

Leave Jean Klock Park for generations to enjoy

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Editor,

I am the same age as Jean Klock Park when it was given to the people of Benton Harbor.

My grandparents took me there as far back as I can remember. We had outings every summer with aunts, uncles and cousins, and ever since with my own children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren.

I attended the one-room Pier School in Hagar Township for a time. My teacher, Mrs. O'Leary, took a group of us on a walk one spring day all the way to downtown Benton Harbor and Jean Klock Park. I'll never forget how beautiful it was with the ice piles and floes that were still there.

Then, when we lived in the Britain/McCord neighborhood, my friends and I would walk to the park. Those times and others are precious memories to me.

I congratulate the Friends of Jean Klock Park for fighting to keep the park in its natural state of beauty. The joy of its sand, shoreline, dunes and sunsets without residential development is how it should remain forever.

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