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Village Green residents are protected from water shutoff through April, thanks to a judge's order on Tuesday.

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Judge rules on Village Green

Water shutoff banned until May 1

By Joseph Ditts
South Bend Tribune

A judge Tuesday banned Mishawaka Utilities from shutting off the water at the Village Green mobile home park until May 1 — later than the April 12 deadline that the city-owned utility had set for the park's owners to pay up on several months of overdue bills.

St. Joseph Circuit Court Judge John Broden set the extra time as relief for residents who must pay their rent by Thursday, not knowing whether or not they'd lose water and, as a result, have to leave their homes this month.

It will offer residents of the 400 homes some small measure of certainty for the next 27 days, Broden wrote in his order.

This comes because of seven residents who'd filed a request last week to intervene in a lawsuit by Village Green's owners against the utility. The nonprofit Indiana Legal Services is representing them.

Broden had denied a prior request by Village Green's owners to prevent the city from shutting off utilities. In his order Tuesday, he said the arguments in both cases were different and deserved their own separate analysis.

But Broden denied the residents' request to set a receiver for all utility payments by Village Green's residents. The idea was to ensure that Mishawaka Utilities is paid, but both the city and Village Green owners had opposed it.

In his ruling, Broden said there was "uncertainty" as to how the

"It will be like Wrigleyville, but we think nicer."

— South Bend Cubs President Joe Hart

HEADING FOR HOME



Construction of Key Plaza is well underway at Four Winds Field on the south end of downtown South Bend. The first of the new three-story buildings will be ready for occupancy by July 20 and will include a rooftop space that will be completed in June.

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Developments breathe life into city's near south side

By Ed Semmler | South Bend Tribune

It was less than a decade ago that the half mile or so from Coveleski Stadium to the heart of downtown South Bend felt like a desolate stretch of mostly empty buildings and lots.

But that area's revitalization is now evident in the millions of dollars in construction activity at the former Studebaker auto assembly complex along South Lafayette Boulevard, the Hillbend Building along South Main Street and the four new buildings that are rapidly taking shape around Four Winds Field.

"We're hoping this project helps close the gap between downtown and here," said South Bend Cubs President Joe Hart.

who is overseeing construction of The Key at Berlin Place — a \$22 million mixed-use project that will include 121 apartments as well as about 10,000 square feet of restaurant/retail space. The South Bend Cubs are the Class A minor league baseball affiliate of the Chicago Cubs.

The first of the new three-story buildings will be ready for occupancy by July 20; it will include a two-bedroom apartment.

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Success on the south side

These are some of the projects that are helping fill the empty gaps between the core of downtown and the Studebaker complex.



LEGEND

- A** Studebaker Building, along South Lafayette Boulevard. South Bend Cubs owner Andrew Rabin is developing a \$27-million mixed-use project. But, will include 121 apartments.
- B** Hillbend Building, 325 S. Main St., undergoing a multimillion-dollar renovation. It will convert into a mixed-use facility.
- C** The Key at Berlin Place, along South Lafayette Boulevard. South Bend Cubs owner Andrew Rabin is developing a \$27-million mixed-use project. But, will include 121 apartments.
- D** Kiewit moved to 412 S. Lafayette Blvd. last year. The company, developer and maintains software for insurance companies.
- E** James P. Rabin has completed the building at Corner of Lafayette and S. Lafayette Blvd. for his new office.
- F** Greater South Bend Transit Authority has plans to take over the former Census Service Center at 323 S. Wayne St.

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Concrete plant expected to create 15 jobs

Company to open in New Carlisle industrial area

By Ted Barker
South Bend Tribune

NEW CARLISLE — A concrete batch plant will soon be built in the industrial area that is being developed by St. Joseph County to the east of New Carlisle.

Valparaiso-based Smith Ready Mix will build its \$2 million plant southeast of the intersection of Walnut and Edison roads. It plans to open the plant this summer, creating 15 jobs.

County officials have trumpeted the project by saying it shows their development efforts in the area near New Carlisle — on the northwestern edge of the county between Indiana 2 and U.S. 20 — are starting to pay off.

"This is the first of several projects that we believe we'll land in the New Carlisle industrial park this year," Bill Schallert, the county's economic development director, said at a recent county Redevelopment Commission meeting.

Douglas Smith, president of the family-owned company, said he views the area as a "potentially robust market for the future."

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This photo shows the industrial area being developed by St. Joseph County to the east of New Carlisle. A concrete batch plant will soon be built in the area.

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