

THE BRIDGE

Rockford, Minnesota

MARCH 2024

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Looking for Election Judges

Message from the Mayor: Renee Hafften

I hope everyone is enjoying the mild Winter we are having, which means less snow shoveling, lower heating bills, and more people walking in the parks. Unfortunately, the warmer weather has created some difficulties with maintaining good ice on the hockey and ice-skating rinks. Council finalized 2024 goals and are working on a long-term plan to replace Fire Dept and Public Works equipment as well as planning for future expenses to maintain our infrastructure in our upcoming workshops prior to our council meetings. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

2024 Elections Dates

March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary

August 13, 2024 Primary Election

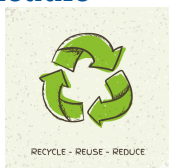
November 5, 2024 General Election

All Elections are held at the Rockford Community Center from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voter Registration information: Register to vote or check your registration at: mnvotes.gov. **Already registered?** Confirm your registration is correct and up to date. You will need to update your registration if you've moved or changed your name since the last time you voted. You can also register at your polling place on Election Day. You will need to bring proof of residence: ID with your current name and address; or a photo ID **AND** a document, like a utility bill, due or dated within 30 Days of the election with your current residence; or a registered voter from the same precinct who can confirm your address may vouch for you. **Find all acceptable proof of residence options at mnvotes.gov.**

*To find out which candidates and questions you'll be voting on visit: **Voter Information Portal (state.mn.us)**

Quarterly Recycling Schedule



March 2024						
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April 2024						
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May 2024						
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2024 Every-other-week Recycling Collection Schedule

1 Gold Recycling Collection

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New Faces Serving Rockford

Meet the newly appointed Rockford City Staff and City Council Member



Permanent Part Time
Public Works Maintenance
Doug Fadden

Doug Fadden has been working in the Public Works department since last summer and stayed on as a permanent part-time Public Works employee in October 2023. **Fun facts about Doug:** He enjoys spending time at their cabin snowmobiling, hunting and taking their side by side out for a cruise. He and his wife have three grandkids that keep them busy and they enjoy spending time with them often.



Public Works Maintenance
Jack Block

Jack Block joined the City in August 2023, he has experience in farm work, and has worked on a farm for most of the years after he graduated in 2019. This is Jack's first Public Works maintenance position and he has been busy learning from our Public Works team. **Fun facts about Jack:** His hobbies are hitting the gym, riding his sport bike, going to the lake to ride the jet ski and growing his future in his spare time.



City Council Member
Melissa Vogel

Melissa "Missy" Vogel was appointed to the City Council seat in October 2023. **Fun facts about Missy:** This is her first time serving on a government board, however, she co-founded the ISD#883 Education Foundation supporting Rockford Area Schools in 2004 where she lead startup efforts including infrastructure, organization, charter, etc. Over a five-year period, she served as both President and Treasurer on a 25-member owned board with regular interaction with school administrator and community influencers. Missy has lived in the Rockford area her entire life.



City Clerk/Asst. City Administrator
Debbie Buoy

Debbie Buoy Rockford City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator joined the City in October 2023. **Fun facts about Debbie:** You may recognize Debbie Buoy, she worked at the Rockford Post Office for the last 22 years. She grew up here in Rockford and served on the City Council for 12 years and served on the Planning Commission as well. She serves on the Rockford Fire Auxiliary and in many other ways throughout our community. With her public service experience, understanding of the Rockford culture and residents, and hard work ethics she is a tremendous addition to the team.



City Administrator
Anna Carlson

Anna Carlson joined the City in October 2023. Anna has been in local government since 2012, and has served in a few different rolls. She started in the nearby city of Montrose as a Public Works Administrative assistant, and served in Orono as the City Clerk for over six years. **Fun facts about Anna:** Anna serves on the Cokato-Dassel Lions, she and her husband have coached Youth Baseball, Softball, and Basketball for several years. She enjoys going to her kids activities, fishing, and listening to Classic Rock & Country music.