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City of Beloit Holding Turtle Creek Park Ground Breaking Ceremony

Sept. 24, 2019 - The City of Beloit is holding a ground breaking ceremony as the city kicks off the first phase of the Turtle Creek Park Master Plan.

The ground breaking will be held at 4:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, at the park, located at 1312 E. Grand Ave. A short presentation will be given prior to the ground breaking. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

“With a nod to the social significance of Turtle Creek Park, the City of Beloit is reimagining the future of the park,” said Public Works Director Laura Pigatti Williamson. “We are renovating this park into a gathering place for the entire community.”

The first phase of the project includes extending the parking lot to create a Park Avenue entrance and constructing a new shelter.

The Turtle Creek Master Plan was developed with a significant amount of community stakeholder input and feedback, including those individuals who spent their summers at the pool that was predominantly used by African-Americans in the 60s. Future phases of the park include unity columns, a kiosk and signage that exhibits the past history and future community inclusiveness.

“This is an opportunity for our history to influence future generations to come,” said City Manager Lori Curtis Luther. “This unique master plan memorializes a significant part of Beloit’s past while re-energizing this park with a bright and vibrant future for our community.”