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Rockford City Market

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First Fridays at Rockford City Market

Spend an Evening in Downtown Rockford

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ROCKFORD, IL – Downtown Rockford will be buzzing with activity this Friday, August 3 as area businesses and events participate in **First Fridays**. The first Friday of every month, downtown art galleries, shops, music and theater venues work together to stay open late providing great new art, music and goods. Rockford City Market will be offering live music entertainment in two locations at the market as well as children's activities for families to enjoy while they spend time downtown on Friday.

In addition to First Fridays, Friday Night Flix will be showing the Disney Pixar movie, *Coco*, starting at dusk at Davis Park. Jerry Seinfeld will also be performing at the Coronado Performing Arts Center on Friday evening. Those attending the movie or show that night are encouraged to spend some time downtown at Rockford City Market before the show to enjoy all the food, drinks and shopping the market offers.

Rockford City Market on August 3

MUSIC

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

Acoustic Stage: **Cole Brandt** (5:30 – 8 p.m.)

ACTIVITIES

The **Discovery Center Museum** will be offering a free craft where kids can make stand-up owl cuffs and learn about owl pellets to promote their upcoming Harry Potter event, Hogwarts Back to School, on Sunday, August 11! Follow the Discovery Center Museum on Facebook for more information about the event.

Easterseals is changing the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day. They will be offering a fun craft for the kids using washable water paint spray bottles.

ENTRANCE GATES

The "**I READ**" Program, a partnership between **The Literacy Council** and **United Way**, is an early grade reading initiative that pairs adult mentors with children who need reading help. I READ serves four school districts: Harlem, Rockford, Meridian, and Oregon. Stop by any gate for their promotional booth Friday to learn more about the program!

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ROCKFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Zobie's Artwork offers impressionism painting of Chicago and Rockford. They will be selling their original paintings in acrylic, oils, pastel, and watercolor at the market this Friday. Check them out online at www.dekalbcountyartwork.com.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS BOOTH

510 Threads will be at the market in the Downtown Business booth. 510 Threads is located at 510 E. State St. in downtown Rockford. They are an adorable vintage modern fashion boutique carrying an array of dresses, blouses, skirts, jewelry and more!

MERCYHEALTH

We have a passion for bringing joy to the lives of those we serve, and there's no greater joy than the birth of a baby. From the earliest days of your pregnancy, where you'll develop a special relationship with your OB/GYN, to delivery day, where we get to witness your miracle, we are honored to be a part of your journey. Our home-like labor and delivery suites offer state-of-the-art capabilities, private spa bathrooms and plenty of room for medical staff and your support team. Join us August 3 at Rockford City Market to learn more about our services. We are located at the corner of Market and Water streets from 3:30 – 8:30 p.m. Mercyhealth is proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Rockford City Market.

For more information about Rockford City Market, visit www.rockfordcitymarket.com.

Rockford City Market takes place every Friday from May 18 through September 28 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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