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Grand Opening of the George Young Community Center and Bayberry Park Playgrounds

Supervisor Yvette Aguiar, along with the Riverhead Town Board, the Riverhead Parks and Recreation Department and the Riverhead Recreation Advisory Council are proud to announce the grand opening of two new community playgrounds on Monday August 31, 2020.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at the George Young Community Center, located at 446 South Jamesport Avenue in Jamesport at 11:00 am. The playground, installed by Landscape Structures, was constructed with safety in mind. It is handicapped accessible and designed to engage, stimulate and entertain children ages 5-12.

Immediately following at 12:30 p.m., will be the ribbon cutting at Bayberry Park (Officer's Memorial Park) located at Bayberry Road in Wading River. Brian Mills, Chairman of the Recreational Advisory Board stated that "A playground is a priceless investment in the developmental well-being of our community's children. I am happy that we were able to offer this opportunity to expand and enhance recreational experiences for our Town's Youth". Construction of the playground was guided by Riverhead Town Recreation Director, Ray Coyne, and installed by Riverhead Town maintenance staff. Childproof ground material was used in both locations.



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Councilwoman Catherine Kent, liaison to the Recreation Advisory Council, said “Free play is not only fun, but critical for optimal childhood development as well. With the restrictions due to COVID, these new playgrounds provide a safe space for the children of our community to play outside in the fresh air.”

Supervisor Aguiar stated, “Special thanks go out to Councilwoman Catherine Kent for her year-long effort to bring this project to fruition. The Town Board is appreciative of the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in this endeavor, and are pleased to provide these new outdoor play spaces for our community to enjoy.”