

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.

Rock Island Grand Prix is Labor Day Weekend

The Rock Island Grand Prix, the world's largest karting street race, will host an exciting schedule of races Labor Day Weekend, September 5-6, 2009. The competition, held in The District, will feature top racers from across the country as well as international competitors. Events start at 8:15 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and finish at 6 p.m., or at the conclusion of the races.

The event includes racing in 4-cycle, 2-cycle, TAG and shifter classes, including the famed "King of The Streets" title, a prestigious and coveted title in the world of karting. As a driver, the Rock Island Grand Prix ranks as one of the ultimate experiences in karting. As a fan of racing, it's high speed racing a mere 10 feet away from your toes. And for families, it's an array of activities, food, and spectacles. Come join us in the streets of Rock Island for a Labor Day weekend you won't forget! For more information visit www.ridistrict.com.

Eugene Field Elementary School Expansion Complete

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at newly expanded Eugene Field Elementary School, 2900 31st St. New additions include a media center, cafeteria, six additional classrooms, and a secure entry and administrative office area.

McKesson Lofts Grand Opening 8/26

The \$6.5 million McKesson Lofts development, located at 100 19th St., is now complete. The public is invited to attend a grand opening Wednesday, August 26 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation completely revamped this 60,000 square foot former 1914 warehouse. In total, 22 condominiums were created on the second and third floors, and 12,000 square feet of commercial space was developed on the first floor. The basement is used for parking for the owners and the roof was converted to an award-winning green roof.

Public Meetings on the Designs of Douglas Park and Old Chicago Park

Design options for Douglas Park (18th Ave. & 10th St.) and Old Chicago Park (east of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center on 9th St.) will be presented by the Rock Island Parks & Recreation Dept. at two public meetings - Monday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Hauberg Civic Center or Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Center. These designs were based on previous meeting discussions. The Parks Dept. hopes to collect public comments on both facilities and gather ideas on activities and programming for the parks.