



The Bridge—Volume 134

CITY OF ROCKFORD

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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



Rocktoberfest

Starting at 4pm
Riverside Park—8220 Elm Street
Rockford, MN 55373



City Hall

6031 Main Street
Rockford, MN 55373
phone: 763-477-6565
fax: 763-477-4393

Email: cityhall@cityofrockford.org
Web Site: www.cityofrockford.org

City Hall Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8am—4:30pm

Mayor

Renee Hafften

City Council

Deb Buoy
Ted Hill
Rick Martinson
Scott Seymour

City Council Meetings

Second & fourth Tuesday of each month at 6pm

Planning Commission Meetings

Second Thursday (fourth Thursday Apr-Oct if needed) of each month at 7pm

Park Commission Meetings

First Monday of every other month at 6pm

To receive the newsletter and city updates via email, send your email address to:
audrae@cityofrockford.org

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ROCKFORD RIVER DAYS

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.



2018/2019 Ambassadors
Grace Clark, Skyler Palmer, Chloe Erickson,
Ava Dumonceaux and Quinn Penney

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)





ELECTION INFORMATION

The next R-G Chamber meeting will be held on **September 13th** at Wright-Hennepin Electric located at 6800 Electric Drive, Rockford. Networking starts at 11:30am with lunch and program at noon. **Meet the local candidates on the November 6th ballot.**

October 13th Chamber Coffee at BANKWEST 7:30am
November 11th Chamber Meeting 11:30 am at W-H

The chamber invites all the businesses from the surrounding area to join them at their gatherings. Website: rgchamber.wixsite.com

R O C K F O R D L I B R A R Y

Located at **8220 Cedar Street** (763) 477-4216
 For more information see their website: www.griver.org

A Few of their upcoming EVENTS:

Tween & Teen Game Night – 9/10, 10/1 & 12/5 (6-7pm) Ages 10-14

Author & Appraiser—9/11 (5-8pm) Mark Moran will evaluate antique items. One item per person. Limit 40—registration in advance.

Raptor Center Event—9/20 (6-7pm)

Tech Tutor—9/27 & 10/25 (4-5pm)

Read to Taurus the Schnauzer—9/29 & 10/27 (11am-noon) for school aged child. Call to sign-up for time slots.

Ferdig Fridays: Music Recital—10/5 & 11/2 (3:30-4pm) Showcases the talents of local school-age musicians from Mr. Ferdig’s Rockford School District music classes.

Friends of the Library Book and Media Sale—10/8 to 10/13 during library hours. Donations accepted year round.

S N O W S E A S O N P A R K I N G

During the period from **November 1st to April 1st** it shall be unlawful for any person to **park a vehicle on or within six feet of the roadway between the hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.** and anytime after there has been ice accumulation, continuous or intermittent snow fall during which there has been **accumulation of two inches or more** of snow on any street until plowed or removed the whole width of the roadway. Vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance will be towed and stored at the owner’s expense. **At NO TIME shall a vehicle be parked on ANY street for more than twelve (12) hours.**

SNOW PLOWING—It is unlawful to deposit snow onto ANY city, township, county or state road. Doing so is a violation of state statute and you will be fined.

The local elections in Rockford this year include two council members for four year teams 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.

C O M P O S T S I T E

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.



CITY OF ROCKFORD

Upcoming Events

- September 3rd—City Hall Closed in observance of Labor Day
- September 6th—Allina Health Sneak-Peek Event 4:30pm to 6:30pm at 6121 Main Street parking lot
- September 10th—Rockford Senior Citizen's 11:30 am at the Rockford Community Center
- September 15th—Crow River Clean Up starting at 8am
- September 21st—Absentee Voting Begins for the General Election
- October 6th—Rocktoberfest starting at 4pm at Riverside Park
- October 7th—October 13th—Fire Prevention Week
- October 8th—Rockford Senior Citizen's 11:30am at the Delano Senior Center
- October 11th—R-G Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting 7:30am at BANKWEST
- October 13th—RiverWorks Steak Fry 5:00pm at Rockford Township Hall
- October 16th—Last Day to Preregister for the General Election City Hall open until 5pm
- November 6th—General Election 7am-8pm at the Rockford Community Center
- November 8th—R-G Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting 11:30am at Wright-Hennepin Electric
- November 12th—City Hall Closed in observance of Veteran's Day
- November 12th—Rockford Senior Citizen's 11:30am at Riverside Park
- November 22nd and 23rd—City Hall Closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- December 1st—Crow River Christmas more details to follow

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.

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| September 12, 2018 | November 21, 2018 |
| September 26, 2018 | December 5, 2018 |
| October 10, 2018 | December 19, 2018 |
| October 24, 2018 | January 2, 2019* |
| November 7, 2018 | *Thursday pick-up |

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

AMES-FLORIDA-STORK HOUSE

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

The Rockford Area Senior Citizens meet the 2nd Monday of each month at different locations. Call Bonnie Pool (763) 477-4468 for information or to sign-up. Membership is \$10 per year. Upcoming meetings:

- **September 10th**—Rockford Community Center
- **October 8th**—Delano Senior Center
- **November 12th**—Riverside Park-8220 Elm Street

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