

THE ELEMENT things to do in Rockford: June 2025



Starlight Theater
SpongeBob the Musical
 June 4-7, July 9-13
 3301 N Mulford Road, Rockford, IL
 Based on the Nickelodeon animated television series **SpongeBob SquarePants**, the musical made its world premiere in June 2016. The musical follows SpongeBob SquarePants' attempts to **avert a volcanic eruption** that could potentially wipe out all life in **Bikini Bottom**. Buy tickets here: rvcstarlight.ludus.com/index.



Rockford Park District
Juneteenth1865
 Thurs, June 19, 1-9PM
 Sinnissippi Park Band Shell
 1401 N 2nd St, Rockford, IL
Juneteenth1865, produced by Rockford Community leader **Tommy Meeks** is excited to announce its return for the **34th Juneteenth Celebration**. This free event is the longest-running Juneteenth Celebration in the state of Illinois! Event will include performances, food, retail, and information vendors. All are welcome! rockfordparkdistrict.org/juneteenth



Anderson Japanese Gardens
Tuesday Evenings in the Gardens:
Miles Nielsen and the Rusted Hearts
 Tues, June 10, Seating begins at 5PM
 318 Spring Creek Rd, Rockford, IL
 Led by free-wheeling frontman and Rockford native, **Miles Nielsen** the band is known for the diversity of their sound, the tightness of their 4-part harmonies, and the quality of their songcraft. Guest set-up of seating areas begins at 5:00PM. Blankets, lawn chairs and small tables welcome. For more information: andersongardens.org/tuesday-evening-in-the-gardens/



Coronado Theater: Buddy Guy
Damn Right Encore Special guest
Ronnie Baker Brooks
 Fri, June 27, doors open at 6:30PM
 314 N Main St, Rockford, IL
 At age 87, **Buddy Guy** is a **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee**, a major influence on rock titans like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, and a living link to the city's halcyon days of electric blues. **Special guest**, Chicago guitarist, vocalist and songwriter **Ronnie Baker Brooks** is one of the city's—and the world's—most talented and electrifying bluesmen. coronado.asmrockford.com/event/buddy-guy-damn-right-encore-with-special-guest-ronnie-baker-brooks/tm_vv1a7zkmfgkd3_dah/



J.R. Sullivan Theater, Nordloff Center: Domenic Di Cello
Live Piano by Candlelight
 118 N. Main St, Rockford, IL
 Fri, June 13, 7PM-8:20PM
Domenic Di Cello is a Rockford-based concert pianist and teacher, known for his **diverse musical background**, including classical, Latin, and Salsa music. He will perform the music of **Chopin, Beethoven, and other classical favorites**. He currently teaches piano at **The Studio Rockford**. Tickets: Adults: \$25, children under 12 \$20. ticketor.com/dicellopiano/tickets.



Live at Levings Lake: Rockford Jazzfest
 Sat, June 28, 3-7PM
 1420 S Pierpont Ave, Rockford, IL
 Free performances by **Evon J. Sams**, founder of the **Evon J. Sams Nonet**; **Harper College Jazz Ensemble**, Harper's premiere jazz group; Chicago-based **Joel Baer Trio**; and Beloit-based **Patten Pending**, a dynamic jazz-funk fusion band. For more information: gorockford.com/event/live-at-levings%3A-rockford-jazz-fest/28081/

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