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Crystal Lake Restoration Begins

Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr. is pleased to announce that the long-awaited Crystal Lake Restoration Project is underway. Work crews are mobilizing at the site and will begin the vital dredging process in a matter of days. Tons of sediment will be removed from the lake basin to restore the water to its natural luster. From there, new amenities will be added to the area to make it an inviting destination for families, nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts of every stripe.

“Peabody residents have waited a long time for this project to become a reality,” said Mayor Bettencourt. “Crystal Lake was once a great source of pride and enjoyment for Peabody families and there has been a tremendous longing to bring it back to its former splendor.”

Indeed, efforts to restore Crystal Lake date back decades and received a pivotal boost in 2006 when then the late State Representative Joyce Spiliotis secured \$800,000 in state funds to dredge the Lake. That money remained earmarked in a special city account which Mayor Bettencourt leveraged in 2014 to jumpstart the project.

“Make no mistake the seeds of this project were planted by Joyce Spiliotis,” said Mayor Bettencourt. “It is a testament to her hard work and diligence, for which she was renowned, as well as her love of the City of Peabody, which will be felt by all those who visit Crystal Lake in the years ahead.”

More recently, the restoration project received a critical boost from a \$400,000 state grant secured by the city’s legislative delegation led by Senator Joan Lovely, Representative Tom Walsh and Representative Ted Spiliotis. Other project funds were derived from existing capital projects accounts and city bond sales.

“Getting the project to this point has involved a lot of hard work by a lot of very dedicated people,” said Mayor Bettencourt. “Now that we are so close to the finish line, there is a great sense of excitement and anticipation.”

Mayor Bettencourt and representatives of the project team will host a community meeting to discuss the project and answer questions from neighbors on Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30p.m. at the West Elementary School on 15 Bow Street. All are welcome to attend.

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