

Update Rock Island News Release

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City Employees Pledge to United Way

City employees have pledged \$27,530.94 to United Way in 2009.

Searching for New Retailers

Staff attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) convention in Chicago and had the opportunity to talk to retailers, developers, and brokers. Interest was shown in Rock Island and follow up meetings are being planned.

New School Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking was held at the New Math & Science Magnet School, on the former Villa de Chantal site at 2101 16th Avenue. The 64,000 square foot full-service pre-kindergarten through sixth grade school will hold 550 students from around the community and feature 24 classrooms, a speech room, science lab, learning lab, media center, and community room. Bush Construction will build the \$10.7 million school.

Learn Money Saving & Budgeting Tips

Neighborhood Partners is co-hosting a "Celebrate Savings," event on Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at Washington Junior High. Learn budgeting and money saving tips at this free event. Thirty minutes sessions include:

- Saving for College / Wise Use of Credit
- Budgeting / Paying Down Debt
- Accessing and Reviewing Your Credit Report
- Make the Future Brighter, Take Transit and Save Something Green
- How to Save Green by Being More Energy Efficient
- Teen Tycoons: Cash in Your Wallet and in the Bank
- Holiday Dining for Less
- Saving Money at the Grocery Store
- Staying Calm During Tough Times

Be Green

Neighborhood Partners, a city-initiated partnership that builds stronger working relationships among neighborhoods, city government, service agencies, schools, churches, and businesses, has created a new task force. The Neighborhood Partners' Green Education Task Force serves to increase awareness of environmental issues and remedies, thereby promoting an environmentally conscious community in Rock Island that may strive to minimize residents' environmental impact on the community, and encourage a balance between environmental sustainability, economic wellness, and quality of life.

The City is now a member of the Illinois Solar Energy Association (ISEA) and had the opportunity to meet with staff last week. ISEA provides information and education on solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources.

Vote

If you didn't participate in early voting, please be sure to vote November 4.