving to make sure those in the proposed annexed area are well informed of the costs and benefits to them individually, but we are also aware that you, as an in-town resident, may also have questions and concerns. I encourage you to visit our Annexation Plan page on our website at www.newburgh-in.com. There you will find the annexation map, FAQs and the adopted fiscal plan that details the Town's plans to serve the area.

A public hearing will be held November 22, 2021 with adoption of the ordinance scheduled for December 22, 2021. If adopted, the annexation would become effective December 31, 2022. Annexation of this area has not been pursued lightly. The needs and benefits of serving the area have been extensively researched. Years of discussion with elected officials, planners, and financial and legal consultants have supported the need to grow the Town to continue to be successful and relevant in the region and have brought us to the pursuit of extending our Town boundaries, capturing a small portion of the expansive growth in the County. Increases in the net assessed value of the Town due to the annexation would lower the property tax rate for all Town residents, add new talent and input into our community, and provide for economies of scale for Town services and infrastructure projects. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email me (above) or call my office 812-853-1720 x 5.

There's always something going on in our quiet little river town. Make sure you check out the schedule inside to catch some of the great events HNI is putting on downtown, including a revamped Ghost Walks and Newburgh Celebrates Christmas.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Christy Powell



Fall Leaf Pickup

Friday, October 22, 2021

Friday, November 5, 2021

Friday, November 19, 2021

Friday, December 3, 2021

Friday, December 17, 2021

Christmas Tree Pickup



Friday, January 7, 2022

Friday, January 21, 2022

Spring Leaf Pickup

Friday, March 11, 2022



Friday, March 25, 2022

Limb Pickup

Town Council would like to remind everyone that Waste Management will pick up small tree limbs. The tree limbs are not to be over 3” in diameter and bundled in lengths not to exceed 4’ and not to exceed 30 pounds. It is also helpful for the tie to be brightly colored so the driver can see that the limbs are properly bundled and not just stacked loosely.



We also ask that any limbs or trees that have fallen into the right of way be reported to Town Hall at 812-853-1720. The Street Department will be notified and those obstructions will be removed promptly to ensure everyone's safety.

Public Transportation

Ride Solution operates the WATS bus routes that connect with the Evansville METS transportation system. No advance scheduling required. Just get on board at any of the stops.

To download a route map or to learn more about Door-to Door service visit www.ridesolution.org.

Trash & Recycle Container Curb Removal

Per Newburgh Code of Ordinances §50.03, all trash and recycle containers shall be removed from the curb side within 24 hours of the time such containers have been emptied by the contractor of the Town.



Missed Trash & Recycle

All missed trash and/or recycle must be reported to Town Hall at 812-853-1720. The Town will notify Waste Management of the missed container.

Reminder: Waste Management starts picking up trash at 6AM. To ensure your trash and/or recycle is not missed, please have all containers out by 6AM.



Now through December 18th
Newburgh Rocks Exhibit
Newburgh Museum

October 29th
Downtown Newburgh Nights

November 27th
Small Business Saturday

December 8th—12th
Winterlights

December 11th
Newburgh Celebrates Christmas

Drainage Ditches A Homeowner's Responsibility

Ditches located on your property are the property owner's responsibility to maintain. This includes keeping the ditch clear of trees, shrubs, weeds, rank vegetation, leaves, grass clippings and any non-stormwater discharge.

When drains are neglected and vegetation is allowed to grow, the drains are unable to do their job and allow proper drainage. Neglected drains can start to erode and lead to other problems on the property, neighboring properties and affect the whole drainage system.

Homeowners who do not keep the ditch clear of trees, shrubs, weeds or rank vegetation will be in violation of the Town of Newburgh Code of Ordinances §91.02 and could be fined. In addition to keeping the ditch clear, discharging any non-stormwater discharge into the ditch is a direct violation of the Town of Newburgh Code of Ordinances §153.06 and can also lead to a fine. Stormwater pollution can also severely affect the whole drainage system, not just for you but your neighbors and the Town.

If you have any questions about drainage ditches on your property, please contact Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator/MS4 Coordinator at 812-853-1720 x 1 or by email at twydicks@newburgh-in.gov.



Check Those Smoke Alarms

The first Sunday in November is when Daylight Savings Time ends. We'll "fall back" one hour and return to Standard Time on **Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 2 a.m.**

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night and change smoke alarm batteries that weekend!

