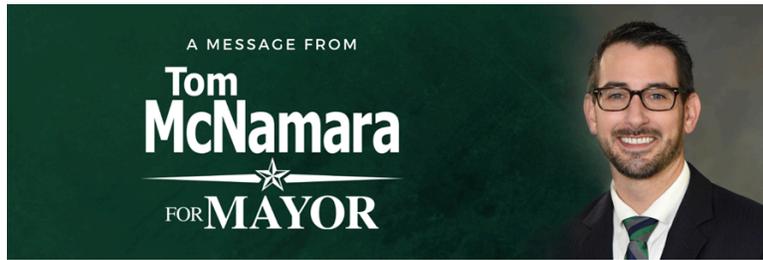


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State of the City

Recently, I delivered the annual State of the City of Rockford address. My message was clear.

Rockford is on the rise. Our city is strong, and we're just getting started.

Want the highlights? Check out this quick one-minute recap—covering where we've been, where we're going, and the progress we're making together.

[Watch the Recap](#)

Women's Baseball World Cup Coming to Rockford in 2026

Rockford has been selected to host the 2026 Women's Baseball World Cup Group Stage in 2026. This international tournament will bring 12 nations to compete right here in our Rockford—marking only the second time the U.S. has ever hosted the event. This is more than a game—it's a celebration of Rockford's rich baseball legacy and a powerful moment for women in sports. We can't wait to welcome the world to Rockford!



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IRONMAN 70.3 Races Into Town

For the first time ever, Illinois will host an IRONMAN 70.3 race—and they chose Rockford! This world-renowned triathlon will take place right here in our city on Sunday, June 22, bringing elite athletes from around the globe to swim, bike, and run through our beautiful riverfront and neighborhoods. The event is expected to draw thousands of visitors and have a significant

economic impact, while shining an international spotlight on Rockford.

We can't wait to welcome the athletes and fans and show them what makes Rockford such a special place. Let's get ready to cheer them on!



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Rockford Grows

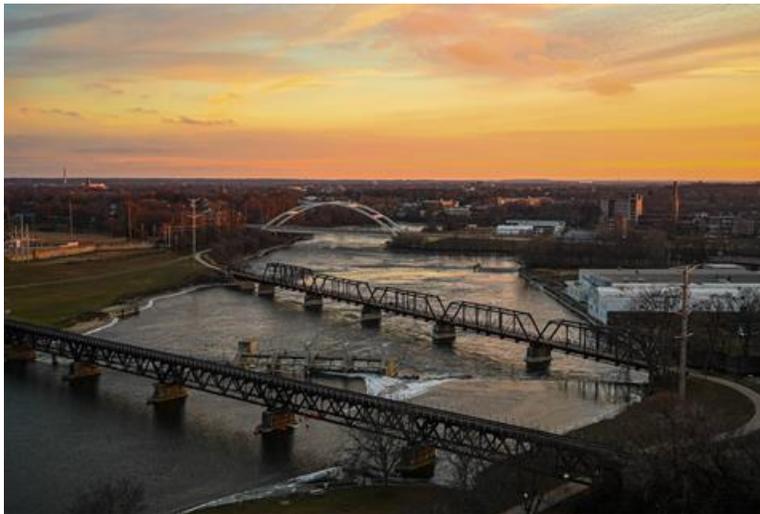
Rockford gained nearly 700 new residents between July 2023 and 2024, according to data from the U.S. Census — a sign that our city is growing and attracting more people to live, work and thrive here. This positive trend reflects the momentum we're building through continued investment in housing, jobs and quality of life.



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Rockford Named State-Designated Cultural District

A portion of Rockford was named one of Illinois' five new state-designated cultural districts—now officially recognized as the Rockford Heritage District. This area, stretching from Knowlton to Chestnut and the Rock River to Winnebago Street, is rich in history and cultural identity. As a designated district, we're now eligible for up to \$3 million in state funding to support economic development and preserve the unique character of this vibrant neighborhood.



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Armory Cleanup Coming Soon

I'm thrilled to share that the Rockford Area Arts Council received \$1.54 million from the EPA to clean up the former National Guard Armory and begin transforming it into a vibrant cultural hub in the heart of our city. This project will create much-needed space for visual and performing arts and affordable live/work housing for local artists. It's a perfect complement to our growing Riverfront campus and reflects our commitment to revitalizing historic spaces for community use.



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Rockford Pride

What a fantastic celebration of PRIDE in the City of Rockford! Huge thanks to everyone who helped organize the day's festivities—including the vibrant Rockford Pride Parade. We're proud to stand with our LGBTQIA+ community this month and every month!



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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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