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# BROADCAST

## How much are You willing to pay for historic street lighting?

The City of Rock Island put together a cost estimate for installing historic-style streetlights throughout Broadway. The figures were higher than ever anticipated, with costs running up to \$450 per year, per property for the next 15 years. This would be paid as a special tax added to every property-owners regular tax bill.

A special committee has been formed to review the city's report. Their goals are to reduce the cost per household and to find alternative financing for some of the expense. Their question to Broadway residents is "How much are you willing to add to your annual tax bill in order to have historic street lighting?"

Changing the streetlights in Broadway from the wooden poles to historic style lighting has been a goal of the neighborhood since Broadway's beginning. Every year, the Vision Meeting results have ranked historic style streetlights high on the list of neighborhood goals. The lights on 17<sup>th</sup> Street were installed when the street was resurfaced in part because the city was aware of our wish to

### Neighborhood Partners Wants to Send You to College

There's still time to sign up for the last two courses of the 2002 Community Leadership College being offered by Neighborhood Partners and the City of Rock Island.

**Organization Resuscitation** - Do the same six people show up to every board meeting? Is your best event or fund raiser losing its luster? Are some committees stumbling due to lack of direction? An organization is just like a wardrobe - sometimes it needs a little "makeover." Four great panelists will independently cover design and image, creating links between other organizations and events, committee structuring, and motivating volunteers. Then, later in the session, they'll "resuscitate" a mature, local organization that has had a lot of successes but is looking for some fresh approaches to events and internal structure. Look for great tips from Gail Brooks, President, VICOMM, Inc.; Diane Oestreich of the Rock Island Preservation Society; John Phillips, Rock Island City Manager; and Genevieve Rafferty, Volunteer Coordinator for Festival of Trees. *February 6, Abbey Station, 3029 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island.*

**Conflict Resolution & Problem Solving** - Conflict is a fact of everyday existence, and can be a productive tool to move organizations and relationships forward - but only if handled correctly. Popular speaker, Laura Ford, will present this all-new, interactive session. If you experience difficult board meetings due to personality conflicts or find momentum stagnated by opposing viewpoints, then this session is important for you! Learn to diffuse situations and build better results from the core issues of the conflict. *February 28, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Church, 2901 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island.*

Enrollment applications and other information are available by calling the city at 732-2900 or logging on to the city's website at [www.rigov.org/pdf/CLCbrochure.pdf](http://www.rigov.org/pdf/CLCbrochure.pdf).

### Have a house with siding?

**—We'll remove it this spring!**

Broadway's annual Great Unveiling Event Chairman is looking for homes to unveil this spring. Have you been wanting to remove the siding on your home but lack the manpower to do it? Contact Bill Rowand now at 788-2473 to have your house unveiled this April.

have different streetlights. The street is now better lit and safer, more pedestrian-friendly, and, undoubtedly, more attractive. Do you want these same features for your home? How much is it worth to you?

The February 21<sup>st</sup> Vision Meeting will be your opportunity to find out more and to help determine just what has to be done to make historic streetlights a reality in Broadway. City Engineer Jim Johnson will be attending to answer questions about the costs and special assessments. If you would like a copy of the report, please call Sue Carothers at 786-5768.

Please note - The Broadway Historic District Association does not have taxing authority and cannot impose a tax or assessment on Broadway residents. A decision to have a special assessment or tax will have to be made by consensus of property owners and approved by city council.

### Broadway Warms Up Winter with Porch Party

You've heard your neighbors talk about it and it sounds like a lot of fun, but you've never done it. Well, now's your chance - sign up to attend the ninth annual Broadway Historic District Association's Porch Party! This year's event will be 1:30 to 4 p.m., Sunday, February 24. The idea is to bring neighbors together at a time when we're all likely to be hibernating from winter. And best of all, it's free and includes refreshments!

Each guest will be invited to visit two Broadway homes. You'll receive an invitation to the first house prior to the event. Then, you'll get the location of the second home while you're at the party.

Everyone is welcome to participate as a guest, or if you would like, you can serve as a host by opening up your home to several of your neighbors. To be included on the guest list, or to volunteer as a host, please contact Bob or Barb Braun at 788-1769 or [braun@qconline.com](mailto:braun@qconline.com) by February 10.

### Neighborhood Meeting Set for February 21

The annual Vision Meeting for the Broadway Neighborhood is scheduled for February 21 at 7:00pm at Broadway Presbyterian Church. Plan to attend and voice your opinion on future goals for your neighborhood. What do you foresee for Broadway's future? Do you have ideas or concerns you would like to share with your neighbors? The Board needs to know your thoughts. Last year, historic street lighting was ranked as the neighborhood's No. 2 goal. In addition to setting new goals for the neighborhood, Jim Johnson, City Engineer, will be joining us to answer questions concerning historic street lighting. Please join us and let your voice be heard.