2021 Town of Newburgh Collection Schedule

- Week A: Recycling for residents WEST of State Street
- Week B: Recycling for residents EAST of State Street
- Holiday

Be sure to place items curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

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Holiday Schedule

There will be no pickup on the following holidays:

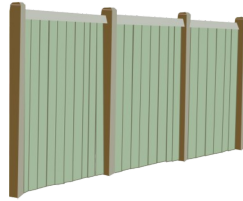
- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Routes will be pushed back one day following a holiday. For example, if a holiday is on Tuesday and your normal collection day is Wednesday, you will be serviced on Thursday. Customers who are normally serviced on Friday will be serviced on Saturday.



FENCES

In October 2019, the Town of Newburgh amended §157.066 of the Newburgh Code of Ordinances to allow fences to be placed or maintained on the property line on interior side and rear yards of residentially zoned properties.



Placement and maintenance of fences in front and corner side yards remain subject to setback requirements. In addition to setback requirements, there are additional requirements that need to be met:

- All fences must be erected with the finished side facing out, and the unfinished side facing the property owner who has caused said fence to be erected.
- Side and rear yard fences in residentially zoned areas cannot exceed 72 inches in height above ground level; and no fence shall exceed 40 inches in height above ground level in front yards.
- An approved site plan and permit are required for all fences.

If you have any questions regarding fence requirements, please email the Zoning Administrator, Tavi Wydicks, at twydicks@newburgh-in.gov.

Are You Interested in Serving on a Town of Newburgh Board or Commission?

The Town of Newburgh has twelve Boards and Commissions that are made up of local residents, Town staff and Council Members.

The Boards and Commissions are as follows:

- Arts Commission
- Board of Aviation Commissioners
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Economic Development Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Newburgh Building Corporation
- Parks Board
- Police Commission
- Planning Commission
- Redevelopment Authority
- Stormwater Management Board

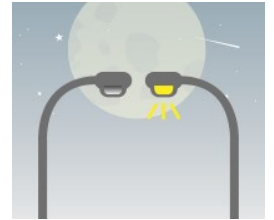
If you are interested in serving, please send an email to Andrea Balboni (abalboni@newburgh-in.gov) with the following information:

- Name and Address
- Email address
- Contact number
- Board or Commission you are interested in serving on
- Please explain why you are qualified for this Board or Commission



Streetlight Out?

Help us keep the streets safe and well lit. If you see a streetlight not working properly, please let us know!



Choose one of the methods below to report a light out:

- Call Town Hall at 812-853-1720
- Email Andrea Balboni at abalboni@newburgh-in.gov
- Report the problem on the Town's website at www.newburgh-in.com and select "Report an Issue" towards the bottom of the home page

Tell us the following information:

- Location of the streetlight
- Some streetlights have identification numbers; if possible please tell us the ID number
- Issue with the streetlight (is it out, blinking, turning on at wrong time, etc.)
- Your contact information

Storm Drains

In 2017, storm drain markers were placed on all storm drains in the Town. These markers are to make everyone aware that what you put down these storm drains ends up in our waterways and could pollute our river.

The markers are a federally mandated minimum control measure that comply with MS4 requirements and enforced by IDEM (The Indiana Department of Environmental Management). The storm drain markers are paid for by tax dollars and are property of the Town of Newburgh.



They are not to be removed.

If you notice a storm drain without a marker please email the MS4 Coordinator, Tavi Wydicks, at twydicks@newburgh-in.gov.

Learn More About MS4

Stop into Town Hall to check out the new Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) display located in the lobby.



Town of Newburgh Winter Snow Event Guidelines



As the winter season approaches and the possibility of winter snow storms increase, residents are reminded of the Town of Newburgh's approach to snow removal for the 2021-2022 winter season.

Please take caution during any snow storm. If at all possible, please remain home when it is still snowing outside. During snow cleanup operations, the Town of Newburgh snow plows will inadvertently push snow onto sidewalks. This is unavoidable and it is the responsibility of the adjacent residential or business owner to remove these snow berms from the sidewalks. Residents should try to get their vehicles off the streets until the Town crew has had a chance to clear the streets.

Streets

Street plowing operations are performed in the following order:

1. Major snow routes
2. Start salting all hills and intersections
3. Secondary Streets
4. Widen roads to full street capacity

The Town does NOT plow alleys

Snow removal crews work long hours to keep the streets clear and safe. We ask for everyone's cooperation to help keep streets safe as well. Remember, snowplow trucks cannot stop or turn as readily as most vehicles.

It should not be expected that streets would immediately be clear to pavement. A mixture of sun, sand and traffic is utilized to help with the de-icing process. Some snow is left on the street after plowing because allowances must be made for manhole lids and other above pavement obstacles to avoid damaging snow plow blades.

