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## 2024 Year End Crime Report Shows Continued Decreases

Rockford Police Chief Redd and I shared an update on crime in our community, and the progress is clear:

- Property crime has dropped 35% since 2016.

- Violent crime is down 38% over the same period.
- 50% less homicides in 2024 than in 2020.
- Our officers issued 15,815 citations and warnings in 2024—a 48% increase from 2022.

While challenges remain, these numbers show that our efforts to make Rockford safer are working.

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## **Stellantis To Build Again...Fueling Regional Jobs**

Stellantis announced they will build a midsize truck at their Belvidere plant. This thrilling announcement is great news for regional residents and businesses with more than 60% of their workforce traditionally coming from Rockford. It will also jumpstart contracts for Rockford area suppliers.

This is the culmination of tremendous work by our local governments, labor leaders, state and federal partners. This shows us that when we work together, we win!



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## **\$2.4M for IL Route 2 - US 20 Interchange**

Another great win! Rockford will benefit from \$2.4 million in grant funding for "site ready" construction projects at the IL Route 2-US 20 interchange, just north of the airport. Thank you to the City Council and Region 1 Planning Council for helping us win the grant, allowing us to improve and develop the area and contributing to economic development for Rockford.



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## **Property Values On the Rise in Rockford**

Rockford's property values soared 56% since 2017 with vacant buildings down 17%, according to Enterprise Advisors. Key initiatives like the Northern Illinois Land Bank, the Winnebago County trustee program, and partnerships with Habitat for Humanity have driven these improvements. By 2035, the city plans to create or preserve up to 9,000 residential units, spanning luxury lofts to affordable housing.

In addition, home construction in Rockford in 2024 hit a 20-year high. In addition, 1,600 rental units were added

to Rockford's housing inventory in the past two years.



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## **Two New Housing Developments Approved**

Two more housing options for Rockford residents are on the way after getting the green light from Rockford City Council. They approved transformation of the long-vacant pre-Civil War “Chick Hotel” building into modern apartments with first-floor retail downtown. The other development will add 160+ affordable senior living units in Southwest Rockford.



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## **Want to Grow a Garden?**

Interested in growing fresh, affordable food for Winnebago and Boone County? Apply for a 2025 Community Action Garden grant through the City of Rockford Human Services Department. Applications are due by noon on March 7, 2025. Eligible groups include neighborhoods, schools, faith-based organizations, and others committed to gardening, education, nutrition, and community outreach.



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## **Rockford Promise Applications Open**

Rockford Promise scholarship applications are now open! Encourage eligible Rockford area students to apply before the March 1 deadline and take advantage of this great opportunity to go to college.

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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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