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Redeveloped First Street gets showcase

ST. CHARLES – Downtown St. Charles Partnership will host Rockin' Block Party to celebrate the reopening of First Street and the completion of Phase 2 construction in the First Street Redevelopment project. The free party will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Sept. 29 on First Street between Indiana Street and Cobblestone Drive.

Activities for all ages are planned. The River 95.9 FM will broadcast live from First Street from 3 to 5 p.m. Tours of the First Street Redevelopment

project and the new Milestone Row building will be offered. Children's activities, including a look at the construction equipment and posing with Charles T. Fox for photos will be from 3 to 6 p.m.

A Business Spotlight tent will feature downtown St. Charles retailers, and the "Taste of St. Charles" tent will offer specialties from local restaurants. The Class of '68 will perform rock 'n' roll favorites from 6 to 9 p.m. McNally's Irish Pub will host a beer garden.

The completion of Phase 2 will include the reopening of

South First Street between Indiana and Prairie Streets.

Downtown St. Charles Partnership is a volunteer and membership-based organization. For information, visit www.dtown.org or call 630-513-5386.

Neighborhood Pride Week accepting entries

Mid-Valley Neighborhood Improvement Association Inc. is accepting entries for Neighborhood Pride Week, Sept. 30 through Oct. 6.

Homeowners in the Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles areas

who have recently remodeled their homes can be nominated. Remodeling categories include exterior home improvements, historic renovations and landscaping improvements. Entries are due Sept. 22. Entry forms are available at www.mvnia.org or by calling 630-584-1996.

Projects submitted by the deadline may be featured in a variety of newspaper venues and Web sites. Improved properties may be featured in the Showcase Directory, which will be printed in the Kane County Chronicle on Sept. 30.

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