

CITY OF DECATUR ILLINOIS

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## Jasper Street Summer Fest – August 24

Decatur, IL – Join the City of Decatur for food, fun, music and more at the Jasper Street Summer Fest on Thursday, August 24!

The City is working hard on plans to improve transportation, outdoor recreation, economic opportunities, safety, housing, and beautification of the Jasper Street corridor. Last fall, we got some initial feedback from residents, and now we want to hear from the community again. Come see our progress and help us narrow down ways to improve Jasper Street.

Jasper Street Summer Fest is a free event that will run 4 - 6:00 p.m. at Johns Hill Park. Residents can enjoy family-friendly activities, a live DJ, games, food trucks, and more. The City will have booths that residents can visit to get an update on our progress and provide additional input on the project. Once an individual visits all City booths to provide some quick feedback, they will receive a voucher to use at one of the food trucks.

Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods is an initiative led by the City's Economic & Community Development Department, with help from consultants at Teska & Associates. The project is funded by Decatur Urbanized Area Transportation Study (DUATS) planning funds. The target area is neighborhoods along Jasper Street from Pershing Rd. to Lake Shore Dr.

Some of the goals of the project are to learn more about transportation and street design for all users, capacity building for businesses and neighborhood organizations, fostering a sense of pride and place with adjacent neighborhoods, and the reactivation of vacant land along the corridor.

Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/289602020413777