

# eNEWS

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## VOLUNTEERS PLAY KEY ROLE IN SUCCESS OF CITY'S COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH DEC. 15TH

Rolling Meadows is proud to support the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's seasonal Toys for Tots program, which runs through Friday, December 15th.

*"The perfect toy means the world to a child in need."*  
– Toys for Tots

Bring new, unwrapped toys and games to drop boxes at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Donations will be collected and distributed to area families in need.

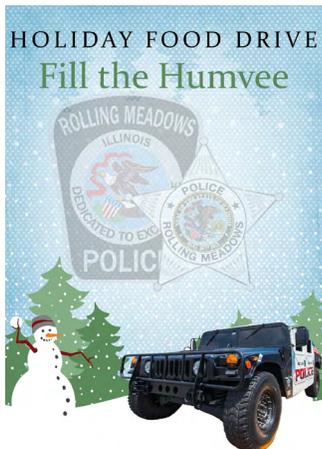
Residents can learn more and/or make a donation at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

## FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY; SUPPORT POLICE DEPT. HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Rolling Meadows Police Department is asking community members to support its annual Holiday Food Drive on Saturday, December 9th.

For more information and updates, follow the Police Department's [Facebook page](#) or call the 24-hour non-emergency phone number (847-255-2416).

Bring non-perishable food items to the Police Humvee parked in front of Jewel-Osco (3000 Kirchoff Road) between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. This year's event will help restock the shelves of the Palatine Township Food Pantry.



Specific items requested by Palatine Food Pantry include:

- Boxed/non-perishable items (inc. Hamburger Helper, instant potatoes, stuffing mix)
- Coffee
- Canned food/soups/vegetables
- Dried beans
- Pasta and sauce

"The holiday season is an outstanding time to support local food pantries," explained Community Relations Officer Geunyoung Pak. "Our goal is to help bring some holiday cheer – in the form of food and nourishment – to area families who need it the most."

- Laundry detergent
- Condiments
- Personal hygiene items
- Juice bottles and boxes
- Snacks (inc. crackers and chips)
- Diapers and baby wipes

## TOYS FOR TOTS



U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

For more information visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)



## HOLIDAY REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

- **Christmas Eve:** Public Works will be closed Friday, December 22nd. 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](mailto:pw@cityrm.org)) or visit [www.cityrm.org/311/refuse-recycling](http://www.cityrm.org/311/refuse-recycling).



## TIS THE SEASON TO SAVE LIVES: SUPPORT CITY'S HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Rolling Meadows' upcoming holiday blood drive offers residents the opportunity to give the greatest gift of all: the gift of life.



The event, co-sponsored by Vitalant, is scheduled for Thursday, December 21st, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Donors may call 877-258-4825 to schedule an appointment or visit [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) (use group code ORD0RM98). Walk-ins are also welcome.

Learn more about the need for blood donations and view a schedule of upcoming area drives by visiting [Vitalant's website](http://www.vitalant.org).

## 'KEEP THE WREATH RED' PROGRAM HELPS FIREFIGHTERS HIGHLIGHT HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

This year's "Keep the Wreath Red" public awareness campaign marks the 17th consecutive year that the Rolling Meadows Fire Department has used festive seasonal décor to promote holiday fire safety.

Illuminated wreaths displayed at Fire Stations 15 (3201 Algonquin Road) and 16 (2340 Hicks Road) during the holidays are covered in red bulbs. Firefighters will replace a red bulb with a white bulb for each fire in Rolling Meadows that is caused by holiday decorations.

"This program is a subtle reminder to residents that the season offers no holiday from fire dangers," Fire Chief Pete Sutter said. "Let's work together to make sure everyone enjoys a happy – and safe – holiday season."

As Chief Sutter noted, residents play a critical role in this effort. Below are some home safety tips designed to ensure the wreaths stay red all season long:

### Christmas Trees

- Select only fresh trees that are deep green in color and have a strong scent of pine.
- Water trees regularly.
- Verify that artificial trees are flame resistant.
- Keep all trees away from fireplaces, heating vents, and appliances such as space heaters.

