

## **Riverboat Development Authority Funds Park Projects**

Thanks to a grant from the Riverboat Development Authority, a variety of improvement projects will take place at the Park this spring. The projects include a new patio in front of the outdoors fireplace near the Jens Lorenzen Pavillion. Several trees overhanging the historic streetcar pavilion will also be removed. The Park's main welcome sign will get "spruced-up" and the main trailhead sign will be totally revamped. Several projects in the wooded area of the Park will include some major trail rehabilitation and the Deer Pond will also get some attention. The pond's spillway will be modified to allow about 2 feet more of water to be retained. Repairs to the spillway culvert



will also be completed. Volunteers from the Community Restoration Team will assist with many of these projects.

## **15 New Birdhouses Installed**

Bill Hamilton of the German American Family Club built 15 bird houses for Wrens, Blue Birds, Screech Owls and other species. Along with his son-in-law, Rick Petty, Bill installed the bird houses in the woods at Schuetzen Park last fall. This is the second time that Bill has contributed his talents to the Park by building and donating nesting boxes.

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### **Founders Day - Memorial Day Celebration**

Davenport City Cemetery  
Rockingham Road & Division Street  
Saturday May 29 from 10:00-11:00

## **Park Archives, Website, Undergo Changes**

The Schützenpark Gilde has a wonderful collecting of items from old Schützenpark. A selection of those items have also been on display at Heritage Court at Schuetzen Park, 3401 Schuetzen Lane. A major reorganization of the collection occurred this past winter, with new, vibrant and informative displays. At the same time, the Park's website also underwent some major revisions. Most notably, new pages were added to the website to make the Park's collection of items more accessible to the public. Just log onto [www.SchuetzenPark.info](http://www.SchuetzenPark.info) and go to the "Archives" page. There you will find subcategories of subjects like "Turn-Verein", "Sängerfest", "Schützen-Verein", etc. Researchers wanting to inspect the real items may do so by contacting the Schützenpark Gilde. Enjoy!

## **Jens Lorenzen Pavillion Gets Improvements**

Thanks to generous gifts from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, the Mary Iva Gittens Knouse Charitable Trust, and The City of Davenport Neighborhood Beautification Fund (Alderman Nathan Brown), several improvements to the Jens Lorenzen Pavillion will be completed before the beginning of the 2010 season at the Park. Among these improvements are: ceramic tile kitchen floor, wainscot paneling in kitchen, gas wall heater in kitchen, colored exterior soffit lights, and most significantly, the installation of the Tyrollean bell tower. The tower was hand made in Austria and arrived at the Park in February. The tower is a functional embellishment that will add charm and uniqueness to the Pavillion. In the Tyrollean Alps, the bells from these towers, each with a unique sound, would call farmers to their homes for meals or emergencies. Our tower will call our guests to the Pavillion for great home-cooked meals. Many thanks to the Painters Apprenticeship Program, Local 502/627, for their help staining the Pavillion, as well as the Park's bandstand.

# 140th Anniversary Celebration

## 12th June

Lawn Chairs or picnic blankets encouraged.

10:30 Gates open - Admission Free.

12:00 & 2:00 - 30 Minute guided walking tours the Park.

11:00-3:00 Meals Served from Jens Lorenzen Pavillion.

11:00-1:00 Quad City Brass Quintet performs - German / American Program.

1:00 - 140th Anniversary Group Photo of all in attendance.

1:30 - 3:30 Hot Club of Davenport performs - Gypsy Jazz.

*Today's Music was provided as a memorial to Ruth Stelk. Ruth enjoyed music in Schuetzen Park as a youth, and again in her 90's with the Schuetzen Park Revival!*



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