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Red, White, and Boom! celebrates Independence Day with bi-state fireworks

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The City of Rock Island and The District and the Downtown Partnership and the City of Davenport are proud to announce the 2006 "Red, White, and Boom!" fireworks display over the Mississippi River on Monday, July 3. The Cities of Rock Island and Davenport along with several community partners are working together on the RiverVision-endorsed celebration of our country's independence. The event is hosted by the Riverboat Development Authority (RDA).

"The fireworks represent a civic partnership between Rock Island and Davenport and demonstrate our community's commitment to enhancing the riverfront through RiverVision planning," said Mark Holloway, director of events and promotions for the Downtown Partnership, a Division of DavenportOne.

Mike Thoms, president of Renaissance Rock Island, commented, "We're excited to be a partner in this bi-state celebration, and as both cities' RiverVision plans move forward in the coming years, we will be able to offer more amenities along our riverfronts during this annual event."

The event will kick off at 5 p.m. on both sides of the river. Please bring lawn chairs.

Red, White, and Boom! will continue its tradition of adding a musical element. "Our fireworks are synchronized to patriotic music on the radio stations B100 and Star 93.5, so viewers get both a visual and listening experience. We'll have speakers in LeClaire Park and in The District, but you can always take your own portable radio," added Holloway.

The District will join in the fun with family activities, food, and beverages before the fireworks. The District's event will be located in the parking lot south of First Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets. No admission will be charged and all ages are welcome. Children will be entertained by magician Mark Yeager and the "Balloon Man," who will create complementary balloon animals. Inflatable games and a dunk tank will also be on hand. There will be plenty of cold sodas, lemonade shake-ups, assorted ice cream treats, corn dogs, funnel cakes and more festival favorites available for purchase.

In Davenport's LeClaire Park, local restaurants will offer up great summer fare, and adding to the community spirit, a portion of the proceeds from food sales will benefit

area non-profit organizations. Bounce houses and other children's activities will be available in LeClaire Park to keep families busy until the fireworks begin at dusk. The Iowa National Guard will have Humvees on display in the park. There will also be displays from, but not limited to, Genesis Hospital and St. Ambrose University. St. Ambrose University will be providing free cake for visitors. No pets will be allowed in LeClaire Park. No admission will be charged.

In the LeClaire band shell, music will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the Bix All-Stars, followed by Josh Duffee and His Versatile Five. The CASI band will begin playing at 7:45 p.m. Post 26 of the American Legion will present the American colors prior to the kickoff of the fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

For safe and efficient travel between Rock Island and Davenport, Genesis Health Systems will provide shuttle service to and from LeClaire Park and The District.

Red, White, and Boom! is hosted by the Riverboat Development Authority in partnership with the City of Davenport, the City of Rock Island, Genesis Health Systems, Swing of the Quad Cities, The Quad-City Times, Lujack's Auto Plaza, St. Ambrose University, KWQC, B100, Star 93.5, and Lunardi's Italian Restaurant.