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Family, Friends, and Fun at DuBois Park

With the completion of the DuBois Park Pavilion, the Town has provided yet another amenity to the Old Town attractions. Work on the playground earlier this year has provided our youngest residents and visitors a safe place to grow and play. The pavilion provides a place for Moms and Dads to set up picnic lunches and take the sleeping babes out of the sun while they watch big brothers and sisters run, jump and climb in an imaginative playground.

The pavilion now provides restrooms for these little people (and not so little) to use while they are on the playground or visiting Old Town. The changing tables located in both restrooms also offer an opportunity to take care of the babies needs safely. Picnic tables are available at the pavilion and playground to help out with those picnic lunches, and more picnic tables are being constructed and shipped to the park for everyone's use.

My favorite thing about these new projects being built around town is seeing how people use them. Last Sunday, I dropped by DuBois Park and saw little kids climbing on the shrimp boat in the playground with the bigger kids playing some kind of a ball game - surely one they invented - on the big grassy area. Underneath the shelter, I spied some parents relaxing in the shade between a pile of presents on one table and food on the other. Surely this was a birthday party in progress, and it looked like all were having a good time.

As Old Town continues to flourish with new shops and restaurants, DuBois Park provides a pleasant destination in which to enjoy tasty treats purchased at the farmer's market, get out of the sun and rest a bit, serenely swing along the walkways and take the children allowing them to spend some of the energy built up as they wait for Mom and Dad while shopping.

While DuBois Park can be a great rest stop or way station for people strolling through town, this place can also be a gathering spot in its own right. For example, the pavilion also provides a catering kitchen with a sink and window counter for special events. This feature makes possible food-centered events such as family reunions, scout troop fundraisers, or even a cooking contest! Of course, with its wide expanse of grassy lawn combined with the comforts provided by the pavilion, DuBois Park could be the perfect venue for many other types of events such as birthday parties, alumni reunions, a string quartet, movie night, or open-air art. The possibilities for fun at this special park are endless and we welcome your creative ideas on

how to use it.

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