

GEDC Celebrates 10th Anniversary!

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Galva, Iowa – On January 25, 2009, the Galva Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) kicked off a year long celebration of the first meeting of their group in 1999. They hosted an *All-You-Can-Eat* Spaghetti supper at the Galva Middle School and launched fundraising efforts for beautiful walking trails in and around Galva.

GEDC is a non-profit organization that is comprised of community-minded individuals and business leaders whose primary interest is to assist with economic development. The original objectives of GEDC were to:

- Stimulate economic growth and development
- Revitalize Main Street
- Acquire tract of land for housing development
- Promote existing Galva businesses
- Develop an industrial park
- Support a community center project



Many of GEDC's goals from 1999 have been realized, and significant progress has been made on others through the ongoing 'behind-the-scenes' efforts of our members. Thanks to a lot of hard work, private donations and grant awards, our list of achievements includes, but is not limited to:

- Developed a 102-acre industrial park by Highway 20 which is the business home to Quad County Corn Processors, Air Liquide Industrial US, Maple River Energy, LLC and Galva Holstein Ag, LLC's retail fueling site
- Created a 13-acre housing subdivision 'South View' which is home to 4 new young families
- Removed dilapidated buildings on the west side of Main Street to make room for American National Bank's branch office
- Constructed modern playground equipment in the City Park
- Designed a Liberty Park (complete with trees, flowers, a flag pole and park bench) to greet visitors and friends at the town's south entrance
- Established high-speed wireless internet in Galva
- Increased labor pool with better employment opportunities for Galva residents
- Installed an electronic message center in front of Galva Library
- Upgraded Main Street sidewalks, landscaped around Galva town signs, purchased decorative floral containers, tables, park benches, bike racks ... and so much more!



For more information about GEDC, visit www.GrowWithGalva.com or contact one of the board members listed below:

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Other founding members include Randy Hustedt, Delayne Johnson, Anita Brandt, Rick Wiese, and Marty Boyle. GEDC meets on a quarterly basis, and our group is always looking for enthusiastic people to help realize our mission of improving Galva. If you would like to donate financially or volunteer your time, talent, or treasures ... please let us know. GEDC membership is free, and volunteers of all ages are welcome!