

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.

Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year Awards

[Lieutenant Jon Briggs has been selected as the Firefighter of the Year](#) and [Officer Doug Williams was selected as the Police Officer of the Year](#). The Knights of Columbus sponsors the annual awards, and the employees are selected by their peers. Lt. Briggs has served the department since March 2000 and is assigned to Station 3 at 1601 30th Street, overseeing the operation of the station on Battalion 3. Officer Williams has served the police department since May 2000 and is currently assigned to Third Watch.

Salute to Veterans Day August 8

The City of Rock Island wishes to honor Veterans for their commitment to freedom with a [Veteran's Appreciation Day](#) on Saturday, August 8 to include opening ceremonies at Second Baptist Church, followed by a picnic in Longview Park, and a final gathering at the VFW Posts #1303, co-sponsored by the Rock Island and South Rock Island Township Supervisors and Boards of Trustees.

Riverfront Park Agreement with Modern Woodmen of America

Mayor Pauley announced an agreement with Modern Woodmen of America to incorporate the parking lot east of Modern Woodmen's home office building into the design of the new riverfront park. The agreement will also provide some additional parking that will be used by the organization during office hours and park users in the evenings and weekends.

This proposal is embodied in a development agreement and cross-leases between Modern Woodmen and the City. Modern Woodmen will have access to an 89 space employee parking area during office hours and the public can use this space in the evenings and weekends. The design will be compatible with the new riverfront park, using Schreiber Anderson and Associates to coordinate the appearance and engineering of the revised site plan. The construction manager for the park, Williams / Valley Construction, will oversee and coordinate all construction. For more details [click here](#).

Family Fun Day August 1 at Martin Luther King Community Center

Martin Luther King Community Center welcomes you to its [Annual Family Fun Day](#) on Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a parade, merchant and food vendors, talent show, informational booths, children's games, and music. The Parade will kick-off at 10:30 a.m. on the corner of Frances Willard School and proceed to King Center. This is a community event provided for families and residents to help strengthen our neighborhoods, and support our youth.

Celebrate Lincoln Park's 100th Birthday July 28

The community is invited to a celebration to honor [Lincoln Park's](#) 100th Birthday (and President Lincoln's 200th birthday) on Tuesday, July 28 at 6 p.m.. River City Six will perform tunes depicting 10 decades of music, as ballroom dancers exhibit various styles. A special guest from Clown Around will be on-hand to entertain the children, Hy-Vee will be grilling dinner, and the Broadway Presbyterian Church will serve pie and ice cream. Vintage cars will be on display courtesy of the Mississippi Valley Region of the ACA, and historic photos and memorabilia will be available for viewing.