# **NEWBURGH NEWS OF NOTE**



The Town of Newburgh partnered with HWC Engineering to develop an updated **Comprehensive Plan** 

to guide the Town's growth and development for the next ten (10) years. The Comprehensive Plan will define the community's vision and goals for the future and will provide strategies that will assist community leaders in accomplishing those goals.

The Comprehensive Plan was reviewed by the Newburgh Planning Commission at their October 2, 2023 meeting and a recommendation was made to Town Council on the adoption of the plan. The plan will go before Town Council at their October 25, 2023 meeting.

You can view the Plan at www.destinationnewburgh.com. If you have any questions on the plan, please contact our Interim Zoning Administrator, Kelley Gustafson.



# Did you know that the Newburgh Museum has a video series for kids?

The online video series highlights artifacts and local persons of the past to educate kids on the geography and history of not just Newburgh but Warrick County. Videos include:

- Jefferson Street School Geography Bee circa 1910 .
- What Street Do You Live On? •
- Dr. Mary E. Phelps •
- Corneal B. McCormick •
- Made in Newburgh •
- A Walk with the Bethell Boys.

You can view the series on the website at: newburghmuseum.com/kids-video-series

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Facebook.com/townofnewburghindiana Facebook.com/loudenniscommunitypark



Fall 2023 Town of Newburgh

#### **TOWN COUNCIL**

Steve Shoemaker	
Allyson Shelby	
Stacie Krieger	
Anne Rust Aurand	
Leanna Hughes	

District I District II District III District IV Council at Large

#### **CLERK-TREASURER**

Nannette Angel 812-853-7111 Louann Woodford Deputy

**TOWN MANAGER** 

**Christy Powell** 812-853-3578

**FACILITIES COORDINATOR** Andrea Balboni 812-518-1151

**INTERIM** 

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Kelley Gustafson 812-490-9912

**BUILDING INSPECTOR &** 

**MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT** Gerald Bowser

812-480-0096

#### **UTILITY/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**Business Office** Susan Helms **Russell Powell** 

812-853-7496 Office Manager Superintendent

STREET DEPARTMENT

John Heck

Superintendent

**NEWBURGH VOLUNTEER FIRE** Emergency 911

Information Nick Donnan 812-853-7651 **Fire Chief** 

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

All Needs Information Eric Mitchell

911 812-853-1723 **Chief of Police** 

WARRICK COUNTY DISPATCH

812-897-1200

SENIOR CENTER

529 Jefferson Street 812-853-5627

#### **HISTORIC NEWBURGH, INC**

715 State Route 662 (Aurand Trailhead) 812-853-2815

#### **ELECTION DISTRICTS**

Per Newburgh Code of Ordinance §33.01, the Town of Newburgh shall have four (4) districts, numbered one through four (4), and one (1)at-large district. The Town Council shall consist of five (5)members who are serving staggered terms pursuant to prior Town ordinances. All members of the Town Council SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE TOWN. The members of Town Council representing Districts One (I), Two (II), Three (III), and Four (IV) shall reside in the district from which such Councilperson ran for election and was elected as the representative. The At-Large District Councilperson may reside anywhere in the Town limits. The Clerk-Treasurer may reside anywhere in the Town and shall be elected by the voters of the whole Town.

#### **District I-Steve Shoemaker**

sshoemaker@newburgh-in.gov

#### **District II—Allyson Shelby**

Town Council Second Vice President ashelby@newburgh-in.gov

#### **District III—Stacie Krieger**

Town Council President skrieger@newburgh-in.gov

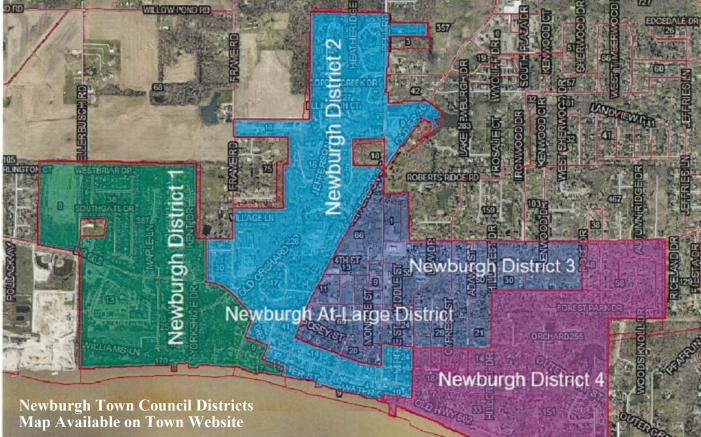
#### **District IV—Anne Rust Aurand** Town Council Vice President

rustaurand@newburgh-in.gov

At Large—Leanna Hughes lhughes@newburgh-in.gov

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 10, 2023	Voter Registration Ends
October 11, 2023	First day to vote absentee in-person
October 19, 2023	First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private resident, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence of place of confinement
October 26, 2023	Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received
November 6, 2023	Deadline (NOON) for absentee-by-voter board to be received
November 7, 2023	Election Day - Polls are open 6:00am - 6:00 pm



NEWBURGH TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE 2022-05 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023



#### **BUZZ IN THE BURGH**

**Buzz In The Burgh**, is a community-wide texting program that allows local community organizations to easily communicate all the wonderful events, initiatives and happenings in Downtown Newburgh.



place downtown. The texts will often contain a clickable link that will direct you to a secure site with complete event details. Expect 1 to 4 texts on average per month and maybe a few more during the holiday months.

You will NEVER receive spam, solicitations, or junk. Your phone number will NEVER be sold or used for any other purpose and the highest privacy standards will be adhered to.

Participants are able to opt-out at any time by replying with the word STOP, or you can text HELP to receive assistance. Text and data rates may apply.



