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Chatham, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To recognize, commend and promote the volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize an outstanding community volunteer who personally exhibit outstanding volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities.

The Chatham Friends of the Parks have been selected as the current Volunteers of the Quarter. Chatham Friends of the Parks is a not-for-profit corporation organized and operated to improve, maintain, promote appreciation of and provide other beneficial services to the parks, green spaces, and recreation facilities in and around Chatham. They have created an environment that has introduced many new people to the parks in Chatham and an interest in making them better.

The current event they are involved with includes creating and operating the premier drive thru holiday light display “Light Up the Park”. This event has become the primary funding source for park enhancements and introduced thousands of visitors to the Chatham Community Park. The Friends of the Park also contributes to “Kite up the Park” which encourages young and old to spend relaxing time flying a kite while enjoying a fall day in the Park. Paws-A-Palooza is another event created to raise interest and funding for a dog park, allows dog owners and their pets along with other pet lovers and dog park supporters to enjoy a dog friendly day listening to music, eating, socializing, watching K-9 demonstrations and more.

Some of their major accomplishments include providing funding for a semi-trailer load of approved wood chips for use in the playgrounds, providing \$5,000 towards the cost of converting three tennis courts into eight pickleball courts, improved electrical infrastructure in the Community Park and purchasing a tree to be used as a focal point in Veterans Memorial Square. Along with the Chatham Jaycees, they have provided 50% of the funding for an engineering study for a new park in Chatham. The Friends of the Park are currently funding the construction of Chatham’s first dog park set to open in the spring of 2022.

In honor of the Chatham Friends of the Parks contributions to the community, Peoples Bank & Trust has made a donation to the Chatham Friends of the Park and their names will be placed on a plaque displayed at the bank.

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