### Lights

- Use lights approved by a national testing laboratory.
- Discard any lights with frayed or worn cords, broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, bare wires, or ones that operate intermittently.
- Never use indoor lights outdoors.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Use a maximum of three sets of lights per single extension.
- Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug lights when you leave home and before going to bed.



### Candles

*Note: RMFD discourages residents from using traditional/open flame candles.*

- Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, such as clothing, books, and curtains.
- Use candleholders that are sturdy, will not tip over easily, are made from materials that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep candles away from flammable liquids.
- Avoid using candles for light during power outages. Use flashlights instead.

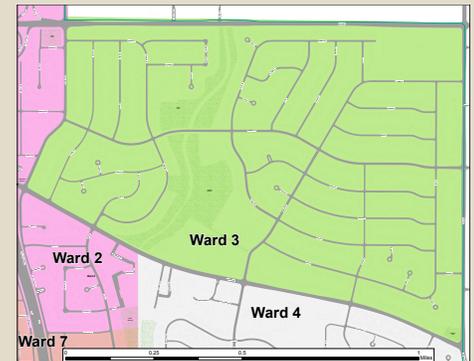
### Cooking

- Remain in the kitchen when food is cooking.
- Clean up food or grease that may accumulate on burners and stove-tops.
- Turn off the stove when leaving the room – even for a brief period.
- Use a timer when simmering, baking, or roasting food.
- Wear clothes with tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.

For more information on holiday fire safety, contact the RMFD at 847-397-3352 or follow the Department on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowsfire).



## ROLLING MEADOWS' 3RD WARD – AT A GLANCE



### Overview

- **Geographic location:**  
The City's 3rd Ward is bordered by Euclid Avenue, Rohlwing Road, Kirchoff Road, and Wilke Road.
- **Council representative:**  
Kevin O'Brien
- **Population**  
(2020 Census): 3,441

### Ward Facts

- City Hall, the Police Department, and the Carillon Tower (pictured below) are located in the 3rd Ward.
- Ward 3 is home to Kimball Hill Park and Kimball Hill School, where many youth sports and City events take place.
- The Circuit Court of Cook County (3rd District) is also located in Ward 3.

### Did You Know?

The first houses built by Kimball Hill Homes in Rolling Meadows are located in the 3rd Ward (on Campbell Street near Wilke Road).



Special Agent Mitch Kushner, of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, discusses the role of the K9 Unit with Open House attendees.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOWCASES LIFE-SAVING CAPABILITIES AT OCTOBER OPEN HOUSE

Over 300 people braved torrential rain and biting wind to attend Rolling Meadows Fire Department's October 14th Open House, where they gained a first-hand look at the training and equipment used by fire-fighters to protect our community.



Crews conducted vehicle extrication and live burn demonstrations.



### Highlights included:

- Station tours.
- Live burn event to showcase the effectiveness of home fire sprinkler systems.
- Vehicle extrication demonstration.
- Hands-on fire extinguisher training.
- Technical rescue equipment demonstration.
- Special presentation by the K9 unit of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.
- Comfort dogs from Northwest Community Healthcare.

There was a lot to see and plenty to do at Station 15 (3201 Algonquin Road), where crews enjoyed showcasing their capabilities and sharing their day with residents.



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

12/1: Last day of seasonal yard waste collection

12/4: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

12/5: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm

12/6: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 6:30 pm

12/7: **Hanukkah begins**

12/11: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am

12/12: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm;  
**City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

12/14: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (Red light), 1:00 pm (Code), 2:00 pm (Parking)

12/19: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

12/20: **Water bills due**

12/21: **Blood Drive**, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

12/22: City offices closed in observance of Christmas Eve. Regular refuse/recycling collection.

12/24: **Christmas Eve**

12/25: **Christmas**  
Refuse & recycling collection delayed one day all week.

