

Peg Bond Center Pavilion

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Peg Bond Center Expansion Project Officially Under Way

Batavia, IL: The public is invited to attend a ceremonial groundbreaking of the Peg Bond Center Pavilion project at 5:15 pm on Sunday, November 29 prior to the Batavia Park District's Celebration of Lights Festival. Families are encouraged to attend the groundbreaking and to have a free digital photo taken with hardhat and shovel compliments of Batavia MainStreet.

Construction commences in early December and includes excavating, utilities and foundation work to start. The project committee, comprised of Batavia Parks Foundation members and several local volunteers, has reworked the original band shell design and scaled it back to fit both the site and the project budget. Their goal is to have the project completed prior to the commencement of the outdoor concert and festival season, weather permitting.

"Everyone involved in the bandshell addition to the Peg Bond Center is extremely excited to be ready to break ground. It has been through the commitment and cooperation of Batavia Park District, City of Batavia, Batavia MainStreet, and our numerous donors and volunteers that the Parks Foundation can look forward to this major addition in our beautiful community Riverwalk area. We are confident that the community will support the project and benefit from the new bandshell for decades to come," said Dan Brace, Batavia Parks Foundation chairman.

Volunteer construction manager, Dennis Kintop of M.I.C. is glad to be back working on the Riverwalk and is joined by Britta McKenna who is the volunteer project manager. These two Batavians volunteered on the original Batavia Riverwalk Committee and are looking forward to teaming up together again another Riverwalk project.

Band shell pillars are sold out at this point; the six pillars have been sponsored by the following: Batavia Plain Dirt Gardeners, Batavia Rotary Club, Diamond Rigging Corp, Dr. Patrick Garvin, D.D.S., Prairie State Packaging, and Michael Smith in memory of his father Dwight Smith. Other major donations to the project include: \$25,000 from Hansen-Furnas Foundation grant, \$10,000 from Batavia Parks Foundation, \$10,000 from Dennis Kintop of M.I.C., \$5,000 from Prairie State Packaging, a \$15,000 façade grant from the City of Batavia and a \$50,000 Kane County Riverboat grant. Other major donations are needed for lighting and other amenities to complete the project.

If you are interested in making a contribution to this community project, donations in any amount may be made out to Batavia Parks Foundation and sent to 327 W Wilson St., Batavia, IL 60510. More information about the project may be found at www.its-coming.org as it is available. Volunteers are also needed for parts of the project and can sign up on the Facebook page “Riverwalk Bandshell.”