City Celebrates Centennial

The City of Bettendorf celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. You can help celebrate the Centennial by purchasing Centennial merchandise such as mugs, banners, t-shirts, key chains, and much more. The items are available at Ann’s Hallmark, Eagle Knit Store, Hy-Vee Food Store, Kile’s Hallmark, Isle of Capri Gift Shop, Osco Drug, Walgreen Drug Store, and Wallace’s Garden Center.

Also, plan to see the Centennial Garden, located at Middle Park, this spring and enjoy this unique array of flowers. The actions and behaviors must be focused on the receiver of the message. They are 8” by 8” stone and can be engraved with three lines with 13 letters and spaces per line. Order forms are available at the Community Center, City Hall, Bettendorf Library, and the Family Museum.

Centennial Events Calendar

• Mystery books discussion group meet at the Bettendorf Public Library to discuss mystery books that were popular over the past 100 years.
• Beginning June 4, you can visit the Family Museum and see the new Smithsonian exhibit, PICTURING THE CENTURY. These black and white photos depict the life of Americans during the 20th Century.
• On June 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Bettendorf Park Band will provide an evening of music period at the Middle Park Bandshell.
• On June 6 & 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m., the play, Chordbusters, will be performed at the Riveredge Dining & Theater Center.
• On June 6 & 8, beginning at 10:00 a.m., an auction will be held at the Isle of Capri. Donated deer will be auctioned off with the proceeds split between Quad City Arts and the Performing Arts Center fund.
• On June 8, an Ecumenical Church Service will be held at Middle Park at noon
• On June 8, a Centennial Concert in Bettendorf, courtesy of the Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Society in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bix Beiderbecke. Cake and ice cream will be served. Admission is free.
• On July 25, 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., enjoy the Bix Concert in Bettendorf, courtesy of the Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Society in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bix Beiderbecke. Cake and ice cream will be served. Admission is free.

The goal of the law nation-wide is to reduce the amount of pol- lutant that enters wastewater treatment systems and, ultimately, into our streams and lakes. The principal benefit of this law is the reduction in water pollution and resulting improvement in the quality of life associated with these streams. The Public Works Department is the lead ele- ment for the city staff in implementing this law, but the city council requires all citizens to participate and ultimately change their behaviors in the terms of its per- mit. The permit will be in place for five years and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources expects annual reports of such progress. All residents of the City are required to comply with these laws.

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City’s Budget

The Mayor and City Council are pleased to report they have adopted the City’s Fiscal Year 2003/2004 budget. As discussed during the FY 2003/04 budget work sessions, the outlook for FY 2003/04 projects that most revenue streams city-wide will remain flat at FY 2002/03 levels. As a result, the Mayor and City Council have adopted freezing the FY 2003/04 operating budget at current levels in an effort to contain costs and continue providing all existing city programs and services to Bettendorf citizens.

The property tax levy rate remains constant at $11.85 per $1,000 assessed valuation.

In an effort to decrease reliance on property taxes and gaming revenue, the annual fee charged in the Solid Waste Utility Fund for recycling and solid waste removal will increase from $31.20 to $50.00 effective January 1, 2004. A citizen task force will be created to evaluate various methods of garbage removal, yard waste removal, bulky waste, and billing for services. The Mayor & City Council have directed staff to draft a Storm Water Utility ordinance for their review and adoption prior to July 1, 2003.

The General Fund provides for basic City services and operations not required to be accounted for in other funds. It is the largest of the city’s funds. Resources: property taxes, local option sales tax, business license fees, and permit fees.

Special Revenue Funds account for specific sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Debt Service Fund account for the payment of interest and principal on the City’s long-term debt obligations for capital assets, improvements and land acquisition. Resources: property Taxes, interest, and local option sales tax.

Capital Projects Funds account for resources used in the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and capital assets. Resources: bond proceeds, gaming revenues, grants and local option taxes.

Internal Service Funds account for the financing of goods and services provided by one department to other city departments at a cost reimbursement basis. Resources: charges for services, interest earnings.

Enterprise Funds account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent is to provide goods or services to the general public primarily through user charges.