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Davis Park Transformation Begins

After years of planning and community input, we officially broke ground on the \$15.5 million transformation of Davis Park — a project that’s going to change the heart of downtown Rockford.

What was once mostly a festival space will soon become a year-round destination for fun, connection, and community — complete with a covered stage, concession stands, restrooms, a great lawn, walking paths, public art, and a brand-new skatepark. The highlight? A universally designed playground that kids of all ages and abilities can enjoy.

This project has truly been built by and for our community, and I couldn't be prouder. When it's complete in May 2026 (just in time for the IRONMAN 70.3) Davis Park will be a place that brings joy, energy, and pride to Rockford for generations to come.

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Rockford's Mobile Mental Health Program Making Big Strides

Our Mobile Integrated – Mental Health Program is making a real difference in people's lives. In the past year, our team helped more than 1,800 residents facing mental health struggles and the last few months have been our busiest yet! We've partnered with over 100 local organizations, trained hundreds of residents in first aid and Narcan use and seen a 55% drop in ER visits for participants. That's real progress toward a healthier, more connected Rockford.

Check out this [short video](#) to see how your support, through the half-cent sales tax, continues to change lives right here in our community.



Rockford's Tourism is on a Roll!

Big news for our local economy — visitor spending in Rockford and Winnebago County hit \$523 million in 2024, up from the year before and outpacing most other Illinois counties. That means more jobs, more local tax revenue, and more dollars supporting our restaurants, hotels, and shops. With major events like IRONMAN 70.3 Rockford, the AHL All-Star Classic, and more, we're just getting started. Huge thanks to GoRockford for continuing to showcase all the great things our city has to offer!



Let's Tackle Hunger Together!

We recently kicked off this year's Mayor's Hunger Campaign with our incredible partners from the Greater Rockford Pantry Coalition and the Mayor's Hunger Luncheon Committee. Every year, this effort helps fight food insecurity right here in Rockford and the need is greater than ever. I hope you'll join us on Wednesday, October 29 at Veterans Memorial Hall for the Mayor's Hunger Luncheon to support our local pantries and make sure no family in our community goes without.



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A League of Their Own

We've officially broken ground on the restoration of Beyer Stadium at Maybelle Blair Park, a huge step in honoring the incredible legacy of women's baseball and Rockford's special place in that story. A big thank-you to the board, donors, and supporters who made this moment possible. And what a joy to celebrate alongside my friend Maybelle Blair. She's a true legend, full of heart, history, and unstoppable energy!



Double the Mayhem

I thought I was getting one cat. Just one. A nice, calm addition to the family. My family had other plans. So, please join me in welcoming Calico and Cowboy, two furry little troublemakers who have quickly taken over the house.

They've already proven to be great at three things: waking up way too early, knocking things off tables, and convincing me that maybe two cats aren't such a bad thing after all.

We'll let you know when they start holding their own press conferences. Have I sold you? Consider adopting a new family member from one of Rockford's area animal shelters.



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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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