

2016 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The City of Rockford established a 2015 Budget last December with expense totaling \$2,180,258. The city levied \$1,205,30 for operating expenses to provide city services, and \$342,066 to pay the city's long term bond debt. The 2016 Budget is set at \$2,068,094. The levy for operating expenses is \$1,229,779 which represents an increase in operating expenses of \$24,476 or 2.03%. The city's long term debt has also increased based upon the principal and interest payments due and payable in 2016. These debt service payments increased from the 2015 amount of \$342,066, to the 2016 required amount of \$358,328; which is an increase of \$16,262, or 4.75%. On December 8th following the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing the City Council approved a Property Tax Levy of \$1,588,107; which represents an increase of \$40,738 from the 2015 Property Tax Levy which is an increase of 2.63%.

Where does your property tax dollar go?*

25¢ County

40¢ School District

35¢ City of Rockford



8¢ Debt Service
2009A Series, 2009B Series,
2014A Series, 2014C Series.
7¢ Public Works
6¢ General Administration
4¢ County Sheriff
3¢ Capital Projects
3¢ Parks / Library
3¢ Fire Dept.
1¢ Other / Misc.

* Based on a 2015 home valuation of approximately \$160,000 located in either Wright or Hennepin Counties.

ROCKFORD LIBRARY

Located at: **8220 Cedar Street** (763) 477-4216

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

Preschool Story Time on Wednesdays (11:15-noon)

1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17 & 2/24/16

Book Club (2pm-3pm)

12/28/15, 1/25/16 & 2/22/16

Evening Preschool Story Times on Tuesdays (5:30-6pm)

1/19/16 and 2/16/16

Weave to Share (10am-1pm)

1/23/16—12 looms set-up to weave a rug for the library and create sample crafts to bring home.

Ages 12 to adult. Registration required.

NEW Tween and Teen Writers Group (6-7pm)

2/1/16—Come to the first meeting to participate in forming groups.

Ages 10 to 18. Registration required.

Annual Minnesota Author Event (10:30am-12:30pm)

2/6/16—Children's Authors Justice Alan Page and Kamie Page, and Illustrator David Geister for a special family event
Registration required.

Adult Coloring Group (11am-12pm)

2/20/16—Coloring sheets, crayons, colored pencils, and markers supplied.

For more information about events: www.griver.org

ROCKFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary assist the Rockford Fire Department. Their meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

If interested in joining, please contact Deb Buoy at 612-760-8755

Riverside Park Hockey Rink and Warming House
Just need some ice and snow to finish the picture!



The **Rockford Senior Citizens** meet the *2nd Monday of each month* from 11:30am–2pm at different locations. The cost is \$10 per year. Attend a meeting and find out more about the group. For more information, call Bonnie Pool at (763) 477-4468. Their 2016 schedule:

- January 11h at Rockford Community Center—7600 County Road 50, Rockford
- February 8th at Walnut Place—8830 Walnut Place, Rockford

Rockford Fire Department Toy Drive

The Rockford Fire Department is collecting toys for local children this Christmas. Donations of cash, gift cards or new unwrapped toys may be dropped off at: Rockford City Hall, All Rockford Area Schools, Bankwest, Wright-Hennepin Electric, Lamperts, Sunshine Station Day Care, Our Father’s Lutheran Church, Rockford River-view Estates and Sky Bridge. . All toys go to families in Rockford, Greenfield and Rockford Township.

To register visit RiverWorks Food Shelf at 8230 Cedar Street (763) 477-6098 or email: rfdtoydrive@yahoo.com. Due to the demand, families are asked to sign-up ahead of time. Distribution is **Sunday, December 20th** at the Rockford Fire Department at 6700 Main Street, Rockford.

RIVERWORKS FOOD SHELF

Located next to the Library at:
8230 Cedar Street
 (763) 477-6098
www.riverworksonline.org

Hours of operation:
 Monday 5:30-8:00pm,
 Tuesday 9:00-11:00am
 Thursday 5:30-8:00pm



SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

In the interest of public safety, the City of Rockford reminds you of the importance of keeping your walkways cleared of snow and ice. City Ordinance 901.04 states that all snow and ice must be removed from public sidewalks 24 hours after the snow or other precipitation causing the condition.

If you live near a fire hydrant, please keep it clear of snow and ice.

