



Town of Newburgh, Indiana

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Town of Newburgh Invites Families to First Play & Back-to-School Bash at Lou Dennis Community Park

Project supported by \$1M READI 2.0 investment

NEWBURGH, Ind. – The wait is over! The Town of Newburgh is excited to invite the community to The Playground Is Finally Open! Come Play!—a First Play & Back-to-School Bash celebrating the opening of the new playground at Lou Dennis Community Park.

The event will take place on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Lou Dennis Community Park, 402 Park Drive, Newburgh.

Rather than a formal dedication ceremony, this event is all about the children and families who have eagerly awaited the park's completion. Community members are encouraged to bring their families and be among the first to experience Newburgh's newest destination for play.

The newly expanded playground features modern, inclusive play equipment designed for children of all abilities, along with the Robert Emmett Griffin Obstacle & Fitness Course, creating opportunities for recreation and healthy activity for all ages.

"This project has been years in the making, and we're excited to finally welcome families onto the playground," said Deputy Town Manager Andrea Balboni. "We wanted this day to simply be about watching kids laugh, explore, and enjoy this incredible new space before heading back to school."

The celebration will feature:

- First community play on the new playground
- Back-to-School Bash
- Music
- Family-friendly games and activities

- Free treats and refreshments (while supplies last)
- Opportunities to connect with local community organizations

The Warrick County Health Department and the Newburgh Chandler Public Library will both be on site with fun activities, educational resources, and giveaways for children and families as everyone celebrates the end of summer and prepares for the new school year.

Representatives from Midstates Recreation, the company that partnered with the Town to design and install the new playground, will also be on hand to answer questions about the playground equipment, inclusive play features, safety, and the Robert Emmett Griffin Obstacle & Fitness Course.

The project represents a collaborative investment in Newburgh's future made possible through funding from the Town of Newburgh, the Indiana Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI 2.0), Newburgh Park Pals, generous private donors, and community partners.

A separate donor recognition and playground blessing ceremony will be held at a later date, allowing the community to properly recognize the many individuals, businesses, organizations, and partners whose generosity helped make the project possible.

"This playground is the result of an incredible partnership between our residents, donors, volunteers, and funding partners," Balboni said. "Now it's time for the community to enjoy it. We can't wait to see families making memories here for generations to come."

The event is free and open to the public.

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You're Invited! 

Let's PLAY!

THE PLAYGROUND IS
FINALLY OPEN!
Come play!

COME BE
ONE OF THE
FIRST TO PLAY!

Join us for a
**FIRST PLAY &
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!**

Celebrate the end of summer
before school begins!



TUESDAY
AUGUST 4, 2026
11:00 A.M.



LOU DENNIS COMMUNITY PARK
402 Park Drive • Newburgh, IN

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



FIRST PLAY!

Be among the first
to explore the new
playground and
obstacle course!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!

Celebrate the end of
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school begins!



TREATS & REFRESHMENTS!

Enjoy free treats
while supplies last
and cool off!



FAMILY FUN!

- Music
- Games & Activities
- Meet Friends & Neighbors

We can't wait to see you there!

Donor recognition and a special blessing of the
playground will take place at a future community event.

*Everyone
is
welcome!*



TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING A STRONGER NEWBURGH!