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## PROGRESS SEEN IN MERLE HAY GATEWAY AREA

Johnston city leaders consider economic development a top priority and have a number of recent advancements to tell you about, particularly in the Merle Hay Gateway Area.

The entire hotel property located at 5055 Merle Hay Road has been demolished and the site is in the final stages of being cleared so it is shovel ready for development. The former site of a Best Western Hotel and North End Diner is the largest property within the Gateway Area with more than 10 developable acres. Potential investors are actively being sought to redevelop this site.

The City has acquired 5249 Merle Hay Road, a ½ acre parcel strategically located immediately in front of the former hotel property. This acquisition was completed to improve visibility and access to the former hotel property.

To improve visibility of the Gateway Area, particularly to the nearly 100,000 vehicles that pass by on Interstate 35-80 every day, we will update landscaping around Beaver Creek which is located between the former hotel property and the interstate. Tree clearing and improvements are anticipated to be completed by spring 2017. To learn more about Johnston economic development activity, please visit [cityofjohnston.com/economicdevelopment](http://cityofjohnston.com/economicdevelopment) today!



## JAZZ IN JULY CONCERT PLANNED FOR JULY 24



Jazz in July is scheduled for Sunday, July 24 from 5:30 to 8 pm on the grounds of Johnston Commons, located near the Johnston Public Library at 6700 Merle Hay Road.

Jazz in July is a month-long festival that celebrates jazz and art with free outdoor concerts across the Des Moines metro. Each concert is billed by Metro Arts Alliance as a mini festival experience complete with vendors with local artists, children's activities and food and drink vendors.

Our guest artist this year is Damani Phillips, a talented University of Iowa Jazz Professor. The Johnston High School Jazz Combo will start off the night at 5:30! Bring a cooler, lawn chairs or blanket and join us for a beautiful night!

## NEW STORMWATER GRANT PROGRAM COULD SAVE YOU MONEY

Are you curious about rain gardens, rain barrels or native plantings? If you are, the City of Johnston may have just the thing for you. The City has established a Stormwater Homeowner Grant Program. It is a program that allows Johnston homeowners to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) on their property to aid in the improvement of water quality and decrease the water quantity entering our streams, ponds, and storm sewers. The program is intended to help cover the cost of materials and/or contractor labor to install such practices.

The City of Johnston will provide up to a 50 percent match on BMPs constructed on your property, with a maximum reimbursement amount of \$750. Rain barrels will be funded at a maximum of \$75, limit of one per address. The funding may be utilized for multiple practices. Applicants may utilize this program in multiple fiscal years for various BMP projects, with the exception of rain barrels, which are available one time only. Funding is available to applicants on a first come basis and is subject to the approval of the Community Development Department staff and director.

Learn more at [cityofjohnston.com/homeownergrants](http://cityofjohnston.com/homeownergrants) or by attending a public meeting on August 3 at 6 pm at City Hall.



## JOIN IN THE FUN WITH THE 50+ GROUP IN JOHNSTON



Come join us for 50+ Fun Night on Wednesday, July 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Crown Point Community Center, located at 6300 Pioneer Parkway. This active group will be playing a progressive card game, pool, shuffleboard and Wii. Refreshments will be served at this free night sponsored by the Johnston Senior Advisory Board.

Every weekday visit Crown Point for a wide variety of activities, including yoga, quilting, pickle ball, tennis and cards! Learn more about all 50+ events at [cityofjohnston.com/seniors](http://cityofjohnston.com/seniors).

**CITY OFFICES,  
LIBRARY  
CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, JULY 4**



Johnston city offices and the public library will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We look forward to serving you again on Tuesday, July 5. Trash and recycling collections will be delayed one day this week. Monday pickup will take place on Tuesday and Tuesday pickup will take place on Wednesday.