Census 2010
Bettendorf and Beyond

Other Facts from the 2010 Census:

• Only one state in the nation lost population, Michigan.
• The House of Representatives contains 435 members. Reapportionment will soon show two states losing two members, Ohio and New York, eight states will each lose one member; those being Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Louisiana. Conversely, Washington, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Georgia and South Carolina will each gain one, while Texas and Florida will gain two.
• In the U.S. there is an average of 87.4 people per square mile. In Bettendorf there are 1,554 people per square mile.

Facts comparing the 2000 to the 2010 census:

• The U.S. grew to 308.8 million people, a rate of 9.7%.
• The State of Iowa grew to 3.05 million people, a rate of 4.1%.
• Our QC Metro grew to 379,690 people, a rate of 1%.
• Scott County grew to 165,224, a rate of 4.1%.
• Bettendorf grew to 33,217 people, a rate of 6.3%.

New Forest Grove Road Area Park

The City of Bettendorf purchased 95 acres of land in the spring of 2010 with some help from REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) funds. The property is located north of Forest Grove Road, and about one half mile east of Middle Road with the north boundary of the property abutting Interstate 80. The property consists of both flat and rolling farmland and wooded ravines along Spencer Creek.

The City is now in the process of soliciting proposals to perform a needs assessment and preliminary design services. The primary objective for this project is to provide clear guidance for future phases of park development. The firm must provide a plan that meets the current and future needs of the community in a practiced and sustainable way.

The City continues to work to improve the quality of outdoor recreation resources by enhancing numerous recreational opportunities through the construction of facilities, playgrounds, and recreational structures that assist and influence the community to partake in physical recreational and educational needs desired by everyone. This multi-use park will incorporate both passive and active recreational components for residents and visitors of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds so that citizens may experience something extraordinary for many years to come.
After a severe winter and the threat of flooding, I am happy to enter the summer months with a positive outlook. I am proud of the city staff and the work they did clearing streets of snow and ice. After an extreme winter, they were given the task to prepare for flooding. We were fortunate that the flood predictions for our area were not as severe as first predicted. On behalf of the City Council, we would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time filling sandbags.

On February 24 of this year, the City hosted a public information meeting concerning the 2011/12 budget, which totals $82 million. During the meeting, we announced that our financial outlook for the next 18 months remains stable with healthy fund balances, a significant General Fund levy growth available, and stable revenue streams. The City Council has a history of conservative spending and continues with strong fiscal planning and adherence to polices. You can find more information concerning the City’s budget by visiting www.bettendorf.org.

The current version of the Community Improvements Program shows Tanglefoot Lane reconstruction from Devils Glen Road to Utica Ridge Road in three phases. The first phase is from Devils Glen Road to 18th Street. This work will take place during the construction season of 2011 and is budgeted at approximately $3.1M. The second phase is from the bus barn to Greenbrier Drive and will occur during the 2012 construction season at a cost of $3.0M. The last phase is from Greenbrier to Utica Ridge Road and will take place during the 2013 construction season with an estimate of $3.6M. When completed, the pavement will have two travelled lanes with a center bi-directional turn lane. The outside portions of the pavement will be delineated for bike travel in each direction.

Recently, plans were announced for Faye’s Field, which will be a 1.5 acre greenspace, giving the Learning Campus a much needed area where visitors can enjoy special events or sit and read. This unique outdoor space consists of rain gardens, native grasses, trees, and an area for concerts. Faye’s Field was named in honor of former Library Director Faye Clow who passed away on February 18, 2011. The completion date for the project is summer 2011.

Last year, the City participated in the National Citizen Survey. Participants were selected at random. A total of 446 completed surveys were obtained, providing an overall response rate of 40%. Almost all participants experienced a good quality of life in Bettendorf and believed the city is a good place to live. In general, survey respondents gave strong scores to local government. A majority rated the overall direction being taken by the City as “good” or “excellent.” This was much higher than the benchmark. Of the 34 services for which comparisons were available, all 34 were above the benchmark comparison.

As a Bettendorf resident, you know that our City has so much to offer from affordable homes, quality education opportunities, and 23 recreation parks that are second to none. Other leisure services and facilities for all ages include Palmer Hills Golf Course, which houses a full service restaurant, Splash Landing Aquatic Center, Life Fitness Center, Veterans’ Memorial Park Bandshell, two boat launches and docks, and 7.8 miles of fitness and recreation trails.

