

# **NEWSRELEASE**

**ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT** MAKING MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME

**From: Rockford Park District City of Gardens**  
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## City of Gardens Hosts Spring Kick-Off Event

**ROCKFORD IL** – The Rockford Park District’s City of Gardens is holding its Spring Kick-Off on **Wednesday, April 14, 2010** at Cliffbreakers. Social hour and exhibits from local environmental organizations begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. The event is presented by First Northern Credit Union.

With the growth in popularity in natural planting areas, the City of Gardens selected Jack Pizzo from Pizzo and Associates, Ltd. as this year’s keynote speaker, who will speak on “Sustainable Landscapes.” Jack is an informative, international, inspiring, practical, and entertaining speaker on restoring the environment. His company is one of the most awarded ecological/sustainable landscape companies in the Midwest.

Ruth Miller, Program Director for the City of Gardens, stated, “Where natural areas may yield cost savings, they are more popular for the benefit they provide to our environment.”

The winners of this year’s business category Atwood Award, Hoo Haven Wildlife, and Anne Meyer in the individual category, will also be honored at the dinner. The Atwood Award is presented for outstanding contributions in the field of public conservation and is presented by the Rockford Park District, Rockford Park District Foundation, and Winnebago County Forest Preserve District.

Cost is \$35 per person for the Kick-Off event, and reservations can be made by calling 815-987-1689.

The Rockford Park District’s City of Gardens mission is to provide community-wide enhancement of public and private places in order to create a beautiful, healthy, and safe environment in which to live, work, and play.

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