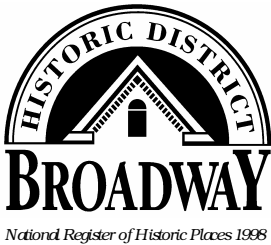
#### The Broadway Board

Martha Dismer	Deb Magnuson
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Sue Carothers	Bill Rowand
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Kati Bushur	

Board Meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact a board member for the time and date for the next meeting.

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## Step Into Time With Linc-N-Arts

Linc-N-Arts is a collaborative effort among Rock Island's Lincoln Elementary School, the neighborhoods of Broadway and Greenbush, and the School/Community Task Force of Neighborhood Partners.

The goal of the initiative is to invite Lincoln Elementary students and their families, as well as neighborhood residents to experience the arts from local artists. It will also help strengthen ties between the school and the neighborhood, which will benefit all involved.

The program is the result of collaboration among Lincoln teachers, city of Rock Island staff, and neighborhood residents. Sue McDevitt, Rock Island/Milan Schools Board Member, is chairperson of the committee leading the effort.

"Linc-N-Arts is one of the positive things that is happening in our schools and neighborhoods. It is an excellent example of what people can accomplish when we all come together to improve our community," McDevitt says.

Donations from the following organizations have made the program possible: Rock Island Evening Lions, Broadway Historic District Association, Kiwanis Club of Rock Island, and the City of Rock Island.

The program's theme this year is "Step Into Time", which reflects the variety of activities being offered.

### Personalized Stepping Stones

For the kick-off activity, Lincoln Elementary students and neighborhood children will be invited to cast their footprints into cement then make them into an artistic stepping stone. From these stones, volunteers will construct a stepping stone path leading to the school. The cement casts will be made at Lincoln School on the following dates: 9-11 a.m., Saturday, February 23, 2002; 3-4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2002.

The path will be laid in spring 2002 at a school and neighborhood celebration.

### Activities for Preschoolers

Neighborhood children, ages 3 to 5, and their parents, are welcome to visit with Lincoln's kindergarten class and participate in several fun activities. The classes will be open for visitors at the following times: 1:30-2:45 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2002; 1:30-2:45 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2002

During these times, preschoolers can make their own stepping

stones, as well as do an activity with the kindergarten class.

Children who will be ready to begin school in Fall 2002, along with their parents, are invited to attend a session at the school where they will make a learning game to take home. This activity will be: 3-4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2002.

### Four Steps to Dance Appreciation

All Lincoln Elementary students will have the opportunity to participate in a series of in-school workshops that focus on the inter-relationship between dance, music, and mime. The program, organized by Ballet Quad Cities, will culminate with the ballet company's performance of "Coppelia" on Friday, March 8 at the Capitol Theatre, Davenport. Neighborhood residents are invited to attend the initial program at the school on February 18, 2002.

### Neighborhood Architecture

Lincoln Elementary students, with the help of neighborhood residents, can learn more about the architecture of the Broadway Historic District, including "Old Lincoln School" through an art and poetry activity led by local writers, artists, and historic preservationists. These events are planned for April 2002.

### School/Neighborhood Celebration

The program will culminate with a school/neighborhood celebration on Wednesday, May 22, 2002, highlighting the art activities done in the program. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a picnic supper served on the school grounds.

All activities will take place at Lincoln Elementary School, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Rock Island, unless otherwise noted. Neighborhood residents will receive a brochure about the program's activities in early February. For more information, please contact Sue McDevitt at 786-3600.

### Attention Parents With Young Children

Parents with children age five and under can receive a special invitation to upcoming projects at Lincoln Elementary. Please call Jill Doak at 732-2900 or Doakja@ri.lincon.org to get your name on the mailing list. You will be notified about activities happening at the school designed for younger children.

### Mother's Day Committee Making Plans

Five homes are scheduled to open for this year's Mother's Day Tour. The committee, headed by Deb Magnuson, started planning last fall for this year's event. Carriage rides, "Broadway Square", and music, which were all popular last year, will be returning. A new feature, Broadway Victorian Fair, is being added. Donna Rogers has been working diligently to plan the Fair. The goal of the Fair is to demonstrate the creation of handmade items and to reenact cultural activities from the Victorian Era. There will be a cake walk and games for the children. Many volunteers are needed for this event. Contact Sue Carothers at 786-5768 to donate your time.

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You can purchase a one-year subscription (6 issues) of **OLD HOUSE JOURNAL** magazine through the Rock Island Preservation Society for only \$16 instead of the regular subscription rate of \$26.75. **OHJ** offers many articles about maintaining and restoring the older home. For more information call 788-1845.

The offer is open to both members and non-members, and is available for renewals as well. **Subscriptions must be received by Monday, March 4.**

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