SNOW SEASON PARKING

The snow season ordinance is in effect November 1st until April 1st and it shall be unlawful for any person to **park a vehicle** on or within six feet of the **roadway between 2am-6am** OR after **ice accumulation, continuous or intermittent snow fall during which there has been an accumulation of two inches or more of snow** on any street until the same has been plowed or removed from the full width of the roadway. On street parking is prohibited from 4am-6am on ALL non-residential streets regardless of snow. **At NO TIME shall a vehicle be parked up-on ANY street in any one place for more than twelve (12) hours.** Please make sure that your guests are aware of these regulations so that they don’t end up with a ticket or worse yet, getting towed.

Maintain a safe driving distance behind snow plows.

STORK HOUSE

The Ames-Florida-Stork House located at:

8131 Bridge Street

Open for tours Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-5pm and by appointment 763-477-5383.

Email: storkhouse@cityofrockford.org

www.rockfordmnhistory.org

Annual Membership:

\$25 Individual, \$50 Family, \$100 Silver, and \$200 Gold Membership

Are you looking to get involved in the community? Consider volunteering at the Stork House!



Rockford Area Historical Society



The next regular Chamber meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 14 2016** starting at 11:45 am and located at Wright-Hennepin Electric. Cost to attend the meeting is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Just Coffee is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016 starting at 7:30 am and located at BANKWEST. No Charge.

R-G Chamber website: www.rgchamber.org

SNOWMOBILES

Persons operating snowmobiles within the city limits **must travel on designated trails**. Snowmobiles are prohibited from any public sidewalk/trail ways provided for pedestrian travel, on private property without the owner’s permission, and all other public property unless designated as the snowmobile trail. There is no parking or riding of snowmobiles on the levee or in city parks, per Ordinance 208.

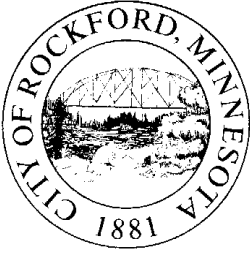
SNOW PLOWING

It is unlawful to plow snow onto ANY city, township, county or state road. Doing so is a violation of state statute and you will be fined.

To receive city updates via email, send your email address to:
audrae@cityofrockford.org



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Upcoming Events

- Dec 20th—Rockford Fire Department Toy Distribution
- Dec 23rd—Recycling & Garbage (recycling out at the curb by 7am)
- Dec 24th-Dec 25th—City Hall closed
- Dec 31st-Last day to change wastewater calculation until 2017
- January 1st—City Hall closed
- Jan 11th—Rockford Area Senior's at the Rockford Comm Ctr 11:30am
- Jan 14th—R-G Chamber of Commerce at Wright-Hennepin Electric noon
- Jan 18th—City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 23rd- Weave to Share at Library (10am-1pm)
- Feb 1st-Tween and Tween Writers Group at Library (6pm-7pm)
- Feb 6th—Annual MN Author Event at RCC (10:30am-12:30pm)
- Feb 8th—Rockford Area Senior's location to be determined 11:30am
- Feb 11th—R-G Chamber of Commerce at Bankwest (7:30am)
- Feb 15th—City Hall Closed for President's Day
- Mar 1st—Precinct Caucuses

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2016 RECYCLING INFORMATION

The City recently went out for bids for recycling services and received two bids. A seven year contract was awarded to Waste Management.

One-sort recycling containers will be delivered the week of December 28th along with a recycling calendar. Residents are able to keep their old blue recycling bins or return to City Hall or Public Works by January 29h for proper disposal.

Beginning in 2016, residential recycling fees will increase \$4 annually and be billed monthly instead of quarterly. Residents will be billed \$2 each month on their utility bill card (\$24 annually).

Roll cart must be set out at the curb by 7 a.m. Face the lid towards the street and the handle towards the house.

Items for recycle: metal cans, plastic bottles & containers #1-7, glass bottles & jars, paper, flattened cardboard & paperboard, and dairy & juice cartons.

2016 Pick-Up Dates:

January 6, 2016	June 8, 2016
January 20, 2016	June 22, 2016
February 3, 2016	July 7, 2016*
February 17, 2016	July 20, 2016
March 2, 2016	August 3, 2016
March 16, 2016	August 17, 2016
March 30, 2016	August 31, 2016
April 13, 2016	September 14, 2016
April 27, 2016	September 28, 2016
May 11, 2016	October 12, 2016
May 25, 2016	October 26, 2016
	November 9, 2016

November 23, 2016
December 7, 2015
December 21, 2015
(Thursday Pick-Up *)

**Questions? Call Waste
 Managements Customer
 Service at:**

1-888-960-0008

