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CITY OF ROCKFORD

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Mayor
Renee Hafften

City Council
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Rick Martinson
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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

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

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Mayor's Message

Billy Sipe

Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who supported Rockford River Days 2019! It was a wonderful weekend, despite the rain on Saturday. A special thank you to Billy Sipe for being our 2019 Grand Marshal. After 27 years supporting River Days, Rick Martinson has decided to retire and pass his keys on to someone else. Thank you, Rockford Rick, for the many hours you dedicated to River Days. You will truly be missed.

Mark your calendars on **October 12th** for our **4th Annual Rocktoberfest** at Riverside Park! We have an outstanding venue of bands (Shane Martin, Jesse Larson, GB Leighton and Chris Hawkey) with concession stands of food and refreshments. Admission to the event is free so come on down to the park to hear great music and support the Fire Department Auxiliary and Rockford Area Historical Society!

Rockford Rick

City staff is diligently working on 2020 budgets for council to review and approve over the next few months. The Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the city council chambers.

Crow River Christmas will be on Saturday, December 7st. Visitors from other communities are always commenting on how beautiful the trees and lights are at the park. Contact RiverWorks if you want to sponsor a tree this year.

Hope to see you around town!

Mayor Renee Hafften

Riverside Park—8220 Elm Street

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

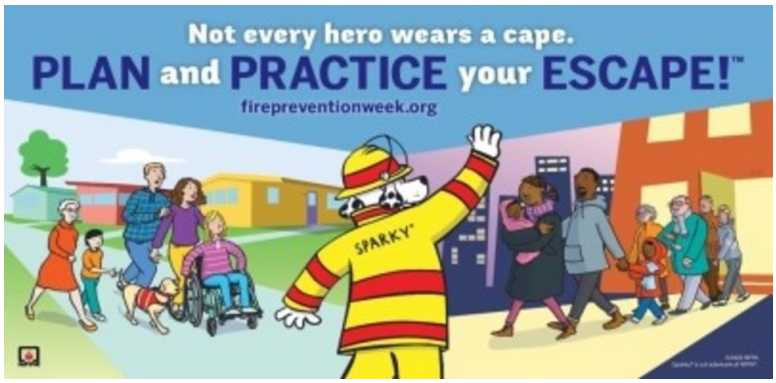
Events:

Open House October 5th 9am-2pm at the Rockford Fire Department, 6700 Main Street. Stop in to learn about your local Fire Department: Explore Fire Station, Truck Display, Equipment Demonstration, Fire Prevention Information and FREE Hotdogs and Chips.

Fire Prevention Week October 6, 2019 to October 12, 2019

Rocktoberfest October 12th starting at 4pm

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)

2019/2020 Ambassadors
Kylie Erickson, Ceely Jones, Annika Mcmillen, Ashley Odean & Mary Dahl

2020 Election Dates:
March 3, 2020—Presidential Nomination Primary
August 11, 2020—Primary Election
November 3, 2020—General Election

***Recruiting Election Judges—If interested, call City Hall at 763-477-6565 ***

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.

R-G Rockford-Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce

The next R-G Chamber meeting will be held on **September 12th** at Wright-Hennepin Electric located at 6800 Electric Drive, Rockford. Networking starts at 11:30am with lunch and program at noon.

October 10th Chamber Social (tentative) at Molly's 4:30pm

November 14h 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**

RSVP rockfordgreenfieldchamber@gmail.com

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 fifteen 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.**

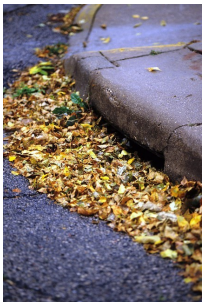
SNOW PLOWING—It is unlawful to deposit snow onto ANY city, township, county or state road. Doing so is a violation of state statue and you will be fined.

