

Headlines



Annual Labor Day Parade Returns to Traditional Route

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The City of Rock Island announces that the annual Labor Day Parade will run on its traditional route. After learning that construction will not start on 24th Street before September 1, 2008, the City determined the parade will not need to be re-routed as originally announced.

City Engineer Jim Johnson stated, "The water main and resurfacing project scheduled for 24th Street has been delayed and will not start before the middle of September." The scheduled work will include the section of 24th Street between 18th and 25th Avenues.

The delay in the project will allow Rock Island's annual Labor Day Parade to use its traditional parade route, which includes 24th Street. Parade Committee members learned about the scheduled work in May, and made plans to re-route the parade from 24th to 17th Street at that time.

The Labor Day Parade is scheduled on Monday, September 1, 2008. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. at Washington Junior High School, located at 33rd Street and 18th Avenue. The parade marches west along 18th Avenue, turns left or south at 24th Street, and continues south to 25th Avenue. The parade turns right, travels west across 17th Street, and disbands into the Rock Island High School grounds. Over 100 entries have registered to date with several incorporating this year's theme **"All Aboard to the Future!"**

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

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