
Headlines



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Enjoy the Rock Island Labor Day Parade!

Calling all families, neighbors, churches, organizations, clubs and businesses! The 20th annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade is scheduled for **Monday, September 6, 2004**.

The first Labor Day Parade was held in 1984 as part of Rock Island's yearlong 150th Birthday or Sesquicentennial Celebration. Over the past 20 years the parade has grown to average over 150 entries and has become a popular annual event that draws thousands of spectators!



Staging for the parade begins at 8:30 a.m. in the area around Washington Junior High School, located at 33rd Street and 18th Avenue. **The parade starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.** The route travels west along 18th Avenue and disbands into the Rock Island High School grounds at 25th Avenue and 17th Street. The route is two miles long, and takes about 90 minutes to march.

This year's special anniversary theme is *"Remember When..."* As the City celebrates the 20th year of the Labor Day Parade, participants are encouraged to do the same by celebrating a special moment from the past. Themed entries could focus on a special moment in the life of a family, church, organization or business. The birth of a child, a special anniversary year, a business expansion or an organization's milestone are just a few suggestions. The possibilities are endless!

All parade entries are judged with winners selected from five different categories. The categories are: Mayor's Choice, Marshal's Choice (favorite theme related entry), Council's Choice, Parade Committee's Choice and Neighbor's Choice. The awards are presented to the winners at a September meeting of the Rock Island City Council.

Entries that are not theme related are always welcome in the parade! Gather some friends, neighbors, church members, employees or organization members. The Labor Day Parade offers a unique opportunity to promote your organization, to announce a special sale or to call attention to an upcoming event. Please note candy and flyers must be handed out to the crowd and not thrown into the street during the parade.

The members of the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board thank you for your interest and support of the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. See you in September!