

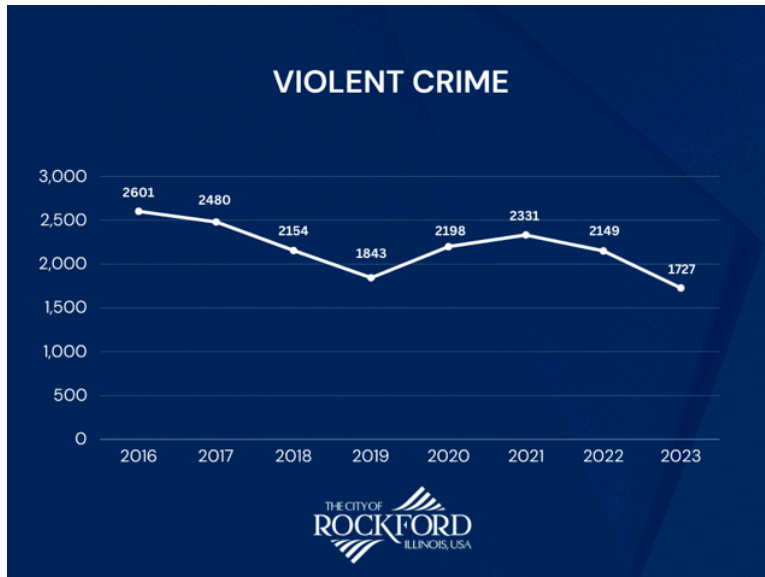
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Drop in Violent Crime for Second Straight Year

I am proud of the progress we are making in reducing crime in Rockford and our efforts to stop the cycle of violence that has plagued us for decades.

We have seen a 29% reduction in property crime and a 34% decrease in violent crime since 2016. We also have concrete programs, with measurable results, providing hope, opportunities and resources to assist youth impacted by trauma.

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SmartStart Program Is Smart for Rockford's Kids

Rockford recently hosted Governor Pritzker to discuss the success of the SmartStart Illinois program. The multi-year plan gives kids across the state access to early education, increases funding for childcare providers, and offers families support and resources, eliminating “preschool deserts” where no early childhood programs exist. The program allows us to wrap our community in our hands and hearts, so we can get our youngest citizens on the right track, and they can be their best selves, which makes our community better.



We're On A Roll

New garbage and recycling cans are coming to a driveway near you! Delivery of the cans to all Rockford residents is expected to start on Monday, February 26 and may take up to 12 weeks. Residents will receive postcard notifications a couple of weeks before receiving the new trash receptacles.

WE'RE ON A ROLL

ROCKFORD,
meet your new recycling
and garbage carts.

CARTS WILL BE
DELIVERED SOON

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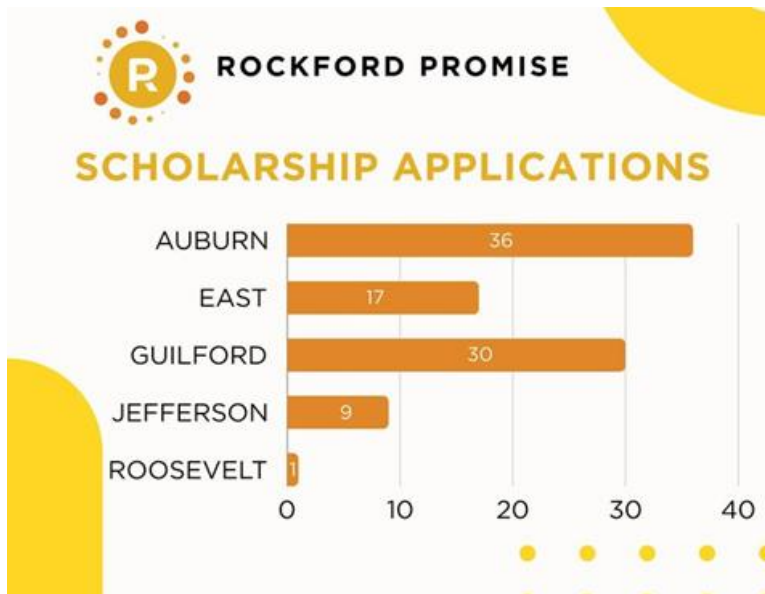
Learn more:
Para obtener más información:
815-965-2489
www.rockfordil.gov/recycling



Submit Rockford Promise Scholarship Application

Has your RPS 205 high school senior submitted a Rockford Promise application? Rockford Promise offers full-tuition scholarships to deserving graduates of Rockford Public School District 205. Any student who meets the criteria and is accepted to Rock Valley College, Rockford University or NIU can receive full tuition through the program.

The Rockford Promise Scholarship Application closes on March 1st.



Apply



Welcoming New Citizens

One of my favorite roles as Rockford's mayor is welcoming new citizens. It's an honor to attend and I congratulate our 78 newest Rockford citizens coming from 33 countries! Many of our current Rockford leaders were born in other countries, and they are contributing now to Rockford's turn around. Welcome!



[Learn More](#)

Bicycle Friendly Community

Rockford recently received an Honorable Mention as a Bike Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists! In the past few years, we've added more than 50 miles of on-street bike lanes and 21 miles of multi-use/off-street paths plus installed bike detection equipment at eight intersections. We will continue to make the city accommodating for cyclists!

New Youth Poet Laureate

Congratulations to RPS 205 7th grader Trinity Rucker on being named 2024 City of Rockford Government Youth Poet! A special thanks to the Rockford Area Arts Council and Rockford Public Library.



Feeling Lucky?

The Irish Marching Society Parade is put on by volunteers and needs your help. Get recognition, a spot in the parade, an ad in the program, and maybe even a wave from me along the parade route! See you there!



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