

NEWS & VIEWS

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Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner honors local residents who have served in uniform.

NOV. 10TH VETERANS DINNER TO WELCOME HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO REPRESENTATIVES

Rolling Meadows' 2023 Veterans Dinner will feature a keynote presentation by representatives from Honor Flight Chicago, a non-profit group that has honored the bravery and selflessness of over 10,000 senior war veterans by providing life-changing, one-of-a-kind visits to our nation's capital.

This year's dinner will take place Friday, November 10th, 5:00 – 8:30 pm, at Cotillion Banquets, 360 S. Creekside Drive, in Palatine. Resident veterans and their guests will enjoy a multi-course meal, pre-dinner appetizers, raffle prizes, and more.



20th Anniversary Celebration

First established in 2003, Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner was among the first events of its kind in Illinois: a City-sponsored event to honor those who have served in our nation's armed forces and encourage multi-generational camaraderie among brothers and sisters in arms.

For more information, contact Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak (847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org).

Special thanks to **Oak Street Health** for sponsoring this year's event.

'BLUE STAR' STATUS PLACES HISTORICAL MUSEUM AMONG ESTEEMED COMPANY

What does the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum have in common with the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago History Museum, Smithsonian American Art Museum, and hundreds of other prestigious exhibition halls across the country?

All are certified as Blue Star Museums through a collaborative program between the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across America.



Blue Star Museums offer free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel – including National Guard and Reserve members – and their families between Armed Forces Day (May) and Labor Day (September) each year. Learn more by visiting www.arts.gov/initiatives/blue-star-museums.

'Founded for Veterans'

"Rolling Meadows is a community founded for veterans," explained Historical Society member Jerry Inselberger, who also serves on the City's Veterans Committee and helped spearhead the museum's Blue Star application. "It's only fitting that our local museum joins the ranks of Blue Star institutions from coast to coast."

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LOCAL EATS

CHICAGO RAMEN RANKED #4 ON TIMEOUT'S '21 BEST RAMEN SHOPS' LIST

Chicago Ramen Lab, located at 2222 W. Algonquin Road, is part of a restaurant group that placed 4th on Timeout Chicago's "21 Best Ramen Shops in Chicago" (August 2023).

For Rolling Meadows residents and customers, it's a spot for savoring authentic, delicious Japanese ramen dishes.

Choose from Tsukemen (noodles dipped in a separate bowl of broth) or traditional ramen with a range of flavor profiles – spicy, white/red miso,



Chicago Ramen Lab ranks among the area's "best ramen shops," according to Timeout Chicago.

chicken, shrimp, vegetable, vegan, and more. The menu also features a wide selection of appetizers, rice bowls, and beverages.

Rolling Meadows, where customers are able to dine-in at Chicago Ramen Lab's cozy indoor space or take their dishes to-go.



Chef and restaurateur Kenta Ikehata was trained at Tsujita Artisan Noodle in Tokyo. After seven years honing his craft, he went to Los Angeles to open Tsujita's first U.S. location. Now, he's brought his culinary expertise to

CHICAGO RAMEN LAB

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Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
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'WHAT WOULD YOU DO?'

POLICE DEPARTMENT URGES RESIDENTS TO RECOGNIZE 'SMISHING' SCAMS

'Smishing' is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purported to be from reputable companies in order to trick individuals into sharing personal information, such as passwords or credit card numbers. It can also result in cybersecurity attacks via mobile text messaging.

Smishing attacks are on the rise. That's why the Rolling Meadows Police Department is pleased to present the following information to help residents identify smishing attempts and avoid becoming victims.



Scenario: You receive a text message from what appears to be a reputable business or service provider – the United States Postal Service, for example – asking you to click a link after reporting that a package delivery cannot be completed. You're not sure if the message is legitimate.

What should you do?

Fact: Unless you have signed up for text alerts or are expecting a package, these types of messages are likely fraudulent.

Solution: DO NOT click the link. Instead, contact the organization directly to see if there is a package waiting for you and if the notification is legitimate.

For more information, call the RMPD non-emergency number (847-255-2416).

JOIN FELLOW ROLLING MEADOWS VETERANS FOR ANNUAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS REGISTRY PROMOTES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans that ensures these former service members receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day ceremony, November Veterans Dinner, and other events throughout the year.

Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their names, may contact Lori Ciezak at ciezakl@cityrm.org.





NORTHROP GRUMMAN GRANT SUPPORTS CITY-WIDE VETERANS INITIATIVES

Rolling Meadows salutes Northrop Grumman Corporation for its generous \$4,000 donation in support of local veterans-related initiatives.

Previous financial support from Northrop Grumman helped the City's Veterans Committee purchase a collection box (pictured) located outside City Hall for old and worn American flags.

That effort enabled Committee members to host a flag retirement event last summer to ceremonially dispose of the

collected flags.

Looking ahead, the Veterans Committee is exploring several ideas for which the new grant funding may prove helpful. One option being considered is the creation of a structure near the City's Veterans Monument to house the remains of retired American flags.

Thank you, Northrop Grumman, for your continued support!

'BE ALARMED' FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE SMOKE DETECTORS TO ROLLING MEADOWS RESIDENTS

A new partnership between the Rolling Meadows Fire Department (RMFD), the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance has

created a City-wide fire safety education program that includes complimentary smoke detectors for residents who need them.



Department members at no cost to eligible residents.

For more information and to determine eligibility, contact RMFD at 847-397-3352 or fd@cityrm.org.

The "Be Alarmed!" Program:

- Educates residents on the dangers of home fires.
- Helps prevent home fires from occurring.
- Ensures that residents have properly installed smoke alarms in their residences.

Through the "Be Alarmed!" program, the Fire Department has received a limited number of concealed battery smoke detectors that are available to residents with outdated devices or those without working smoke alarms in their homes.

These units, which are designed to last a full 10 years when properly maintained, will be installed by Fire

SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT: COMPOST YOUR PUMPKINS AT PUBLIC WORKS

Rolling Meadows' third annual pumpkin compost collection will help reduce the amount of waste sent to local landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by decom-

posing pumpkins.

Bring your pumpkins/jack-o-lanterns to the Public Works Department (3900 Berdnick Street) on Friday, November 3rd (9:00 am – 2:00 pm) and Saturday, November 4th (9:00 am – 12:00 pm).

Pumpkins must be free of all decorations, including candles, wax, aluminum foil, string, and glow sticks. Painted pumpkins will be accepted only if they are decorated with acrylic paint.

Collected pumpkins will be taken to a green composting collection site. There, they will be processed into organic fertilizer for farming and landscaping uses across Illinois.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department (847-963-0500 or pw@cityrm.org).



NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.			1	2	3 Pumpkin Compost Collection, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Public Works Dept.	4 Pumpkin Compost Collection, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Public Works Dept.
5	6	7 Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	8	9 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (Red Light); 1:00 pm (Code); 2:00 pm (Parking)	10 Veterans Dinner, 5:00 – 8:30 pm, Cotillion Banquets (360 S. Creekside Dr., Palatine). 8 <small>City offices closed November 10th for Veterans Day. Regular refuse/recycling collection.</small>	11 VETERANS DAY
12	13 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am	14 City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Water bills due</i>	21 Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm	22	23 THANKSGIVING City offices closed. Refuse & recycling collection delayed one day.	24 City offices closed. Refuse & recycling collection delayed one day.	25
26	27	28 Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	29	30 Holiday Celebration, 6:00 pm, Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Rd.)	Support the Community Events Foundation (CEF): To learn more, visit www.cityrm.org .	

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WANT MORE NEWS? Check out Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, eNews, at www.cityrm.org .					1 Last day of seasonal yard waste collection	2
3	4 Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm	5 Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	6 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	7 HANUKKAH BEGINS	8	9
10	11 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am	12 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm	13	14 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (Red Light); 1:00 pm (Code); 2:00 pm (Parking)	15	16
17	18	19 Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	20 <i>Water bills due</i>	21	22 City offices closed in observance of Christmas Eve. Regular refuse & recycling collection.	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS City offices closed. Refuse & recycling collection delayed one day all week.	26 KWANZAA BEGINS	27	28	29	30
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FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO CO-HOST NOVEMBER 8TH SENIOR SAFETY SEMINAR

Rolling Meadows' Fire and Police Departments will co-host an interactive community education seminar for senior residents that highlights the importance of emergency preparedness on Wednesday, November 8th, 1:00 pm, at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).