**October 12-15, 2023** Halloween Illuminations Aurand Trailhead

October 13-15, 2023 Ghostly Hayrides

October 19-22, 2023 Halloween Illuminations Aurand Trailhead

November 11, 2023 Rivertown Trail 5K Run/Walk Kids Dash Rivertown Trail

**November 12, 2023** Grinch-mas Pub Crawl Historic Newburgh, Inc.

**November 25, 2023** Small Business Saturday Downtown Newburgh

**December 2, 2023** Newburgh Celebrates Christmas Downtown Newburgh

**December 7—10, 2023** Newburgh Winterlights Aurand Trailhead

December 14–17, 2023 Newburgh Winterlights Aurand Trailhead

#### Newburgh Rivertown Trail 5K Run/Walk & Kids Dash

November 11, 20023

Councilwoman and Parks Board Liaison, Allyson Shelby, along with Newburgh Parks and Recreation Board are excited to announce that the Rivertown Trail 5K is back! Join your fellow runners and walkers for the Newburgh Rivertown Trail 5K Run/Walk & Kids Dash. Proceeds will be used for ongoing maintenance for the Newburgh Rivertown Trail.

For more information on the race including the course map, contact information, costs and how to sign up; please go to runsignup.com search Rivertown Trail.

Huge thank you to Jacob Grear, Claire Bosma and their team of volunteers for spearheading this event.

#### **STAFFING UPDATES**

Councilwomen and Personnel Committee Members, Anne Rust Aurand and Stacie Krieger would like to announce some staffing updates within the Town.

The previous Zoning Administrator, Tavi Wydicks, after ten (10) years of dedicated service to the Town of Newburgh, moved on to a different role outside of the Town.

The role of Interim Zoning Administrator was given to Kelley Gustafson while our Facilities Coordinator Andrea Balboni took on an additional new role of Historic Preservation Administrator. In addition to the internal staffing changes, a new Civil Town Assistant, Nancy Heald. was hired.

Take a look below to find out more about these three employees and the roles they play within the Town of Newburgh.



#### KELLEY GUSTAFSON Interim Zoning Administrator

Kelley Gustafson moved from Nevada to the Town of Newburgh in 2021. That same year in July, Kelley started as the Civil Town Assistant with the Town of Newburgh. Kelley worked closely with the Facilities Coordinator and the previous Zoning Administrator creating new procedures and helping increase rentals. When the position of Interim Zoning Administrator opened up, Kelley was a natural fit and took the position on May 24, 2023.

As Interim Zoning Administrator Kelley is responsible for zoning, planning, building permits and code enforcement. Kelley will also be working closely with the Town Manager and the Facilities Coordinator on MS4.

#### ANDREA BALBONI Facilities Coordinator

Historic Preservation Administrator

Andrea Balboni started with the Town of Newburgh on May 25, 2016 as the Administrative Assistant. Before coming to the Town of Newburgh, Andrea worked for Brewster Water and the Sandwich Assessors Office in Massachusetts; gaining over three years of local municipality experience before moving back to Indiana. On March 1, 2019 Andrea was promoted to Facilities Coordinator within the Town of Newburgh. As Facilities Coordinator, Andrea continues administrative work but also oversees all Town owned properties including the Town's seven parks and assists the Town Manager with MS4 requirements.

In May of 2023, Andrea was awarded the role of Historic Preservation Administrator. The HP Administrator works closely with Newburgh's Historic Preservation Commission, reviews all COA requests and works closely with the Interim Zoning Administrator on code enforcement in regard to historic properties.



#### NANCY HEALD Civil Town Assistant

Nancy Heald started with the Town of Newburgh on August 8, 2023 as the new Civil Town Assistant. Nancy has thirteen years of local municipality experience working in the Madison County Surveyor's Office.

As the Civil Town Assistant, Nancy's role will be handling facility rentals, working closely with the Facilities Coordinator and the Interim Zoning Administrator. As Nancy gets more comfortable within her role, we are sure to see her take on new tasks and projects.

If you have a question on any of the Town's eight rentals, please contact Nancy at 812-853-1720 x 4 or by email at nheald@newburgh-in.gov.

#### YEARS OF SERVICE

Newburgh Town Council would like to highlight the employees celebrating employment milestones in 2023.

#### <u>Five Years</u>

Zach Cater (WWTF) Morgan Barrett (WWTF) Roger Smith II (WWTF) Elizabeth Williams (Lab)

<u>**Ten Years**</u> James Musser (Lab)

#### **Fifteen Years**

Damian Gourley (Fire) Leroy Goldsbery (WWTF) Dustin Smith (Street) Sean Sanders (WWTF) Scott Merta (WWTF)

Next year, 2024, the Town of Newburgh will be reaching a milestone of its own, with an employee marking thirty-five (35) years of service to the Town.

Below are the upcoming employe milestones for 2024.

<u>Five Years</u> Mallory Lad (Police) Andy Byers (WWTF)

<u>Ten Years</u> Kristi Koressel (Utility) Drew Decker (Police)

#### Fifteen Years Kenny Baumhoer (WM

Kenny Baumhoer (WWTF) Clint Menke (Street) Eric Mitchell (Police)

<u>Twenty Years</u> Nick Donnan (Fire)

<u>Thirty Years</u> Susan Helms (Utility)

<u>Thirty-Five Years</u> John Heck (Street)

The Town of Newburgh takes pride in all its employees and wants to thank each one for their hard work and dedication for and to the Town of Newburgh.

#### **NEWBURGH STAFF**

Have you ever wanted to know what jobs are within the Town of Newburgh? Below is a list of the departments, the number of employees and the job titles within each department.

