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Heritage Trolley Tours Are Back!

Enjoy Sears Catalog Homes and Historic Downers Grove Tours

Downers Grove, Ill (September 4, 2008) –For the second year running, the Downers Grove Park District Museum is offering trolley tours on Saturday, September 13, 2008 in cooperation with the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation and tour guide, Bob Jensen.

Between 1908 and 1940 approximately 100,000 Sears catalog homes featuring 450 models were sold and shipped by railroad box car from southern Illinois to their destinations across the country. Viewers will have the opportunity to observe 27 of the historical Sears Catalog Homes located in Downers Grove on the Sears Catalog Homes Tour. Viewers also have an opportunity to take the Historic Downers Grove Tour to learn about the history of Downers Grove and enjoy the sights of this truly historic town!

Tours begin at 10:30 am at the Downers Grove Park District Museum, followed by a reception with light refreshments and an opportunity to view Museum exhibits or lounge in the beautiful gardens that surround the facility. Each tour will last approximately one hour. On-site and nearby on-street parking is available with additional parking at the Lincoln Center.

The cost is \$12 for Residents and \$18 for Non-Residents. Trolley space is limited for each tour, and registration is required. Registration is available online at www.dgparks.org or by calling the Museum at 630-963-1309. Registration forms are also available at the Museum office at 831 Maple, the Lincoln Center at 935 Maple, or the Recreation & Fitness Center at 4500 Belmont. The tours are recommended for ages 12 & up.

Also featured that weekend is the Fine Arts Festival, featuring 50 different artisans, activities for children, food booths and live entertainment on September 13th and 14th. There are an endless amount of things to do in and around the Downtown area this weekend, so Dine In, Shop In, Stay In, and Play In Downers Grove.

For times and information contact the Downers Grove Park District Museum at 630-963-1309, or Cindy Klima at 630-729-0380 or cklima@dgedc.com.

About Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation

The DGEDC is committed to retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses to The Village of Downers Grove. Formed in 2006 by the Village of Downers Grove, DGEDC works in concert with the Village of Downers Grove, the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Downers Grove Management Corporation. It is the collaborative goal of these organizations to ensure a healthy economy for the Village of Downers Grove and develop Downers Grove as a destination to offer area residents exciting new opportunities to work, shop and play.

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