NEW METRA AND AMTRAK TRAIN PLATFORMS 
HAVE OPENED

On Monday, September 29, 2014, the new Rock Island District and Heritage Corridor temporary platforms opened. Beginning Monday, October 6, 2014, Union Station will be open from 4:30 AM until 9:00 PM Monday through Friday. Access through the station will be from the door off Scott Street, by the Police Department Substation, through the hallway by the coffee shop and bathrooms, and into the tunnel to Art Schultz Drive. The elevator in Union Station will be locked unless there is a function in the banquet facility. Since there are limited passenger trains on the weekends the building will be closed except when there are special events or the banquet facility is open.

The City of Joliet will be adding lighting under the viaduct on Jefferson Street. The City asks that residents obey the designated crossing across Jefferson Street for their personal safety.

As cold weather approaches, the City of Joliet will open the “will-call” area of Silver Cross Field to serve as a lobby for winter warming. The City is considering other options as well to attempt to make this long-term inconvenience acceptable to our resident commuters. Snow removal maintenance will continue around Union Station, including the exterior stairs on the Jefferson Street side, since these are emergency exit routes for the banquet facility. The City of Joliet will include sidewalk snow removal in its Request for Proposals for the snow removal in the parking lots east of Union Station and around the new platforms for both the Heritage Corridor and Rock Island lines.

A Joliet Police officer will be stationed at the east end of the new parking lot area, next to the Heritage Corridor platform, to keep the flow of traffic moving for those cars waiting for passengers to arrive and to also direct traffic out of the parking lot at peak times as commuters return to Joliet.

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