

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS Happy Holidays!

~ From Jeremiah Development ~



SEASONS GREETINGS

*"We are like a snowflake, all different in our own beautiful way."
~unknown~*

Winter season is the time of year for reflection, celebration, and change. As the year ends you look at the things that you accomplished, or perhaps the things that you didn't get to finish. We celebrate with family and friends, and begin to plan for the new year. We all have our own dreams, goals and different reasons to celebrate different religions and cultures. This is what makes us special, each in our own way. So let's all get together and celebrate diversity.

What different things can you bring to the table? If we all brought the same thing, dinner might be good, but how great is it when Grandma brings her special cookies or perhaps Auntie brings her yams and Papa makes his special turkey, dinner is even better when every one brings something different.

Just like dinner, we can all come together to bring our special differences to make our neighborhood an even better place to live. As this season brings the new year, we want to take a moment to celebrate with you by wishing you a Happy Hanukkah, Bodhi Day, Kwanza, Chellem day, Zarathustras day, Jolabokaflo Day, Hogmanay day, Dia de las velitas, Christmas, Las Posadas, and many more!

Have a Happy Holiday season!!

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The Epilepsy Advocacy Network of Illinois, a member organization of Epilepsy Alliance America is offering a free, Seizure Recognition and First Aid training as well as the second module Emergency Medication Administration for School personnel and students.

This free, interactive course is designed as a part of the seizure response first aid training program and distribution of emergency medications and assists schools in becoming compliant with Seizure Smart School Acts. . Classes begin Tuesday, January 24, 2023 and will be held every 4th Tuesday of the month from 3:00-4:30pm on Zoom. For further information or to schedule a date that is convenient for your staff please contact us at ean@illinois.org or Angela Nelson Executive Director 309-472-6264 or Erika Fleck Vice President of Government Affairs Public Relations & Advocacy 815-414-8655

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Legal Advice From Prairie State Legal Services

If you can't Expunge your Record By Prairie State Legal Services

Expunging or sealing your criminal record can make it possible to get work that you wouldn't have been able to get otherwise. However, some criminal records can't be expunged or sealed, and employers that use fingerprint-based background checks (such as schools and healthcare providers) can still see sealed felonies. Fortunately, there are a few other ways that may be applicable to you to help you get the work you want to do despite what you have on your criminal record.

1.) **Certificate of good conduct:** You can follow a court process to request a certificate of good conduct to make you eligible to get a work license or a job that you would otherwise be ineligible for. You must fill out a **Request for Certificate of Good Conduct** at the Winnebago County Courthouse. You can do this at least two years after the end of your last sentence for a felony, or one year after the end of your last sentence for a misdemeanor. You are eligible to apply as long as you have never been convicted for

- a.) Arson or aggravated arson
- b.) Kidnapping or aggravated kidnapping
- c.) Aggravated Driving under the influence
- d.) Aggravated Domestic Battery
- e.) An offense or attempted offense requiring registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act, the Arsonist Registration Act, or the Murder and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

2.) **Certificate of relief from disabilities:** You can follow this court process to become eligible to get a work license. You can fill out a **Petition for Certificate of Relief from Disabilities** at Winnebago County Courthouse any time after the end of your last sentence. The eligibility requirements are the same as for a certificate of good conduct.3.) **Health care worker waiver:** A health care worker waiver makes you eligible to work in healthcare despite what you have on your criminal record.

You must fill out a **Health Care Worker Waiver Application** and mail it to the Illinois Department of Public Health, Health Care Worker Registry (525 West Jefferson Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, IL. 62761). The amount of time you must wait after the end of your last sentence to apply depends on the number of offenses you have, and whether those convictions are misdemeanors or felonies. Note that some criminal records result in an automatic denial of your waiver. This is a normal part of the application process, and you will need to appeal.

For each of these, there is an extended process beyond filling out the initial form. You must demonstrate that you have been rehabilitated since the incident that resulted in a record or other compelling reasons to grant your request. Find more information at Illinois Legal Aid Online (www.illinoislegalaid.org). To request no-cost legal help from Prairie State Legal Services, Call us at 815-965-2902, or visit our website at www.pslegal.org/apply.

