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Munger and Arlington Parks to receive new playgrounds

LAFAYETTE, IN – March 27, 2023 – Lafayette Parks & Recreation has announced that two of its parks, Munger Park and Arlington Park, will receive new playgrounds in 2023.

The new playgrounds are funded by CDBG (Community Development Block Group) grants, which were allocated to the City of Lafayette by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and will be installed by the Parks Department. The existing play structures in both parks have served the community for many years. The playground at Arlington Park was constructed in 2005 and the playground at Munger Park was constructed in 2000.

Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman said this is a much-deserved upgrade for both parks. “The playgrounds at Arlington and Munger have both seen their fair share of play and fun over the years,” said Laufman. “They are both ready for an upgrade and we are thrilled to be able to provide the community with these new playgrounds.”

The new Munger Park playground will be installed on the existing playground’s footprint of 4,000 sq. ft. Designed for children of all ages, the new playground will feature a saucer swing, spring rider, climbing features, teeter totter, and multiple slides. Weather-permitting, installation should begin in late spring/early summer.

The new Arlington Park playground will be installed on the existing playground’s footprint of 4,400 sq ft. and feature multiple swings, slides, and climbing features for children of all ages. The playground is slated to be installed after the Munger Park playground installation is complete.

Arlington Park will also be receiving additional greenspace. The park’s existing tennis courts will soon be replaced by greenery as well as the addition of youth size soccer goals. “After many, many years the tennis courts were not in great shape,” said Laufman. “As we prepare to revitalize this park with a new playground, we knew this would be a good time to transition to something that is more versatile in order to appeal to a wider-range of park-goers and community members.” Laufman said that by transforming the



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tennis courts to greenspace, this area of Arlington Park becomes multi-purpose and will be able to be used for a variety of activities such as soccer, picnics, yard games, as well as many other fun, outdoor activities.

“We are really excited about these park improvements,” said Mayor Tony Roswarski. “These upgrades to Munger and Arlington Parks will enhance the overall experience for neighbors and park visitors for years to come.”

Stay-up-to-date on the Munger and Arlington Park projects by following Lafayette Parks & Recreation on Facebook at facebook.com/LafayetteParks, Twitter at twitter.com/LafayetteParks, and Instagram at instagram.com/lafayetteparks/.

About Lafayette Parks and Recreation

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 27 miles of paved trails. The city’s trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more.

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