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We started this year with a flurry of activity! We are building community, building trust, rebuilding homes and investing in our youth! Since January 1, 2022...



We have worked with City Council to establish a **Civilian Oversight Board for the Rockford Police Department**. The 7-member citizen board will monitor community complaints and the internal investigations of those complaints plus review use of force incidents. Board members will work with the RPD to identify areas for improvement and solutions to continue building trust between residents and the department. Information on how to apply for the board will be available soon.



We have requested a **Public Hearing on Javon Bea and MercyHealth's closure of medical and surgical service at its hospital on N. Rockton Avenue.** The hearing in front of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will be held virtually on **January 26 at 1 p.m.** I am looking for speakers who can talk about how the closure of that 70-bed unit will impact individuals and Rockford's west side community.

Although it is not required to sign up in advance to speak, I encourage you to e-mail communications@rockfordil.gov to register. Those who register will speak first. Speakers will be limited to two minutes.



We have approved an agreement with the Rockford Park District to develop a collaborative **Summer Youth Program aimed at curbing youth violence**. The Park District and the City will create a well-rounded summer curriculum to identify and mitigate trauma carried by participants, including strategies to reduce the immediate and long-term effects in order to prevent future violence.

We have approved a \$200,000 long-term loan to **create a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)** in partnership with Rockford Local Development Corporation. CDFIs provide financial products and services to create economic opportunity in low- and moderate-income communities.



We have approved using \$250,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to establish a **Critical Residential Repair Program with Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity**. Under the program, home repairs will be made on 50 homes owned by low to moderate income homeowners in Rockford.



Stay healthy and get vaccinated!

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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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