When plowing is required, snow berms are created across driveways. The plow operators do not have control over the berms of snow coming off the edge of the blade. The Street Department tries to keep this problem to a minimum.



Shoveling Recommendations

The following are shoveling recommendations for residents and commercial property owners.



- Commercial property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways and public sidewalks adjoining their businesses.
- Residential property owners are responsible for shoveling or plowing public sidewalks adjoining their homes.
- For safety, snow should not be shoveled or plowed into the street.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers.
- Uncover your mailbox and create a path for postal vehicles to pull up to mailboxes.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow.

During Snowfall Events

The Town of Newburgh will mobilize its Street Department when there is a measurable accumulation of snowfall or if the winter mix is causing a hazardous driving situation such as freezing rain. The Street Department is responsible for around 22 miles of roadway with a fleet of 4 snow plows and a crew of 4 employees. The Street Crew rotates on a 2-man crew until all streets are cleared.

Report an Issue—The Town of Newburgh makes every effort to clear the roads from curb to curb where cars are not parked on the street. In some situations, the snow plow may damage/remove mailboxes that are set close to the street or damage the street itself. This is unavoidable. Mailbox, sod damage or road damage complaints will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.



If you believe you have damage caused by a snow plow, please call 812-853-1720 or email the Town Manager, Christy Powell, at cpowell@newburgh-in.gov.

COVID-19 Trick or Treating Guidelines

The Town of Newburgh encourages families to celebrate Halloween safely this year in light of ongoing health concerns due to COVID-19. With the proper precautions, everyone can enjoy a safe and spooky celebration.

Children may trick or treat on Sunday, October 31, 2021 between the hours of 3:00—7:00PM. Children, families and individuals passing out treats are urged to follow the guidelines below to promote a safe experience for all.



- Do not participate in trick-or-treating if you are feeling unwell, if someone in your house is unwell, if you are awaiting COVID-19 test results, if you have recently returned from overseas, or if you know that you have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Turn on your porch lamp, outdoor lamp or outdoor lights to show that your home is welcoming trick-or-treaters. Not all families may feel comfortable participating in trick-or-treating this year; teach children not to ring the doorbell if a light is not on.
- Consider using a motion activated noise maker to notify you when trick-or-treaters are at the door, such as a motion activated Halloween decoration, rather than having trick-or-treaters ring the doorbell, which can be a high touch-point.
- Face coverings are encouraged, especially if not vaccinated.
- Avoid close contact with others by leaving candy on the porch—or even socially-distanced on your lawn (see below for a list of ideas)! Instead of manning the door, man the windows and wave at kids as they visit.
- If you would prefer to answer the door to greet children individually, mark a safe distance from your door using chalk and ask children to stand behind the line before you open the door. Pass out candy instead of inviting children to take a treat from a communal bowl. Ask children to tell you their choice of a treat, rather than taking it themselves.
- Individuals should use hand sanitizer regularly throughout the trick-or-treat hours.
- Do not trick-or-treat in groups with others; trick-or-treat as a household.
- Maintain a safe distance from other trick-or-treating groups, and do not approach a house until the previous group has left.
- Consider distributing treats other than candy, which parents can then sanitize before giving to kids: stickers in cellophane packaging, pencils, mini pumpkins, erasers, etc.
- Please refrain from distributing coins or cash.
- Please do not distribute homemade treats or fresh fruit.

Creative Ways to Distribute Treats



If you would like to avoid trick-or-treaters coming to your door, but would still like to participate, consider passing out treats using the following socially-distanced ideas:

- Host a “trunk-or-treat”.
- Create a grab-bag walk on your lawn.
- Hang treats from a clothesline at children’s height.

Town of Newburgh

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Fax: 812-853-1729

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Town website

www.newburgh-in.com



Council Meetings

Town Council Meetings are held in the William F. Kavanaugh Council Chambers in Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

(*) indicates change in date

Oct. 13	Oct. 27
Nov. 10	Nov. 23 *
Dec. 8	Dec. 21 *
Jan. 12	Jan. 26
Feb. 9	Feb. 23
Mar. 9	Mar. 23
Apr. 13	Apr. 27
May 11	May 25
June 8	June 22

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Town Hall Closings

October 11—Columbus Day

November 11—Veterans Day

November 25—Thanksgiving

November 26—Thanksgiving

December 23—Christmas

December 24—Christmas

December 30—New Years

December 31 —New Years

January 17—MLK Jr. Day

February 21—Presidents Day

April 15—Good Friday