



*Office of Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey  
LEADING BOLDLY, WORKING TOGETHER*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Owen Carter  
Community Action Coordinator  
City of Rockford Human Services Dept.  
Community Services Division

---

May 14, 2012

Phone 815-967-4030  
owen.carter@rockfordil.gov

### **CITY OF ROCKFORD EXPANDS SUMMER SWEEP PROGRAM**

ROCKFORD – The City of Rockford Human Services Department is expanding its summer **SWEEP** (Sharing Work for Excellence Everywhere Program) to include 15 eligible homeowners who are in need of one-time limited lawn and property clean-up and are unable to complete the work due to income and age or disability.

All residents must be homeowners and meet low-income guidelines (125% of poverty) and must be 65 years or older or show proof of a disability.

Interested residents may contact 815-987-5711 ext. 2224 by Friday, June 1 for more information and to apply.

Since 2008, SWEEP has provided economically-challenged youth the opportunity to gain employment skills while helping residents in need. The program is supervised by the Community Services staff of the City of Rockford Human Services Department and funded by the Community Services Block Grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

###