



## News Release

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### **Lafayette Parks & Recreation hosts dedication event for new SIA Playground at Columbian Park**

**LAFAYETTE, IN – June 17, 2024** – Lafayette Parks & Recreation held a ribbon cutting and grand opening event today for the new SIA Playground at Columbian Park. These improvements were funded through Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

Ground was broken on the new playground in early 2024. The majority of the work took place in the upper portion of the former playground. This section was completely replaced by several innovative, engaging pieces of equipment by BCI Burke Company, LLC. Installation was completed by Snider Recreation, Inc.

The original SIA Playground was made possible through a sponsorship from Subaru of Indiana Automotive and was completed in the Fall of 1999. Over the years, additional pieces on the lower level have been replaced and those will remain in place. The improved area is approximately 5,400 square feet and features 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 include four overhead shade sails to shield visitors from the sun, hillside slides, three hillside climbers, and six embankment slides that will allow visitors a fun way to get from the upper level to the lower level of the playground.

“We are very excited to be able to open up this playground today,” states Mayor Tony Roswarski. “So much of our community has enjoyed playing and making memories here over the years thanks to our partnership with SIA. We are proud to be able to breathe new life into it and create a place to make new memories for years to come.”

#### **About Lafayette Parks and Recreation**

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains nearly 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 32 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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