

Advocates for Historic Architecture

Membership Meetings

- August 15, 2023 Hauberg Civic Center, 1300 24th Street, Rock Island
Tuesday 7:00 PM
- September 19, 2023 Hauberg Civic Center, 1300 24th Street, Rock Island
Tuesday 7:00 PM
- October 17, 2023 Hauberg Civic Center, 1300 24th Street, Rock Island
Tuesday 7:00 PM

If you have requested, an email reminder with the Meeting Agenda will be sent prior to each meeting with confirmation of time and location of each meeting.

Remember to keep the third Tuesday of each month marked on your calendar for monthly RIPS meetings and activities

HEBREW CEMETERY EPITAPH WALK



On Sunday, August 20, beginning at 1 pm, Congregation Beth Israel of the Tri City Jewish Center is sponsoring “Epitaph Walk – a Living Jewish History” at the historic Hebrew Cemetery, 2715 30th Street, Rock Island.

The cemetery has been located at the 30th Street location for a century. You will find it behind the former Jewish Center (now the RI Library/Watts-Midtown Branch and YMCA) Before the Jewish Center was constructed, the open land was known to many as “Hebrew Park” which was generously kept open to the public.

Guided tours of small groups will begin every 15 minutes with the last tour beginning at 3 pm. A \$5 donation is requested. Of course, children under 12 are free. There is plenty of parking on site. The cemetery is quite compact and flat and therefore the walking is easy. Rain date is Sunday, August 27.

You will learn about Jewish burial traditions as well as the history of a few of the well-known business people, entrepreneurs, builders, cultural leaders and even a war hero who are buried there. The eight featured leaders include Louis and Sadie Andich, Frank Weindruch, Ruth Evelyn Katz, Louis Rich, Sam Weisman, Archie Weindruch, and Kopl Vesole. Community members, including many descendants, will portray these people.



HAUBERG HAPPENINGS

What's New at Hauberg Estate?

American Riverboat Cruise Line has chosen Hauberg Estate as one of their weekly shore excursions while they are docked in Davenport. The Hauberg docent group produced a short PowerPoint presentation that introduces guests to Rock Island, lumbering, and the Denkmann and Hauberg families. Then guests are free to walk through the first floor of the mansion, the carriage house, and the gift shop. Docents in each room point out items of interest and answer questions.



The new Carriage Haus Bar is now open on Fridays from noon to 7pm. And you are invited to bring your four-legged friends with you. Often these Fridays include a Rescue Me Yappy Hour when one of our local animal shelters brings a dog in need of a new home. Check the Hauberg Facebook page to get a sneak peek at what adoptable dog will be coming this Friday.

Landscape Restoration Continues and if you haven't walked the drive path or been to the terrace gardens recently you are in for a treat. The terraces are being reclaimed. The stream is flowing, and you won't want to miss the waterfall. The park office building next to the mansion is in the process of being demolished. Flowers and some shrubs in that area have been transplanted around the landscape. Once the land is cleared, A formal garden will be established based on Jens Jensen's original designs and Susanne Denkmann's documented love for roses.



Keep up with all the Hauberg happenings on their Facebook page [Friends of Hauberg](#)

FRIENDS OF LONG VIEW PARK



Long View Park has always been a special place to Rock Islanders. And it has always benefited from public support. This summer that support led to the revitalization of Friends of Long View Park. On a recent Sunday night people interested in its future took a walk around the park and shared ideas of what might be done. The walk followed sidewalk paths that not even park regulars were not aware of.

What we know today as Long View Park was for decades called Bailey's pasture. It was part of Bailey Davenport's estate that extended from 7th to 18th Avenue, 15th to 17th Street. After Bailey's death, a group of local investors purchased the estate and donated much of it to Rock Island for use as a public park. The park was dedicated on July 10, 1908. Downtown merchants closed their stores so their employees could attend the festivities that drew a reported crowd of 15,000.

Over the decades the park has seen changes. An authentic Swiss-style chalet was built in 1917. The Helen Horst Memorial Pool in 1921. A 3-story combination shelter, tool storage, and garage building was constructed by the Works Progress Administration during the depression, as was the conservatory just to the south. The 1950's saw the addition of more playground equipment and a large public swimming pool. The Whitewater Junction Aquatic Center, visible from 17th Street, replaced the outdated pool.

The Friends of Long View Park have come up with an action plan that includes helping with general clean-up, weeding, adoption of flower beds, and the restoration of the lagoon. The first major project on their list is the restoration of the Lord and Burnham conservatory. Friends of Long View Park is a registered 501c3 not-for-profit, so memberships and donations are tax deductible.

For more information check out their Facebook page [Friends of Long View Park](#)

Postcards From Home

Postcards from Home features vintage Rock Island picture postcards and the story each tells. These articles, prepared by the Rock Island Preservation Society, originally appeared in the Rock Island Argus and Moline Dispatch. While the series encompassed the entire city of Rock Island, a number of them feature postcards of Long View Park, from the construction of the park to the many monuments and views. The entire series is on our website, www.RockIslandPreservation.com under the "Postcards" page. A click on the postcard images below will bring you right to the page.



FIRST LUTHERAN HOUSE TOURS

First Evangelical Lutheran Parish House Tours Saturday, August 19



This bluff top Parish House on the large triangular lot just off 18th Avenue, where 17th and 20th Streets come together, is one of Rock Island's great Prairie-style houses. Although serving as the Parish House for the Lutherans since 1948, it was built in 1907. It was designed for Stuart and Grace Velie Harper by Temple, Burrows & McLane of Davenport and was constructed by Peter Peterson of Moline. Scandal soon rocked that couple (you'll learn more on the tour!) and the house was sold to I.S. and Margaret White, who renamed it "The Lindens." The White family remained

here for decades, but by 1948 it was sold to the Lutherans. At that time, the original carriage house was converted to the church building while the home remained as the parsonage, now Parish House.

Small group tours and a lecture will be led by Andrew Elders, a professional art historian and former member of the church. (Andrew is a former RIPS member as well, but moved to Chicago to pursue his dream of studying art history).

Reservations are requested, with three different tours scheduled throughout the day – 9:30 to 11:30 am, and 1-3 and 4-6 pm. Group size is limited to 30, so you won't be rushed. Tickets – with all proceeds going to the restoration of the house – are \$25 and can be purchased by contacting the church office, (309) 788-9661. Be sure to reserve your time, either by phone or mail. You can mail checks to the church at 1600 20th Street and be sure to specify a time. If your time is not available, you may need to be contacted, so include your phone number as well.

Check their website for more on the house preservation and restoration. FirstLutheranRI.org

