



MEMORANDUM

To: **Mayor Thomas McNamara**
 City Administrator Todd Cagnoni
 City of Rockford Aldermen and Alderwomen

From: Martin Bloom, Sr. Project Manager-Permits and Special Events
RE: Special Events Report to Codes and Regulations
Date: May 26th, 2026

City staff has completed a preliminary review of the proposed event plan and confirms conformance with the provisions set forth in the City of Rockford – Code of Ordinances (Article XII. Special Events). Staff brings forward the following for committee and council consideration:

1. 815 Day Block Party: This event brings our community together with a fun way to celebrate our area code with music, vendors, and food.

Location: 100 Block of N. 1st St.

Date: Saturday August 15th, 2026 8:00A.M.-4:00P.M.

Alderman: Jonathan Logemann

Event Organizer: Jarod Hennis (815-979-3743)

Attendance: Approximately 1,000 people

Council Action: Permission for street closures;

City Support: None

Cost of event: None: To be paid by event organizer



2. Polish Fest:	This is the 45 th annual Polish Festival at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church celebrating Polish heritage.
Location:	201 Buckbee St., church grounds and neighboring streets
Date:	Sunday, August 16 th , 2026 10:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Alderman:	Gabrielle Torina
Event Organizer:	Zdzizlaw Wawryszak (815-985-7099)
Attendance:	Approximately 2,500 people
Council Action:	Permission for street closures; Permission for Tent Permit; Permission for NFP Liquor Permit, liquor consumption on private property; Permission for bounce houses.
City Support:	None
Cost of event:	None: To be paid by event organizer



3. <i>PCI Employee Picnic:</i>	Employee picnic for all shifts to enjoy.
Location:	4545 Assembly Dr.
Date:	September 15 th – 20 th , 2026 during open business hours
Alderman:	Aprél Prunty
Event Organizer:	Steve Kudzma (815-494-5741)
Attendance:	Approximately 1,000 people
Council Action:	Permission for street closures; Permission for Tent Permit; Permission for Electrical Permit
City Support:	None
Cost of event:	None: To be paid by event organizer