#### **Civil Town**

- 1. Town Manager
- 2. Facilities Coordinator
- 3. Zoning Administrator
- 4. Civil Town Assistant
- 5. Receptionist

#### **Clerk's Office**

- 1. Clerk-Treasurer (Elected)
- 2. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
- **3.** Admin. Asst./Payroll

#### **Maintenance Department**

- 1. Maint. Superintendent/ Building Inspector
- **2.** Custodian

#### **Street Department**

- 1. Street Superintendent
- 2. Assistant Superintendent
- 3. Laborer
- **4.** Laborer

#### Police Department

- 1. Chief
- 2. Major
- 3. Sergeant
- 4-9. Officers
- 10. Administrative Assistant

#### **Utility Office**

- 1. Office Manager
- 2. Assistant Office Manager
- 3. Customer Service Specialist
- 4. Customer Service Specialist
- **5.** Accounts Payable

#### Wastewater Treatment

- 1. Superintendent
- 2. Collections Supervisor
- 3-4. Coll. Asst. Super x 2
- 5-12. Coll. Operators
- 13. Plant Supervisor
- 14. Assist. Plant Supervisor
- 15-17. Plant Maintenance
- 18-19. Lift Station Specialist
- 20. Inspection Supervisor
- 21. Inspector
- 22. GIS/CMOM Coordinator
- 23. Lab Supervisor
- 24. Lab Team Lead
- 25-27. Lab Operator x 3 28. Clerical

#### **NEWBURGH'S TOWN MANAGERS**

In 1978, the Newburgh Town Council hired their first Town Manager, Michael Herr. Before having a Town Manager, Town Council members were the ones that supervised and did the administrative duties for the Town. Michael Herr was quoted in the Evansville Press on March 2, 1978 stating "It was reasonable for the town board to foresee the need for a town manager. I think the town board realized it could not deliberate policies and at the same time try to legislate them." William Kavanaugh, Town Council President in 1978, was quoted in the minutes stating "The sole purpose of hiring a Town Manager is for better communication with the people of the town."

Since 1978 there has either been a Town Manager or a Town Administrative Manager. After Michael Herr left in March of 1980, Ronald Dean stepped in for the remainder of the year. In 1981, Larry Hessler took on the role of Town Manager and held the position for six (6) years.

In 1988, the Town Council made a motion to remove the title of Town Manager and replaced it with Town Administrative Manager. This new title gave Town Council more oversight in the decisions being made. Mae Mason was hired as the first Town Administrative Manager and held that role for the next seventeen (17) years. When Mae Mason retired in August of 2005, former Councilwoman Cynthia Burger was hired. Cynthia stepped down from her position as Councilperson and took the role of Town Administrative Manager. Cynthia held the Town Administrative Manager title for the next seven (7) years before retiring and the position going to Lori Buehlman. Lori became Town Administrative Manager in 2013 and resigned in September of 2015.

Christy Powell was hired to take on the position of Town Administrative Manager in 2015 and has been dedicated to that role since October 19th of that year. Coming up on eight (8) years with the Town of Newburgh, Christy has no plans on slowing down. Christy works hand in hand with Town Council but also works with Warrick Economic Development, Warrick County, Evansville MPO, INDOT, IDEM, and multiple other organizations for the interest of Newburgh residents, merchants, and visitors.

What William Kavanaugh said forty-five (45) years ago is still true. Christy Powell, your Town Administrative Manager, is here to communicate with you. If you have any issues, concerns, ideas, suggestions, please contact her at 812-853-1720 x 5 or by emailing her at cpowell@newburgh-in.gov.





### WHAT WE DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY



FIRE RESPONSE



**RESCUE RESPONSE** 

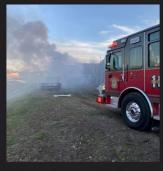


MEDICAL RESPONSE

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

# WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

FIREFIGHTERS WANTED!!! Yes, that could be YOU operating our fire trucks! You will be trained for medical, fire, and rescue calls and all kinds of emergencies!











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812-853-7651

540 State Street Newburgh, IN 47630

WWW.NEWBURGHFIRE.COM



# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

# DESIGNATED HOURS IN THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH

- HOUSES WANTING TO BE VISITED BY TRICK OR TREATERS SHOULD LEAVE PORCH LIGHTS ON
- PARENTS SHOULD ACCOMPANY ALL YOUNG CHILDREN
- CHILDREN SHOULD TAKE THEIR TREATS HOME FOR PARENTS TO INSPECT BEFORE EATING
- PLEASE WALK, NOT RUN, BETWEEN HOUSES AND USE SIDEWALKS
- USE CAUTION WHEN CROSSING THE STREET AND CROSS ONLY AT INTERSECTIONS WHEN TRAFFIC IS CLEAR
- MOTORIST SHOULD BE CAREFUL AND ALERT DURING AND AROUND THESE HOURS

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#### LIST OF RECYCLABLES WARRICK COUNTY CURBSIDE COLLECTION RECYCLING PROGRAM DETAILS

#### What can you RECYCLE?

Newspaper

Cardboard

Household Paper

(Examples: Office Copy Paper, Junk Mail, Magazines)

Plastic #1 & #2

(Examples: Water / Soda Bottles, Detergent Jugs, Milk Jugs)

Metal Cans

Aluminum Cans

PLEASE CLEAN ALL CONTAINERS BEFORE RECYCLING THEM

#### Things NOT to RECYCLE?

Kitty Litter, Diapers, Glass,Paint, Animal Carcus, Paper Towels/Napkins, Styrofoam, Phonebook/Catalogs, Hardback Books, Plastic Bags, Paper Plates, Electronics/TV's, Food of any type.



#### HOW TO DEAL WITH FALL LEAVES

#### **Mulch the Leaves**

Instead of raking the leaves, turn them into mulch. This will take less time and leaves make for excellent mulch. A spread of mulched leaves over a perennial bed provides insulation and improves soil quality as it decomposes. Like any mulch, you don't want to pile the leaves directly against shrub or tree trucks. Instead arrange them around stems like a donut, leaving some space around stems for airflow.

#### **Compost the Leaves**

Collect the leaves in a compost bin and let nature do the rest. The leaves will break down into soil that plants love.

#### Warrick County Solid Waste

Warrick County Solid Waste excepts leaves. For hours of operation please call 812-897-6210.

#### Add to Trash Container

Leaves can be picked up on your regular trash pickup day, but must be placed within the trash container. No bags outside of the container will be picked up.

If you have major concerns about the leaves on your property, please contact Newburgh Town Hall at 812-853-1720 x 6.

#### **FALL LEAF PICKUP**

Councilwomen Allyson Shelby and Leanna Hughes, along with fellow Newburgh Trash Committee members, looked into to multiple solutions for fall leaf pickup. After many back and forth conversations, Renewable Resources has agreed to contract out the fall leaf pick up for 2023.

