City Council members do not have set office hours at City Hall, but do check in frequently for messages and correspondence.

Major Projects in Bettendorf
- 4th St. reconstruction & sewer separation (total estimated cost: $1,740,628.00)
- Field Sike paving Barovics to Devils Glen Rd. Cost: $1,406,314.62
- Centra Ave. asphalt concrete overlay 16th St. to 13th St. Cost: $1,379,376.00
- Lincoln Rd. paving Kimberly Rd. to west of Hwy 76 Cost: $1,057,297.80
- 2008/09 citywide street patching including Crow Creek Rd. reconstruction from 168th St. to Lindberg and Spring Hills Dr. reconstruction Cost: $2,527,260.00
- 2008/09 sidewalk repair, sidewalk ADA ramp replacement included Cost: $177,762.25
- Middle Rd. over Duck Creek bridge deck Cost: $121,306.20
- Tanglewood Lane extension, YMCA to Middle Rd. Cost: $1,152,272.00
- 26th St. paving, phase 1, Central to Oak Cost: $338,542.30
- Middle Rd. and 53rd recreation trail Cost: $895,659.45
- Sewer Separation at O.C. Pool and Spa, 13th St. Cost: $92,423.30
- Belmont Rd. Paving-Phase 1 Cost: $1,362,290.85
- Sunburst Dr. reconstruction Cost: $847,041.00
- Sycamore Terrace Cost: $399,207.22
- Sealing cost: $128,678.00
- Devils Glen Rd. at Hwy 9A Cost: $87,429.10
- Milky way 4th St. to Carter Terrace Cost: $100,674.78
- Valley Dr. concrete overlay Cost: $474,220.00
Total Value of Work: $12,639,268.78

On Thursday, September 4, the City of Bettendorf hosted its first Bettendorf 101 City Citizen Academy. The academy was designed to give Bettendorf residents an in-depth look at how their city government operates.

For seven weeks, 25 Bettendorf residents took part in a seven-week workshop, where department heads and other city staff hosted unique and informative sessions. The academy is designed to give citizens hands-on experience in city government operations through interactive presentations and tours.

Algae Growworks is celebrating its 50th anniversary in the Quad-Cities this year. The company is located in Bettendorf, Iowa. It houses the world’s largest single-family algae farm. The farm is used to produce algae for use in human and animal health products.

Mayor's Message
It's hard to believe 2008 is coming to an end, and what a busy year it was. Last winter took a tol on our streets. Many of our roadways were filled with potholes. Because of the condition of our streets, the City Council set aside $2.5 million for street repair. Driving through Bettendorf the past several months has been challenging due to all the roadwork, but you will see a major improvement to our city streets.

As you read the Major Projects in Bettendorf article, it is clear that the City Council proposed and initiated an aggressive and needed series of projects for our city and I am very proud of our efforts.

You may have noticed some new signage in our city and around the Quad Cities. These color-coded wayfinding signs will not only help tourists find their way around the different communities, but also unite the Quad Cities attractions and destinations as a single metropolitan area. This is a wonderful economic development tool.

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Winterfest: Tinisel, Toys and Toyland

There is something magical about this time of year: the snow that falls, covering the trees with a blanket of white, the lights twinkling in the darkness, and the excitement of the season shared by everyone. It is a time for remembering the important things in life, and time for traditions.

Each year, the Family Museum hopes to inspire some traditional memories in every family that visits the Winterfest: Tinisel, Toys and Toyland exhibition and open house. The Winterfest exhibition, on display at the museum throughout the holiday season, features the figurines from the former downtown Davenport Von Maur Department Store. First displayed in the late 1960’s, the animated holiday figures were designed and built in Japan for the Silvestri Company of Chicago. The figures were used as displays in the windows of the then Peterson Harman Von Maur stores on the corner of Second and Main Street in downtown Davenport. Donated to the Family Museum in 1990 by the Von Maur family, these figurines have been cared for and displayed each year in the hope of creating new memories. New display cases were specially made by museum staff to prevent damage to the fragile figurines.

Family Museum volunteers like Ronnie McGinn have seen the figurines through years of wear and tear. Ronnie and her late husband Mark spent much of their own free time adjusting or creating figurines to enhance the display, creating new memories. New display cases were specially made by museum staff to prevent damage to the fragile figurines.

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