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Youth Host Community Town Hall On Transportation Concerns

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – The Chairman & Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is hosting a Community Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, from 5:30 to 7:00pm at Veterans Memorial Hall. All are encouraged to attend and participate in this public forum regarding transportation in our area.

This is a youth led town hall that assists in fostering leadership skills of the YLC members. The YLC came up with the topic for the town hall and secured the guest speakers. They will also be moderating the event. **Youth from the local high schools are especially encouraged to attend** and voice their input on transportation concerns. This is a great opportunity for youth to engage in government affairs and support the work of the YLC.

Community Town Hall:

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Veterans Memorial Hall, 211 N. Main St., Rockford, IL

Guest Speakers

- Michael Dunn, Region 1 Planning Council Executive Director
- Kyle Saunders, City of Rockford Public Works Director
- Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District, Executive Director

Youth Leaderships Council:

Facilitated by the Winnebago County Health Department, the YLC promotes the development of diverse young leaders in our community by providing hands on experience with how government works and building skills they can use to initiate change. The YLC members have learned to participate in civic engagement as a council and they are now hosting an event to provide their peers with the opportunity to engage in civic efforts related to transportation concerns.

"I am proud of our YLC for developing an event that pulls together youth and leadership over a common concern," said Winnebago County Board Chairman Joe Chiarelli. "I look forward to hearing the input from the youth and their unique perspective on ways to improve transportation in Winnebago County."

"I'm excited that the YLC members have created an opportunity for their peers to discuss a topic that's important to them. It's critical that we hear from all of our residents, including youth, as we make important decisions about our community," says Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara.

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