



Town of Rockford

January 2021

From the Mayor: My correspondence to you in previous Januarys has been one of sharing all that the town has accomplished during the past year, and how we can look forward to a new year. That's all true for this year too. The Public Works crew has accomplished more than ever. The office staff is taking care of some overdo projects, while attending to residents' needs by phone and email. But, obviously, that is not all 2020 was about.

The world has changed so much for all of us. You know all too well the global, national and local issues of the past year. Personally, it's been the worst year of my life. I am still struggling to feel "ok" in my heart, but I know that I will eventually become whole again.

I, you, we, must stay positive, as hard as that may be.

Those of us in Rockford are so very fortunate. We are making positive strides for our community, we look after each other, and we are not plagued with dissention and hate. It is my hope for the coming year, and the years that follow, that we become even closer as a community and continue to take care of one another. I ask you to please continue to patronize the local businesses as best you can, so they remain viable until the day we can remove these masks and restore some normalcy.

Please feel free to reach out to me, or the town staff if you have immediate needs. We do have knowledge of some resources to assist residents.

And now we welcome the New Year. I pray for the greatest year ever for all of us.

GOD BLESS US EVERYONE!

After hours contacts:

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*Town Hall will be closed on
January 18, 2021 in observance
of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*

Mayor

Carrie Roecks

Councilmembers

Clint Stevenson

Micki Harnois

Bill Benson

Tim Fricke

Brian Laude

6th ANNUAL LIGHT-UP ROCKFORD

Rockford had more Christmas lights and they were up sooner than ever! It was record year for us as far as counting all the trees. Christmas trees we could see that were indoor was 58, outside trees or shrubs was 80!! It felt like we were all ready for some cheer, and I think that encouraged extra lighting all around the town. The lights on the corner of First and Lake Streets were especially captivating. I've never seen lights on that house, it was very special. I still want to mention McCathern's big, beautiful star, and the Burton's lights on the barn this year that make it look like a stable scene. Both sides of the intersection of First and A Streets were brightly lit!. Thank you all for being so festive!

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN 2021

(Garbage service will be **delayed by one day** on the holidays as noted)

- New Years Day - Friday, January 1st
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 18th
- President's Day - Monday, February 15th
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 31st (*garbage service delayed*)
- Independence Day (observed) - Monday, July 5th
- Labor Day - Monday, September 3rd (*garbage service delayed*)
- Veteran's Day - Thursday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25th
- Day after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 26th
- Christmas Eve— Friday, December 24th

Snow Removal Policy

The Town of Rockford believes that it is in the best interest of the residents for the town to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on town streets. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The town will provide such control in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns.

The town will utilize town employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide this service.

For a copy of the policy in it's entirety, please contact Town Hall.

The Public Works operator will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations.

2021 Garbage Rate Schedule

Effective January 1, 2021, the new garbage rate schedule reflects a 2.89% increase.

Per Empire Disposal, rates per month for weekly pickup:

<u>Schedule of Rates</u>	<u>Container Rates</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
\$11.85 - 1 mini can	\$67.20 - 1 yard	\$3.45/mo carryout
\$17.20 - 1 32 gallon can	\$100.80 - 1.5 yard	\$6.00/mo driveway
\$21.50 - 2 cans	\$134.30 - 2 yard	\$3.40 each add'l bag
\$23.00 - 1-65 gallon cart	\$201.45 - 3 yard	
\$28.00 - 3 cans	\$268.70 - 4 yard	
\$34.15 - 4 cans	\$21.50 per cu yd of materials	
\$24.00 - 90 gallon cart		