The program, co-sponsored by Rolling Meadows Park District and Rolling Meadows Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) Council, is the latest in a series of community presentations that emphasize crime prevention and public safety. Space is limited. To register, contact the Community Center at 847-818-3200.



Support Rolling Meadows' Toys for Tots Holiday Collection Drive
Follow us on Facebook or visit www.cityrm.org for collection dates, drop box locations, and other program information.

FIVE EASY WAYS TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

Rolling Meadows offers customers multiple ways to pay their monthly utility bills safely and conveniently:

1. Create an account on the City's secure Customer Service Portal (www.cityrm.org/146/Online-Payments).
2. Use your bank's online bill payment system.
3. Send payments via U.S. mail (using enclosed return envelope).
4. Place payments in the white drop box in the City Hall parking lot.
5. Pay in-person at the Finance Department in City Hall.

REFUSE REMINDERS

Early Refuse Set-out Begins November 1st

Beginning Wednesday, November 1st, residents may place refuse at the curb after 3:00 pm (instead of the standard 6:00 pm) the day prior to their scheduled pickup. Early refuse set-out will run through Friday, March 29th, 2024.

Yard Waste Collection Ends December 1st

Seasonal yard waste collection services provided by Public Works will conclude Friday, December 1st. Place yard waste in craft paper bags at the curb – separate from household waste – for pickup on your regular collection date. Crews will begin collecting yard waste again on April 1st, 2024.



2023 Holiday Refuse Schedule

- **Thanksgiving:** Public Works will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Regular Thursday and Friday refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day.
- **Christmas Eve:** Public Works will be closed Friday, December 22nd in observance, but crews will conduct regular refuse & recycling collection.
- **Christmas:** Public Works will be closed Monday, December 25th. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed one day all week.

For more information, contact Public Works (847-963-0500 or pw@cityrm.org) or visit www.cityrm.org/311/refuse-recycling.

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Museum was designed as a replica of the first ranch-style homes constructed in the community by Rolling Meadows founder, Kimball Hill, in 1953. Displays of donated historical documents, photos, and finishings of the 1950s era are combined to create authentic interior spaces within the home.

Museum hours are Sundays (1:00 – 4:00 pm) and by appointment (Mon – Sat). Admission is free. Donations are welcomed.

New Exhibit Honors City Veterans

The exhibits in the Kimball Hill Family Educational Center contain information on the City's early days, 1950's

memorabilia, and special displays on segments of the City's history. The museum's latest exhibit is a tribute to resident veterans who have proudly served in our nation's armed forces. It will be on display throughout November and December.

ROLLING MEADOWS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Deck the Halls: The City's Holiday Tree and Historical Museum shine brightly for the season.

NOV. 30TH HOLIDAY CELEBRATION TO FEATURE TREE LIGHTING, SANTA CLAUS VISIT, AND MORE

The City's 2023 Holiday Celebration will take place Thursday, November 30th, 6:00 pm, at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road), marking the beginning of another festive season of joy, wonder, and laughter.

This year's event promises a winter-inspired wonderland of glad tidings and seasonal fun for family members of all ages, including:

- Ceremonial lighting of the City's elegant Holiday Tree.
- Special visit by Santa Claus.
- Horse-drawn sleigh rides.
- Holiday goodies.



Residents welcome Santa Claus at last year's event.

- DJ-led holiday music and sing-alongs.
- Seasonal photo opps galore!

The City will close off sections of Barker Avenue and Central Road to traffic during the event for attendees' safety.



A two-horse open sleigh ride, anyone?



**CONTACT
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City Hall Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday - Friday

MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

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5th Ward Alderman Stefanie Boucher	224-200-9015
6th Ward Alderman Mandy Reyez	847-209-5435
7th Ward Alderman Mike Koehler	847-912-8750
City Manager Rob Sabo	847-394-8500

SERVICES

Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Non-emergency	847-397-3352
Police Non-emergency	847-255-2416
Community Development	847-506-6030
Finance/Utility Billing	847-394-8500
Public Works	847-963-0500
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	847-590-7867
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Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

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Finance Department

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Police Department

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