

Schuenke Snapshot

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2018 is off to a tremendous start in the Village of McFarland. Lots of good projects and activities coming to the Community after a busy Winter getting ready for this work. This coming year will prove to be another active year for capital projects after several large projects were completed in 2017. Farwell Street will undergo a significant makeover as well as Siggelkow Road from Marsh to Terminal Drive.

Several parks projects have also been planned. Careful growth I realize maybe a concern, but one of the positives is that it has brought substantial funds via park impact fees. As such the Village can utilize these funds to improve its parks as an enhancement for our local quality of life. McDaniel Park will see a reconstructed and enlarged parking lot as well as other internal improvements. Brant Park will see new LED lighting for the ball fields. Urso/Schuetz Park will see an expanded dog park and a brand new Frisbee golf course as well as a parking lot to support these uses. Last but not least will be the complete makeover of Discovery Garden Park adjacent the Library. This park will undergo a complete reconstruction to make it more accessible and suitable for programming by the Library. We are very excited to bring forward a diverse set of projects which in many cases are half funded by park impact fees helping to keep the need for new debt down.

Several different aspects of the Village are also being studied. The Community Branding process is looking at the Village's brand and how we present ourselves hoping to make recommendations to improve the general image. The Village Engineer is updating a study completed several years ago to help chart utility improvements amidst continued growth on the east side of the Village. The Parks and Open Space Plan is under review as a means to help plan for additional park improvements. Later this year the Village will be engaging a consultant to help study the feasibility of aquatic improvements. Finally, discussion regarding general facility improvements continues to look at ways to develop a Community Center as well as other Departmental facility needs.

The 10th Anniversary of Community Service Day in McFarland is scheduled from 8 am to 1 pm on Saturday, April 21st. Consider signing up at the Municipal Center to help make the Village a better place. More information available at www.mcfarland.wi.us and on the first page of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator