

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.

24th Street Open to Traffic

The City of Rock Island is pleased to announce that 24th Street is now open to traffic, and traffic can travel from north to south from 24th to 31st Avenues without detours. Businesses such as Rock Island Country Market and Gasland are fully accessible. Construction is still underway on 24th Street, and the project is anticipated to be complete in early September 2009.

Downtown Upper Story TIF Program

The City of Rock Island offers a [Downtown Upper Story TIF Loan Program](#) to create or renovate housing on the upper floors of downtown buildings. The goal of the program is to increase the number of residential units, upgrade existing units, and enhance the appearance of facades in the Downtown Rock Island Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

Gremanis Properties is re-developing 7 units of upper story housing at 2106 Fifth Ave. and City Council will review an agreement to provide \$80,000 in funding for the project through this program.

Council approved the agreement.

School Supplies to be Collected by Postal Carriers

On Saturday, July 18, postal carriers throughout the Quad Cities will be collecting school supplies for the First Day Project, a cause that organizes an annual supply drive to give low-income students the tools they need to succeed in school. Items needed include: loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, colored and regular pencils and pencil boxes, pocket folders, pens, crayons, glue sticks, composition notebooks, tissues, backpacks, scissors, erasers, washable markers, watercolor paints, dry erase markers, and hand sanitizer.

Summer Activities at Your Library

Summer activities at the [Rock Island Library](#) are a great - and free - way to keep kids occupied this summer. Bring your family to the Rock Island Library today for free or very low-cost books, magazines, audio, CDs, DVDs and more.