

THE ELEMENT things to do in Rockford: Mar. 2025



84th ANNUAL YOUNG ARTIST SHOW – HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

Sunday, Mar 2-30, Noon-6PM
Rockford Art Museum at
200 711 N Main St, Rockford IL

The Young Artist Show: High School Division is an annual competition that features **exceptional artwork** by **students from public, private, and home schools** within 50 miles of RAM. Join us on opening day, **March 2nd** for a **reception and awards ceremony**. Awards will be presented at 1PM. This exhibition goes until March 30.
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Irish Marching Society: PaddyFest Food/Music Festival 2025

Saturday, Mar 15; 4:30-7:30PM
Loves Park City Hall
100 Heart Blvd, Loves Park, IL
Join us for real Irish music and food!
Admission: \$10.00. Children 12 and under free. Purchase wristbands in advance from the website or at admission tables. Doors open 4PM. Food service and bands begin 4:30PM. irishmarchingsociety.com/event/paddyfest-food-and-music-festival/

2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade **line up is at 1PM** – Parking lot on **4th Ave and 7th St. Kickoff at 3PM**
Route will be **7th Street to State St to Water St.**



Coronado PAC/RSO: Ellis Island—Dream of America

Saturday, Mar 8, 7:30-9:30PM
314 N Main Street Rockford, IL
Rockford has a long history of welcoming immigrants, and the heritage shared by these newcomers continues to create **Rockford's own unique culture**. Peter Boyer's **Ellis Island** combines cinematic music with excerpts from diaries of Americans who immigrated through Ellis Island. **Clarinetist Kinan Azmeh**, a contemporary immigrant, joins the concert as both composer and soloist of his **Suite for Improvisor and Orchestra**. The overture **Conga del Fuego** highlights our region's Latino population. Tickets: ticketmaster.com/event/040060D2E3B5305B



Discovery Center: Ag all around us!

Saturday, Mar 22, 10AM-2PM
711 N Main St, Rockford, IL
Step into the **world of agriculture!** Learn from experts at the Winnebago-Boone County Farm Bureau about **how agriculture affects our daily lives**. You may even get to **pet some really cute farm animals**. Included with membership or general admission (\$12). discoverycentermuseum.org/event/ag-all-around-us/

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Midway Village Museum: Sock Monkey Madness-Rockford Sports

Saturday, Mar 8, 9AM-4PM
Midway Village Museum
6799 Guilford Road, Rockford, IL
It's the **20th Anniversary** of this **annual extravaganza** for all Sock Monkey lovers and fans. Bring your monkey home to where it all began at the **Sock Monkey Madness Festival!** This year's theme is **Rockford Sports** where **kids of all ages** will have more fun than a barrel of monkeys!
Admission \$12 Adult; \$8 Child (5-12); \$25 Sock Monkey Kit (Materials)
Members and Children Age 0-4 FREE
midwayvillage.com/sock-monkey-madness.html



Mary's Place Live Music: The Handcuffs with the Sit Up Straights

Saturday, Mar 29, 8PM
602 N Madison St, Rockford, IL
Don't miss Chicago's own **The Handcuffs** featuring Brad Elvis of The Romantics on drums! **Brad Elvis and Chloe Orwell** formed The Handcuffs from the ashes of Big Hello, their first band together.
Local favorite **The Sit Up Straights** will join The Handcuffs.
marysplacebar.com/