



1st Street Update

A major milestone on the 1st Street Renovation project was completed in March as the new Blue Goose celebrated its Grand Opening event. Owner David Lencioni, along with family members and staff, helped cut the ribbon to begin the official celebration. Mayor Donald DeWitte, several City Alderman, Kane County Board representatives, the Downtown Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, customers and many local community members attended the event. The store's opening has been greatly anticipated and embraced throughout the city.

Just shy of doubling the size of the old store, the new Blue Goose has many new amenities, including two self-check-out registers, new wine and sushi choices and a new coffee bar. Demolition of the old Blue Goose building is scheduled to take place in early April 2008. The southernmost row of parking on the Manor lot will be fenced off for a short period during the demolition, but will be reopened as soon as possible. The rest of the Manor lot will remain open during this time.

On March 17, City Council approved the names for the east and west plazas recommended by the First Street Public Space Design Committee. West plaza was named "First Street Place," and the east plaza has been named "River Terrace Plaza."

Harris Bank will look to celebrate an official grand opening in April of the new Bank location at 409 S. 1st Street. The new location features three drive-thru lanes, accessible off IL 31, two ATMs, a full lobby, and will be one of four full-service Harris Banks in St. Charles. The 50 S. 1st Street drive-thru location closed permanently in March. A grand opening for Harris Bank is planned for April.

On April 7, 2008, construction will begin on Walnut from IL 31 to the Parking Deck. The Private Bank drive-thru will be accessible via IL 31 access near Szechwan. This construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of April. In addition to this work, walkway markings and signs will be posted in late April to direct pedestrians from temporary parking south of Illinois Street to IL 31 and north to Main Street. This pedestrian re-direct will be necessary when First Street closes north of Illinois Street.

Construction on the Plaza will begin May 1 and is scheduled to be complete at the end of July 2008. The vehicle access drive and parking behind the 100 Block will close permanently. Access to the rear of these businesses will remain open thru construction work, and Plaza construction will be staged to facilitate business access and deliveries. The Plaza is likely to open late this summer. The Illinois Bridge and Illinois/ 1st Street intersection will close for storm outfall work and 1st Street construction. This work is expected to be completed at the end of June 2008. The 1st Street area from Illinois to the Manor lot entrance will be closed for construction shortly after May 1.

The parking deck is scheduled to open in late June/ early July 2008. Interim parking is identified on the map on the facing page.

The Electric Utility completed the conversion of electric services for the customers on West Main between 1st and 2nd Streets. AT&T will also be working on conversions to underground service in the near future. The City has received many positive comments about the Streetscape lighting on the east side of First Street in front of Milestone Row. Lighting on the west side of the street south of Indiana is being installed now. Thanks to Rita Tungare and the members of the committee who selected the lights and fixtures.

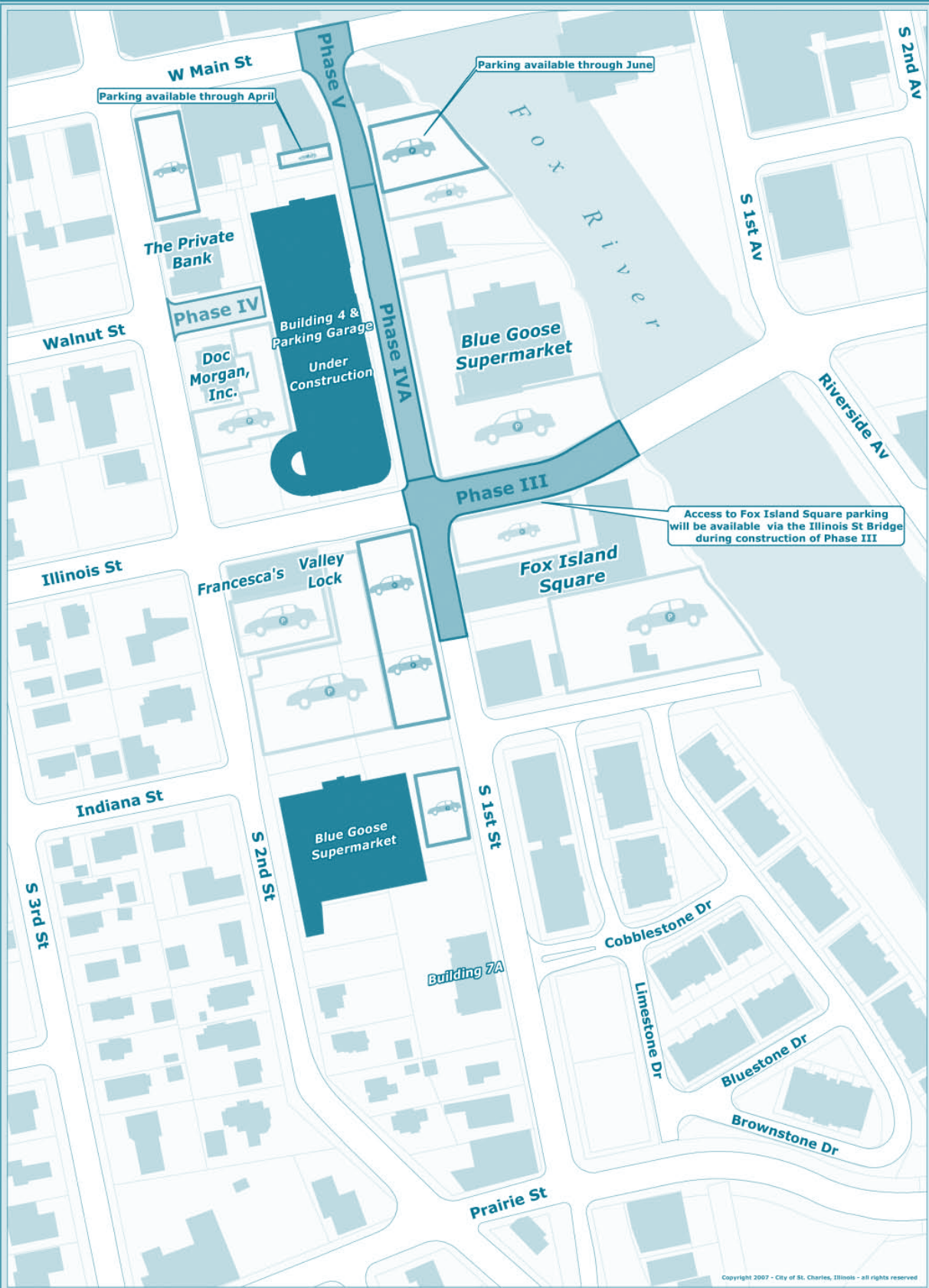
The public is invited to weekly construction update meetings held every Thursday morning, 8 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, 2 E. Main Street. City staff provide updates on the construction work and address questions and comments at these meetings. The First Street web site also has weekly updates, construction schedule, parking maps, and other information about the project, along with an email registry, where subscribers receive weekly email updates. Feedback, questions and comments are always welcome.

1st Street Information

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Street Construction Status

- Phase IV - April
- Phase IV A - July thru August
- Phase III - May thru June
- Phase IV - July thru August

Parking Designation

- Private
- Public

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