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The Gold Coast and
Hamburg Historic District
Association Home Tour
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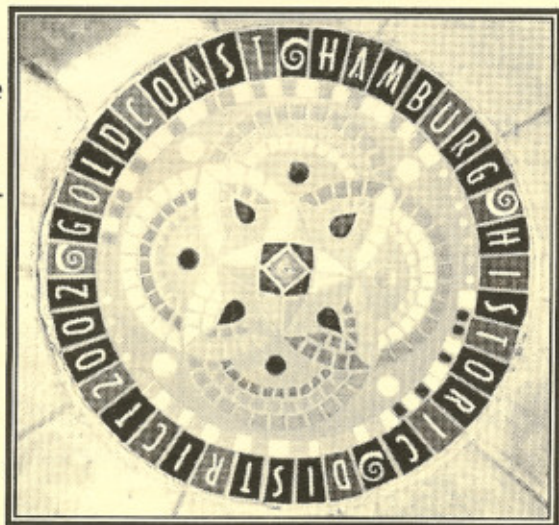
"Neighborhood Renaissance "

Welcome to Davenport's First Neighborhood. Please accept our invitation to explore our community and join the effort to preserve this and all historic communities.

We're excited about the efforts taking place in downtown Davenport to preserve our architectural heritage and revive the city center as a hub of cultural and social activity. In the same light, the Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association residents are proud to share those same goals.

The construction of homes in our neighborhood was originally funded by the first industrialists, bankers and entrepreneurs of the area, many of German heritage. They looked to the bluffs overlooking Davenport and the Mississippi for their home sites and commissioned ornate Italianate, Queen Anne Revival, and Second Empire homes.

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This tour is planned and conducted through the efforts of the Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association. Our goal is the promotion, preservation and beautification of historic homes and neighborhoods. Proceeds from the tour are used to increase awareness and promote a sense of community through neighborhood clean-up days and maintenance of community common areas.



Gold Coast Park Gazebo



The Charles E. Meier House (1906)
519 West 8th Street

The Meier home is a Craftsman/Georgian Revival, or American Four Square. Built for Charles Meier and his wife Minnie, nee Haak, it's a classic example of Prairie School architecture. This home features beveled glass entry doors and retains its original woodwork, decorative hardware, oak and maple floors, grand staircase and the original newel post lamp depicting the biblical character Salome during her dance of the seven veils, evoking the gracious lifestyle of the neighborhood's best days.

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**The William H. Korn House (1915)
730 West 8th Street**

Built in 1915, the Korn Home is a 3-bedroom Dutch Colonial, Craftsman style. The open front porch presents an enjoyable place to spend a summer evening greeting passing neighbors. Inside, high ceilings and hardwood floors surround the dining room's built-in hutch. The living room features an exposed beam ceiling and a brick fireplace surrounded by leaded glass door bookcases. A walk-in pantry off the kitchen and the original bathroom with tile floor and marble shower make this Craftsman style home a classic.

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**The William H. Wiese House (1895)
709 Brown Street**

The Wiese House is an Italian villa style with a breathtaking view of the Mississippi. Designed by architect Gustav A. Hanssen, who lived in the brick mansion across the street, the Wiese House features hand-painted murals, exceptional wood and plaster work, and an elevator. Elegantly landscaped grounds and a patio above the garage make this stunning home at once charming and richly livable. The Wiese family founded the Eagle Steam Cracker Bakery, a division of the American Biscuit and Manufacturing Company.

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**The Richard Haak House (1924)
417 West 7th Street**

The Richard Haak was a contractor with Hass & Company when he built this home in 1924. The Colonial frame house is the second structure on this site. In 1937, the house was split into a duplex, and remained that way until it was purchased in 1976. By 1979, it was mostly restored to its former glory. The current owners have remodeled the living room and dining room, and dressed up the street front with terraced stone planting beds and retaining walls. In back, the deck and landscaping create an inviting outdoor living space.

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**The Germania Haus Hotel (1862)
712 West 2nd Street**

The German American Heritage Center, began as "Germania Haus" hotel in 1862 to accommodate thousands of immigrant-settlers that funneled across the river and through Davenport to settle nearby and to many points West. The Center building served the river-front as a gateway to the city, just as it does today at the foot of the Centennial Bridge. It was purchased and rehabilitated by the German American Heritage Center in 1995, and opened to the public in May 2000.

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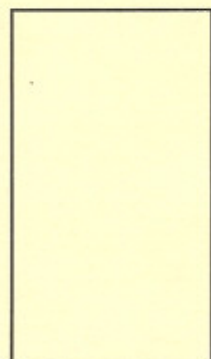
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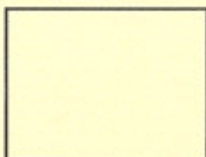
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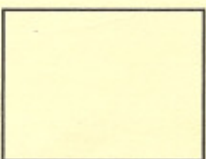
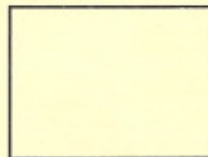
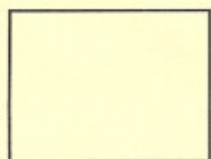
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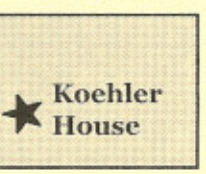
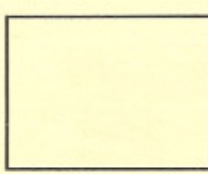


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