

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.

Safer Community Task Force

Mayor Dennis Pauley has created the Safer Community Task Force to study the incidence of crime, examine the current law enforcement activities, and identify strategies to engage citizens in efforts to make neighborhoods safe. All citizens of Rock Island have an expectation that they can live in a safe neighborhood and enjoy the amenities of the community. Though the incidence of crime has not increased, there continues to be concern about the criminal activity that takes place in the city. It is the Mayor's goal to engage a citizen task force to identify strategies to build on the city's strengths to improve the safety of citizens living in all neighborhoods of Rock Island. [Click here](#) to see the individuals considered for appointment to the task force.

City Council Goal Setting Session Review

Every year City Council holds a strategic planning session to determine goals for the coming year. City Council met October 2 & 3, 2009 and determined the following priorities.

Policy Agenda 2010:

Top Priority

- Examine and evaluate alternative revenue sources
- Promote casino area development
- Support the Safer Communities Task Force
- Encourage Campustown development
- Establish Rock Island housing vision and plan and solidify working relationships

High Priority

- Determine direction for operation of Sunset Marina
- Update and fund the Capital Improvement Plan
- Promote development on the Andalusia Road corridor and south along the Rock Island Parkway
- Support Columbia Park development
- Encourage retail development on the Blackhawk Road corridor

Management Agenda 2010:

Top Priority

- Negotiations and compensation policy direction
- Customer service evaluation and training
- Complete Mill Creek study and determine direction
- Review and support Rental Housing Inspection Program
- Provide District safety report on status of actions

High Priority

- Identify and prioritize City services
- Support Columbia Park development projects
- Seek funding support of the IL-92 corridor
- Attract downtown first floor retail development
- Identify responsibility and service levels for downtown litter control

Food for Thought is October 8 at Main Library

Food for Thought is "Cooking up a Mystery" on Thursday, October 8. This Rock Island Library Foundation fundraiser includes chances to nab drinks and steal bites at five food stations around the historic Main Library, detect some jazz music, sit for "police sketches" and you're your luck at sleight-of-hand magic, and follow the clues to more mystery fun. Open to ticketed guests only, the event is 5 to 7:30 p.m. The donation to attend is \$25 per person or \$45 for couples and no RSVP is required. For more information call 309.732.7302 or [click here](#).