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Rockford Comes Together...



### **Trying Times Bring the Community Together**

Our community recently experienced unthinkable tragedies. My heart continues to go out to the loved ones of Jason Jenkins, Romona Schupbach, Jacob Schupbach, Jay Larson and Jenna Newcomb. Through the dark days, I have found hope in the way we have all come together to support one another with kindness and compassion. Continue to care for one another.

### **Community Healing Center Gives Hope to Traumatized Youth**

Recently, we opened the community Healing Center taking residence at the Boys & Girls Club - Stenstrom Unit. This center is a vital resource for reducing violent crime at the source. City data shows that 60-70% of youth arrested for violent crime over the past five years have lived in a household where they were exposed to physical or sexual violence. This is not going to turn crime around tomorrow. We have other initiatives that are doing that in our portfolio. This is a long-term strategy that is crime prevention, but also hope building.



*Diana Hernandez, community outreach and navigation specialist, at the Community Healing Center.*

*Photo courtesy of Rock River Current.*

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## **Funding for Domestic Violence Survivors**

Thanks to funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity secured by Illinois State Sen. Steve Stadelman, victims of domestic abuse will soon benefit from additional resources at UW Health Northern Illinois. The grant enables the hiring of two additional staff to work in the emergency department, offering support and resources to patients who are victims of domestic abuse or strangulation. It will also support educational and training opportunities for staff, awareness campaigns in the community and additional resources for patients.



### **Whitman Street Reconfiguration**

Rockford will receive a \$7.1 million in federal funding from a Reconnecting Communities Grant to reconfigure the city's Whitman Street Interchange and reconnect neighborhoods that have been isolated for decades by one-way streets, bridges and ramps. This project will provide better access for EMS and others from west of the Rock River to UW Health SwedishAmerican Hospital and the broader East State Street commercial corridor. Special thanks to Region 1 Planning Council for partnering and writing this grant submission!

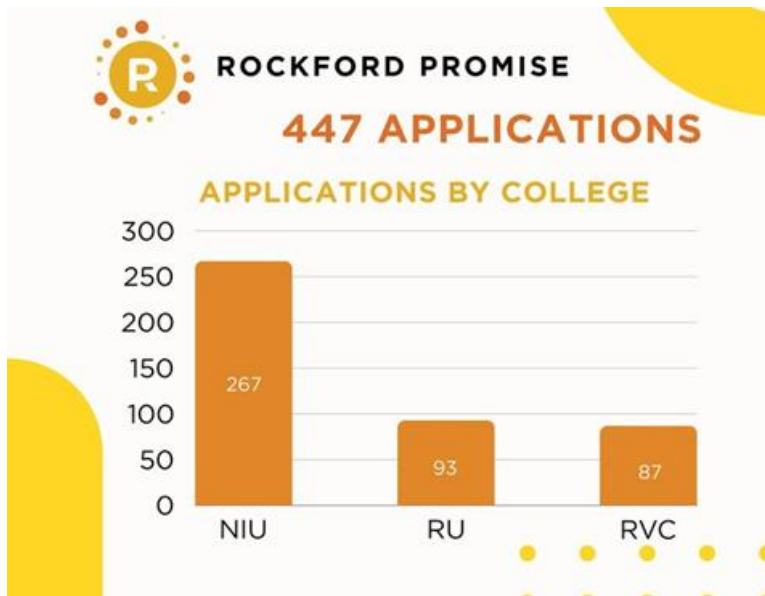


## Spring Brings... Potholes?

Spring is in the air and on the roads! As we know in the Midwest, along with warmer temperatures and rainy days, spring also brings potholes. If you come across a pothole, please report it to our hotline at 779-348-7260 or fill out a form after clicking through below.



[Report a Pothole](#)



## Rockford Promise Applications Increase

The Rockford Promise application period concluded on March 1st, signifying the end of an exceptional response from Rockford high school seniors who want to attend

Northern Illinois University tuition-free. This year's outcome exceeded expectations with a nearly 15% rise in applications. The City of Rockford is proud to provide funding to support higher education in our community.



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## **Rockford on the Record: Updates on City Projects**

I sat down with Wally Haas and “Rockford on the Record” to discuss exciting projects including the creation of the Excel Center, a new location for the Family Peace Center, updates to Beyer Stadium and improvements to Auburn Street.

## **Lucky Meeting**

I was lucky to take part in another amazing St. Patrick’s Day parade last month! I love our community spirit and pride!





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A copy of our report is on file with the Winnebago County Clerk, 404 Elm St, Rockford, IL. Tom McNamara, Democratic Candidate for Rockford Mayor. Paid for by friends of Tom McNamara.

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