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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE: THEN & NOW



The Veterans Monument, dedicated in 1999, stands at the base of Rolling Meadows' Carillon Tower and is a cornerstone of the City's annual Memorial Day ceremonies.

VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, FAMILY MEMBERS INVITED TO JOIN MAY 25TH MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee formally invites active duty military members, local veterans, and their family members to take part in this year's Memorial Day ceremonies on Saturday, May 25th.

Parade & Wreath Ceremony

The 2024 observance will feature a downtown parade along Kirchoff Road at 11:00 am, followed by a ceremonial wreath-laying at the Veterans Monument, located at the base of the City's Carillon Tower, at 11:30 am.

The City will provide transportation for those who are unable to walk the full length of the parade route. Participants may also arrange their own transportation.

To register, complete the online [parade application](#) by Friday, May 17th. More information on this year's event will be featured in the May/June issue of *News & Views*.

Veterans Registry

The Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans with whom they have previously connected.

This list also ensures that registered veterans receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day ceremony and other City events.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO CO-HOST EARTH DAY 'COMMUNITY CLEANUP' ON APRIL 27TH

Join members of the City's Environmental Committee as they partner with the Rolling Meadows Park District for an Earth Day-affiliated Community Cleanup on Saturday, April 27th.

This year's event will take place at 10:00 am, at the Nelson Sports Complex (3900 Owl Drive).



Volunteers will lay mulch, plant bushes and flowers, and pick up trash along Salt Creek in North Salk Park. Participants should bring their own work gloves.

For more information, visit the Rolling Meadows Park District [website](#).

COMMUNITY & CIVIC GROUPS INVITED TO JOIN MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS



Rolling Meadows invites local scout troops, civic organizations, and other community groups to take part in this year's Memorial Day ceremonies. For more information, please contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager (ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500).

GRANT FUNDING HELPS REDUCE TAXPAYERS' SHARE OF CITY SERVICE & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COSTS



Molly Talkington

City leaders last year secured nearly \$15 million in grant funding to offset the cost of operational expenditures and infrastructure improvement projects scheduled through 2029.

es," Finance Director Molly Talkington explained.

"The City has two priority goals when pursuing grant opportunities: (1) reduce the burden on local taxpayers who fund City operations and services, and (2) maintain Rolling Meadows' fiscal stability," she added.

Funding included \$2.8 million that covered a range of projects and initiatives in 2023. The remaining \$11.7 million in approved funding will be allocated over the next five years.

"Grants from state and federal governments, as well as for- and non-profit entities, provide funding that can be used for capital projects, equipment purchases, and operational expenses,"

Grants come in a variety of formats, including **fully funded grants** that cover 100% of a project's cost, and **matching grants** that require the City to contribute a percentage of the total (80/20 or 50/50, for example).

Following is a *partial* list of Rolling Meadows' recent grant activity, broken down by City department:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Grant Name: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Parallel Funding
Granting Entity: Federal Government
Amount Awarded: **\$3,202,343**
For Year(s): 2023 & 2024
Purpose: Underground water infrastructure and business development activities

Projects completed in 2023 include water main replacement behind Rolling Meadows Shopping Center (\$254,947), Kirchoff Road water main emergency repair/lining (\$320,299), and East Frontage water main extension (\$169,624).

In 2024, ARPA Parallel money will fund the Vermont Street water main project, Davis Court resurfacing work (\$1.3 million), and a comprehensive City rebranding initiative (\$60,000).

PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Name: Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant
Granting Entity: Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee
Amount Awarded: **\$7,722,350**
For Year(s): 2023 – 2029
Purpose: Infrastructure engineering and reconstruction

Projects funded in 2023 include Phase II (design) engineering and pre-construction studies for a variety of initiatives, including Algonquin/New Wilke intersection improvements and Weber Drive reconstruction, as well as engineering and construction of the Quentin/Hartung bike path.

Upcoming projects that will be funded by STP include New Wilke resurfacing (2024), Central Road widening/reconstruction (2028), and Kirchoff Road widening/reconstruction (2029).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Grant Name: Public Safety Grant
Granting Entity: U.S. Department of Justice
Amount Awarded: **\$128,400**
For Year(s): 2023 & 2024
Purpose: Support local law enforcement operations

In 2023, Department of Justice funding helped the Police Department purchase bullet proof vests and body armor. Funding for 2024 is intended to help hire new police officers.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Grant Name: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant
Granting Entity: State of Illinois
Amount Awarded: **\$163,729**
For Year(s): 2023 & 2024
Purpose: Support Department operations and growth

VOCA grant monies provide funding to expand the number of Department social workers.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Grant Name: Cybersecurity Training
Granting Entity: Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA)
Amount Awarded: **\$4,720**
For Year: 2023
Purpose: Staff Training

IRMA grant funding supported employee training sessions that focused on cybersecurity "best practices."

For more information on Rolling Meadows grant procurement efforts, contact the Finance Department at fin@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500.

Stay Informed!

**CITY'S COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORMS DELIVER
TIMELY, ENGAGING INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS
VIA MULTIPLE CHANNELS**

Rolling Meadows' content and communications platforms help residents, businesses, and other stakeholders stay on top of everything that's happening in the City, while also promoting operational transparency and good governance.

Whatever your personal preference for receiving information might be – website, social media, print/electronic newsletters, or email/text notifications – the City's got you covered:

WEBSITE

Rolling Meadows' [website](#) serves as the City's informational clearinghouse. Access everything from upcoming Council agendas to local restaurant listings; pay utility bills online; find contact information for all City departments; and much more.

