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Spring brings exciting changes to the Stateline...



### **Concrete Workforce Development Program to Help with SIFI Deal**

For the last two years, Rockford has partnered with LT Construction to build more than two miles of sidewalk, provide training to our young people and connect them to the trades. This year, program participants will help IBEW Local 196 lay fiber optic cable in front of every home, business and organization thanks to the City's development agreement with SIFI. This is a nearly \$300 million project that will benefit residents and now benefit these young people with an opportunity for a career!

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## **Excel Center Success**

The City recently allocated \$600,000 to Goodwill Northern Illinois to support the development of an Excel Center in the former Gustafson's Furniture space in the North Towne Mall. The Excel Center is a free Adult High School where students can obtain a high school diploma, workforce training and dual credits while offering free childcare and other support services. It is a model with proven success in more than 37 schools around the country.



[Read an Excel Center Success Story](#)

## **Rockford Scholars Explore Career Options**

A big thank you to the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for hosting a day for Rockford Promise Scholars to learn about engineering and business careers available here in the Rockford region.

The day started with a panel of experts from Woodward Governor, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, City of Rockford Government, and State Representative Maurice West's office, advising on how to network and navigate your college years in preparation for a future career. Next, students traveled to Fehr Graham, Collins Aerospace and Bergstrom Inc. for onsite tours. We have a bright and promising future with these scholars leading the way!



### **National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

It was an honor to partner with Mosaic in Rockford to proclaim National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month for Rockford! This recognition is a testament to our shared commitment to inclusivity and support for individuals with disabilities.

Together, we will continue to advance our mission and create a more inclusive and accepting community.





### **Enhancements Coming to Beyer Stadium**

The City recently approved \$400,000 for enhancements at the historic Beyer Stadium owned by Rockford Park District. These enhancements will build off the USA Women's Baseball Exhibition game we hosted last summer and allow for more use and competitive games to be played at Beyer Field!



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### **Domestic Violence Guilty Verdicts Rise**

Rockford's partnership with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office is paying off as we continue to work together to improve our response to domestic violence. In 2023, successful convictions increased more than 25% from previous years and from July to December, prosecutors secured a guilty verdict in every domestic violence trial.

## Happy Women's History Month

We're celebrating the amazing women who make up the City of Rockford government all month long!

Since taking office we have worked hard to not only diversify our staff but also our boards and commissions. I am proud that we have increased the representation of women on our citywide boards and commissions by 100%!



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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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