12/26: **Kwanzaa begins**

12/31: **New Year's Eve**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## CITY LEADERS RECOGNIZE NEWLY PROMOTED POLICE VETERANS, WELCOME NEW OFFICERS

Two veteran members of the Rolling Meadows Police Department with a combined 28 years of service to the City were recognized by Mayor Lara Sanoica and City Council members in October, after earning well-deserved promotions:



Cmdr. Sam Mollenhauer



Sgt. Marcin Magnus

- **Commander Sam Mollenhauer** joined RMPD's ranks in 2005 as a patrol officer. He has also served as a school resource officer, detective, and sergeant. Currently, he is commander of the Patrol Division.

- **Sergeant Marcin Magnus** became a Department member in 2013. He served as a patrol officer, gang/tactical officer, and detective before earning promotion to sergeant. He is currently a shift supervisor with the Patrol Division.

### Welcome New Hires

The Police Department is also proud to welcome three new officers, who were sworn-in that evening:

- **Officer Michael Barrille**, who joined RMPD in May after gaining 12 years of experience with another suburban police department.

- **Officers Jacob Ramos and Kristen Traversa**. These new officers were hired in April and graduated from the College of DuPage's Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in August. They are in the process of completing their field training.

## IN MEMORIAM: FORMER ALDERMAN MIKE CANNON



Mike Cannon

Michael J. "Mike" Cannon, who served nine years on City Council representing 1st Ward residents, passed away in September. He was 72 years old.

Cannon was first elected to the City Council in 2011, and his constituents

re-elected him in 2015 and 2019. In addition to his services as a City alderman, Cannon was President of the Fremd Music Association and spent 13 years as a Palatine Park District volunteer coach.

He is survived by his wife, Sally; his children, Mick (Jira), Katie, and Kelly; sister, Eileen; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and friends.



## JOIN FELLOW VETERANS FOR PROGRAMS & EVENTS Registry Promotes Community Engagement with Former Service Members

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans. The registry helps former service members stay engaged and ensures they receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day ceremony,

Veterans Day Dinner, and other City 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](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

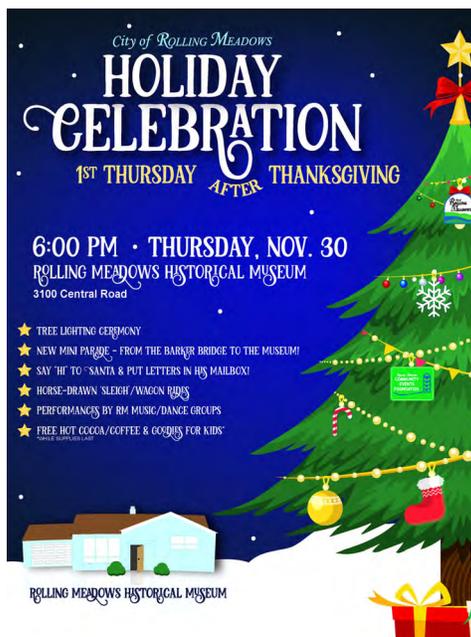
## CEF VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE KEY TO SUCCESS OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

The success of Rolling Meadows' community events is due to several factors. Two that come to immediate mind are (1) financial contributions to the non-profit [Community Events Foundation](#) (CEF) that help offset the costs of staging them and (2) attendees' enthusiasm.

However, there is another critical element to this success that takes place behind the scenes: the efforts of the City's ad hoc CEF Volunteer Committee, which meets monthly to plan and organize the gatherings and celebrations that residents of all ages have come to enjoy so much.

### 'Keep it Fun'

The 35-member committee meets at City Hall at 6:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (except December). Group members include "a good mix of long-time volunteers and some newer additions," explained Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager and the committee's staff liaison. "We keep the meetings short and, most importantly, we keep them fun."



The Holiday celebration is a fitting way to "wrap" each year.

Monthly meetings, which are open to the public, serve as informal workshops where committee members plan upcoming events and review those that have recently taken place.



CEF Volunteer Committee members come together to build a float each year for the City's Independence Day parade.

"We discuss a lot of different ideas and then determine what might work best in a specific event setting," explained committee member Kathy Rein, who joined in 2016. "We're always looking for ways to be better and improve on what we've already done."

