

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 and provides more information on the topics listed.

Seventh and Final Home Dedicated in Habitat Park

The dedication for the seventh and final home in Habitat Park was held this weekend. The two-story home is located at 808 9th Ave. The City and Habitat for Humanity entered into an agreement in November 2005 to support the development of a seven-lot subdivision in the former Turtle/Jaycees Park, with all seven houses to be completed by June 2009.

Martin Luther King Center Summer Camp

Martin Luther King Center's Summer Camp is now in session and will run through July 24. The camp is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, with 230 campers enrolled and 160 attending daily, serving youth ages 6 to 14 years. Activities at the camp include: science experiments, community gardening, bowling, jump rope, water balloon relays, swim lessons, knitting, crafts, golf lessons, police academy with the Rock Island Police Dept., outdoor cooking, a journalism project, plus field trips, and more.

Nightlife Economy Plan Reviewed

The goal of the 24-Hour Economy Plan is to lay the groundwork for the development of a vibrant downtown environment that combines the reality of what our downtown is with the dreams of what we want it to be. The plan is split into two dayparts that represent the distinct differences of our downtown. A daytime and nighttime strategy must be considered, since management of each daypart is drastically different.

The goals of the plan are to increase audience from 5 p.m. to midnight, decrease closing time issues, and define The District as the place to go for entertainment, dining, and the arts. Priorities established in the plan include define closing time issues and how to measure success, identify retail options for nighttime, and measure perception.

Police Department Reorganizes

In order to improve coordination and communications between bureaus and to address succession planning issues, Police Chief Wright recommended reorganizing the police department. This will include suspending the rank of Captain, and going to a supervisory hierarchy of Chief, one Deputy Chief, six Lieutenants, and ten Sergeants. Chief Wright reports that the public should see no changes in service.

Rock Island Labor Day Parade Will Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Rock Island's Labor Day Parade will celebrate 25 years on Monday, September 7 with the theme "#25 Silver Celebration." Entries are now being accepted.