

HERITAGE PARK VOLUNTEERS

Although all Munster parks are routinely maintained by dedicated Town employees, volunteers help beautify our public parks beyond the limitations of municipal cost and labor constraints.

Projects at Heritage Park, such as the Boy Scout trails, Girl Scout bridge/garden/signage, and Munster Junior Historical Society Time Capsule, are examples of how volunteers make a difference.

Help make *History Bloom!*
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HISTORY IN BLOOM Heritage Park

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Heritage Park



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A Step Back in Time in the Heart of Town
Corner of Ridge Road & Columbia Avenue
Munster, Indiana

Heritage Park Past



1845 Brass Tavern

Located on an Indian trail and a sand ridge surrounded by marsh land, Ridge Road became a stagecoach route for Indiana pioneers. In 1837, David Gibson built a log inn along Ridge Road. Allen and Julia Watkins Brass purchased this property where, in 1845, they built The Brass Tavern.

In 1864, German immigrants Johann and Wilhelmina Stallbohm purchased The Brass Tavern. Although business declined in the late 1800s and the old inn burned down in 1909, descendants of the Stallbohm family continued to live on this historic site.

1890s Stallbohm Barn

Serving as a rustic backdrop for local events such as Olde Munster Day, the Stallbohm Barn was restored in 1995 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. The old red barn was lost to arson in 2002.



Heritage Park Present

Victorian Gazebo

In 1998, Munster Parks built a Victorian-style performance gazebo where weddings, summer concerts, and various other events are held. Nestled at the edge of the woodland, the gazebo is the focal point of Heritage Park. For rental information, call 219-836-PARK.



Century Gardens



An elegant bench arbor donated by Munster Historical Society serves as entryway to the south garden where native plants are meticulously managed by Heritage Park Botanist Dr. Naida Lehmann. Flagstone pathways, Girl Scout bridge, and a "secret" stairway enhance this lovely garden area that is currently undergoing a revival inspired by the nearly 100-year-old Kaske House.

Woodland & Nature Trails

Restoration of the woodland continues to be expertly managed by Forester Gina Darnell and dedicated volunteers (pictured on the reverse side) who maintain the meandering Eagle Scout trails.

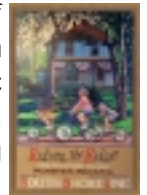
Heritage Park Preservation

1910 Kaske House

The 1910 Kaske House was built as a residence for the Stallbohm family by the Kooy brothers after the old inn was lost to fire on Halloween night in 1909. Helen Kaske Bieker, daughter of Hugo and Wilhelmina Stallbohm Kaske, sold the property to Munster Parks in 1986. Restored by Munster Parks in 1995, the Kaske House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. The Munster Historical Society furnished the home and, in 1997, opened a museum. The Munster History Museum at the Kaske House provides educational tours for school children and other groups.



To celebrate the Town of Munster's centennial in 2007, the Munster Civic Foundation commissioned a South Shore poster honoring this historic landmark.



1937 Aeromotor Windmill

Donated by the family of C.D. and Cora Schoon, this vintage windmill was moved from their farm by Munster Parks staff who restored and erected it at Heritage Park in 2001.

