

Guest Comment

Plainfield riverfront taking off

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The Plainfield riverfront effort is off to an active start this year. We're excited to report that much has already been accomplished and more opportunities are on the horizon for the public to get involved, to help develop and to enjoy the riverfront area beginning this year!

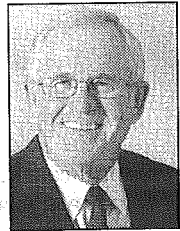
The riverfront project has always been identified as a long-range effort that will rely on public and private contributions in order to implement the master plan in the coming decades. I'm pleased to highlight some of the ways individuals, private companies, and civic groups are already stepping up to contribute.

A temporary parking lot is nearing completion at the West Electric Park site, south of Lockport Street and west of the DuPage River. This parking area will provide residents with convenient access to this area of the riverfront, where more than 40 acres of land is already publicly owned in a beautiful, park-like setting. The parking lot is being

constructed with donated materials, labor and equipment by Pinnacle Custom Homes, Naperville Excavating and Boughton Materials.

Separately, two church groups have volunteered to paint over graffiti on the underside of the Lockport Street vehicular bridge over the river. The west bridge abutments have been painted by volunteers of Plainfield United Methodist Church and Sharon United Methodist Church as part of a recent community-wide day of service. And the Calvary Church of Naperville will be repainting the east side of the bridge as part of their region-wide "Elevate" day of service this Saturday. This work is being facilitated by the Village's Public Works Department.

Individuals, families and groups will have another opportunity to improve the Riverfront area as part of the DuPage River Sweep on May 22.



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