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CITY OF ROCKFORD

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Mayor

Renee Hafften

City Council

Deb Buoy
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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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Mayor's Message

In June, our City Council lost a dedicated council member and longtime resident, Jeannette Graner, due to her family moving to another city. We wish Jeannette and her family all the best! This resulted in an open council seat which needed to be filled until the next election in 2018. After publishing the vacancy, accepting applications, completing a thorough review and interview process of the individuals who applied for the position, the City Council selected Scott Seymour in August to fill the position. Congratulations Scott!

Construction of Dollar General is well under way up at the Rockford Mall and moving fast. Within a few months we anticipate Dollar General will be open for business, which aligns with the City Council goal to bring more businesses here. The City is also working to sell the Rockford Mall to Team Properties who are in a much better position to market retail space in that location.

Developers are actively moving forward with building new houses in Hurst Woods and Parkwood. You will see Laketown Homes putting in roads and utilities in Hurst Woods to accommodate the new homes coming over the next couple years. When we have new families moving into our community, I encourage you to meet your neighbors and welcome them to Rockford. It's important to demonstrate how we care about our residents and work together to make this a great place to live.

Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered for River Days this year. It was a fabulous weekend to get out and meet your neighbors and people from our surrounding communities. We are thankful to the River Days Committee who have coordinated this weekend event every year since 1981!

Mark your calendars on **October 7th** for our **2nd 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.

Hope to see you all at Rocktoberfest!

Renee Hafften

Rocktoberfest II

Rocktoberfest II | 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017
Riverside Park, Rockford, Minnesota 55373

Brought to you by: Rockford Area Historical Society, City of Rockford Rockford Greenfield Chamber and the Rockford Fire Auxiliary

Food booth and beer garden available during Rocktoberfest!

Don't flush your disposable wipes

Disposable wipes — used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning, and more — cause major problems when flushed down toilets. Because they don't break down the way toilet paper does, these wipes clog homeowner and municipal sewer pipes, put stress on community wastewater collection and treatment equipment, and cause cities to spend thousands on premature equipment repair and replacement. Wipes snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris and grease, and create a "ball" that will grow to plug the pipe. They also get drawn into sewer-line and wastewater treatment plant pumps and clog and damage them. Municipalities must manually clear out pumps or remove clogs.

Although many brands of disposable wipes are labeled "flushable," don't flush them! The clogs and backups they cause may result in expensive plumbing bills for your home, or increased wastewater fees from your city.

The MPCA regulates many aspects of wastewater collection and treatment in Minnesota. Dealing with wipes-related problems has absorbed more and more city resources as wipes use increases, clogs and equipment problems proliferate. The resources wastewater facilities expend on wipes could be better spent on systems to improve water quality. Put your wipes in the trash - it matters more than you realize!

Rockford-Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce

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

October 12th Chamber Coffee Meeting at BANKWEST 7:30am.

November 9th at Wright-Hennepin Coop located at 6800 Electric Drive. Networking starts at 11:30am with lunch and program at noon.

RSVP inquire@rgchamber.org

Park's Utility Truck

2017 GMC Sierra

Rockford City Council

Debbie Buoy, Scott Seymour, Rick Martinson, Ted Hill & Renee Hafften

Rockford Masonic Star Lodge #62 to celebrate 150th Anniversary on Saturday, September 23, 2017

For more information, contact:
Brandon Schauer at 612-599-7708
or Eric Sorenson 763-477-3300

Snow Season Parking

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 statue and you will be fined.

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.**

Crow River Clean-Up

Thank you for keeping the banks of the Crow River looking beautiful!

Park & Recreation Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission Openings

The Park & Recreation and Planning & Zoning Commissions both have openings for three-year terms beginning January 2018. If you are interested in serving, please complete an application and return to City Hall by December 6th, 2017. Applications are available on-line or at City Hall.

Rockford River Days Ambassadors

Congratulations to the 2017/2018
Rockford Ambassador's Anna, McKenzie & Taylor and
Junior Ambassador's Rachel & Sarah.

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

For more information, visit their website: http://rockfordambassadors.weebly.com/

Rockford Library

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

A few of their EVENTS:
Banned Book Week—9/25 to 9/30 (during library hours)
Tech Time—9/26 and 10/24 (4-6pm)
Ferdig Fridays Music Recitals—10/6 & 11/3 (3:30-4pm)
Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale—10/2 to 10/7
Book donations accepted year round
Teen Read Week Challenge—10/9 to 10/14
Make Spooky Slime—10/28 (10:30-11:30am
Read to Taurus, the Therapy Dog—11/4 (11am-noon)
Make Some Merriment—11/11 (10:30am-noon)
Crow River Christmas at the Library—12/2 (11am-1pm)

Many other events and activities throughout the year.
For more information see their website: **www.griver.org**

GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

CITY OF ROCKFORD

October 2nd—October 7th—Library Book & Bake Sale (during library hours)
October 7th—*Rocktoberfest* 4:00 pm at Riverside Park
October 8th to October 14th—*Fire Prevention Week*
October 9th—*Rockford Senior Citizen's* 11:30 am at the Delano Senior Center in Delano
October 12th— *R-G Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting* 7:30am at BANKWEST
October 31st—*Halloween* dusk the Rockford Fire Department will be handing out glow sticks
November 9th—*R-G Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting* 11:30am at Wright-Hennepin
November 10th—*City Hall Closed* in observance of Veteran's Day
November 13th—*Rockford Senior Citizen's* 11:30 am at Riverside Park
November 18th—*Holiday Sale* at Rockford City Center Mall 9am-2pm
November 23rd & 24th—*City Hall Closed* in observance of Thanksgiving
December 2nd—*Crow River Christmas*

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

RECYCLING

Waste Management **collects recycling every other Wednesday**. The 2017 calendar is available on the City website or at City Hall.

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

September 27, 2017
October 11, 2017
October 25, 2017
November 8, 2017
November 22, 2017
December 6 2017
December 20, 2017
***January 4, 2018**
****Thursday pick-up***

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:
Fire Prevention Week October 8, 2017 to October 14, 2017
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)

Rockford Farmers Market
Fridays (June-October) 3pm—6:30pm
Rockford City Center Mall Parking Lot
Holiday Sale—Saturday, November 18th 9am-2pm
Inside the Rockford City Center Mall
8900 Walnut Street (north side of State Hwy 55)
Website: http://rockfordmarketweebly.com

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, October 9th**—Delano Senior Center
- **Monday, November 13th**—Riverside Park, 8220 Elm St