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Firelands Local and CLI join in effort to raise funds for McGuan Park revitalization

Two local organizations are participating in fundraising efforts for the McGuan Park revitalization project.

CLI and Firelands Local LLC each have announced upcoming events that will benefit the project, which includes the creation of an [all-abilities playground](#), an [outdoor basketball facility](#), a [pump track](#), and a [kiddie pump track](#). Other planned amenities at McGuan include fencing, benches, lighting, security cameras, landscaping, and a drinking fountain. Restroom renovations also are underway.

CLI (Community, Life & Innovation) is a non-profit agency whose mission is to increase earnings, status and quality of life of people with developmental disabilities. In the past few years, the organization — through its legal entity CLI Local Investments LLC — has purchased and renovated buildings to help fulfill that mission, including [16 W. Main St.](#), [36/38 W. Seminary St.](#) and [Kenilee Lanes at 14-16 E. Seminary St.](#)



The bowling alley will be the site of a fundraiser planned for Saturday, March 13.

Between 2 and 8 p.m., CLI will offer discounted rates, Irish beers, and potato and cabbage stew, with 100 percent of the proceeds (excepting beer sales) being donated to the city's park and recreation department for the McGuan project, according to John Schwartz, the CEO of CLI, Firelands Local LLC and Kenilee Lanes.

Firelands Local, meanwhile, is the business arm of CLI, created in 2016 so the agency could expand its business services and be the employer of record for individuals in the community for CLI-sponsored ventures.

Among the services provided by Firelands Local is document destruction.

On the first Wednesday of each month, a shred drop-off event takes place between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at 306 South Norwalk Road W.

"This is geared towards individuals rather than businesses," said James Johnson, who serves as the general manager for Firelands Local. "We give seniors the first 50 pounds for free. Everything after that, we charge 25 cents per pound."

Johnson said all proceeds and donations from the monthly shred drop-off days in March, April and May will go toward the McGuan project.

"Today was our first day for this and we will be donating \$188.50," Johnson said.

The next two shred drop-off days are April 7 and May 5.



In spring of 2003, CLI launched CLI Document Destruction, offering certified secure document destruction to local businesses.

Since then, CLI Document Destruction has grown to destroy about 1 million pounds of records, serving more than 800 customers each year, including banks, hospitals and other professional offices. Paper records and micromedia are accepted.

Shredded material is immediately compressed into 1,000 pound bales that are stored in a secure shred room until being delivered to paper mills to be pulped and recycled into new

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