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## Rockford Wins AHL All-Star Game

Exciting news for hockey fans! Rockford will host the 2026 AHL All-Star Classic at the BMO Center on February 10-11, 2026. This prestigious event will showcase top talent from across the league, putting our city in the spotlight for an unforgettable weekend of skills and competition. Stay tuned for

ticket details and updates on what's sure to be a highlight of the hockey season.

## **Rockford Named Hottest Housing Market**

Realtor.com named Rockford the #1 Hottest Housing Market in December 2024! This recognition highlights our community's incredible growth and appeal. It's a testament to the hard work of our residents, businesses, and partners in making Rockford a great place to live and thrive. Let's keep the momentum going in 2025!



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## **Commercial Corridor Property Revitalization**

Starting January 20, 2025, business and property owners can apply for forgivable loans covering 75% of costs (up to \$25,000) to improve

commercial buildings in designated corridors. With \$125,000 available per corridor, funds are first-come, first-serve for approved projects, so don't wait. Ideal improvements include upgrades that add value, extend property longevity, or improve aesthetics. Applications close June 20, 2025, or when funds run out. Let's revitalize Rockford together!



THE CITY OF  
**ROCKFORD**  
ILLINOIS, USA

## COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR PROPERTY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Application opens January 20, 2025

The Commercial Corridor Property Revitalization Program offers forgivable loans to business and property owners who make investment in commercial and industrial spaces in specific corridors in Rockford. The Program offers to cover 75% of project costs up to \$25,000 to assist property owners and/or tenants make exterior building improvements.

Visit the website below to learn more about the program and view eligible corridors.

[WWW.ROCKFORDIL.GOV/COMMERCIALCORRIDORPROGRAM](http://WWW.ROCKFORDIL.GOV/COMMERCIALCORRIDORPROGRAM)

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### **Rockford Residents Trained in Clean Energy**

Rockford is leading the way in clean energy! Thanks to a \$3.3M grant from The Workforce Connection, a new solar energy training program will empower ten residents in its first cohort. Participants gain education, skills, and stipends, with support for childcare and transportation to help them succeed. This initiative not only trains

and upskills residents but also boosts our economy and benefits the environment. It's an exciting step toward a greener future!



[Learn More](#)

### **Tasty Treats Ahead**

Get ready to savor the best of Rockford during Restaurant Week, Jan.23 - Feb. 2! From local favorites to hidden gems, this week celebrates the city's diverse dining scene. Explore special menus, exclusive deals, and delicious dishes at participating restaurants. It's the perfect time to support local eateries and discover new flavors.



## Looking Forward to 2025

As we kick off 2025, I'm filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve Rockford and excitement for the progress we'll achieve together this year. In this Op-ed I reflect on the achievements of 2024 and what lies ahead. Let's make it a year to remember!



[Read the Op-Ed](#)

## Keep the Momentum Going

I'm excited to invite you to my upcoming campaign event, Continuing the Momentum: Re-Election Event, on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Lombardi Club, 209 Olive Street in Rockford. It'll be a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and talk about the progress we've made together. I'll be sharing a few comments at 6:30 p.m., and I'd love to see you there as we

continue building a brighter future for Rockford.  
Let's keep the momentum going!

Join Us to  
**Celebrate Our Wins**

**January 30, 2025**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
(comments at 6:30 p.m.)

**Lombardi Club**  
209 Olive Street, Rockford, IL 61107

**Tickets: \$20**

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McNamara**  
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