

## 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.

### Concept Plans for Old Chicago Park and Douglas Park

Two new park concepts are being developed by Rock Island Parks & Recreation Department. Old Chicago Park, located on 9th Street east of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, will be a brand new park. First discussed with the development of the New Old Chicago Plan, the park will feature play areas for children and adults. The plans for Douglas Park, located at 18th Avenue and 10th Street, call for new ball fields to incorporate many uses including baseball, softball, football, and soccer. A finalized design will be created and presented for public comment in the coming months. It is anticipated the parks will be built in two years, once funding is secured. Concept plans can be viewed [here](#).

### Tell On Your Neighbor Residential Beautification Awards Contest

Rock Island Beautification Commission is looking for the most beautiful yards in the city. The 35<sup>th</sup> annual "Tell On Your Neighbor" residential beautification awards contest has opened nominations for the most attractive and best-kept lawns in Rock Island. Anyone can submit a nomination and they will be accepted through Friday, June 26 at 5 p.m. Nominations forms are available [here](#).

### Gumbo Ya Ya is June 12 & 13

Gumbo Ya Ya - Mardi Gras in The District returns for its seventeenth year on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13, 2009. The event features two days of New Orleans zydeco, jazz, and blues on two stages and second line processions. Enjoy authentic Cajun and Creole cuisine. Shop the street vendors and experience French Quarter culture. Kids can make Mardi Gras masks and beaded necklaces Saturday. Enter to win a free airfare for two in the Gumbo Ya Ya getaway. And a half-ton of Mardi Gras beads will be tossed into the crowd throughout the event. Gumbo Ya Ya starts at 5 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday. For more information visit [www.ridistrict.com](http://www.ridistrict.com).

### Free Performances in Lincoln Park

Enjoy free live music with the popular Starlight Revue. Food concessions and ice cream social at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chair. Main Avenue Jazz Band on Tues. 6/9, The Ambassadors on Tues. 6/16, and Evening of Barbershop Music on Thurs. 6/18 at Lincoln Park. [Click here](#) for the entire schedule.

The Genesius Guild presents free theatre in Lincoln Park all summer long. Shakespeare, Greek drama, Greek comedy, opera, and ballet. All Shows Start at 8 p.m. Opera @ Augustana on June 12, 13 & 14. Euripides – Hecuba on June 20, 21, 27 & 28. For more information visit [www.genesius.org](http://www.genesius.org).