















### **Meet Your Co-Hosts**

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### Agenda

### Meet the Titans

- Get to know our panelists
- Hear about the unique contexts of their communities

### Panel Discussion

- Learn creative engagement strategies
- Discover how to build trust and amplify outcomes
- Hear real-world lessons from DeForest, Squamish, and League City

### Audience Q&A



## Housekeeping

- Event Timing: The webinar is scheduled for 45 minutes.
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- Recording & Slides: You'll receive an email with the on-demand recording and slides in the next few days.
- Questions: Please leave any questions in the Q&A box.



### **Meet Your Guests Speakers**

Amber, Fiona, and Stacey



Amber Pedigo
City of League City

Manager, Community Engagement
& Special Projects



Fiona Rayher
District of Squamish
Public Engagement
Specialist



Stacey Harmon
Village of DeForest

Community
Ambassador



## A Day in Community Engagement



Meet people where they are

Listen to the needs and requests of residents

Assist with public meetings

Help facilitate Citizen University

Nonprofit Expo....

Manage our online engagement site: League City Listens

Catch the "little things" that fell through cracks (watch your pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves) Provide WORLD CLASS CUSTOMER SERVICE



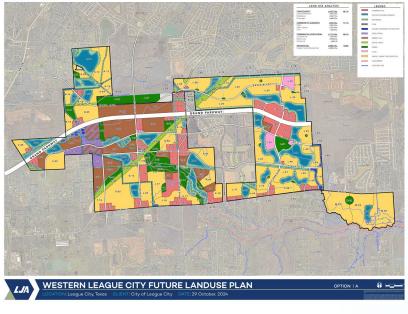
The answer is never no...what can we do?

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## Measuring Success in League City







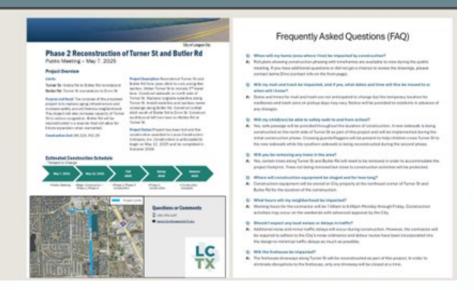
- ✓ Approved unanimously: 8–0 vote
- ✓ Engaged thousands of residents in the planning process
- ✓ Rapid hurricane response: debris cleared in just 3 weeks



## In-Person & Online Engagement Strategies

### **EXPECTED OUTCOME**

Residents
become aware of
the impact and
have time to plan,
enhancing trust &
communications.







### **DeForest, Wisconsin**

- Population: 12,260
- Stacey Harmon, Community Ambassador
  - 10 years in public service
  - Roles include Special Projects and Administrative Support













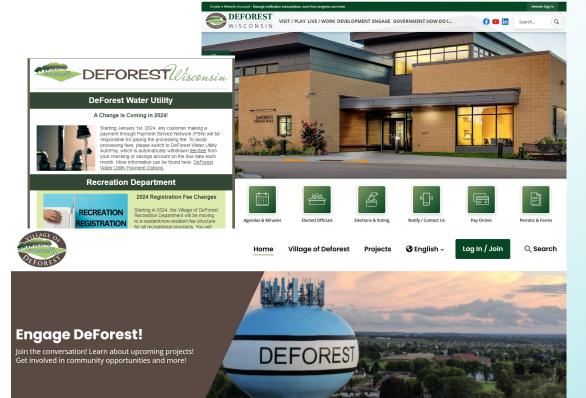
### A Day in the Life

- 2023 Strategic Plan: Identified a need for enhanced community engagement and public participation
- Launch of Engage DeForest https://www.engagedeforest.com/
- Supporting Departments Across the Village: Police, Public Services (Streets, Parks and Utilities), Recreation and Community Enrichment, Utilities, Administration and Community Development.











Last updated: 10 Apr, 2025

### **Resident Guide**

Explore helpful links, services, and engagement opportunities designed to keep you in the know and make the most of life in DeForest

Learn more -



Last updated: 22 Aug, 2025

Learn more →

### 2025 Community Projects

Together let's build a stronger, more connected community that thrives in the spirit of shared progress.



Last updated: 25 Aug, 2025

Learn more →

### **Developments in DeForest**

Stay up to date with current development projects in DeForest.



Last updated: 25 Aug, 2025

### **Park and Connect**

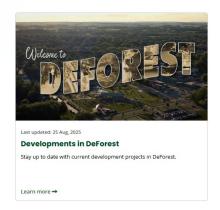
Meet neighbors & community officials at Park & Connect! Share ideas, discuss park needs, and connect with your community in a relaxed park setting.

