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**Thursday,
September 11, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

Walking Tour of Prospect Terrace Park **1600 Prospect Drive** **Davenport, Iowa**

*****Mississippi Ave. from River Drive to Prospect Drive*****
We will meet by the sign.



Prospect Park is a 23-acre historic district in east Davenport. The land was platted in 1894 by the Prospect Park Company. Several prominent Davenport businessmen were counted among its primary investors. The city acquired 3 acres of land for the park that overlooks the Mississippi River. The remainder of the land was then available for lots for the city's elite and recognized for its exceptional architecture. In 1896, the first three homes were built.

This small, landscaped area of grass and shade trees affords an excellent view of the Mississippi River and the late-19th century limestone architecture of the Rock Island Arsenal.

The houses of Prospect Park are uniformly large, set back on spacious lots, and illustrate several major turn of the century local architectural styles, particularly the Tudor and various neoclassical revivals. Among the major examples are the William Holbrook house (921 Mississippi), Ralph Lindsay house (224 Prospect), Arthur Atkinson house (1028 Mississippi) and Jules de Lescaille house (901 Prospect), Charles Davison house (204 Prospect) and 1 Prospect, built for coal merchant Charles Schuler. The district also includes two of the finest examples of the Tudor style in Davenport, 945 Mississippi, built for E.G. Crossett, and 935 Mississippi, home of Parke T. Burrows whose firm designed both residences. Across the street (830 Mississippi) is a somewhat more modest version of this style, built for R. L. Harned, a partner in a major local department store (Harned-Von Maur).

Diane Frank will give us a presentation on the history of the district by the sign. Then Marian Meginess will take us on a tour of the Stopolis Airbnb. This will be an excellent tour of one of the areas on Davenport listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#).

Thank you to Mr. Penne for sharing his barn again. In case you missed it, I believe it will be on the upcoming barn tour in Iowa coming this fall.

Announcements:

We have a new vice-president on SCHPS board – Michele Darland. Come meet her at our tour this month. She will oversee our tours. Send her any ideas for 2026!

Other events happening in the area:

- Gold Coast Brunch and Garden Tour, September 13, 2025 from 11-5:00.
- Historic Films? The GAHC&M will host their second annual film series at the Last Picture House on the following Wednesdays: September 3, 10, 17, 24 & October 1 – Sunset Boulevard, The Big Heat, From Here to Eternity, and Casablanca; 6:00 pm (a second Casablanca at 3:00 on October 1st) The theme this year is From Hitler to Hollywood – films made by and with exiles from Hitler’s Europe. For more information call 563 322 8844.

Upcoming SCHPS tours:

October	DAR speaker
November	Moline Club
December	Christmas party

The board is working on our next tours. Share Your ideas with Michele!

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