I could go on discussing projects and events, but there is just not enough time. I do want to extend you a personal invitation to experience all that Bettendorf has to offer. Visit our webpage at www.bettendorf.org to find out more about our great community.

Enjoy the warm weather!
### Important Ordinances

- **Any excrement discharged by animals on public or private property must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly.** Do not dispose of excrement in storm sewers or street gutters. Do not allow animals to run at large within the city. An animal can be walked off the premises as long as the animal is on a leash not more than six feet in length and under the control of a person competent to restrain and control the animal.

- **Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian.**

- **Weed/Grass Cutting:** All weeds, vines, brush, or other growth are required to be cut when the growth exceeds ten inches in height in all developed areas or within two hundred feet of any developed area or urban streets. In other areas of the city, all weeds, vines, brush, or other growth shall be cut or destroyed when said growth exceeds two feet.

Questions concerning city ordinances should be directed to the Code Enforcement Department at 563-344-4064.

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- **8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday**

### City Webpage

- [www.bettendorf.org](http://www.bettendorf.org)

### City Administrator

- **Decker Ploehn**
  - 563-344-4007
  - dploehn@bettendorf.org

### Building Inspection Services

- 563-344-4074

### Police Department

- 563-344-4015
- Emergency: **911**

### Modern Public Works

- Garbage, Yard Waste, & Recycling
  - 563-344-4088

### Fire Department

- 563-344-4052
- Emergency: **911**

### Family Museum

- 563-344-4106

### Library

- 563-344-4175

### Parks & Recreation Administration

- 563-344-4113

### Splash Landing

- 563-344-4124

### Life Fitness Center

- 563-344-4119

### Palmer Hills Golf Course

- 563-332-8296

### Economic Development

- 563-344-4060

### Community Development

- 563-344-4100

### Code Enforcement

- 563-344-4064
What You Can Do to Improve Water Quality in Your Local Streams and Rivers

As a concerned citizen in Bettendorf there are many ways you can help to improve water quality in local streams and rivers. Get involved in sampling your local waterways during the semi-annual snapshot with the IOWATER program held in May and October. Volunteers are always needed to help during the annual Xstream Cleanup during the month of August to remove litter from the streams. Litter cleanup in the downtown area of Bettendorf is performed annually during the month of April by volunteers.

Additionally, you can help at home by limiting the amount of pesticides and fertilizers used on your lawn. Wash your vehicle at a commercial vehicle wash or on a vegetated area of your lawn. Pick up pet waste when walking your pet. Dispose of chemicals and pharmaceuticals properly. Compost your lawn clippings to use on your landscaped areas.

All of the practices mentioned will help to reduce the amount of chemicals and waste entering your local streams and ensure that they remain clean and viable for not only wildlife and habitat, but for the residents of Bettendorf as well. Please check the city’s website for details on the volunteer opportunities or events in your community.

Summer Reading for All!

Start your child on a worldwide reading adventure . . .

One World, Many Stories

2011 Summer Reading Program at the Bettendorf Public Library
May 31 - July 30

As the summer months are fast approaching, calendars are starting to fill with sporting events, vacations, and more. We hope that you are penciling in time for reading as well. The Bettendorf Public Library offers summer reading programs for all ages.

The programs begin on May 31. Stop by the Library to sign up and receive a reading log. Keep track of the books you read, and once you’ve completed the set reading goals, you’ve earned your reward!

We’ve made summer reading even easier for you by offering books on CD and Playaway as well as downloadable audiobooks and eBooks. These on-the-go selections are available for all ages and best of all - they are FREE.

Stop by the Library or visit www.bettendorflibrary.com for more details.

eBooks from the Library

Take your books on the go this summer! The Library now has eBooks available to download through the Library’s website. Bettendorf Library card holders can check out and download eBooks anytime by visiting www.bettendorflibrary.com. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the 14-day lending period, so no late fees!

The process is simple. Go to wilbor.lib.overdrive.com. Follow the prompts to download and authorize Adobe Digital Editions. Once that’s done, log in with your Bettendorf Library card at wilbor.lib.overdrive.com, checkout up to three eBooks (again following the easy prompts) and download. Once downloaded, you can transfer them to your compatible eBook reader with a simple drag and drop.

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Police Summer Crime Prevention Tips

Summer is fast approaching, which will bring warmer weather, more outside activities, and unfortunately, more of an opportunity for crimes to happen.

The Bettendorf Police Department reminds residents to keep vehicles locked with the windows up when not occupied. Also remove valuables including purses, cell phones, laptop computers, etc.

