



# Village of Mahomet

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### **Mahomet Parks and Recreation Announces Naming Rights Deal with Fisher National Bank for the Amphitheater Improvements at Barber Park**

MAHOMET, IL — Mahomet Parks and Recreation has a new naming rights partner in a deal that will see the venue named as the Fisher National Bank Amphitheater at Barber Park.

The amphitheater improvements to be completed by August 2022, will include the addition of a permanent stage, hardscape and lawn seating areas and supporting pathways. Other project improvements include a new fully inclusive playground, a splash pad and additional accessible paved pathways.

Barber Park, located in the heart of town, is Mahomet's community park that spans approximately 55 acres. Centrally located and connected to the Village pathway system, Barber Park is located along the tree-lined banks of the Sangamon River and is largely undeveloped and natural.

"This project will greatly improve the quality of life for our residents and greatly enhance the experience for existing park users. We are beyond thrilled to welcome Fisher National Bank as our Amphitheater naming rights partner", says Dan Waldinger, Parks and Recreation Director. "As a long-standing partner of MPRD programs and our Summer Concert Series, we couldn't think of a better partner for this amenity. Our relationship with FNB over the years has only served to reinforce the alignment between our two organizations and proven their strong, long-standing relationship with the local community. These improvements will help make Barber a true community hub for fun and social gatherings."

Nearly half of the funding for the project has been made possible through an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space and Land Development Grant. The remaining funds will derive from additional naming rights, sponsorships, and individual gifts in addition to parks capital funds.

"The Barber Park renovation may be one of the bigger community projects in the last decade. When Dan Waldinger first asked me to serve on the fundraising committee, I instantly got excited.

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From that moment on, I knew Fisher National Bank would be involved in some capacity. We are just thrilled to be one of the title sponsors” said Ryan Heiser, CEO of Fisher National Bank.

We are building a positive, healthy, inclusive environment inspiring our entire community to play, imagine and connect together. MPRD is seeking additional donations to see the project through. To learn more or find out how you can sponsor/donate to the project, visit our project website at [www.facebook.com/mahometsprayandplay](http://www.facebook.com/mahometsprayandplay) or contact us at 217.586.6025.

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