Hopefully, you enjoyed the festivities at River Days this year and got out to mingle with your neighbors and visitors from other cities. We had two great bands, awesome fireworks and 84 parade units. Thank you to Marlys and Gordy Thomas for being our 2018 Grand Marshals. We are lucky to have awesome volunteers and a fantastic River Days Committee who have coordinated this annual event since 1981!

Mark your calendars on October 6th for our 3rd Annual Rocktoberfest at Riverside Park! We have an outstanding venue of bands with concession stands of food and refreshments. Admission to the event is free so come on down to the park for some fun and support the Fire Department Auxiliary and Rockford Area Historical Society!

City staff is working on 2019 preliminary budgets and will present to the City Council for review and approval in September. Preliminary budgets look good based on the addition of new homes and 2 bonds being paid off early. The Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the city council chambers.

Get ready for Crow River Christmas on Saturday, December 1st. Contact Riverworks if you want to sponsor a tree down at the park.

Hope to see you all at Rocktoberfest!

Mayor Renee Hafften
Rockford River Days just finished up another successful celebration with great weather, lots of fun and a great parade. This annual get together is a yearlong process from start to finish. (Our Ambassador program goes year-round as these young ladies, parents and volunteers participate in other celebrations and programs.) I want to recognize Heather Tody and Sarah Bacon for their dedication to this program. This year we replaced the River Days Float with a smaller easier to tow trailer. A special thank you goes out to Kelly Tody for fabricating the new design along with Heather and her keen eye for detail. The float looks fantastic!

The Rockford River Days celebration is made up of many volunteers that give their time back so many people can enjoy the three day weekend event. The River Days committee is looking for more volunteers in all aspects of our celebration. We are especially in need of people to help with parade setup on Sunday. There are opportunities that may only require 2-3 hours that would really help in getting the parade running smoothly from start to finish.

I have been involved with River Days longer than I want to remember and I believe every year we improve (hopefully) the entire experience. The need for more volunteers is important as I plan to refocus my commitment to the celebration and do the things that I like to do. That opens up opportunities in leadership, planning and long term projects.

Please contact myself or our Mayor Renee Hafften for details. We are having our follow up meeting September 4th at 6:00 pm at Riverside Park, 8220 Riverside Park, Rockford, MN.

Have a great fall! Rockford Rick Martinson rickm@cityofrockford.org

Rockford Fire Department

The Rockford Fire Department is looking for NEW members. Paid on call. No experience needed. Training will be provided. Applications are available at City Hall or online at: www.cityofrockford.org

The Rockford Fire Auxiliary is also looking for members. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Debbie Buoy at 612-760-8755

Events:

Dad’s Belgian Waffle Breakfast – Saturday, September 22, 2018 (8:30am-11:30am)
Location: Rockford Fire Station, 6700 Main Street
Breakfast includes: waffles with all the fixings, sausage and beverage (coffee, milk or juice)
ALL proceeds benefit the Rockford Lion’s Club and the Rockford Fire Department Relief Association
Cost: Adults $9 and Children under 5 $4

Rocktoberfest October 6th starting at 4pm
Fire Prevention Week October 7, 2018 to October 13, 2018
Open House during Fire Prevention Week—watch for more details.
Halloween October 31st at dusk the Rockford Fire Fighters will be driving through Rockford to hand out free glow sticks to the “Trick or Treaters”
Toy Drive—always accepting new toys for distribution (boxes should be available around Thanksgiving)
The local elections in Rockford this year include two council members for four year terms and a special election for one council member for a two year term.

If you are a new resident to the City of Rockford, recently turned 18 or have not voted in the last four years, we encourage you to go online to www.sos.state.mn.us and complete a Voter Registration Application. You may also register to vote on Election Day, but make sure you have ID such as a current driver’s license or MN ID card with your correct address. If you have not changed your driver’s license you must have a current utility bill and your license. Last day to pre-register before the General Election is **October 16, 2018**.

Absentee voting begins **September 21, 2018** for the General Election. Absentee ballots will NOT be available at City Hall to vote in person. Applications are available on-line on the City website (Election tab), at City Hall, 6031 Main Street, or in person at the county where you live:

- **Hennepin County Government Center**
  - 300 South 6th Street PSL 012
  - Minneapolis, MN 55487-0012
  - Fax: 612-348-2151 / Phone: 612-348-5151

- **Wright County Government Center**
  - 10 2nd Street NW, Room 230
  - Buffalo, MN 55313-1195
  - Fax: 763-682-7873 / Phone: 763-682-7578

On Tuesday, **November 6, 2018** all Rockford residents in Hennepin County and Wright County vote at the Rockford Community Center, 7600 County Road 50 (Rebecca Park Trail), Door 11, Rockford. The polls will be open 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

**Compost Site**

The compost site on Elm Street/CR 33 is scheduled to close **early November** until about April 15th, **depending on the weather**. You do not need to check out a key at city hall.

**Hours of operation:**
- **Monday—Friday** 7:30am-3pm
- **Wednesday Evenings** 4:30pm-dusk
- **Saturday** 8am-noon

Items accepted: grass clippings, leaves and brush no larger than 3” in diameter. All bags used to transport composting must be removed.

**NO OTHER DUMPING IS ALLOWED.**
The Ames-Florida-Stork House is located at:
8131 Bridge Street  
(763) 477-5383   Email: storkhouse@cityofrockford.org
www.rockfordmnhistory.org

Upcoming Events:
- Rocktoberfest—10/6 starting at 4pm
- Crow River Christmas—12/1

Recycling
Waste Management collects recycling every other Wednesday. The 2018 calendar is available on the City website or at City Hall.

Recyclables must be set out at the curb by 7 a.m.

The City of Rockford supports residential recycling in the general fund budget. Recycling was state mandated by legislature. The more everyone can recycle the bigger the county rebates, reducing the tax burden.

Rockford Farmers Market
Fridays (June-October) 3pm—6:30pm
6121 Main Street in City Parking Lot Downtown at the corner of Main and Cedar Street
Website: http://rockfordmarketweebly.com

Crow River Clean-Up Day
Saturday, September 15, 2018
Starting at 8am-noon

For more information and/or to volunteer contact:
Nicole Erickson at 763-682-1933 Ext 2915
C.R.O.W. Crow River Organization of Water

Waste Disposal provided by Waste Management

RiverWorks—Community Helping Community!
RiverWorks is looking for volunteers to help at the food shelf and the thrift store. If you are interested, complete a volunteer application: www.riverworksonline.org

Annual Steak Fry & Auction—Saturday, October 13, 2018
100% of the proceeds benefit RiverWorks Community Development.

For more information contact Denise Kesanen (763) 477-9803 or dkesanen@riverworksonline.org