

## Update Rock Island News Release

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Update Rock Island is a segment at City Council meetings given by Mayor Mark Schwiebert focusing on news in Rock Island. The video segment from the meeting is available on the home page of [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org) and provides more information on the topics listed.

### Capital Improvement Plan and TIF Allocations for 2009-2010 Budget Reviewed

City Council reviewed the five year capital improvement plan (2009-2014) totaling almost \$85 million in capital improvements and major contract maintenance. In addition, the budgets for the City's five Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts for 2009-2010 were reviewed. Combined, the TIF Districts are projected to generate \$2.8 million in revenue. Finally, gaming and general fund carryover recommendations were reviewed. Gaming allocations for 2009-2010 are anticipated to total \$2.76 million.

*All items will be reviewed at the February 2, 2009 Study Session.*

### Federal Legislative Priorities 2009-2010

City Council will consider these federal legislative priorities for the year:

- Citywide wastewater stormwater management program - \$2.2 million
- Combined sewer long term control plan - \$20 million
- Sunset Marina entrance improvements - \$500,000
- Water taxi - \$1.75 million
- Illinois Route 92 corridor project - \$325,000
- Law enforcement equipment - \$100,000
- Emergency generators - \$100,000

Projects for consideration in the economic stimulus package include:

- 30<sup>th</sup> Street resurfacing
- Combined sewer store/treat basin upgrade
- Water and sewer extensions to the Southwest industrial area
- Ridgewood Business Park infrastructure
- Resurfacing the Rock Island Parkway
- Raw water pipeline replacement

*City Council voted in favor of the priorities.*

### Leaf Collection Program Expands

The expanded free leaf collection program is scheduled to begin in April. Dates for the 2009 collection season are:

- April 6 – May 1 free leaf bag distribution.
- April 13 – May 1 Spring curbside leaf pick-up.
- October 5 – December 4 free leaf bag distribution.
- October 12 – December 4 Fall curbside leaf pick-up.
- Leaves may be dropped off for free Saturdays throughout the year at the Drop-Off Center.

**Library Announces E-Mail Notification**

The Rock Island Library is now using e-mail to bring new convenience to customer service. The new e-mail notification service will automatically notify patrons when their reserved library materials are ready for pick up, and when any checked out materials are due back for return.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service and Award celebration honoring the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was held today at the Martin Luther King Community Center. The program included a variety of performances and presentations to honor Dr. King. The keynote speaker was James Rhyne, Jr. of Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County.