

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.

Hydropower Plant Savings Projections Better than Anticipated

The current model for the City's hydropower plant predicts a gain of about \$4 million in the next twenty years. The previous model projected a gain of approximately \$1.9 million in the next twenty years. The significant difference comes from the new assumption that the City will sell about 4,400 Renewable Energy Certificates per year through the Illinois Power Agency process.

Construction on Bridges

Bi-State Regional Commission reports that construction will take place this year on the I-74 bridge and Rock Island Arsenal viaduct. The viaduct work is expected to take 45 days in order to repair damage from a freight train; the Rock Island gate will be closed with intermittent lane closures.

New Sculptures Considered to Add to Arts Downtown

For the past two years, the City has participated in a program to bring sculptures to The Downtown Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District. In cooperation with Quad City Arts, the program funds the placement of three pieces of public art in The District. Davenport and Bettendorf are also participating in the program. The new sculptures should be installed in May. This is one of the projects of the City's Arts Advisory Committee.

Money Smart Week Events at the Library

The Rock Island Public Library will host three events to help consumers prevent identity theft, manage their money wisely, and learn about topics that could affect their personal finances. The Rock Island Library events are part of nearly 40 free classes, seminars, and activities promoting financial education that will take place during Quad Cities Money Smart Week April 18 – 25, 2009.

- Community Shred Days, an easy, confidential way to destroy old documents and protect against identity theft, will take place Wednesday, April 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Rock Island Main Library downtown, and Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rock Island Southwest Branch.
- A free seminar entitled "Asset Protection for Seniors" will be held Thursday, April 23 at 10 a.m. in the Main Library Community Room.

Earth Week Fair at QCCA Expo Center

The City's Green Team will participate in the Earth Week Fair April 17 & 18 at the QCCA Expo Center, with a hands-on activity for kids to explain water turbines, hydropower, and electricity. In addition, the newly formed Neighborhood Partners' Green Education Task Force will distribute a flyer on "Easy Ways to Be Green at Home or in Your Neighborhood."