



COUNTY OF KENOSHA

Department of Public Works & Development Services
Raymond G. Arbet, Director

May 9, 2017

News Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: Matthew Collins

Matthew.Collins@kenoshacounty.org

262-859-1869

Petrifying Springs Park Biergarten Set to Open Memorial Day Weekend

The grand opening of the Petrifying Springs Biergarten will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 26th.

The Petrifying Springs Biergarten is located at Pavilion Shelter #1, located at the southern entrance (at County Highway JR) to the park, 5555 Seventh St., Kenosha. It will be operated by a vendor, Petrifying Springs Biergarten LLC, which has already made more than \$130,000 in improvements to convert the picnic shelter into a traditional German-style Biergarten.

The vendor has a five-year lease agreement with the county to construct a German-style Biergarten, and sell German-style food, premium beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, and provide a variety of activities at and around Shelter #1. The addition of the Biergarten will also lead to creating a revenue source that will go toward park improvements.

“This offers people another opportunity to come together outside and to enjoy one of our beautiful parks,” County Executive Jim Kreuser said.

Mirroring successful Biergarten concepts in other communities, the Petrifying Springs Biergarten will offer indoor and outdoor seating, a menu of food and beverage options and weekly activities, including kickball leagues, Movie on the Mound, Poses & Pints yoga classes, and Pups and Pints dog owner networking.

Petrifying Springs Biergarten LLC is a joint ownership between Mike Grab, owner of Grab’s Burger Bar, 2324 18th St., and Tony DeBartolo, former owner of DeBartolo Deli and Liquor in Kenosha. Grab and DeBartolo approached county officials in 2016 and proposed a mutually beneficial strategy to bring concessions and activities, as well as additional revenue, to Petrifying Springs.

DeBartolo and Grab stated “We would like to thank everyone involved who helped us achieve our vision to bring something unique to Kenosha County parks for friends and families to gather together. We look forward to our partnership with the county and helping it continue to beautify this great park. We are also very excited to partner with many local vendors, such as Sandy Poppers. Come enjoy theme nights like Pups and Pints, or take part in our kickball league, or just come by to enjoy the beverage of your choice while sitting by the fire pit.”

Petrifying Springs Biergarten will be open to the public daily from Memorial Day through about October, from Noon to approximately 9 p.m.

###