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NEWS

Lake Street Corridor TIF Redevelopment Plan



Last June, the Village of Bartlett Board approved an agreement with Teska Associates Inc. for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) consulting services relative to the creation of a new TIF district along Lake Street, starting with an initial project review and eligibility report through preparation of the project redevelopment plan and TIF adoption.

According to Teska's Redevelopment Plan, the project area contains 13 structures on 28 parcels, totaling approximately 154 acres. The properties include vacant, undeveloped rights-of-way owned and managed by IDOT; commercial vacancies; and deteriorated or dilapidated commercial structures, all of which are opportunities for redevelopment. The plan is intended to provide a framework for improvements and reinvestment within the project area over the next 23 years.

On July 18, the village held an initial Joint Review Board meeting to present the Lake Street TIF Plan to the 10 other taxing districts that cover the project area. Another Joint Review Board meeting is scheduled for August 16. The board will hold a public hearing concerning the proposed redevelopment project area at its meeting on Tuesday, 8/20. The draft copy of the Lake Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan and Program is available on the village website.

**Lake Street Corridor Redevelopment
Plan**

Bartlett Resident Honored with My Metra Award



Longtime Bartlett resident and Metra employee/photographer Mark Llanuza was recently honored by Metra with the My Metra Award. The yearly award is presented to one employee in each of Metra's districts. Llanuza was recognized in the Milwaukee District West Line (MDWL) which is the rail line from Chicago to Big Timber and includes Bartlett.

A car cleaner for Metra, Llanuza was honored for the sanitation methods he created and implemented on the MDWL during the global pandemic. His cleaning procedures have now become a part of Metra operations and are used on all the lines.

He was also cited for his photographic contributions to Metra, which are featured on its monthly passes, social media, corporate publications and more. If you would like to see Mark's Metra photography visit the Bartlett Depot Museum's current exhibit "Ticket to Ride: Mark Llanuza's Photos to Metra Monthly Passes."

The photo above, courtesy of Mark Llanuza, shows (left to right) grandchildren Damon and Mia, son Kevin, Mark, wife Pam and son Jason at the award ceremony.

[Depot Museum webpage with more info about Ticket to Ride exhibit](#)

First Day of School for U46 Students is 8/13

Tuesday, 8/13 is the first day of classes for U-46 and many other area students. Drivers are reminded to obey school speed zone signs, refrain from using their cell phones and pay extra attention to students walking to and from school.

If you're driving behind a school bus, allow a greater following distance than you would when driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing.



It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the yellow

or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic traveling in both directions must stop. Be alert; children often are unpredictable, so it is up to drivers to be extra vigilant.

REMINDERS



YOU BELONG at the National Night Out Picnic in the Park event at Bartlett Park, 102 N. Eastern, on Tuesday, 8/6, starting at 5 p.m. This award-winning community event features food, treats and water, giveaways, local business displays, face painters, a balloon twister, a climbing wall, a trackless train ride, RC car racing, a dunk tank, an inflatable axe throwing game, inflatable 'Batter Up' game, an 18-foot tall double lane inflatable slide and a large petting zoo.

Come see and pet Maverick the Bartlett Police Department facility dog and friends. Special appearances by NNO mascot Nat the Knight, 501st Midwest Garrison Star Wars characters, "Elsa" and "Captain America." Here is a scheduled line-up of unique performances at Picnic in the Park:

5 - 5:15 pm -- opening ceremony with Bartlett Fire District color guard and Chicago Highlanders Pipes & Drums

5 - 5:15 pm -- national anthem singer Elizabeth Holz

5 - 7 pm – Twist City Bubble show

5:15 - 5:20 pm -- Chicago Highlanders Pipes & Drums performance

5:30 - 6 pm -- Ko's Yong In Martial Arts performance

5:30 - 7:30 pm – mascots & character appearances

6 - 6:20 pm – Jesse White Tumblers performance

6:30 - 6:45 pm -- Bartlett High School cheer performance

6 - 6:30 pm -- Division BMX Stunt Team performance

7 - 7:15 pm – Bartlett High School Drum Line performance



It's All About STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) at the Bartlett Depot Museum on Saturday, 8/3. For this First Saturday Free Family Craft children will color and design their own kaleidoscope.

The kaleidoscope was invented by accident in 1816 by Sir David Brewster, who was experimenting with polarization and light refraction using a candle and mirrors. He discovered that the closer the objects are to the mirrors the more symmetrical and beautiful the images appeared. See for yourself when you craft your own.

The depot will be open 9 a.m. to noon. Drop in anytime. Admission and parking, in the public lot at the southwest corner of Railroad and Oak avenues, are always free!

