



## News Release

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### **Columbian Park to receive revamped playground structure**

**LAFAYETTE, IN – February 26, 2024** – The City of Lafayette and Lafayette Parks & Recreation are excited to announce the plan for considerable improvements coming to the SIA playground, located in Columbian Park, in 2024. The improvements are being funded through Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Construction is now underway to ensure that the park is fully functional for the peak of the summer season.

The majority of the work will take place in the upper portion of the existing playground. This section will be completely replaced by several innovative, engaging pieces of equipment by BCI Burke Company, LLC. Installation will be handled by Snider Recreation, Inc.

“We are very excited to announce the significant investment being made to the Columbian Park playground,” states Mayor Tony Roswarski. “So many children and adults have enjoyed the existing playground for many years thanks to our partnership with SIA. As we continue to invest in our public spaces for a better quality of life and higher standard of living for Lafayette, these new improvements will enhance a new experience for all ages when they visit the park.”

The original SIA Playground was made possible through a sponsorship from Subaru of Indiana Automotive and was completed in the Fall of 1999. Since that time, thousands of children have made countless memories on the play pieces. Over the years, additional pieces on the lower level have been replaced and those will remain in place. The revamped area is approximately 5,400 square feet and will feature poured-in-place rubber surfacing for increased mobility access, three climbing towers that are each approximately 24 feet tall, “RopeVenture Revolv” climber, rope bridge, interactive panels, tunnels, and six slides. New additions to the playground area will include four overhead shade sails to shield visitors from the sun, hillside slides, three hillside climbers, and six slides that will allow visitors a fun way to get from the upper level to the lower level of the playground.

Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman expressed her excitement for the new playground equipment. “The new components will transform, refresh and reenergize the playground, making certain that this area remains a vibrant community destination for many years to come,” said Laufman.



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During the upper-playground construction on the hilltop, the lower parts of the park will continue to be open to the public for all to enjoy.

Stay-up-to-date on the Columbian Park project by following Lafayette Parks & Recreation on Facebook at [facebook.com/LafayetteParks](https://facebook.com/LafayetteParks) and Instagram at [instagram.com/lafayetteparks/](https://instagram.com/lafayetteparks/).

**About Lafayette Parks and Recreation**

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains over 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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