



News Release

Rockford City Market

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Halfway Through Rockford City Market

Come see your favorite first session vendors before they leave!

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July 18, 2017

ROCKFORD, IL – The Rockford City Market continues this **Friday, July 21, 2017** as our first session (10 week vendors) celebrate their last week at the market before the new vendors come in next week. Vendors participating in their last week this Friday include Bushel & Peck, Curran's Orchard, Laynie Bug's Bows, Zammuto's, Purpose Goods, Gustafson Farms, Rucci's Nuts, and Bella Luna, so make sure to stop by and say hello!

The market is open every Friday till September 29 rain or shine. The hours of the market are 3:30 – 8:30 p.m. before Labor Day, and 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. after Labor Day.

Bite Nite at City Market Pavilion, a new "taste" event will be this **Saturday, July 22**, from 4 – 10 p.m. at the City Market Pavilion. Bite Nite will feature taste-sized and regular portion food items for sale from restaurants and vendors from Rockford, Loves Park, and the surrounding areas. Activities for adults and kids will be available as well as live music from The Groove Hotel and The Gary Band. \$5 admission at the door, kids 12 and under free, proceeds benefit Rock River Development Partnership, the nonprofit that owns and operates the Rockford City Market. Like "Bite Nite at City Market Pavilion" on Facebook for more information!

Rockford City Market on July 21

Music

Main Stage: **Denny Diamond** (4:30 – 8 p.m.)

Acoustic Stage: **The Shufflers** (5:30 – 8 p.m.)

Special guest at the Acoustic Stage area: From WREX's Rock Stars, **Adem Dalipi**, singer/songwriter, performing originals and covers from 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Activities

International Experience and **Grace PreSchool** will be offering free children's activities.

Entrance Gate Staff

Rockford Road Runners will have members welcoming guests at the gates.

Arts Council Booth

ArtsPlace Apprentices, members from ArtsPlace, will be at the market selling their handmade art pieces.

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Mercyhealth

On Friday, July 21, stop by and ask Elizabeth Pickvance, MD, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at Mercyhealth, about their **waterproof casts!** The only health system in Rockford to offer these casts, we help keep summer fun! The Mercyhealth booth is located at the corner of Market and Water Street.

Mercyhealth is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor of the Rockford City Market.

Rockford City Market takes place every Friday from May 19 through September 29 along Water Street between State and Jefferson Streets in downtown Rockford. The market runs from 3:30 – 8:30 p.m. before Labor Day and 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. after Labor Day. Rockford City Market was founded and is managed by the Rock River Development Partnership and operates with infrastructure support from the City of Rockford and marketing from the Rockford Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

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