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Downtown Neighborhood Association to Host Jackson Park Dedication Event on Sept. 27

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque's Downtown Neighborhood Association will host a dedication and Native American blessing of Jackson Park's new signage and 1913 memorial monument at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the park, located at the corner of Main and West 15th streets. This event is free and open to all.

Jackson Park's new signage is a culmination of efforts by neighborhood residents with the help of City departments, local historians, and businesses with the interest in generating a positive impression and sense of pride in the park. The Downtown Neighborhood Association received a City of Dubuque Large Neighborhood Grant to fund an arched sign identifying the park as well as three signs designed to inform visitors of the park's rich history, from its origin as a cemetery to its present-day starting point for community and school parades.

Members of the Tama Meskwaki tribe will present an authentic Native American blessing of the park and the 1913 memorial monument with songs and drumming. The memorial monument features Potosa, the daughter of local Meskwaki chief, Peosta, and the wife of our city's founder, Julien Dubuque.

The Sept. 27 celebration is sponsored by the City of Dubuque, Multicultural Family Center, Randolph & Ruth Lyon, Behr's Funeral Home, and Hoffmann-Schneider Funeral Home.

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