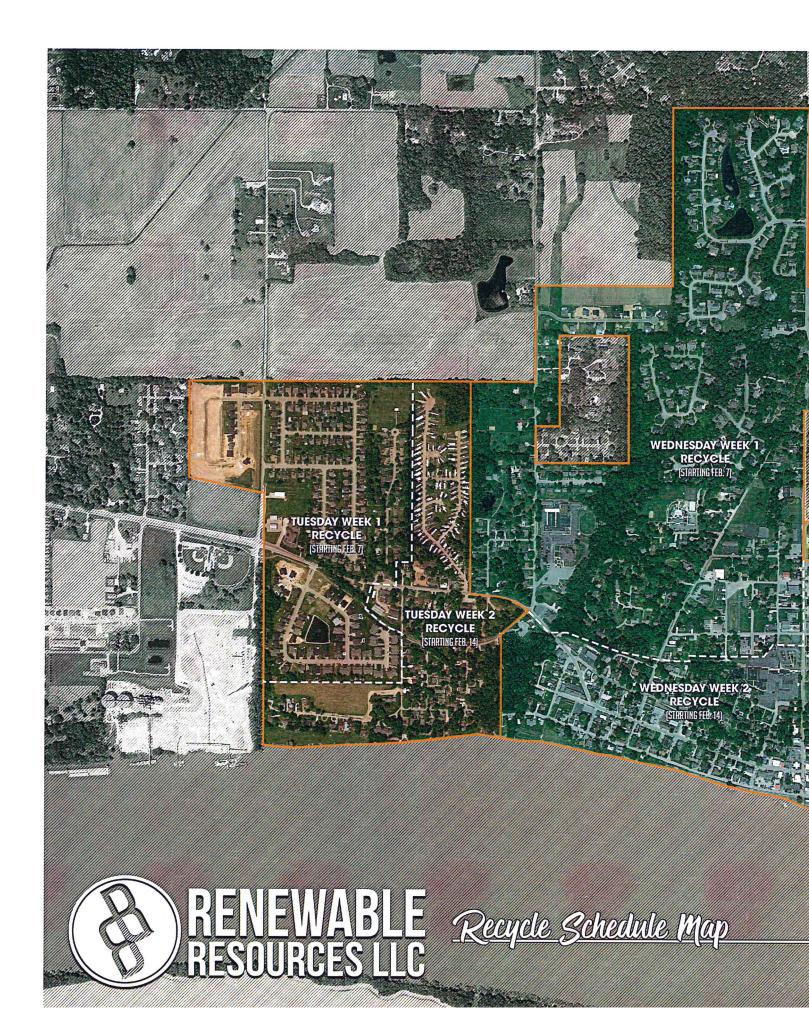
In September, the Town of Newburgh released a Fall Leaf Pickup form on social media and the Town website. This form was to gather information on how many residences required fall leaf and/or Christmas tree pickup. The deadline for the form was September 30, 2023. Due to a small number of forms returned, we are extending the deadline to **October 27, 2023**. In order to be on the list for fall leaf and/or Christmas tree pickup you MUST fill out and submit the form to the Town of Newburgh. The form can be found on the Town website or you can contact ltemple@newburgh-in.gov for a copy of the form.

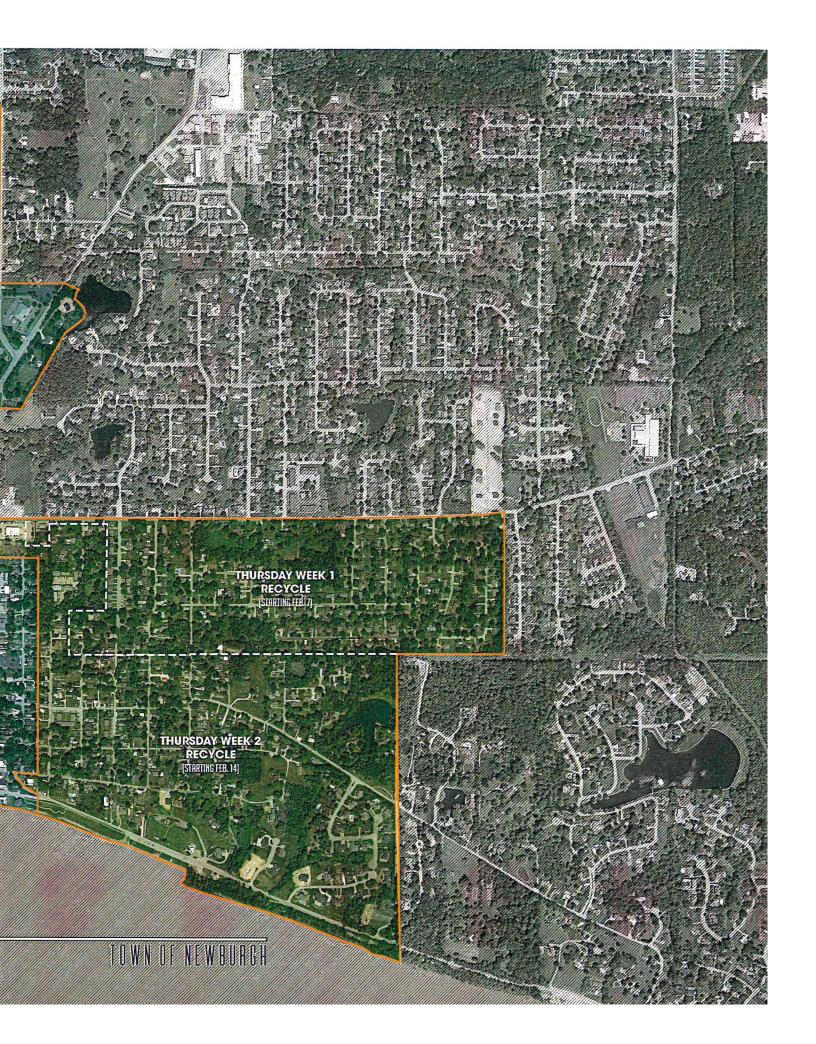
#### The first fall leaf pickup date is scheduled for November 10, 2023

#### Renewable Resources will only pickup leaves from the households that submit a Fall Leaf form to the Town.

Additional fall leaf pickup dates and Christmas tree pickup dates will be announced at a later date. Households that submit a form will be contacted of those dates. If you have already submitted a form, you do not need to submit a second form. Any questions on fall leaf and/or Christmas tree pickup, please contact Andrea Balboni at abalboni@newburgh-in.gov.







