

## Update Rock Island News Release

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Update Rock Island is a segment at City Council meetings given by Mayor Dennis Pauley 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.

### May is National Preservation Month

Rock Island issued a [proclamation](#) announcing May as National Preservation Month. In addition, the [Rock Island Preservation Society honored preservationists](#) whose projects have enriched Rock Island including:

- Rock Island Public Library, 401 19th Street, Appropriate entry addition
- Augustana College, Evald Hall, 3601 7th Avenue, Adaptive reuse of a historic building
- Martin and Kathy Matherly, House at 834 23rd Street, Porch restoration
- Dr. Francy Ricketts, House at 2208 7th Avenue, Porch restoration
- Karolyn Williams, House at 815 23rd Street, Unveiling and porch restoration
- Mark and Deb Holmes, House at 720 20th Street, Complete home restoration
- Alan Carmen, Planning & Redevelopment Administrator, City of Rock Island, Advocacy

On Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. Mike Jackson, Chief Architect with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, will present a program on Reduce + Reuse = Green Preservation. The program will be held on the third floor of Rock Island City Hall. Mike will discuss how green building practices relate to historic preservation.

### City Receives \$312,026 in CDBG Recovery Funds

The City has been awarded an additional \$312,026 in Community [Development Block Grant Recovery \(CDBG-R\) funding](#). City Council will consider allocating \$150,000 to support the expansion of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, \$100,000 for the Commercial / Industrial Revolving Loan Fund (CIRLF), and \$62,026 for the City's housing rehabilitation programs.

*City Council approved the above allocations.*

### Modern Woodmen Bank Quad Cities Criterium is Memorial Day

Bicyclists will race through the streets of Downtown Rock Island on Monday, May 25, 2009 for the 43rd annual [Modern Woodmen Bank Quad Cities Criterium](#). Thirteen criterium races and eight kids' races will be held. The event features over 500 cyclists - men and women riders from novice to professional, aged 10 to over 60 years, from all parts of the United States, racing at speeds up to 35 mph. Races start at 8:25 a.m. and will conclude at 5:30 p.m. The event is the culmination of a weekend of racing throughout the area including races in Burlington, IA and Muscatine, IA. The free event is hosted by the Quad Cities Bicycle Club and The District.

### Lunchtime of the Plaza Series Starts 5/22

The District is pleased to announce the [Lunchtime on the Plaza](#) free concert series on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. throughout the summer. Grab a bite to eat at one of the restaurants downtown, and enjoy live music on the Great River Plaza stage. The first concert will be held on Friday, May 22 featuring pianist and singer Jonathan Turner.