

City of Rock Island Introduces Good Neighbor Award

Community Economic Development

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Did your neighbor go above and beyond to help you get your yard cleaned up after the storm? Did your neighbor help you when you did not have electricity? Did your neighbor assist the entire neighborhood in an effort to get things back to normal? Then nominate them for the “Good Neighbor Award” to show your appreciation.

The City of Rock Island is looking to honor all neighbors who helped others with storm aftermath clean-up. If you feel your neighbor deserves recognition for their kind actions, nominate them and show your appreciation.

Lisa Wymer, Rock Island resident, tells her story:

“It left much devastation all around Rock Island, a place where I have lived most of my life. I have never seen so many trees down, power outages and homes damaged in my 40 years. Although it was inconvenient, scary and will be costly, I must admit it made me appreciate so many more things about Rock Island, my life and my neighbors.

After the winds calmed down, all our neighbors came out to check to make sure all were well. We surveyed damaged, and POOF, people starting working on getting things cleaned up. We had two large trees down in our backyard and we had it cleared, cut and ready for pickup by early afternoon. I had neighbors in



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my backyard whom I had never met and we continued the process and moved from house to house the remainder of the day.

We laughed and frankly had a good time, considering the circumstances. Friends joined with chainsaws and everyone was willing to offer a hand. Night came and all of us were without power so we all gathered, grilled up freezer food and had a buffet of food to eat before it spoiled.”

Nominations will be accepted **through Friday, August 29 at 5 p.m.** Nominations after this date will not be accepted.

All nominees will be recognized at a City Council meeting (date to be announced).



Good Neighbor Award Nomination Form

The **City of Rock Island** invites nominations for friendly Rock Island neighbors that assisted with yard or neighborhood storm clean-up. Rock Island residents who put in the extra effort to assist their neighbors in the clean-up of the storm aftermath are eligible. The City will present each nominee with a certificate.

Your Name: _____

Neighbor's Name (Nominee): _____

Address: _____

Why does your neighbor deserve recognition? _____

Submit your nomination to Planning & Redevelopment Department, City of Rock Island, 1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201 OR cedmail@rigov.org OR call 309.732.2900 **by Friday, August 29, 2008.**