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**ROAD CLOSURE**  
**CHURCHILL PARK CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
**December 12, 2013**  
**5:30 P.M.**

- ROCKFORD – Churchill Park will be hosting the Third Annual Christmas Parade on December 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30p.m. The parade route will begin at John Nelson School at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Street, running west on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 12<sup>th</sup> Street, running south on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, running east on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and ending in Redeemer Lutheran Church Parking Lot.

The following roads will be closed at approximately 5:30 p.m.:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- Over many years the Churchill Park has been inundated by the Keith Creek flood waters. But the floods of 2006 and 2007 devastated this area to the point that many of the homes along 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues were damaged beyond repair. Over the course of the last few years the City of Rockford and

Rockford Local Development Corporation have acquired and demolished these homes through grant funds in order to allow this area to recover and become more sustainable. Though there are still more properties to be demolished this neighborhood has not lost hope and have been closer than ever. They have banded together to hold many events like this Christmas Parade and National Night Out. Along with summer events, Churchill Park has worked with the Rockford Park District to create a skate park to provide some positive activities for the kids in the area. Please come out and join this neighborhood as well as the Rolling Green Neighborhood as they hold this parade and light their Christmas tree. Santa will be present and there will be food after the parade at the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

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