#### RIVER FRIENDLY CAR WASHING TIPS

Councilmen and Stormwater Board Liaison, Steve Shoemaker, along with the Stormwater Board would like to inform residents on friendly car washing tips that can help protect our stormwater system.



When you wash your car in the driveway, pollutants from dirty water such as detergent, motor oil, gas and residue from exhaust fumes wash off cars and make their way into nearby storm drains. The pollutants flow through the storm drain system and drain into local creeks and rivers without going through treatment. These pollutants may end up harming fish and other wildlife.

Try a few of the following tips to help protect our creeks and river.

- Take your car to a commercial carwash. Most commercial car wash facilities recycle water or are connected to the sanitary sewer system that will treat dirty water.
- Wash your car on grass or a gravel surface to filter runoff.
- Consider using environmentally friendly products labeled "non-toxic", "phosphate free", and "biodegradable".
- Conserve water by using a spray nozzle with an automatic shut off or shutting off the hose when not in use.
- Use a bucket of soapy water to re-soap rags or sponges throughout the wash rather than adding more soap directly to rags or sponges.
- Empty buckets of dirty wash water onto landscaped areas.
- If planning a car wash fundraiser, try developing a partnership with a commercial car wash facility or use a safe location.

#### 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 the Ohio 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 tampered with or illegally removed

#### They are not to be removed.

If you notice a storm drain without a marker please email the MS4 Coordinator, Christy Powell, at cpowell@newburgh-in.gov.

#### WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a common point such as a

nearby creek, stream, river or lake. Every small watershed drains to a larger watershed that eventually flows to the ocean.

Watersheds support a wide variety of plants and wildlife and provide many outdoor recreation



opportunities. By protecting the health of our watersheds we can preserve and enhance the quality of life for Newburgh area residents.

#### KEEPING LEAVES OUT OF STORM DRAINS



Stormwater Board Liaison, Steve Shoemaker, and Street Commissioner, Anne Rust Aurand, want to remind residents to keep leaves out of storm drains. Leaves in storm drains can cause trouble for homeowners, stormwater systems and water quality. The leaves can mat across the storm drain and block water flow, causing water to back up on the street. Storm drain backup is a common cause of lawn and basement flooding, which can occur repeatedly if not regularly cleaned.

Poor water quality is another example of the damage that leaves within a storm drain can cause. As the rain flows through the piles of leaves, phosphorous quickly leaches out of the leaves.

Too much phosphorus in the water can lead to algae blooms, green and smelly water and can also lower the oxygen level in the water. Low oxygen in the water is bad for plants and animals that live in our streams and river.

While raking leaves in your yard, make sure to rake or blow leaves out of the street, especially before a storm. Storm drains are a crucial part of the stormwater system and it is important to keep them clear of leaves and other debris.

If you have a stormwater issue, please contact Christy Powell at cpowell@newburgh-in.gov or call 812-853-1720 x 5.

#### DRAINAGE DITCHES <u>A Homeowner's Responsibility</u>

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 nonstormwater 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 Christy Powell, Town Manager and MS4 Coordinator at 812-853-1720 or by email at: cpowell@newburgh-in.gov.



#### IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?

The Newburgh Code of Ordinances § 157.049 (A)(1) states that "No building or other structure shall be erected, moved, relocated, added to or structurally altered, nor shall any



building, structure or land be established or changed in use without first applying for and obtaining an improvement location permit."

Permits are required for the following:

•Change in use

- •Location improvement
- •Structural work having a value of \$1,000 or more
- •Electrical work having a value of \$1,000 or more
- •HVAC work having a value of \$1,000 or more
- •Plumbing work having a value of \$1,000 or more
- •Accessory buildings and structures to primary use •Additions/alterations to existing structures

•Fences

- Manufactured homes
- •Mobile homes
- •Replacement windows
- •Roof repair/replacement
- •Siding/re-siding
- •Signs
- •Swimming pools
- Demolition
- •Drainage

Please contact the Zoning Department prior to starting work to verify if a permit is required and if the contractor doing the work is a listed contractor within the Town.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Councilwoman and Board of Zoning Appeals Liaison, Anne Rust Aurand wants you to know that Code Enforcement is your trusted partner in maintaining the safety, integrity and livability of our town. The Town's mission is to protect public health, safety and welfare in all existing residential and nonresidential premises by proactively identifying and addressing potential hazards and code violations. The Town wishes to foster a collaborative atmosphere where we work together, with residents and businesses, to address concerns, provide guidance, and maintain open lines of communication.

The Town stays up-to-date with the latest codes, regulations and best practices and strives to conduct thorough inspections, respond to complaints, and offer guidance on compliance matters in a timely manner.

Examples of code enforcement may include, but are not limited to:

- Dangerous or substandard structures
- Maintenance of exterior of structures
- Junk, trash, abandoned vehicles and outside storage
- Weeds, grass and rank vegetation



If found in violation, the inspector will take photos of the violation and send a Notion of Violation letter to the owner of record giving them a minimum of ten (10) days to correct the violation. If the property remains in violation, enforcement action is taken. Enforcement action typically includes fines, public hearings ordering the correction or demolition of the property.

You can report a property maintenance concern by calling Town Hall and selecting option 1, email the complaint to kgustafson@newburgh-in.gov, mail complaint to P.O. Box 6, Newburgh, IN 47629, or stop by the Zoning Office Monday—Friday, 8AM—4PM.

