



### **The Amazing Bike Party**

Earlier this year, Vander Vending donated 10 children's bikes to the Rock Island Police Department (RIPD) with instructions to, "give them away." RIHA Liaison Police Officer Michael Wood was notified about the bikes because of his connection to the families living at RIHA and CHS properties. Following a conversation with Police Sergeant, Dy Robinson; Officer Wood developed a plan for organizing what became known as the, "Amazing Bike Party."

On Saturday, June 24 beginning at noon, the families of 20 children ranging in age from three to ten gathered under the portico at Cascade Garden. After each child was presented with their new bike and bicycle helmet, the RIPD Bicycle Unit taught the children and their parents about the safety aspect of riding a bicycle on streets and roadways. The kids also had the opportunity to test their bicycling and braking skills in a mini obstacle course set up in the parking lot. In addition to the bikes and cycling safety tips for the 20 children and their families, everyone living at Cascade Garden, Lynden Lane and Douglas Park Place were invited to the party. Nearly 100 people gathered to enjoy a hotdog lunch with all of the trimmings, lots of snacks, games and prizes – and most importantly, an afternoon of togetherness, fun and shared excitement.

Organizations participating in the collaborative event included Rock Island Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #57 and Rock Island Policeman's Benevolent and Protective Association, Unit 3; who collectively donated \$600 toward the purchase bikes and helmets. Wal-Mart donated a bike, True-Value Hardware provided a popcorn machine, and RIHA provided hotdogs with all of the trimmings. In addition to the original 10 bikes, Vander Vending provided a nacho-cheese bar, beverages plus prizes and games for all of the kids.

A very special thank you goes to the RIPD Bicycle Unit; especially RIHA Liaison Officer Wood for all of his extra effort and dedication to the families living at RIHA and CHS properties. Officer Wood said it the best when he stated, "The bike party was a lot of work, but as soon as the event started, it went by in what seemed like a heartbeat! Seeing the smiles and the excitement on the faces of those kids made every bit of the work and long hours it took to organize the event worthwhile. It was an amazing bike party!"

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### **National Night Out Against Crime**

All Rock Island neighbors are invited to participate in the National Night Out Against Crime, at Long View Park's upper pavilion. The event will take place on Tuesday, August 1st from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The nationwide event recognizes the effectiveness of neighborhood and law enforcement cooperation in reducing and preventing crime. It is one of hundreds of similar activities coordinated under the National Association of Town Watch. Rock Island's event is sponsored by Community Caring Conference (CCC).

**Free refreshments will be provided.**

Activities include K-9 Unit demonstrations by the Rock Island Police Department (RIPD), a tug-of-war between RIPD and the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department and presentations by the Rock Island

Fire Department; plus the Metropolitan Youth Program drill team will perform. There will be face-painting, games and fun activities for kids operated by employees of the Moline Target store.

This family event is aimed at encouraging residents to be visible and active in their neighborhoods, and to communicate effectively with law enforcement to fight crime. After the Night Out Celebration, residents are encouraged to return home, connect with neighbors turn on their porch lights and carry the crime-free message across the City.

For more information, call CCC at 309.721.7849 or email them at [rockislandccc@gmail.com](mailto:rockislandccc@gmail.com).

# RIHA Hosts Property Specific Safety Events

RIHA is hosting 3 Safety Information meetings this year.

The first will be held at Sunset Heights on Tuesday July 18th at 2:00 pm.  
The Spencer Towers event will be held on Wednesday July 19th at 2:00 pm,  
and Cascade Garden on Friday July 21th at 2:00 pm.  
Lincoln Homes and 3rd & 11th Townhomes residents are invited  
to attend any of the 3 RIHA sponsored events.

The Safety Meetings will provide property-specific information from Property Managers, Maintenance Staff, Police Liaison Officer Wood and the Rock Island Fire Department.

Free refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact your Property Manager.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### RIHA Properties

Lincoln Homes: 309.788-0539

Maintenance: 309.788-3800

Sunset Heights: 309.788-3800

Maintenance: 309.788.3800

Spencer Towers: 309.788.1809

Maintenance: 309.788.1809

3rd & 11th Townhomes: 309.788.1809

Maintenance: 309.788.1809

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227 - 21st Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

Phone: 309.788.0828 • Email: [Housing@RIHA4rent](mailto:Housing@RIHA4rent)

[www.RIHA4Rent.org](http://www.RIHA4Rent.org)

### CHS Properties

Cascade Garden: 309.283.2299

Maintenance: 309.283.2299

Douglas Park Place Maintenance: 309.283.2299

Lynden Lane: 309.283.2299

Maintenance: 309.283.2299

Leasing Office:

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