

2006 Veranstaltungskalender

-Activities-

April 17-23 - Earth Day / Arbor Day

Tree plantings and other projects at Schuetzen Park. Call 323-4225 to volunteer.

June 2 - "Ernst Otto" Concert for Kids & Seniors. (See Story Below)

June 8 - Scott County Historic Preservation Society annual meeting. (441- 0698)

August 13 - Annual German American Family Club Picnic at Schuetzen Park. 322-5489

September 24 - Annual *Oktoberfest Sunday* at Schuetzen Park. 322-5489

Community Restoration Program Continues Projects in Park

A program begun in 2004 by the Scott County Sheriff's office is making great progress on a couple fronts in the Park. Participants of the "Community Restoration" program helped remove invasive honeysuckle from the park last fall. This winter, participants have been spreading cinders donated by the City of Davenport on the Park's trails. Both projects will greatly enhance the beauty and usefulness of the Park. Since May of 2005, more than 398 man hours have been donated by this program to the Park. We thank all involved in these projects for their generous assistance.

Jens Lorenzen Pavillion gets lit!

Thanks to a generous gift from the German American Family Club, the Jens Lorenzen Pavillion will be wired for electricity by the time the Park opens for the 2006 season. The project will include lighting for the kitchen, storage area and picnic table. Electrical outlets will be added for use during events. A grant from the Riverboat Development Authority in 2005 secured a generator for the Park, which will power the Pavillion's electrical system. In the future, the grove in front of the Pavillion will be lit like the "Electric Parks" of 1900, with strings of colored lights!

Prairie Demonstration Hillside

Eagle Scout candidate Jeff Rice spent a weekend last fall working to invigorate our landscape. Jeff, of Troop 82 based at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bettendorf, along with members of Troops 24 & 82, cleared and planted native Iowa prairie plants on the once weedy hillside next to the Jens Lorenzen Pavillion. Plants include wild petunia, purple prairie clover, Blackwell Switchgrass, to name a few. Jeff hopes that the prairie will serve to help beautify the Park, as well as stop erosion and inform people about natural Iowa prairies. To complete his Eagle project, Jeff and the other scouts also built and placed four large bat houses throughout the Park, to give our large bat population a place to live. Many thanks to Wells Fargo Bank Iowa, N.A. for funding these projects.

Ernst Otto Returns to Schuetzen Park

Wells Fargo Bank will help bring back the music of Prof. Ernst Otto: Teacher, Composer & Musician. The Bank, along with the Schützenpark Gilde, will present a "Concert for Kids & Seniors" on June 2nd. Otto was born in Schönwalde, Schleswig-Holstein/Germany in 1862. He came to the U.S. at the age of 17. Among his many accomplishments was the creation of his own band - Otto's Orchestra and Military Band. Otto performed at the Schuetzen Park, as well as other locations, for many years. Prof. Otto was the director of music for the Davenport Public Schools from 1895-1920. He directed many choruses, including one of 2000 children at one of Davenport's many Sangerfests. More than 50 compositions are credited to Otto. 10 compositions will be heard at the June 2 concert. Local vocalists Susan McPeters and Brian Nelson, along with pianist Mark Prebyl, will perform at the event. While the morning concert for school children is not open to the public, the 1:30 p.m. program is a public performance. The location of the 1:30 event is Heritage Court at Schuetzen Park: 3401 Schuetzen Lane. For more information call: 563-323-4225 or e-mail: SchuetzenPark@aol.com.

You can see a picture of Prof. Otto on the Park's website: www.SchuetzenPark.info. Click on the "Culture" page, then on Prof. Ernst Otto's name.

QC Earthweek Fair

“Quad City Earthweek” is an organized effort among environmental-oriented groups to promote Earth Week and numerous activities associated with it. The Schuetzenpark Gilde is a charter member of QC Earthweek. The organization allows member groups to network while also coordinating promotional efforts, resources and manpower. One of the groups efforts is the “Earthweek Fair”, which will take place on Saturday, April 22 2006 at the QCCA Expo Center (2621-4th Ave Rock Island, IL). The Fair spotlights the numerous environmental preservation activities which take place in and around the Quad Cities. Admission to the Fair is free of charge. More information about QC Earthweek can be obtained from Erin Robinson, QC Earthweek Coalition, P.O. Box 2245 Davenport, Iowa 52809-2245. Tel: 563-386-9575.

www.qcearthweek.org

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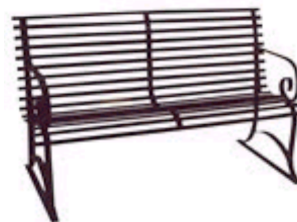
The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and MidAmerican Energy Corp. will partner with the Schuetzenpark Gilde to plant several new trees near the Park's *Festplatz*. Unfortunately, the Park's iconic 100+ year old oak tree near the *Festplatz*, died and was recently cut down. Though it will be many years before the replacement trees will make the impact that the old tree did, future generations will indeed enjoy the shade, and the Park's wildlife will appreciate the food they produce. Youth from the Boys and Girls Club will plant the trees the week of the environmental awareness days.

New Sidewalk to Jens Lorenzen Pavillion

A 250ft sidewalk has been installed leading from the parking area of the Good Samaritan Center to the Jens Lorenzen Picnic Pavillion. The sidewalk is built to the *Americans with Disabilities Act* standards so all citizens can access the Pavillion. We thank those who made this project possible: The Mary Iva Gittens Knouse Charitable Trust, Builders Sand & Cement, Davenport Good Samaritan Center, Fahrenkrog Concrete Construction and the “Community Restoration” team.

Benches: a place to unwind!

Perhaps no other item symbolizes the relaxing nature of a park - a park bench is an inviting place for all to sit, unwind and reflect. Throughout its history, Schuetzen Park has always offered its guests a comfortable place to lean-back. Whether it be for a concert, a sunset or after a walk in the Schützenwald, the bench is a welcome site for all. Though a number of benches have been donated, they are still in short supply in the Schuetzen Park. Seating for 200 people is our goal, which means we need to triple the number of benches we currently have. We invite you to sponsor a bench for **\$150**. Your name, or that of a loved or honored person, may be placed on the bench. You can use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation and write the name of the dedication.



**The Park
needs more
benches.**



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