Keep all doors closed and locked including residences, garages, sheds, and patio doors. Burglaries from open garages, sheds, and residences are more prevalent in the summer months, and can even occur when the homeowner is in their backyard.

Avoid Home Improvement Scams. Be aware of anyone performing unscheduled home repairs, or asking to gain entry to your home. Ask for an I.D. and contact the company to verify legitimacy. Also, do not pay for services until work is completed.

Vacation Plans? Stop delivery on mail and newspapers, or have a neighbor pick them up. Set inside lights on a timer to come on at night. Call the police and ask to be placed on our vacation watch list. Volunteers will check the exterior of your residence when you are away, and report any suspicious activity to the police.

See It, Hear It, and Report It. Report all suspicious activity immediately to the police by calling 911. Talk to neighbors about forming a neighborhood watch group to help keep your neighborhood safe. If you have more questions or would like to start a watch group in your neighborhood, please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 563-344-4037.

Have a safe summer from the Bettendorf Police Department.

Learn More About Your City

The Bettendorf Police Department, with the assistance of other area law enforcement agencies, has graduated 363 citizens from the Iowa Quad City Police Citizen Academy. Bettendorf has sponsored all nine academies, focusing on the operations of law enforcement.

After graduating from the nine week program, many citizens continue as volunteers for the department. There are currently 84 volunteers who provide a very valuable service to the city.

In 2008, Bettendorf started a city-wide program called Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy. This seven week program focuses on our city government, giving participants the opportunity to explore all city departments. Many of the Bettendorf 101 participants become Citizen Police Academy participants as well.

These programs are an excellent tool for citizens to learn about their community. The interaction between employees and our citizens is a valuable way for our employees to learn what is important to our citizens and to work with them in keeping Bettendorf a “Premier City.”

Landscaping Tips for Drainage Improvements

With the onset of spring rains, you may want to consider ways to improve drainage on your property. Rain gardens planted with native plants provide habitat for butterflies, hummingbirds, and beneficial insects as well as reducing surface runoff. Take advantage of compost from your local compost facility to re-build poor soil quality in your yard. Compost will hold its weight in water. Native plants and grasses can be incorporated into the natural drainage area of your landscaping. The native plants cleanse the water as it filters through the deep roots, thereby discharging cleaner water to your local streams. If your driveway or walkway needs replacement, consider installing pervious pavement to allow the water to infiltrate rather than run off.

There is a cost-share program through the Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) that will assist residents in reimbursement of up to 50% (up to $2,000) for each project that infiltrates 75% of the runoff on the property. To find out how you can qualify for this program contact Clare Kerofsky at 563-391-1403, extension 3. Clare can provide free technical guidance in design, installation, and placement. In addition, the City of Bettendorf Public Works Department will provide digging of the area for rain gardens or bio-cells approved by this program.

Bettendorf Police would also like to remind you that during the summer months there is more pedestrian traffic on our sidewalks and city streets. Please be mindful of people, especially children and the disabled, who cross city streets and parking areas. Your patience and consideration is appreciated.
Would You Like to Know What is Happening in the City of Bettendorf?

Visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org, watch Cable Channel 9, or follow the City on Twitter.

Subscribe to the Citizen's Information E-Mail List.

You will receive weekly updates on city events, holiday schedules, garbage collection schedules, job openings, and more! Information will be sent as plain text or Adobe Acrobat (PDF). Your e-mail address will not be shared with or sold to any third party. You may unsubscribe at any time.

To join, visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org and click on the Citizen Information E-mail link located on the main page under the “Did You Know” section.

Sign up for the 2011 Fall Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy

The academy gives residents an in-depth look at how their city government operates through discussions, demonstrations, and site visits.

We are now taking names for the 2011 fall Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy, which is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 1. The City hosts two academies each year, spring and fall. Each academy runs for approximately seven weeks. Classes are held on Thursday nights from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. with the exception of bus tours.

Participants should not miss more than two sessions. During the academy, participants may be asked to climb stairs, take part in walking tours, and sit for an extended period of time. You must be at least 18 years of age and be a resident of Bettendorf.

To make sure every attendee gets the most out of the academy, class size is kept to 30 participants.

To have your name added to the list for the next academy, please e-mail lhaldeman@bettendorf.org or call 563/344-4033. Space is limited. If you do not make the fall academy, your name will be added to the list for 2012 spring academy.

For more information about Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy, visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org and click on the link located on the main page under the “Did You Know” section.