



The Bridge—Volume 137

CITY OF ROCKFORD

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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

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audrae@cityofrockford.org

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's been in the 40's the week before June 1st. What happened to our wonderful spring time in Minnesota? Even though Mother Nature has not been very nice to us these last 7 months we are gearing up for summer, which usually includes maintaining our infrastructure. Council approved the 2019 street improvement plan to mill and overlay certain streets in the Autumn Oaks and Woodhill areas. This construction is planned to begin in June and residents can check out the progress through the City's Facebook page.

Council and staff have revised goals for 2019 and plan to focus on residential/commercial development, reducing the amount of city owned property and staff development. It is with mixed emotions when council approved Marlys Elsen's letter of resignation on May 28th. Marlys will be retiring at the end of August after dedicating over 20 years to the City of Rockford. We will truly miss her and wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Mark your calendars for Rockford River Days! Our annual event will take place August 9 – 11 with Jonah and the Whales on Friday night and the 70's Magic Sunshine Band on Saturday night. Come down to Riverside Park for the new petting zoo, bingo, Texas hold'em, cribbage, craft/market place, food, beverages, 10k/5k run, volleyball and corn hole tournaments. Parade will take place at noon on Sunday. Go to the website rockfordriverdays.weebly.com to see all the details and register for events.

Congratulations to Debbie Buoy for being selected the 2018 volunteer of the year!

Enjoy the days of summer!

Renee Hafften

ROCKFORD RIVER DAYS AUGUST 9TH – 11TH

Come and enjoy Rockford River Days celebration at Riverside Park—8220 Elm Street. Many events happening – NEW Petting Zoo, Band Friday and Saturday Night, Corn Hole Toss, Volleyball, Bingo, **Fireworks on Saturday** and **Parade at noon on Sunday**.

For more information go to the website: rockfordriverdays.weebly.com. If you would like to learn more information about how you could help with River Days planning or be part of the committee, please contact: rockfordrick@msn.com or chairpersonrrd@aol.com.

Great food and fun, so save the dates: August 9, 2019 – August 11, 2019!

Bring your family and join in on the celebration!

CLEAN-UP DAY

Rockford's Annual City Wide Clean-Up was held on Saturday, May 4th from (8am-noon) at the Public Works Site—6551 Utility Drive. The weather was pleasant and the residents were patient. There were approximately 151 vehicles that came thru to dispose of their unwanted items.

Items collected:

62 Appliances (7,265 pounds)

4,465 pounds of Electronics

29 Fluorescent Bulb

20 Tires

7.04 tons of Scrap Metal

8.56 tons of Garbage

4.81 tons of Construction Material

About 13 residents donated food or cash to the RiverWorks Food Shelf (collecting \$152 cash and 50 pounds of food was donated).

RENTAL DWELLING LICENSE

If you are renting a residential property within the City of Rockford you are required by city code to have the property licensed.

If you already have an existing Rental Dwelling License, it is time to renew it for 2019/2020. The City Council has established a fee for rental property licenses. Stop by City Hall or go on-line to obtain the license application. All applications need to be submitted to City Hall no later than June 28, 2019.

ROCKFORD LIBRARY

Located at **8220 Cedar Street** (763) 477-4216

Just a few of their EVENTS:

Family Storytime—Wednesdays (10:30am-11:15am)

Basic Flower Panting using Acrylics—June 6th (5:30-7:30pm)

Kick-Off Summer Reading Program—starts June 11th (3:30-6pm) Sign-up anytime during the summer!

Let's Create! Puppet Theatre—June 20th (5:30-7:30pm)

Detective Science - July 23rd (3-4pm)

Celebrate 50th Anniv of the Apollo Mission—July 30th (4-5pm)

Claymation Class—August 3rd (10:30-11:30am)

Flip Book Animation & Pre-Film Animation—August 8th (5:30-7:30pm)

Intuitive Painting—August 15th (5:30-7:30pm)

Rock/Stone Balancing—August 20th (6-7pm)

For more information see their website: www.griver.org

RIVERSIDE PARK 8220 ELM STREET

Looking for a building to host your upcoming: graduation, wedding, anniversary, shower, birthday, family or class reunion, or meeting?

Building occupancy approximately 48 people. Rental includes use of building and overhangs, some tables and chairs, refrigerator, oven/cooktop, sink, and bathrooms.

Rates: Residents \$128.00 (plus sales tax)
Non-Residents \$170.00 (plus sales tax)

For availability and/or to make a reservation Call City Hall



Rockford Farmers Market

Fridays (June 7th-October 11th) 3pm—6:30pm
Rockford City Parking Lot—6121 Main Street
At the corner of Main Street & Cedar Street
Website: <http://rockfordmarketweebly.com>

R&G Rockford-Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce

June 13th Chamber Coffee Meeting at BANKWEST 7:30am

The next R-G Chamber meeting will be held on **July 11th** at Wright-Hennepin Electric located at 6800 Electric Drive, Rockford. Networking starts at 11:30am with lunch and program at noon.

August 8th Chamber Coffee Meeting at BANKWEST 7:30am

The chamber invites all the businesses from the surrounding area to join them at their gatherings.

RSVP via email: rockfordgreenfieldchamber@gmail.com

Contact Information:

PO Box 413, Rockford, MN 55373

<http://rgchamber.wixsite.com/rgchamber>

The Rockford Area Seniors meet the 2nd Monday of each month at different locations. Attend and find out more information about activities or call Bonnie Pool (763) 477-4468. Membership is \$10 per year. Upcoming meetings:

- **Monday, June 10th**—Delano Senior Center
- **Monday, July 8th**—Riverside Park-8220 Elm Street
- **Monday, August 12th**—Delano Senior Center

ROCKFORD RIVER DAYS AMBASSADORS

The Rockford River Days Ambassador Program is a non-profit Scholarship Program put on solely by volunteers.