Goodwill's Expungement Referral Services



- Do you have Criminal Charges that are eligible to be sealed or expunged?
- Need assistance finding out if you charges are eligible?
- Need assistance in Navigating the expungement process?
- If so, get connected to one of Goodwill's Community Navigators today!

What can Goodwill do? Goodwill can get you referred to the correct community partner(s) that will ensure your charges are eligible and begin the expungement process for free.

Call today 779-324-8140

Coronado-Haskell Computer Center



Up Coming Computer Classes:

Digital Literacy Classes

This class will help you learn basic computer skills. How to operate a mouse, all about hard drives and flash drives. Creating and managing an email account, applying for jobs on-line, formatting and attaching a resume', on-line safety and identity thief prevention, social media basics, and how to navigate software programs such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. etc. and much more!!!

Walk-in's are welcome, but this class has limited space, so sign up now to reserve your spot.

You can register by scanning the QR code with your phone, or by calling 815-627-0001.

Class will be held at:

Jeremiah's Office.
132 N Church St.

On:

January 12, 2023

From: **Come use computers for free:**
1:00 - 3:00pm

- Check emails
- Take classes on-line
- Print a document



Jeremiah's Take-A-Book Library

Looking for something to read? Come check out our Take-A-Book Library! Take as many as you like and don't bring them back!

ZOOM SUPPORT GROUP

1st Thursday of Every Month
(starting Dec 1st, 2022)

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Open to people with epilepsy, caregivers, family, friends, and community members

Meeting ID: 869 1544 1354
Passcode: 766395



**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT
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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & ADVOCACY
AT 815-414-8655 OR
ERIKA@EPILEPSYADVOCACYNETWORK.ORG**

FILM FAVORITES



Oak Street Health is showing *Planes, Trains,*

and Automobiles at:

Jeremiah Development

132 N Church St.

Monday, December 19th, 22

1-3pm

There will be light refreshments available.

Please RSVP 815-580-5012

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Being connected creates a sense of well-being in our community. If we want to have a safe, healthy, thriving neighborhood, we need to build relationships- both with our neighbors and with the organizations that can help us.

The Connect Rockford project can help residents to connect with the neighbors right there on their block as well as get them connected to the resources and support they need, both personally and as a community. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a block leader, contact Barb Chidley, Neighborhood Specialist for the City of Rockford.

779-348-7448 or

Barbara.Chidley@Rockfordil.gov

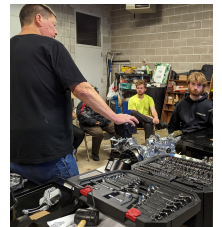


HELP



SMALL ENGINES PROGRAM

On December 15, the students of the small engine's program not only completed our 9 week course, they also got their small engine's repair certification from Brigg's and Stratton! We will be starting our next session soon so if your interested in learning about small engine repair and are between the ages of 14- 18, Register now. There is limited space, so sign up to reserve yours! Please contact Jeff at 815-222-5051 or jeff@jeremiahdevelopment.org



Great Neighborhoods is a grassroots project dedicated to helping and supporting city and county neighborhoods through connection, training, and resources. We help neighborhoods understand who they are-their identity, what they have to offer-all their strengths, and empower them to organize and work together on goals and strategies. Great Neighborhoods also works to promote and market neighborhoods through marketing and branding initiatives. At the heart of everything that we do is supporting the residents that make our neighborhoods a great place to live. Feel free to reach out to us at 815-977-5840 or email our Program Director at cira@transformrockford.org.

LOVE

Rockford

Children's Health Fair

Jeremiah Development would love to thank everyone who attended our last LOVE Rockford of the year, Children's Health Fair Event. There were 20 Representatives from HeadStart, UIC, Winnebago County Health Department, Atena, and so many more. There was a special guest that stopped by and gave away presents and candy canes, SANTA!!

LOVE Rockford was a success, because the Rockford community came out to support this event. Thank you once again and see you next year!!



