Rock Island E-news

With this edition we are welcoming many newcomers to Neighborhood Partners eNews. Many of you are affiliated with one of the 70 civic or community organizations in Rock Island to which we direct our decade-old newsletter, Neighborhood News. Our eNews was initiated to supplement the quarterly newsletter. We hope you will benefit from these twice-monthly updates on happenings in Rock Island. If you like this type of news, please forward to your friends and family and urge them to sign up. If you don't want to receive this email again, please opt out and forgive our intrusion.

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NEWS SPOTLIGHT: Becoming a Healthier Rock Island Community

The Rock Island Pioneering Healthy Communities group is seeking input to create positive change in support of healthy living in western Rock Island. Pioneering Healthy Communities (PHC), an initiative of the YMCA's Activate America®, empowers communities with strategies and models for creating and sustaining positive change in support of healthy living. YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) announced 21 new communities joined PHC in 2011, and one of those communities was Rock Island. This effort is part of a nationwide healthy living initiative supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the YMCA of the USA. It aims to have a positive impact on the nation's chronic disease crisis which has resulted from the three main risk factors of physical inactivity, unhealthy eating and tobacco use.

Since the grant announcement, Rock Island's PHC team consisting of leaders of businesses, education, agencies, health care and churches have created its vision, mission and set the direction of a series of goals and objectives that will meet the needs to increase healthy living in western Rock Island. The Rock Island PHC team has developed a direction of its Community Action Plan based on a series of assessments that included personal interviews; observational surveys at schools, preschools, parks and grocery stores; and utilizing the YMCA's Community Healthy Living Index (CHLI). To better meet the needs of individuals and households, Rock Island's PHC team is seeking community input that will help define its goals and objectives to meet resident's needs to create and sustain positive change in support of healthy living in western Rock Island. Residents and members of the community are invited to attend a public input session on Tuesday, April 3rd from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

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NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS NEWS

Neighborhood News deadline is Tues., 3/20. Email your articles and photos.

The Community Caring Conference Annual Meeting will be on 3/27 at Embassy Square, 2365 11th Street. Potluck begins at 5:30 pm and meeting begins at 6:30 pm CITY NEWS Join the Children's Department for free showing of the movie Tangled, while schools are on intersession break: 1:00 pm, 3/16. Rated G. Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. The Western Illinois University Regional Touring Theater (RTTC) will bring Matthew's Meadow, an important play about children and nature, to the Rock Island Main Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., 3/20. The book by Corinne Demas Bliss was selected by Woman's Day as one of the "Best Books for Kids."

Civil War scholar Tom Emery, of Carlinville, IL, will bring a little known part of history to light with "Eddie: Lincoln's Forgotten Son," at 2:00 pm on Tues., 3/27, in the Rock Island Main Library Community Room. Edward Baker Lincoln, the second son of Abraham and Mary, died in February 1, 1850, just a month short of his fourth birthday on March 10. Yet his brief life had a profound influence on his parents, as Abraham underwent a religious transformation and Mary's mental instabilities begun to take shape. This 45-minute program discusses several myths about the Lincolns, and emphasizes their life in Illinois before the White House. Part of the Senior Series.

The Stakeholders' Draft Document Review for the College Hill District Revitalization Plan will be Mon. 3/26 at 6:30 pm at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th Street. The City of Rock Island and College Hill District Organization are seeking feedback and input on the goals and strategies outlined in the plan.Sixth Ward Alderwoman Joy Murphy and Mayor Dennis Pauley invite the public to attend a Coffee & Conversations event on Sat., 3/31 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at South Park Presbyterian Church, 1501 30th Street.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

The annual St. Patrick's Day Concert at Augustana College will feature Irish flute and harp pieces performed by instructors Erin Freund and Janet Stodd, plus the Augustana Flute Choir. Sat. 3/17, 8:00 pm, Wallenberg Hall at Denkmann Memorial Hall. Free.

School resumes for Alleman High School and Jordan Catholic School on Mon. 3/19.

School resumes for Rock Island-Milan Schools on 3/27.

The Alleman Booster Club Annual Fish Fry will be held Fri. 3/23 in the Alleman High School cafeteria from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Desserts will be sold by the Alleman Post-Prom Committee. Adults $10, Children $5 (ages 14 and under) and no charge for children under 2.

