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Jasper Street Summer Fest – June 13

Decatur, IL – Join the City of Decatur for food, fun, music and more at the third Jasper Street Fest on Thursday, June 13.

The City continues to implement the [Jasper Street Great Streets Great Neighborhoods](#) Roadmap, helping improve transportation, outdoor recreation, economic opportunities, safety, housing, and beautification of the Jasper Street corridor. Each Street Fest allows us to gather more community feedback and this time we want to hear what kinds of activities and public art people would like to see along Jasper Street. Additionally, residents can help paint the first public mural at this event, in partnership with Johns Hill Magnet School, the Decatur Area Arts Council, and local artists.

Jasper Street Summer Fest is a free event, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Johns Hill Park. There will be family-friendly activities, a live DJ, food trucks, and more. The City will have booths for residents to visit and provide additional input on the project.

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. and between Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. and 16th St.

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.

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