

... about Town

With Mayor Bob

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The 2017 64th Annual BBQ was a huge success this year. The weather was perfect and all who attended enjoyed the events.

Our sidewalk project is being completed on schedule and made the deadline of August 14th, for the first day of school where the new driveways were installed. The sidewalk, which continued from the entrance at the middle school to Bredehoeft, is looking wonderful. The crews will return to do the clean up work, which is to remove left over gravel and back fill with dirt and seed the area. The end result will be very nice. The rest of the sidewalk project is under construction from Austin Street to the entrance of Veterans Park. This portion of construction is on schedule.

Today for the first time in history you can walk from Bredehoeft and 102 to Veterans Park, walk the walking trail at the park and back to Bredehoeft on a sidewalk. This is a 2-mile walk one way plus the walk around the walking trail at the park! Any of us can easily walk 5 miles on city sidewalks.

Our long-range plan is to continue this sidewalk at Veterans Park north and west to North side Elementary School. Our goal is to have this completed in 2019.

This project is funded with a state TAP Grant, which is matched by the City at 20%. The cost of this project was \$140,000 making the city's obligation \$28,000, or 20% of the project cost. We recently received a return on a previous TAP project of \$22,000, which made the 2017 cost for this project at \$6,000. Pretty good improvement and a blessing to the Public Safety of Decatur.

Ways to stay connected with local news and events is to read the Westside Eagle Observer Newspaper, check the City's Electronic Information Sign, follow me on Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/Bob-Tharp-Mayor-of-Decatur-542394919226060/> and visit decaturnarkansas.com You may also email me at bobtharp@gmail.com.

Working Together Decatur is Doing Awesome Things!

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