

Lake Ridge Bank Joins Evansville's Parks Expansion

Lake Ridge Bank has recently joined the list of major donors supporting Evansville's project to revitalize its public parks. With a gift of \$12,000, Lake Ridge Bank has secured the naming right for the Baseball dugout and storage at the newly renamed Larson Acres Park (formerly West Side Park).

"As a community bank, Lake Ridge Bank works hard to make our communities great places to live and work. For more than 125 years, we have been partnering with local groups and organizations that share our commitment to improving the lives of our neighbors in our communities like Evansville."



Denise Johnson, Retail Manager at Lake Ridge Bank's Evansville location & Steve Eager Market President, feel "our bank's commitment to our Evansville community and neighbors is why we are so excited to be the Baseball Dugout sponsor at the new Larson Acres Park. We know the new baseball and softball fields will provide an opportunity for many exciting community events."

Campaign chair Matt Pooch expressed the committee's gratitude. "We knew we could count on Lake Ridge Bank to support the vitality of Evansville; they came through for us generously. I have faith that Larson Acres Park will be a true gem and gathering space for our community, and that families will delight in the splash pad at Leonard-Leota Park." This park expansion will grow the quality of life in our community today and for generations to come. It will draw people to Evansville to play, eat, shop, and live.

This strong contribution toward Evansville's public parks project puts the campaign within near reach of its private funding goal of \$1.85 million. The campaign met its first goal of \$1.7 million several months ago with strong momentum. The campaign team and city officials saw the opportunity to increase the goal by \$150k in order to add a multi-use sport court for basketball, tennis, and pickleball. This amenity is now secured for the project.



Now the "Growing Our Parks: Recreation for Generations" campaign has only \$22,555 left to reach its final goal. A few opportunities remain for naming rights. Ten memorial benches at Larson Acres Park are still available for \$2000 each. And every household that makes a gift of \$1000 or more will receive a first season pass to the new aquatic center.

If you have questions about making a gift, the campaign team will happily meet with you, share the vision, and answer any questions. Contact Melanie Crans at City Hall. To invest in our community and support our parks, visit <https://www.evansvillewi.gov/donate> or send a check payable to: City of Evansville Campaign, PO Box 529, Evansville, WI 53536.

Overall construction progress is on schedule. Final inspections are planned. The aquatic center and splash pad are set to open for summer 2024!