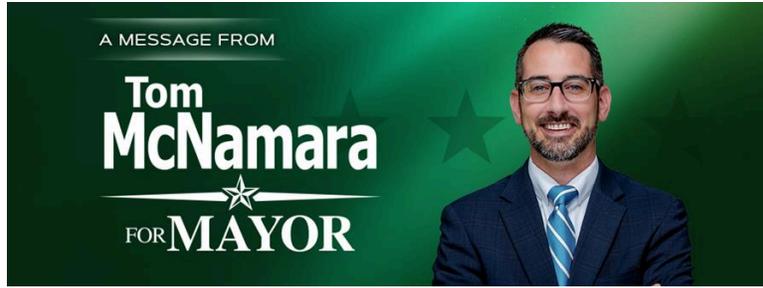


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### **2025 In Review**

2025 was a great year for the City of Rockford—and I'm incredibly proud of what we accomplished together. From major investments and new partnerships to progress that's strengthening our neighborhoods and our local economy, there is a lot to celebrate.

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### **Rockford Is Growing Again**

For the first time in many years, Rockford's population grew in 2025! More people are choosing to call our city home, and it shows. Zillow

recently ranked Rockford as the most popular housing market in the country. That kind of attention doesn't happen by accident. It reflects the progress we're making — safer neighborhoods, a growing economy, strong schools, incredible arts and culture, and opportunities like free college through Rockford Promise. Thank you to everyone who's helped make Rockford a city people are proud to move to and stay in. Let's keep this momentum going.



## **City Council Update**

City Council keeps Rockford moving with approvals that invest in people, places, and progress. We backed job training for local youth, greenlit a free online rental housing search tool, and supported sidewalk and transit improvements tied to growing employers like Crusader Community Health and PCI Pharma.

We also approved matching funds to pursue a state tourism grant that could help bring more low-cost community events to Rockford. A few

redevelopment items were held over for further discussion. More to come soon.



## **Rockford, Let's Roll Up Our Sleeves**

I'm asking our community to step up and help save lives by donating blood this month. Our local blood supply is critically low, and your donation can make an immediate difference.

The City of Rockford is teaming up with Rockford Fire and Rockford Police for a community blood drive on January 28. If you're able, please give us a call or visit our website to reserve an appointment. A small act from you can mean everything to someone else.



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### Rockford Promise: Don't Miss the Deadline

Rockford Promise is changing lives and the clock is ticking. Applications close **February 5**, and this incredible program continues to open doors to college and career opportunities for Rockford students and families.



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