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Friends of Riverside Park

Goals Accomplished

- ◆ Restored scenic overlook and lilac circle
- ◆ New play equipment
- ◆ Reopen the upper road
- ◆ Reopen the wading pool
- ◆ Reopen North Restroom
- ◆ Helped restore Devil's Staircase
- ◆ Shuffleboard

Goals

- ◆ Resurface tennis courts
- ◆ Restore South Artesian well
- ◆ Open concessions stands
- ◆ Maintain the historic buildings and structures

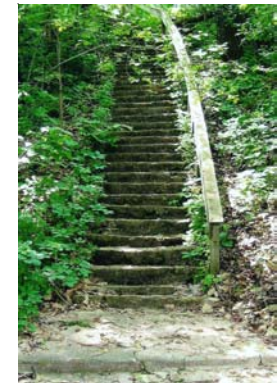
Volunteers Needed

There are many different volunteer opportunities to match your skill and interest. These areas include landscaping, research, membership, and fund raising. Need a place for your group to volunteer? We schedule work days throughout the year. Contact us.

Meeting Times and Dates

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at Commercial Bank, 1400 Blackbridge Road, Janesville, 6:00 PM. Summer months we meet at the park.

Everyone Welcome!!



Janesville, WI
www.JvIRiversidePark.com

Mission

Friends of Riverside Park's Mission is to revitalize, preserve and promote Janesville's historic Riverside Park. Our goals are to revitalize the park through infrastructure improvements while preserving and promoting the historic value and natural beauty; enabling it to once again be used to its full potential.

Activities

- ◆ 18 Hole Golf Course
- ◆ Kiwanis Bike Trail
- ◆ Devil's Staircase/Ice Age Trail
- ◆ Wading Pool
- ◆ Picnic Pavilion
- ◆ Play Equipment
- ◆ Boat Launch/Boating
- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ Shuffleboard Courts
- ◆ Horseshoe Pits
- ◆ Sand Volleyball
- ◆ Sledding/Cross-Country Skiing

Park History



In 1922 the city of Janesville purchased a naturally beautiful tract of land along the Rock River that would become Riverside Park. Henry Traxler, our first City Manager, and Joe Lustig, City Engineer, developed Riverside into the premier park of Southern Wisconsin. Landscape architect Charles H. Lawrence was hired to design Janesville's first Regional Park. The plan included a golf course on the upper escarpment and an 87 acre park on the lower river frontage. A scenic river drive lead past quaint picnic pavilions, play areas, wooded hillsides, beautiful landscaping and a large baseball diamond.

In the 1920's and 1930's many more amenities were brought to the park. The Devil's Staircase hiking path was developed. Two beautiful artesian wells that fed into natural limestone pools were constructed. The children's wading pool, Janesville's first, was built. Shuffle board and tennis courts were constructed. New pavilions, bathrooms, and concession stands were built and the south river wall and boat launch area were constructed using workers from the WPA project.

In the 1940's the "Silver Queen" a large pontoon type boat operated from the park. The Silver Queen had a juke box for dancing, a concession stand and could carry 150 passengers. The Riverside and Great Northern Railway, a miniature steam train, gave rides from 1940-1953. In the late 50's to early 60's the Jaycees ran a downhill ski program, giving lessons to many Janesville youth. Riverside offered the best sledding hills in town. In the 1970's miniature sports car races were held in the park.

Whatever the season, Riverside Park was the place to go for family fun and recreation.

Annual Membership Becoming a Friend:

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Annual Membership Fee:

Individual: \$15 _____

Family/Couple: \$25.00 _____

Supporter: \$50.00 _____

Patron: \$100.00 _____

Partner: \$250.00 _____

Bronze: \$500.00 _____

All donations appreciated and acknowledged.
We are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

Please Make Checks Payable To:

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