#### HISTORIC PROPERTY GRANT PROGRAMS

#### Newburgh Neighbor Residential Grant Program

The Newburgh Neighbor Residential Grant Program is a matching grant program that assists property owners in restoring and rehabilitating homes within the Newburgh Historic Districts. Grants are limited to exterior preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of homes. Examples of work that would qualify include painting a house, repairing wooden windows, rebuilding a porch, repairing wood clapboard siding, and repairing or replacing doors. Grant funding is limited to owner-occupied residences and there is a \$2,000 grant fund maximum, with a \$1,000 owner match (2:1). For program guidelines and the application, visit the town website at www.newburgh-in.gov, select Historic Preservation from the stop bar and scroll down to Grants. You can also contact the Historic Newburgh, Inc. director for more information and applications at director@historicnewburgh.org.

#### Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs Historic Renovation Grant Program

Applicants with an eligible historic commercial structure have the opportunity to apply for project funding between \$5,000 and \$100,000 at a maximum request of 50 percent of the total eligible project cost. Eligible applicants include non-profits, individuals, partnerships, firms, associations, joint ventures, limited liability companies, corporation or non-profit affordable housing organization. For program guidelines and a link to the grant program, visit the town website at www.newburgh-in.gov, select Historic Preservation from the stop bar and scroll down to Grants.

#### **DO YOU LIVE WITHIN A HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Did you know that the Town of Newburgh has **FIVE HISTORIC DISTRICTS** and if you live within one of these five (5) historic districts, even if your home is not historic, you might need to get a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Administrator before obtaining a building permit?

It is true! On February 22, 2017 Stacie Krieger, the Historic Preservation Liaison, brought forth a positive recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission and the Newburgh Town Council approved the expansion of the historic district. The Historic Preservation Commission and Newburgh Town Council wanted to take the additional steps to preserve a greater number of historic properties and maintain the historic fabric of the Town. The best way to preserve and maintain these properties and areas was to expand the historic district, which expands the protection of historic Newburgh.

Any structures within the historic districts **DESIGNATED AS A HISTORIC STRUCTURE** (in the Indiana State Historic Architectural & Archaeological Research Database) will need to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness for <u>ANY WORK</u> completed on the exterior of the structure that is visible from the public right of way.

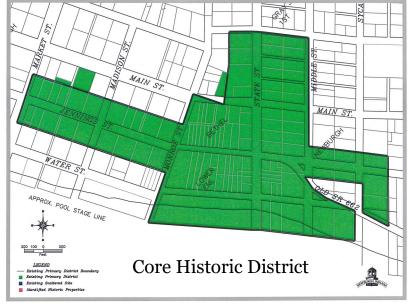
Any structures **NOT DESIGNATED AS HISTORIC** will have restrictions only related to the new construction, demolition, or moving of a structure.

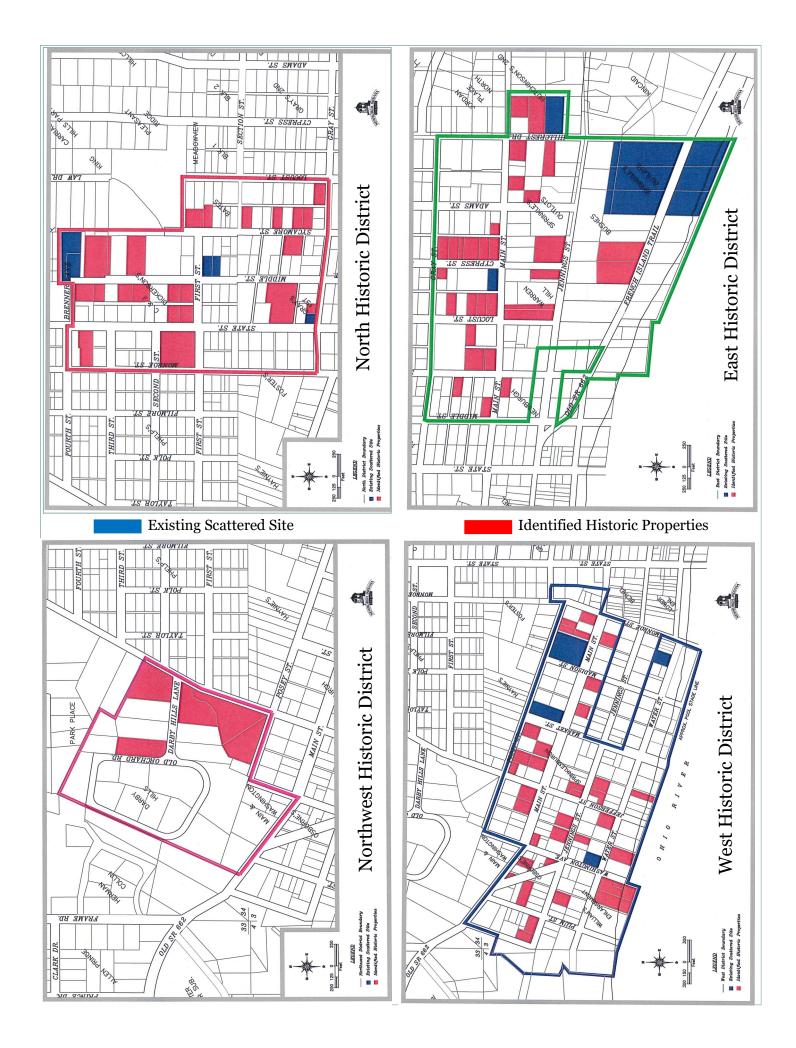
The five historic districts are:

- 1. Primary Core District
- 2. North Historic District
- 3. East Historic District
- 4. Northwest Historic District
- 5. West Historic District

If you have questions, or would like clarification on whether or not your home has a historic rating or your property is listed within a historic district; please contact the Historic Preservation Administrator, Andrea Balboni at: abalboni@newburgh-in.gov.

The four expanded districts are listed on the next page. You can also see larger historic district maps and access the State Historic Architectural & Archaeological Research Database from the Town of Newburgh's website.





#### **CONSIDER SERVING ON A TOWN BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE**

Members of boards, commissions and committees provide a positive service that is invaluable to the Town and can be a rewarding experience for a community-minded resident. It is an excellent way to participate in the functioning of local government and to make a personal contribution to the improvement of our community. The Town of Newburgh has fourteen (14) Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

#### **Commitment**

While responsibility and commitment are somewhat varied for each individual board, commission or committee; you can expect to attend 1-2 meetings per month of around 1-2 hours each. Meetings are held on weeknights. Regular attendance is critical to the effective operation of the board, commission or committee. Terms are typically 1-4 years. This is a volunteer position and is unpaid.