All Aboard for History!

7:15 - 7:45 pm -- *Division BMX Stunt Team performance*
8 - 8:30 pm – *block party awards presentation*



Bring your lawn chair and settle in for two days packed with great music, food and beer!

Friday, 8/9 from 4 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, 8/10 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Apple Orchard Park, 620 W. Stearns Rd

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Beer Tasting
- Bags Tournament
- Craft Show
- Admission - 21 & older \$10; under 21 is free

[More Smoke & Irons Fest details](#)

Meetings & Events

THURSDAY, 8/1 @ 6 p.m.
[Library Movie Night](#)

THURSDAY, 8/1 @ 7 p.m.
[Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting](#)

FRIDAY, 8/2 @ 5 p.m.
[Family Fun Night & Twilight Pool Party](#)

SATURDAY, 8/3 @ 11:45 a.m.
[End of Summer Reading Celebration](#)

SUNDAY, 8/4 @ 1 p.m.
[NNO Putt, Chip & Drive Crime Out Family Golf Event](#)

TUESDAY, 8/6 @ 5 p.m.
[NNO Picnic in the Park](#)

WEDNESDAY, 8/7 @ 7 p.m.
[Village Board Special Meeting](#)

WEDNESDAY, 8/7 @ 7 p.m.

August is National Water Quality Month

The history of National Water Quality Month originally dates back to two U.S. congressional acts that were passed in the early 1970s in an effort to protect water sources.

By passing the Clean Water Act in 1972, the federal government began taking steps to curb water pollution by making it illegal to dump high amounts of toxic materials into bodies of water. In 1974, the Safe Drinking Water Act was passed to further protect the quality of groundwater and public water systems.

From there, National Water Quality Month was founded in 2005 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and backed by the United Nations in an effort to promote civic

Spacecraft Propulsion: Past, Present & Future

**FRIDAY, 8/9 @ 4 p.m. and
SATURDAY, 8/10 @ 11 a.m.**
Smoke & Irons Music Fest

MONDAY, 8/12 @ 7 p.m.
Economic Development Commission Meeting

THURSDAY, 8/15 @ 6 p.m.
Library Movie Night

FRIDAY, 8/16 @ 7:45 p.m.
Outdoor Movie

discourse about how to conserve our natural water sources and help ensure that we all have access to safe, clean drinking water for generations to come.

9 Things You Can Do at Home to Protect Your Water

1. Wash your car at a car wash. Even though it might cost more than washing your car at home, taking your car to a car wash saves water and prevents toxic chemicals from being flushed down your storm drains that eventually empty into our lakes, rivers, streams, and oceans. Professional car washes are legally required to drain into sewer systems so that the water can be treated before being re-used.

2. Pick up after your pet. Animal waste is full of nitrogen which can remove oxygen from the water leaving it completely unusable for aquatic life.

3. Don't hose down your driveway, use a broom.

4. Don't use fertilizer made with phosphorus. After heavy rainfall or watering, these chemicals can leak into nearby groundwater sources. Try using organic materials or waiting for drier weather if you absolutely need to use lawn care products.

5. Do not flush expired or unwanted medication down the toilet. These products have toxic chemicals that should not be flushed down the drain.

6. Learn how to properly dispose of leftover paint. Even house paint thrown in the trash can impact local water.

7. Take used oil or antifreeze to a service station or recycling center.

8. Avoid using antibacterial soaps or cleaning products in your drain as they are also toxic to marine life.

9. Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater. Installing a rain barrel will

not only save you money, but can also be used for watering your lawn and garden.

See More Meetings & Events on the [Website Calendar](#). Please know that meeting agendas are not posted to the website until they are finalized, generally the week before the meeting date.

Information is from the National Water Quality Month website.

National Water Quality Month

Now Open!



& more
PAPER GOODS

**GRAND
Opening**

July 27th | 138 S. Oak Ave.
12pm-3pm | Bartlett, IL 60103

Shop, get a loyalty card,
and hunt for hidden gift cards

A big Bartlett welcome to & More Paper Goods, which held its grand opening at 138 S. Oak Avenue in downtown Bartlett on Saturday, 7/27. This stationery store carries journals, gifts, stickers, planners, pens, greeting cards, gift wrap, and more.

According to the store owners, "We believe in the simple power of paper, gifts, and decorations to shift a mindset, lift spirits, or create a new habit."

QUICK LINKS

- * [Village of Bartlett Employment Opportunities](#)
- * [Learn more & sign up for Code Red Emergency Notifications](#)
- * [Learn about the Bartlett Connect mobile app](#)

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