

HEADLINES

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Rock Island Residents Receive Beautification Awards

Rock Island residents were recognized for their beautifully landscaped yards and rain gardens, during the August 14, 2006 City Council meeting. Residents were presented with certificates by [Mayor](#) Mark Schwiebert and the [Rock Island Beautification Commission](#).

Fourteen citizens received a [Residential Beautification Award](#) through **32nd Annual** Tell On Your Neighbor event, where neighbors nominate neighbors for their remarkably neat and well-maintained yards. Zhenya Wine-McDowell was the overall winner in this year's Tell On Your Neighbor contest. Members of the Rock Island Beautification Commission also nominated yards.

An additional thirteen households were recognized for their efforts in creating a rain garden through the [Rain Gardens for Rock Island](#) program. 2006 marks the first year for the ["Best Rain Garden"](#) awards. Rain gardens provide beneficial functions that include reducing flooding, absorbing pollutants, and sustaining wildlife. The first place award went to Larry and Jane Tschappat for their creative and well-maintained rain garden.

The Beautification Commission award programs recognize residents who make the extra effort to beautify their yards beyond the norm. The Commission believes citizens should be honored for their efforts which encourage others to keep beautiful yards that are an asset to Rock Island.



Beautification Commission Chairman Bob Towler announces winners of the 2006 Tell On Your Neighbor and Rain Garden Awards.



Above: 2006 Tell On Your Neighbor Award Recipients. Below: 2006 Best Rain Garden Award Recipients.