The RRD's Ambassador Program is currently seeking candidates. For more information, visit their website: <http://rockfordambassadors.weebly.com/>



Chloe Erickson, Skyler Palmer, Grace Clark
Ava Dumonceaux and Quinn Penney

Join the Rockford Ambassadors in Riverside Park on Friday, **June 28, 2019** for Movie in the Park and at the Rockford Library Wednesday, **July 10, 2019** (10:30-11:15am) for Family Storytime.

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

Fire Fighter Water Ball Contest will be held Saturday, August 10th during Rockford River Days starting at 4pm at Cedar Street and Mechanic Street.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DRINKING WATER REPORT

Water suppliers that serve the same people year-round must prepare annual water quality reports (Consumer Confidence Reports—CCR) for their customers. The first reports were due in October 1999, and from then on they came out in June of each year. The reports tell where drinking water comes from, what is in it and how you can help protect it.

The 2018 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report can be seen in its entirety on the City's website: <http://www.cityofrockford.org/city-departments/public-works/>. You can view CCR's from 2008 through 2018.

If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call City Hall at 763-477-6565

2018 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR DEBBIE BUOY

On March 26th the City Council reviewed the nominations for the 2018 volunteer of the year. **Debbie Buoy** was selected for her community spirit with the Rockford Fire Auxiliary and many other volunteer activities.

Thank you Debbie and all of the volunteers for their dedication to make Rockford a great community to live and work!



LAWN SPRINKLERS

Residents installing a lawn sprinkler system need to apply for a building permit before installation. A site plan with the proposed placement needs to be submitted with the permit and fee. The permit fee is \$51.00.

***The City has an even/odd watering ban which is determined by your address, for instance, if your address is an odd number, you may water outdoors on odd numbered days of the month.**



Upcoming Events

- June 8th**—Privy Dig (10am) at the Stork House
- June 10th**—Rockford Senior Citizen's 11:30 am at the Delano Senior Center in Delano
- June 13th to June 15th**—City Wide Garage Sales
- June 28th**—Movie in the Park at dusk (about 9:15pm)
- July 4th**—City Hall Closed in observance of the Independence Day
- July 8th**—Rockford Senior Citizen's 11:30 am at Riverside Park
- July 11th**—R-G Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting 11:30am at Wright-Hennepin Electric
- August 6th**—National Night Out (Community Event in Riverside Park)
- August 9th**— R-G Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting 7:30am at BANKWEST
- August 9th to August 11th**—Rockford River Days Celebration
- August 12th**—Rockford Senior Citizen's 11:30 am at the Delano Senior Center in Delano
- September 3rd**—City Hall Closed in observance of Labor Day



A M E S - F L O R I D A - S T O R K H O U S E

The Ames-Florida-Stork House is located at: 8131 Bridge Street
(763) 477-5383 Email: storkhouse@cityofrockford.org
www.rockfordmnhistory.org

Hours June–August 24, 2019 Mondays noon-5pm & Thursday 9am-2pm (Closed July 4th)
Saturday's July 13th, August 17th and August 24th 9am-2pm

R E C Y C L I N G

Waste Management **collects recycling every other Wednesday**. The 2019 calendar is available on the City website or at City Hall.

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

- June 5, 2019
- June 19, 2019
- July 3, 2019
- July 17, 2019
- July 31, 2019
- August 14, 2019
- August 28, 2019
- September 11, 2019
- September 25, 2019
- October 9, 2019
- October 23, 2019
- November 6, 2019
- November 20, 2019
- December 4, 2019
- December 18, 2019
- January 2, 2020***

Thursday collection*

Privy Dig—June 8th with a 10am start time. Mr. Youngblood travels to historic sites, locates the location of any old outhouses that were on the property, and digs them up. Outhouses used to serve as trash dumpsters for people. Any old bottles, household items, etc., that people threw away often went down the outhouse hole. Mr. Youngblood has found a lot of interesting bottles, plates and other materials that were thrown away years ago. Members FREE and non-members \$5.

Annual Quilt Drawing—August 11th during the Rockford Ambassador Coronation Ceremony. Quilt Raffle Tickets are just \$5 each. Help support the RAHS and purchase your chance to win a handmade quilt. Tickets will be available in July at City Hall, BANKWEST and other local businesses. Also hosting BINGO in the Park on August 12th during River Days!

Volunteer are always appreciated.

T A L L G R A S S & N O X I O U S W E E D S

The city has an ordinance regulating the height of grass. The ordinance states that grass shall not exceed 12" and all noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property must be removed.

Typically 5 days are given for tall grass and less if there are noxious weeds.

Thank you for your cooperation and taking pride in the city!

S W I M M I N G P O O L S

All swimming pools with a capacity of five thousand (5,000) gallons and a depth greater than thirty (30) inches requires a permit and a yearly inspection. Contact City Hall if you need to apply for a permit.

Two Signature Projects are rescheduled due to the rain on May 18th

- Elmwood Cemetery 9am-noon on Saturday, June 22nd
- Stork House 9am-11:30am or 1pm-3pm on Saturday, June 29th



For more information and to sign up, contact Annette Tryon at annettryon@gmail.com or visit our website at www.thousandhearts.weebly.com and like us on Facebook at Thousand Hearts Crow River Serve Day.