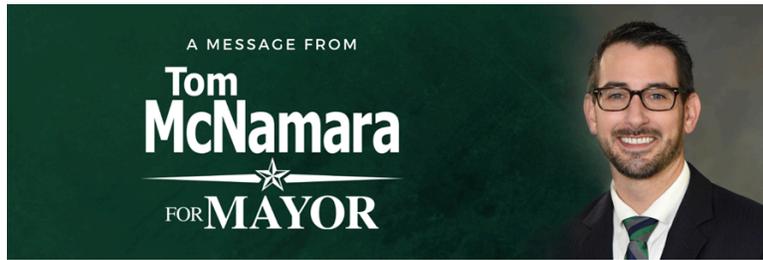


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Summer's winding down, but Rockford's momentum isn't slowing!



Big Step Forward for Davis Park

The Finance and Personnel Committee backed a long-overdue, game-changing investment in our community — the revitalization of Davis Park. Now, it's headed to the full City Council for approval.

Our task force led by GoRockford worked hard with us each step of the way: removing the Lorden Building, adding floating docks, and gathering community input. The result? A plan for a vibrant space with a new playground, skate park, stage, concession and restroom building, and EV-friendly parking.

We're closer than ever to making Davis Park a place we can all enjoy year-round, and I can't wait to get shovels in the ground.

West Side on the Rise

I'm thrilled to see our west side booming. Homes there hit a new three-month average high price of \$226,786 in June, and the neighborhood's population grew for the first time in over 30 years.

That progress is driven by big investments like the new riverfront library, new local businesses, and our \$96M infrastructure plan.

We're also seeing more young families moving in. We need to keep the momentum going by rehabbing or building 6,000–9,000 more homes to fill the need.



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Expanding Support for Returning Citizens

Winnebago County received a nearly \$200,000 grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to enhance support services for

individuals reentering society after incarceration. This grant reflects our commitment to smarter, more compassionate public safety—creating real opportunities for rehabilitation, healing, and stronger community outcomes.



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Five Years of Hope & Healing

The Family Peace Center just celebrated five incredible years of supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We gathered with staff, partners, and community members at the center's future home to honor how far we've come since opening in 2020 and to look ahead to expanding services in this new space.



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Farewell, Chief Pankow and Congratulations!

We're going to miss Rockford Fire Chief Michele Pankow. She made history as Rockford's first female Fire Chief and now she's making history again as Illinois' first female State Fire Marshal. The state gained an incredible leader and an even better person.



Let's Celebrate Rockford!

Every August 15, we show off what makes Rockford amazing, from one-day-only deals at local businesses to live music, pop-up events, art, and great food. It's all about 815 pride and supporting the people and places that make our city home.

This year's lineup is packed, so it's the perfect time to explore somewhere new, revisit an old

favorite, or just soak in the energy of the day.



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