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2012 scholarships for all Rock Island High School students. The scholarship application covers 13 different scholarships. Jumer's Casino and Hotel has partnered with the Education Foundation and is offering a new scholarship worth $1,000. Applications available online. All applications are due Fri. 4/20.

NEXT IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

The St. Patrick's Society Grand Parade steps off in downtown Rock Island on SaT 3/17 at 11:30 am. The journey begins at 4th Avenue and 23rd Street, winds its way west to 15th Street, where it crosses the Mississippi River at Centennial Bridge into Davenport. The 7th Annual Environmental Film Festival will be held Sat. 3/17 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Organizers Sierra Club Eagle View Group, Augustana College and Radish magazine will offer five free films chosen for their local appeal. There will be 5-minute shorts before each film and healthy snacks and beverages. The event is free, but donations accepted. Link to see details on the films and location for Olin Center for Educational Technology. A reception for the 36th Annual Rock Island Fine Arts Exhibition will be Fri. 3/30 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Augustana College Art Museum. This annual juried competition for artists residing within a 150-mile radius of the Quad Cities is co-sponsored by the Augustana College Art Museum and the Rock Island Art Guild. The exhibition catalog will be debuted and awards will be announced at 5:40 p.m. The exhibition will be displayed through 4/22. Art museum hours are noon to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, and this exhibition also is open on Sundays: 4/1, 4/15 and 4/22 from noon to 4 p.m.; closed Easter Weekend. The art museum is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of 7th Avenue and 38th Street, Rock Island. No admission fee.

On Sun. 4/1, the Quad City Botanical Center will present one of its most popular group tours, Plants of the Bible. Tour begins at 1:00 pm. There are more than 100 references to gardens and plants in the bible. Many of these plants are present in the Quad City Botanical Center's tropical "Sun Garden". Adults $5,Seniors $4, Youth 5-12 years $3, Children 2-4 years $1, Children under 2 years and members of the Quad City Botanical Center free.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

An exhibit and two literary events at Augustana College this spring will focus on William Morris, English designer, artist and writer associated with the Arts and Crafts Movement. Morris is widely seen as one of the most creative artists Britain ever produced. He established the internationally successful Morris & Company, for which he mastered the design and production of stained glass, wallpaper, printed and woven textiles, carpet and tapestry. Through 5/17

the exhibit "William Morris: Visions of an Ideal World" will be on view at the Thomas Tredway Library. Presentations about John Ruskin and Morris will be on 3/15 and a related poetry reading on 4/11. More info.

Marc Morial, CEO of the National Urban League will be the keynote speaker for Explore Economic Inquality: 2012 White Privilege Summit, which begins at 10:30 am on 3/22 at Augustana College's Centennial Hall. Mr. Morial has served as mayor of New Orleans and president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in the past. This keynote address will begin a day of concurrent sessions led by scholars, leaders and activists from all over the region in three timeslots covering economic inequality and white privilege in immigration, gender equity, criminal justice, health, education, and other areas. The entire summit is free and open to the public. More info.

Please Join the Davenport Volunteer Connection and Mississippi Valley Directors of Volunteers in Agencies for a free training workshop on "Retaining Volunteers" Thurs., 3/22 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Davenport Police Department Community room, which is on the corner of Fourth and Harrison Street. There will be a special half price membership to join DOVIA that day. To register email Kim Hatfield, Davenport Volunteer Connection Coordinator. On 3/22 a 7:00 pm, Augustana College will host a screening of the documentary Precious Knowledge and a panel discussion after the film. The documentary examines Arizona's battle over ethnic studies. Precious Knowledge interweaves the stories of students in the Mexican American Studies Program at Tucson High School. Free.More info. The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center staff and volunteers will offer two sessions of one-on-one appointments for personal Swedish-American and Swedish genealogical research on 3/31, beginning at 9:00 am. Reservations are required. Call Jill Seaholm at 309.794.7204 no later than 3/28 to reserve space and learn what you need to bring to the workshop. More info.Casa Guanajuato Quad Cities presents Women's Self Defense Classes the second Friday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Classes are held at the Caras Studios, 821 15th St., Moline. Call 309.736.7727 to reserve your place. Registration fee is $5/class.

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