

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.

Halloween Events in Rock Island

Trick-or-treat hours will be Saturday, October 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. in Rock Island.

Fright Night will be held Thursday, October 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. in The District. Rock Island Public Library, Rock Island Parks and Recreation, Rock Island County Area Project, and The District are proud to present a Halloween themed evening of family-friendly festivities for children with a free treat bag for the first 1,000 kids. Fright Night will have: a costume contest, 3-D mystery hunt, and scary stories. District businesses will have trick-or-treating and activities just for kids. Various community agencies will be on hand with crafts, activities, novelties, treats, and information. The event is free to the public. For more information visit www.ridistrict.com.

Please join the Martin Luther King Center for its Annual Children's Halloween Party on Friday, October 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be plenty of food, candy, music, and giveaways for everyone. Don't miss the make and take activities, pin the tail on the cat, two cake walks, bucket toss, coloring, face painting, Guess the Mess, and Haunted Halls. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Costumes are encouraged but not required. This event is free and open to all Rock Island residents. For more information call 309.732.2999.

Every Sunday in October from 1 to 4 p.m. the Quad City Botanical Center is hosting special family events. Every Sunday enjoy a fall craft show, pumpkins for sale, hay bale maze, scavenger hunt, coloring sheets, and pumpkin facts. October 25 is pumpkin carving (for older kids) and pumpkin painting (for younger children). Other activities include face painting, kid's crafts, and old world crafting demos. For more information visit www.qcgardens.com or call 309.794.0991.

Safer Communities Task Force Update

The first meeting of the Safer Communities Task Force was held last week and the second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southwest Library. The first meeting reviewed the main objectives of the task force which include creating actionable items to make Rock Island's neighborhoods safer. In addition, Police Chief Wright provided updates on police activities.

The objectives of the task force are to:

1. Increase awareness of the facts related to crime in Rock Island.
2. Improve the level of knowledge regarding the range of law enforcement activities taking place in the city.
3. Identify strategies to increase the involvement of citizens and neighborhoods in crime fighting efforts.

Kiwanis Club Dedicates Clock

The Kiwanis Club of Rock Island announced the dedication of the “Kermit H. Schroder” Memorial Presidential Clock located at the “five points” intersection on 18th Avenue and 17th/20th Streets. The clock was purchased on behalf of donations provided by the club’s membership and then donated to the City of Rock Island in memory of Mr. Schroder, a 62-year member (with perfect attendance) and past Kiwanis Club president and lieutenant governor. The clock was manufactured by fellow Kiwanian, Jim Heineman of Fancy Street Clock and Light Company in Rock Island. The clock is the first installed of its kind by Fancy Street in the United States - 100% solar powered.