"Everyone brings something to the table," added committee member Bob Rein, Kathy's husband. "We continually generate new ideas from members of all ages and backgrounds. It keeps things fresh and encourages new perspectives and approaches."

### Minimal Time Investment

Working side-by-side with City departments to successfully plan and implement large-scale community events may seem like an overwhelming task, but committee members have it down to a science.

"Everyone is busy with families, jobs, and other responsibilities, but the time required to serve on this committee is not nearly as intensive as one might expect," Bob explained. "We usually ask members to help set-up, work an event itself, or help clean-up afterwards. I think most people, even those with hectic schedules, can manage that."

### A Chance to Give Back

Kathy and Bob joined the CEF Volunteer Committee almost immediately after their respective retirements. She is a former outpatient addiction

program supervisor; he was a dentist who owned and operated a practice in Arlington Heights.

Kathy likes to plan parties, while Bob views the committee as a great way to meet people from all walks of life. Their favorite events are the Hometown Hoedown in October and 4th of July Parade, respectively.

**CEF Volunteer Committee**  
Meetings held 3rd Tuesday  
each month (except December)  
6:00 pm at City Hall

"We both felt it was important to give back to the community that has been so good to us," Kathy said. "Working with our fellow CEF committee members gives us a tremendous sense of pride and we love doing it."

### A Time to Celebrate

Committee members take a well-deserved meeting break in December before gearing back up in the new year. Each January, the City hosts a volunteer appreciation dinner to thank committee members for their efforts.

The group is always looking for new volunteers who want to contribute. Community members are welcome to attend an upcoming committee meeting or contact Lori Ciezak ([ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org)) to learn more.

## NEW LOCAL EATS: 2023 EDITION

We invite you to explore the latest and greatest new restaurants that have opened in Rolling Meadows over the past year:

### bb.q Chicken

*Korean fried chicken & sides*  
2190 Plum Grove Road  
847-907-4341  
[www.bbqchicken.com](http://www.bbqchicken.com)

### Casa Di Luigi

*Classic Italian cuisine*  
5500 New Wilke Road  
224-735-2338  
[www.casadiluigirestaurant.com](http://www.casadiluigirestaurant.com)



### Chicago Ramen Lab

*Japanese ramen dishes*  
2222 West Algonquin Road  
224-735-2271  
[www.chicago-ramen.us](http://www.chicago-ramen.us)

### Ding Tea

*Bubble tea shop*  
2226 W. Algonquin Road  
331-666-8722  
[facebook.com/dingteailinois](https://facebook.com/dingteailinois)

### Honey Berry Café

*Breakfast & brunch*  
1480 Golf Road  
847-427-1333  
[www.honeyberrycafe.com](http://www.honeyberrycafe.com)



### Jannat

*Central Asian cuisine*  
2997 Kirchoff Road  
[www.jannatva.com](http://www.jannatva.com)  
224-600-9515

### Kong Dog

*Handmade Korean corn dogs*  
1649 W. Algonquin Road  
847-258-3017  
[www.kongdog.us](http://www.kongdog.us)



### Phoenix Flame

*Latin-Mediterranean fusion*  
3240 Kirchoff Road  
224-735-2351  
[www.phoenixflame.net](http://www.phoenixflame.net)

### Sorry Mommy

*Central Asian cuisine*  
5153 New Wilke Road  
224-248-9947  
<https://order.toasttab.com/online/sorry-mommy-llc-5153-new-wilke-rd>

## COMING SOON

### Agit Black

*Korean karaoke bar & restaurant*  
2905 W. Algonquin Road

### Café on the Grove

*Breakfast & lunch*  
2160 Plum Grove Road

### Raising Cane's

*Fried chicken fingers*  
1420 Golf Road  
[www.raisingcanes.com](http://www.raisingcanes.com)

### Sayulita

*Taco, mariscos, & tequilla bar*  
1655 W. Algonquin Road



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Monday – Friday



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Public Works . . . . . 847-963-0500  
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