

# The Link

*A letter to all residents of the wonderful City of Dallas City from the Dallas City City Council*



Many positive activities have been happening in our community since our last news letter there is much more on the horizon as we rapidly enter 2008.

Dallas City has been chosen to receive a "Looking for Lincoln" sign through a grant project. The City of Dallas City is pleased to support the Hancock County Economic Development Association in their participation in the state of Illinois' Looking for Lincoln project. As part of our mission to support and enhance business and quality of life in the community we serve, Dallas City is happy to be able to contribute to this project. We are aware that Abraham Lincoln had many significant experiences in Hancock County. Our rail-style sign will be placed by the Lincoln Rock along the Mississippi and will contain information about the site along with photos or illustrations. Our sign will have its own unique coin where a rub can be done to capture the design. There will be at least five other signs throughout Hancock County. The U.S. Housing and Urban Development pays two-thirds of the cost while each community pays the other one-third. Anyone that would like to contribute financially to this project should contact Mayor Ruth Higgins at 852-3348 or Commissioner Jason Gold at 852-9944

By the time you receive this newsletter our new website will be available. Once again, we especially encourage all organizations and churches to make use of the community calendar on our website. This can be helpful in

eliminating duplication of events. Our website address is [www.dallascity-il.com](http://www.dallascity-il.com).

Great River chapter of Quail Forever Habitat chairman, Al Stevenson, presented a check for \$675 to the city to be used for our wetland project at the west edge of Dallas City. The funds will be used for native grasses and forbes to be planted at our site. Great River Quail Forever worked in cooperation with Illinois DNR through a grant to establish habitat for upland game birds, song birds, and rabbits. All proceeds made by Great River chapter Quail Forever are used locally. According to Stevenson, "They work very closely with our youth to preserve and build habitat through youth leadership." The City of Dallas City thanks the Great River Chapter of Quail Forever, and looks forward to continued cooperative efforts.

We are pleased to make you aware of another unique event about to happen in our community. Dallas City is proud to have author Craig Harms residing in our community. His first book has been published. Everyone is invited to attend the premiere book release of the thriller, "Day Omega" by Dallas City author Craig Harms. This will be held on Sunday, February 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the 1850's Guest House. Books will be available and signed by the author. Craig has stated that all proceeds will benefit charities in memory of Jamey Scott Rea. We encourage everyone to join in this unique event which is certainly another plus for Dallas City. =