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Village to break ground on Harmony Square

The Village of Tinley Park will host a formal groundbreaking ceremony for the much-anticipated Harmony Square Plaza at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 13. Ceremonial activities will take place at the northeast corner of North Street and Oak Park Avenue, just behind Teehan's Tavern. Renderings of the new plaza also will be unveiled during the ceremony.

Harmony Square is a key component of the Village's new brand, which focuses on music while creating a sense of place and community. With a robust, year-round programming schedule that includes music performances, outdoor exercise classes and ice skating, the new plaza will become the heartbeat of Downtown Tinley.

"Once complete, Harmony Square will be the go-to place for visitors and residents alike," Tinley Park Mayor Jacob Vandenberg said. "The new plaza and its multi-seasonal offering of events and programs will bring people into Downtown Tinley, which in turn will provide a boost to local business and help us in our goal to put Tinley Park on the map as the music capital of Illinois."

The groundbreaking ceremony, emceed by Village Manager Dave Niemeyer, will feature music by the Central Middle School Band, as well as remarks by Mayor Vandenberg and Scott Freres of the Lakota Group, a planning, urban design and landscape architecture firm from Chicago that designed Harmony Square.

Harmony Square will include a performance stage and a splash pad/interactive water feature with overhead shade structures. An artificial turf lawn will provide plenty of room for informal play and space to picnic while watching musical performances. The turf area transforms into an ice rink in the winter months and will be large enough for free skate or hockey games. Skate rentals will be provided, along with a warming hut and fire pits that will be located near casual seating areas for those cold winter nights.

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Construction of the plaza will include infrastructure improvements and the reconstruction and beautification of North and South streets with brick pavers and the construction of a new road, Festival Street, connecting North and 173rd streets.

Harmony Square Plaza was engineered by Christopher Burke Associates and Robinson Engineering.

The plaza is expected to enhance the downtown experience of existing businesses as well as function as the catalyst for future private development in the downtown. Tinley Park has “Music in its DNA,” and Harmony Square will be the perfect “noteworthy” project for Tinley’s downtown.

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