Rockford Library

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

A Few of their upcoming EVENTS:
Family Storytime — 9/4 to 11/27 (10:30-11:15am)
Are You Ready to Save the Day—9/12 & 10/10 (5:30-6:30pm) Process to making your own comic book.
Tracing Your Roots with Steve Barthel —9/14 (10:30am-12:30pm)
Computer Tech Help—9/12, 10/10 & 11/14 (4-5pm)
Monthly Lego Club—9/16, 10/21 & 11/18 (4-5pm)
Ferdig Fridays: Music Recital—10/4 & 11/1 (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 Bake Sale—10/7 to 10/12 during library hours. Donations accepted year round.
Local Author, Christine Hosum, "My Writing Life"—10/24 (6:30-7:30pm)
Pocket Games Workshop!—11/5 (6-7 pm)

Fall Clean Water Tips



- Have a storm drain near your home? Act as its guardian and keep it free of litter and leaves.
- Continue to rake or sweep tree leaves and grass clipping from streets, driveways, sidewalks and dispose of at the City's compost site. Never dispose leaves or grass clippings along shoreland, in ravines, in drainage ditches or in wetlands.
- If leaves are less than two inches thick on your lawn, consider mulching them in place by making several passes with a power mower. Your lawn will look raked, and the shredded leaves will provide nutrients back to your lawn.
- Fall is the best season to fertilize your lawn and control common weeds. Weed and feed responsibly. Use fertilizers and pesticides only as needed and always read and follow product instructions.
- Be phosphorus conscious! Minnesota's Phosphorus Lawn Fertilizer Law requires use of phosphorus-free fertilizer on established lawns unless soil testing shows a need for phosphorus. Re-establish vegetation on bare soil spots.
- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste to prevent not only nutrients but also harmful bacteria from reaching our local lakes rivers and streams.

Farewell and Welcome

Marlys Elsen and **Mayor Renee Hafften**

We are all very sad and excited for Marlys Elsen who retired on August 30th. We wish her all the best as she starts a new adventure. Welcome Sheri Moyer as our new Utility Billing Clerk/Administrative Assistant! Sheri comes from the city of Minnetonka and we are very happy to have her join our team in Rockford.

Sheri Moyer

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Upcoming Events

September 2nd—*City Hall Closed* in observance of Labor Day
September 9th—*Rockford Senior Citizen's* 11:30 am at the Rockford Community Center
September 12th—*R-G Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting* 11:30am at Wright-Hennepin Electric
October 6th—October 12th—*Fire Prevention Week*
October 12th—*Rocktoberfest* starting at 4pm at Riverside Park
October 12th– *10th Annual RiverWorks Steak Fry* 5:00pm at Rockford Township Hall
October 14th—*Rockford Senior Citizen's* 11:30am at the Delano Senior Center
November 11th—*City Hall Closed* in observance of Veteran's Day
November 11th—*Rockford Senior Citizen's* 11:30am at Riverside Park
November 14th—*R-G Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting* 11:30am at Wright-Hennepin Electric
November 28th and 29th—*City Hall Closed* in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday
December 7th—*Crow River Christmas* more details to follow

Recycling

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.

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.

September 11, 2019	November 20, 2019
September 25, 2019	December 4, 2019
October 9, 2019	December 18, 2019
October 23, 2019	*January 2, 2020**
November 6, 2019	**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

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 9th**—Rockford Community Center
- **October 14th**—Delano Senior Center
- **November 11th**—Riverside Park-8220 Elm Street

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—10/12 starting at 4pm
- Crow River Christmas—12/7

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

10th Annual Steak Fry —**Saturday, October 12, 2019**
100% of the proceeds benefit RiverWorks Community Development.

For more information: www.riverworksonline.org

Crow River Clean-Up Day
Saturday, September 21, 2019
Starting at 8am-noon

For more information and/or to volunteer contact:
Andy Johnson (715) 338-8686
Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District

Waste Disposal provided by Waste Management