



# City of Utica

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As Mayor of the City of Utica, it is my great pleasure to announce the celebration of our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a community. The dates of the celebration are Thursday, June 22 – Sunday, June 25, 2017.

Do mark your calendars. The Downtown Development Authority is working with a large committee of volunteers and is planning many fun and informative activities to celebrate Utica's 200<sup>th</sup>.

#### Activities will include

- Kick-off Night on the 22<sup>n</sup> at Jimmy John's Field Ball Park
  - with a Video of the History of Utica and Old Timers' Baseball Game,
- Performances by UCS high school bands,
- Kids' Day in Heritage Park with games and activities,
- Cemetery Walk
- Walking Tour of Historic Utica Homes
- Carnival in downtown Utica,
- Concerts on Friday - Sunday i.e. Nashville in the Backyard hosted by WCYD
  - and other professional live music performances representing many genres
- 5 K Run along the Clinton River portion of the Iron Belle Trail,
- Arts and Crafts Show featuring Michigan Artists

The Utica Heritage Association is organizing an historical Museum that will be housed at the Utica Public Library the week of the celebration. Members of the Association specially invite schools, churches, service organizations and other interested groups to join us in sharing their history with the community. The Gibbing Room will be used to display artifacts, fact sheets, displays and stories of the development of such groups.

If your group is interested in participating, I would ask that you contact Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, at 586-739-1600. You will be then contacted by a member of the Heritage Association with details of the event.

I look forward to sharing this exciting celebration of our mutual history with the citizens of the Utica area.

Thom Dionne  
Mayor, City of Utica