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Money Smart Week®

City of Rockford participates in FREE Educational Events

Rockford, IL April 16, 2015 –The City of Rockford Community and Economic Development Department (C&EDD) is proud to announce they will be participating in four (4) FREE educational housing events during Money Smart Week April 18–25, 2015.

To kick off the national event, City of Rockford housing professionals from C & EDD will join community partners at the **'Home Fair'** on Saturday, April 18th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Riverfront Museum Park located at 711 North Main Street in Rockford, IL.

The event will host over 20 housing-industry professionals and provide renters, homebuyers, and homeowners' home-related cost savings demonstrations, information on topics related to home ownership, and a chance to talk to home professionals in various fields. Guests will also have a chance to win prizes!

In addition to the 'Home Fair', C&EDD would like to invite homebuyers who are considering purchasing a home in Rockford to learn about the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Homebuyer/Rehabilitation Program; which is a homebuyer program administered by the City of Rockford.

Times and locations for the Homebuyer/Rehabilitation Program are:

- Wednesday, April 22 at noon on the 2nd floor at City Hall located at 425 East State Street, Rockford, IL;
- Wednesday, April 22 at 5:45 pm on the 2nd floor at City Hall; and
- Thursday, April 23 at 5:45 pm at Country North REALTORS located at 7210 E State St, Rockford, IL. This event is in Spanish.

This program is funded in part by IHDA and the federal Home Investment Partnerships Program.

ABOUT MONEY SMART WEEK: More than 3,500 other free events are being held during Money Smart Week®. Money Smart Week is a campaign to promote financial education across all age groups. Started in 2002 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the program is now active in more than 45 states through national partnerships with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Cooperative Extension and the American Library Association.

Money Smart Week events are open to the public at businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, nonprofits and government agencies throughout the country on topics including kids and money, unemployment, managing student debt and retirement. To find all events scheduled locally visit, www.moneysmartweek.org or stop by City Hall to pick up an event calendar.

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