#### How to Apply

If you are interested in serving, please send an email to Andrea Balboni (abalboni@newburgh-in.gov) with the following information by November 30, 2023.

•Contact Information (Name, Address, Email Address and Phone Number)

•Board or Commission you are interested in and why you are qualified for the Board or Commission

For a full list of all Boards, Committees, and Commissions please visit the Town website or email Andrea Balboni at abalboni@newburgh-in.gov.

#### NEWBURGH NEIGHBOR GRANT FREEDOM TRAIL

The Newburgh Neighbor Residential Grant Program would like to offer you the opportunity to show your support for our Armed Forces past, present, and future; by sponsoring a flag along our "Freedom Trail".

The Freedom Trail will be back in 2024 for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Each sponsor will have their name, along with up to three lines of text, printed and attached to the flag pole. The flags will be displayed at the Old Lock and Dam Park and will be flown for at least one week surrounding each of four (4) holidays. Flags are \$50.00 each and all proceeds will benefit the Newburgh Neighbor Grant Program.

If you would like to honor the military service member in your life by sponsoring a flag along the Freedom Trail, please email:

director@historicnewburgh.org for a sponsorship form.



#### LOG CABIN

The Town of Newburgh and the Newburgh Parks Department are thrilled to have the new replica of a 1800's log cabin back in Old Lock and Dam Park.

Thank you to everyone that donated to the project,

but none of it would have been possible without the dedication and vision of local resident Jim Renne. Jim Renne has done so much for the Town of Newburgh. In addition to serv-



ing on Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission and Newburgh Building Corporation, Jim has been instrumental in helping us save our local history. Jim spearheaded the moving of the Little Red Brick building (now located in Old Lock and Dam Park), helped the Town of Newburgh obtain two grants to help repair Preservation Hall and rebuilt the log cabin.



# Parks & Recreation

The Newburgh Park System is made up of seven (7) parks, ranging from 0.9 acres to 19.43 acres, with a total of 64.74 acres of park land. The Newburgh parks range in age from 1944, when 11 of the 16 lots in Kiwanis Community Park were obtained, to 2019 when 1.84 acres was added to the Overlook Park lease. Take some time and visit the Newburgh Park System. We have something for everyone at our parks.

#### AMAX ATHLETIC FIELDS 5800 Outer Lincoln

13.26 acres

Acquired in 1979

Leased by Newburgh Youth Soccer and Castle Youth Football

#### LOU DENNIS COMUNITY PARK 402 Park Drive

11.66 acres

Purchased in 1971

Community Room, Splash Pad, Playgrounds, Basketball, Tennis and Volleyball Courts, Shelter Houses, and Public Restrooms

#### OVERLOOK PARK 6877 Highway 66

19.43 acres

Owned by the United States Government Leased by Town of Newburgh

Locks and Dam Overlook, Picnic Tables, Trail Access Public Restrooms

#### VETERANS MONUMENT State St. & Bell Rd.

#### 0.9 acres

Purchased in 2001 Veterans Monument dedicated in 2006 Bricks can be purchased and placed within the monument

#### Leased by Newburgh Kiwanis and Warrick County School Corporation

**KIWANIS** 

COMMUNITY

PARK

524 Filmore Street

2.25 acres

Established between 1944 & 1957

AND DAM PARK 525 E Highway 662

13.4 acres Purchased in 1979

Control Building, Cottages, Amphitheater, Boat Ramp, Green Space, Public Restrooms

RIVERTOWN TRAIL 715 W Hwy 662 3.84 miles

Built in Three (3) Phases 2008, 2011 & 2020 Extends from Newburgh Locks and Dam to Pollack Avenue



#### LOU DENNIS COMMUNITY PARK

Newburgh Park Pals applied for and was awarded \$100,000 from Warrick County's American Rescue Plan Act Grant program. The \$100,000 will be used in conjunction with Town funding to start Phase III of the Lou Dennis Community Park Renovation.

Phase III will see the original shelter house razed, a new shelter house built to the west of the

Kiwanis of Historic Newburgh shelter house, electricity ran to both shelter houses, landscaping updates, fencing and ADA accessible walkways added.



Construction will begin the beginning of October and due to safety concerns, the

rental of the Kiwanis Shelter and Lou Room will be suspended until after construction is complete. The Fortress of Fun will remain open.

The Newburgh Parks and Recreation Board and Newburgh Town Council are excited for the updates as well as new plans being created by a firm contracted by Park Pals. These new plans will replace the existing park master plan, but will go into more detail on the next phases, which include reimagining the Fortress of Fun and adding additional play features. Thank you to Newburgh Park Pals for all the work you do, not just for Lou Dennis Community Park, but for the other six parks located within the Newburgh Park System.



If you would like to become a member of Newburgh Park Pals, please visit their Facebook page, Instagram page or their website.

- Facebook/newburghparkpals
- Instagram/Newburgh\_park\_pals

Wewburghparkpals.org

#### **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.

•The fare is \$1.00 per person.

- •60 years & over is \$0.50 per person.
- •Children 6 years & under ride free with a paid adult.
- •Door-to-Door service available in the WATS service region.

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



#### STREETLIGHT OUT?

Street Commissioner, Anne Rust Aurand and the Newburgh Street Department want to keep the streets safe and lit. Please help us, by reporting non-working streetlights.

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

- Call Town Hall at 812-853-1720 x 0
- Email Andrea Balboni at abalboni@newburgh-in.gov

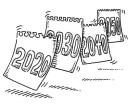
Tell us the following information:

- 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.)



#### In 2053 the Town of Newburgh will...

In 30 years the Town of Newburgh will celebrate its 250th anniversary. We are asking elementary school students (K-5th) to either draw a picture, write an essay or both, on what they think the Town of Newburgh will be like in the year 2053.



Winners will be selected and will have the opportunity to meet Town leaders and staff to discuss their ideas over pizza.

Submissions must include name, grade and age, address and contact information.