Learn more =

### **Projects and Initiatives in DeForest**



- Public participation initiative bringing neighbors together
- Community survey completed with 206 responses
- Hosted 3 public events to gather feedback and foster connections
- ✓ Strengthened collaboration between Village staff, residents, and local partners



- ✓ Central hub for information on growth, housing, and business projects
- Provides transparent updates on developments
- Access to maps, project timelines, and FAQs
- ✓ Project page received 42,996 views



- Community-driven effort to revitalize a shared space
- ✓ Gathered resident input through surveys (708 responses)
- Improvements focused on safety, accessibility, and aesthetics
- Strengthened partnerships with local businesses and organizations





### **Communications Department Overview**

- 10 years ago, the District's Communications Department was comprised of two people: a Manager and a Web and Graphics Technician.
- A part-time Communications Coordinator was hired in July 2015.
- In 2020, a new full-time Media Relations and Content Specialist position was created, and the Manager role became a Director.
- Communications also took on the communications function of the Arts and Culture Department.
- This included one full-time Marketing and Communications Specialist and one part-time Web and Graphics Technician.
- In 2021, a new full-time Public Engagement Specialist position was created to support the organization's public engagement efforts.
- In 2024, a second temporary full-time Public Engagement Specialist position was created to support our Planning Department.
- This position is funded by the CMHC (federal funding).
- In 2025, a new Manager of Communications position was created to support our Director of Communications and the department's function.

  The second Web and Graphics Technician role became a full-time position.
- Currently, our Comms Department has a staff of eight people (seven full-time), not including the second Public Engagement Specialist.



### **Budget Engagement**



Community Engagement Event Calendar

Fiscal Civic Showdown: Trivia with Shane Fry

October 23, 6:30 pm at Peak Provisions

**Budget Bingo** 

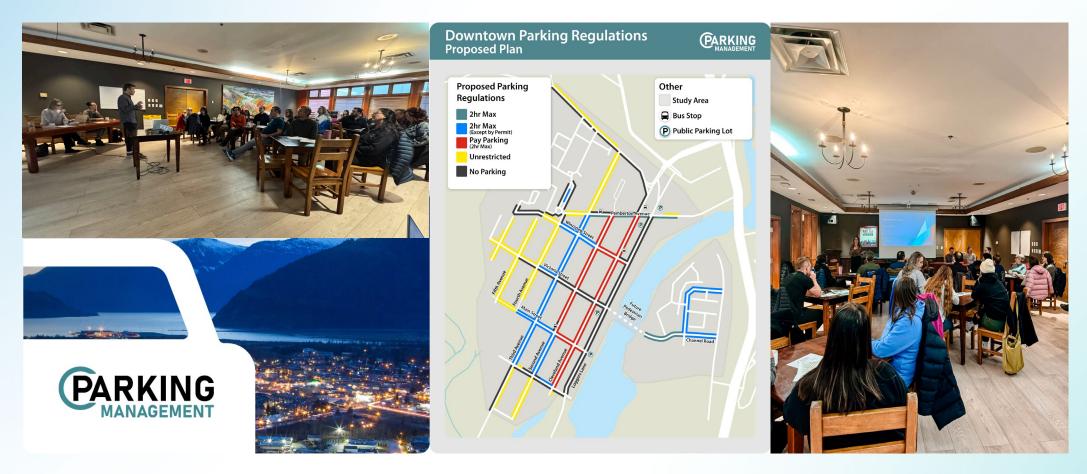
October 20, 5–7 pm at The 55 Activity Centre

**Information Night** 

November 12, 6–8 pm at Howe Sound Inn & Brewing



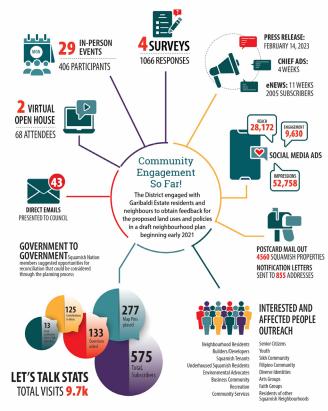
# Parking Management





## Garibaldi Estates Neighborhood Planning





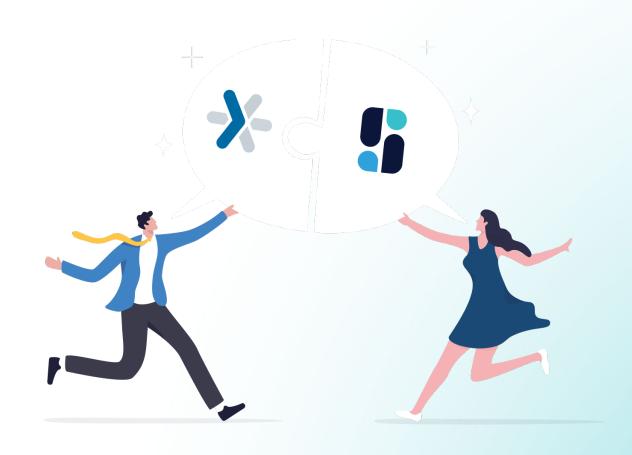


### Overview of Strategies

- 1. When possible, be unconventional and meet people where they're at!
- 2. Work with community partners. It's a good look!
- 3. When required, work with an experienced LOCAL consultant for additional support.



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# **Questions**



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# **Thank You**

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