

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 and provides more information on the topics listed.

Report on Mayor's Trip to DC with Quad City Development Group

Mayor Mark Schwiebert was one of many who attended the Quad City Development Group's trip to Washington DC last week. Projects discussed on the community-wide agenda included: passenger rail service, the RiverVision Plan, waste and stormwater management, the I-74 bridge, and the Rock Island Arsenal. Benefits of the trip included: 1) promoting issues of concern and speaking as one voice, 2) builds relations with Congressional staff, and 3) strengthens the regional relationships.

Army Corps of Engineers Approves Armory Park Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has approved the City of Rock Island's plans for flood protection during the Armory Park construction project. This permits Williams Construction Management / Valley Construction, the City's construction manager, and its subcontractors to proceed with starting the permanent flood protection system on the north of the existing Armory building and then demolishing the Armory.

The first step in the process, scheduled to begin after March 23, is to install steel sheet piles on the north side of the Armory, followed by demolition of the Armory building. No date has been set for the demolition since it will follow the sheet pile work. A special event will be planned when the demolition begins. In addition to the flood protection and demolition, a sewer project on 1st Avenue from 17th to 24th Streets will begin on March 30.

Major General Robert and Sara Radin Day

March 26, 2009 will be proclaimed Major General Robert and Sara Radin Day in the City of Rock Island. Major General Robert Radin has served with distinction as the Commanding Officer over the Army Sustainment Command sustained at Rock Island Arsenal, where he has pursued an unprecedented level of involvement within the Quad Cities community.

Annual Neighborhood Rendezvous 3/30

An evening of "swapping stories" and "trading ideas" is planned during the sixth annual Neighborhood Rendezvous on Monday, March 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hauberg Civic Center. Each year this event draws an enthusiastic crowd that appreciates the unstructured opportunity to meet and mingle with other neighborhood leaders. Neighborhood Partners hosts the event. Mayor Mark Schwiebert and the Neighborhood Partners president will welcome participants.