You can drop off submissions at Town Hall (M-F 8AM—4PM), mail to Town of Newburgh P.O. Box 6, Newburgh, IN 47629 Attention: Year 2053 or email Andrea Balboni at abalboni@newburgh-in.gov.

#### EXTENDED

#### Entries due by November 30, 2023

#### **OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED**

Councilwoman Leanna Hughes would like to remind everyone per Newburgh Code of Ordinances §92.02, no person, firm or corporation shall openly burn any material within the Town except as allowed by the following exceptions:

Open burning of wood products, except leaves, shall be allowed for the following:

- Twelfth Night ceremonies
- School Pep Rallies
- Fires used for cooking purposes
- Riverbank campfires
- Fires used in scouting activities
- Fires for purposes of fire training by a Fire Department
- Riverbank driftwood burning
- Upon permit from the Town Council

Open burning of non-wood products shall only be allowed by permit.

Otherwise, non-permitted open burning may be allowed by special permit by Town Council upon conditions established by Town Council and payment of a special permit fee.

Contact Town Hall at 812-853-1720 for open burning requirements or to obtain a permit.



#### SIGNS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY



Pursuant to Indiana Code 9-21-4-6 and the Newburgh Code of Ordinances Section 157.196 private signs, including political signs, are prohibited in the public right

-of-way. Please note that signs placed within the public right of way may be removed by the Town staff without prior notice. Town personnel generally remove signs from the right of way as they are encountered in normal street maintenance activities. Removed signs will be taken to the Town Maintenance Facility located at 300 W. First Street (corner of First and Polk Street), where they can be picked up.

#### **BUILDING SIGNAGE**

Councilwoman and Sign Committee member, Leanna Hughes, wants to remind residents that Newburgh Code of Ordinance §157.98 states that no person may erect, alter or relocate any banner, wall sign, ground sign, permanent window sign, canopy

or awning in the Town without first obtaining a permit from the Zoning Administrator.



# Town of Newburgh Winter Snow Event Guidelines

As the winter season approaches and the possibility of winter snow storms increase, Street Commissioner, Anne Rust Aurand, wants to reminded residents of the Town of Newburgh's approach to snow removal for the 2023-2024 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 responsibly 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 have 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 of the edge off the blade. The CAUTION SNOW Street Department REMOVAL tries to keep this CREWS AT WORK 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.

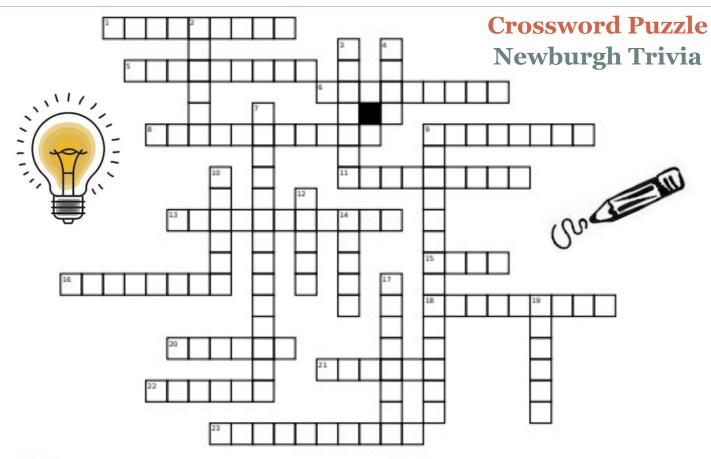
#### **During Snowfall Events**

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.



#### Down:

- Which center open in 2004 on Jefferson Street
- Last name of the District III Town Council member
- Last name of the man (Jacob) who established a ferry service across the Ohio River
- Which academy was founded in 1842 and later moved to Illinois in 1867
- The name given to the 205 acres platted at the location of present-day Newburgh
- Newburgh school opened in 1868 on this street
- How many parks does the Town of Newburgh have
- Name of the family that the amphitheater is named after
- Which area of Newburgh was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981
- Last name of the District IV Town Council member

These questions look familiar. Like maybe from the Timeline of Significant Events in the Spring Newsletter on page 14.

#### Across:

- This amenity opened in 2021 at Lou Dennis Community Park
- This road was completed in 1852 and connected Newburgh to Boonville
- 6. A fire occurred at this inn in 1976
- 8. Which cemetery was established in 1846
- The last name of the man (John) that founded our area in 1803
- The name of the Trail that was built in three phases and now extends 3.84 miles
- What forces raided Newburgh on July 18, 1862 (which was the first of this raid in Indiana)
- The last name of the man (Abner) who platted adjacent to Sprinklesburgh
- Newburgh received \$10,000 from this foundation to construct a library in Newburgh
- Last name of the District I Town Council member
- Last name of the At-Large Town Council member
- Which type of community does Newburgh become with Newburgh, Lancashire, United Kingdom
- Last name of the District II Town Council member
- The name of the Presbyterian church purchased by the Town for use as Town Hall

# just for fun



#### Word Search

#### Newburgh Street Names

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Adams Alexandria Brenner Claiborn Clovely Creekside Cypress Darby Hill Ellington Farifax Filmore Grav Hillcrest Ivy Ridge Jefferson Jennings Kent Lamev Law

Main Monroe Old Orchard Park Plum Polk Posev Primrose Prince Reston State Steamboat Run Temple Village Water West Briar Williams Yorkshire

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#### **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 a change of date

Oct. 11	Oct. 25
Nov. 8	Nov. 20*
Dec. 13	Dec. 28*
Jan. 10	Jan. 24
Feb. 14	Feb. 28
Mar. 13	Mar. 27
Apr. 10	Apr. 24
May 8	May 22
Jun. 12	Jun. 26
Jul. 10	Jul. 24

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#### **Town Hall Closings**

November 7—Election Day November 10—Veterans Day November 23—Thanksgiving November 24—Thanksgiving December 25—Christmas December 26—Christmas January 1—New Years Day January 15—MLK Jr. Day February 19—Presidents Day March 29—Good Friday May 7—Primary Election Day May 27—Memorial Day June 19—Juneteenth July 4—Independence Day