City of Rockford

Community Officer-Branden Burke.....779-500-6676
Neighborhood Spec.-Barb Chidley.....779-348-7448

Abandoned Cars (within Rockford City Limits)

On Private Property.....779-348-7160
 On City Street.....815-966-2900
 Aldermen.....815-987-5750
 Animal Services.....815-319-4100
 Power-ComEd Outage.....800-334-7661
 Public Works (City of Rockford).....779-348-7300
 24 Hour Service Hotline.....779-348-7260
 Street Division (potholes, snow plowing, street & alley repair, trees).....779-348-7260
 Streetlights - Wood Poles-ComEd.....800-334-7661
 Streetlights - Metal/Concrete Poles.....779-348-7179
 Traffic Signals (City of Rockford).....779-348-7179
 Traffic Signs (City of Rockford).....779-348-7178
 Trash Collection-Rock River Disposal.....815-965-2489
 Unsafe Buildings (City of Rockford).....779-348-7159
 Water-City of Rockford-Emergency.....779-348-7368
 Water Customer Service.....779-348-7152
 Water Quality.....779-348-7151
 Weeds/Grass Enforcement (City of Rockford).....779-348-7161

Emergency Shelters

Rockford Rescue Mission.....815-965-5332
 Remedies Domestic Violence (non-emergency).....815-966-1285
 City Of Rockford-Single Point of Entry.....844-710-6919

Food Pantries

Salvation Army.....815-972-1135
 Rock River Valley Food Pantry.....815-965-2466
 St. Elizabeth Social Center.....815-965-6993
 Cornucopia.....815-962-1380

Financial Assistance

Rockford Township (Rockford).....815-962-8855
 Department of Human Services (City of Rockford).....815-987-5711

United WayDial 211

Confidential local assistance helpline including information about these and other services: Shelter, Disaster Recovery, Food Pantries, Daycare, Counseling, Disability Resources, Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation, Crisis Calls, Elder Care, Rent or Utility Assistance

Web Resources for Childrencap4kids.org

Day/Drop-in Centers

Carpenter's Place.....815-964-4105
 Jubilee Center.....815-964-9927

Disabilities / Special Needs / Mental Health

ARC (Intellectual/developmental disabilities).....815-965-3455
 Barbara Olson Center of Hope.....815-964-9275
 Easter Seals (Autism).....815-965-5069
 NAMI (Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness) (non-emergency support, education, advocacy).....815-963-2470
 RAMP Center for Independent Living (Advocacy for people with disabilities).....815-968-7467
 Rosecrance Health Network (Adult mental health, adult & teen substance abuse services).....815-391-1000
 Child Mental Health Services.....888-928-5278
 Stepping Stones of Rockford (Community mental health treatment & housing).....815-963-0683
 Prairie State Legal Services.....855-347-7757
 Fair Housing Information.....815-963-7867
 Crime Stoppers.....815-963-7867
 Crusader Community Health Medical (clinics, dental, prescription).....815-490-1600
 Domestic Violence--Remedies (non-emergency).....815-962-0871
 Family Credit Counseling.....815-484-1600
 Home Start Mortgage Issues & Home Buying.....815-962-2011
 Illinois Mental Health Collaborative Warmline (Non-emergency mental health support).....866-359-7953
 Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (NIAAA) (Senior issues & referrals).....815-226-4901




Hotlines-Emergency Contacts

Child Abuse/Neglect Reporting Hotline ...800-252-2873
Remedies Domestic Violence815-962-6102
Addiction and Treatment.....815-962-0871
Gambling Addiction.....815-547-0542
Elders Abuse Hotline.....866-800-1409
Illinois CARES Crisis & Referral Entry Services (Child & adolescent mental health crisis)800-345-9049
MotherHouse Crisis Nursery.....815-962-4858
Narcotics Report Hotline Rockford779-221-3933

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline1-800-273-8255
OR TEXT Message to:741741
Message: "HELLO" and send
Trevor Lifeline (LGBTQ+)866-488-7386

Rockford Police Emergency911
Non-emergency815-966-2900
Rockford Fire Emergency911
Non-emergency779-348-7171
Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept. Emergency911
Non-emergency inside Rockford.....815-966-2900

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Coronado's Computer Center

Tuesday & Thursday
10 am – 2 pm
 132 N Church Street

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Excel
Classes

Skill Development
Add new skills & your resumé

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