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May 2021

Annual Picnic!

Thursday June 10
Schuetzen Park
6:00 pm



Let's try our first event of 2021!

This year because of Covid, the picnic food will be catered. Instead of bringing a dish please donate \$5. You only need to bring your drink of choice.

Menu:

Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, watermelon, and chocolate cake.

Hope to see you there!

Announcements

- Have ideas for tours? Let a board member know.
- Schuetzen Park is having a celebration on Saturday, June 12.

Now is an excellent time to renew your membership in SCHPS for the 2021-2022 membership year (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022).

Send your check for \$15 (\$20 if you wish to receive the newsletter via USPS) to
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Schuetzen Park in Davenport, Iowa



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If you have not been to Schuetzen Park before, don't miss this opportunity to enjoy this singular nature park within the city of Davenport. Along with great food, pleasant comradery, and celebrating the rebirth of face-to-face SCHPS activities, you will be free to wander the trails of the park and enjoy a little early-June Quad Cities nature.

From Wikipedia: Schuetzen Park is a privately owned 24-acre park located in the west end of Davenport, Iowa. It was originally developed by the Davenport Schuetzengesellschaft as a location for the practice of target shooting in the traditional German style called "Schuetzen." The park opened on June 12, 1870, and at its zenith, the park consisted of an Inn, music pavilion, dance hall, shooting range, refreshment stands, roller coaster [which in 1922 was advertised as the largest and safest in Iowa], bowling alleys and a zoo. The park's streetcar railway station, built in 1911, is the only original structure that remains from the original park. The park flourished until the outbreak of World War I, when anti-German sentiment rose in Davenport and across the country. Many German businesses changed their names; the Schuetzenverein was renamed the Davenport Shooting Association and Schuetzenpark was for a time renamed Forest Park. In 1923 the park was sold to the Chiropractic Psychopathic Sanitarium. In 1960 the sanitarium complex was sold to the Good Samaritan Society for use as a nursing home and assisted living center. The nursing home still remains in operation on a small portion of the site. In 1995 restoration efforts began of the grounds and once again cultural events and other activities take place there. The park has acres of nature trails, a deer pond, Bavarian Wayside Shrine, the original streetcar station, and the granite remains of the German Savings Bank. In 2005 a new picnic pavilion was erected and in 2008 a new bandstand was constructed. The park is now owned and operated by the non-profit Schuetzenpark Gilde under the leadership of Kory Darnall.