SOCIAL MEDIA

See what's happening across City departments and receive timely updates on community initiatives.

Click the icons to visit each site:

Administration



Fire Department



Police Department



Public Works



**MONTHLY COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTERS**

Print editions of *News & Views* and its electronic counterpart, *eNews*, provide monthly updates on the City enterprise. Newsletters also offer space for longer form narratives with

additional details on important City initiatives. Past issues are archived [online](#).



**QUARTERLY BUSINESS
NEWSLETTER**

Published four times per year, *The Business Messenger* highlights Rolling Meadows' growing business community, provides updates on topics of interest to local business leaders, and helps City officials engage with companies that call the City home. Find current and past issues [online](#).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

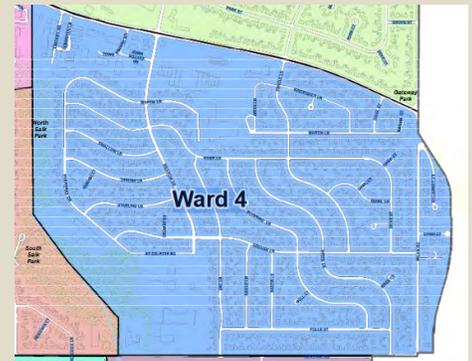
The [Notify Me](#)® feature on the City's website lets residents subscribe to, and receive, email or text message updates on multiple topics of personal interest, including construction updates, emergency alerts, department operations, and more.



**ROLLING MEADOWS
BROADCASTING NETWORK
(RMBN)**

View upcoming City Council meetings, District 15 Board of Education meetings, and community event information on Channel 6 (Comcast and WOW). RMBN is also accessible [online](#) and on most mobile devices.

**ROLLING MEADOWS'
4TH WARD – AT A GLANCE**



Overview

- **General geographic location:**
The City's 4th Ward is bounded by Kirchoff Road (north), New Wilke Road (east), Central Road (south), and Salt Creek (west).
- **Council representative:**
Jenifer Vinezeano
- **Population**
(2020 Census): 3,479

Ward Facts

- Rolling Meadows Library is located in the 4th Ward.
- Ward 4 is home to the Rolling Meadows Community Center, site of annual National Night Out and other City-wide celebrations – including Independence Day fireworks displays.

Did You Know?

The 4th Ward is home to the critically acclaimed [Opera in Focus](#) (located in the basement of Park Central at 3000 Central Road). For more than 30 years, the production company has used intricately designed rod puppets to present fully staged scenes from well-known operas and shows.

Opera in Focus

Photo courtesy of Opera in Focus.



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

4/1: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

4/1: **Yard waste collection begins**

4/1: **April Fools' Day**

4/2: **Environmental Committee**, 6:00 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

4/8: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30 am

4/9: **City Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm

4/10: **Library Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Lane)

4/11: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (*Red light*), 1:00 pm (*Code*), 2:00 pm (*Parking*)

4/16: **Community Events Volunteer Meeting**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:00 pm

4/22: **Police Pension Board**, 3:30 pm

4/22: **Passover begins at sundown**

4/22: **Earth Day**

4/22: **Water bills due**

4/23: **Veteran's Committee**, 6:00 pm; **Capital Projects Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm

4/25: **Blood Drive**, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, City Hall parking lot

4/26: **Arbor Day**

4/27: **Community Cleanup**, 10:00 am, Nelson Sports Complex (3900 Owl Drive)

April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	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				

New Business Alert!
WINGSTOP OPENS ON KIRCHOFF ROAD

Rolling Meadows is pleased to welcome Wingstop™ to the City's Kirchoff Road business corridor!

Wingstop began as "a small buffalo-style chicken restaurant" in Garland, TX, in 1994. Today, there are more than 2,000 Wingstop restaurants around the world – including right here in Rolling Meadows!



WINGSTOP
3100 Kirchoff Road
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847-773-485
www.wingstop.com

SUBMIT FOIA REQUESTS ONLINE

Community members may submit Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests online, making it simpler and more efficient for staff members to process and respond to those requests.

Visit the [Freedom of Information Act Request page](#) and click the "Online FOIA Request Page" link, or scan the QR Code to submit a records request.



Residents may also submit public record requests by U.S. Mail, fax, email, or in-person. Forms are available at City Hall.

Upon receiving a FOIA request, the City has up to five business days to respond (requests made for com-

mercial purposes have a 21-day deadline). Officials may request up to an additional five business days if more time is needed to gather the requested information.

Certain fees may apply. Applicants who request copies of reports that exceed 50 pages will be charged 15 cents per page (certified reports are \$1 per page). Documents with fewer than 50 pages,

or sent electronically, are available at no cost.

Note: Police traffic crash report requests cost \$5, even if they are electronically transmitted.



FIVE WAYS TO PAY YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY BILL

Customers have several options for paying their monthly utility bills:

1. Create an account on the City's [Customer Service Portal](#).
2. Use your bank's online bill payment system.
3. Send payments via U.S. mail.
4. Drop payments in the white drop box in the City Hall parking lot.
5. Pay in-person at City Hall.

For security purposes and to protect personal information, the Finance Department does not accept payments over the phone.

Residents who have questions or would like more information may contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500 or fin@cityrm.org.



Officer Geunyoung Pak (left), pictured with group member Rob Koshkarian at last year's Fire Department Open House, is exploring additional ways for Crime Stoppers to become more involved.

'CRIME STOPPERS' SERVE IMPORTANT ROLE IN RMPD'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Rolling Meadows residents have always supported the men and women who serve with the City's Police Department, but members of the City's "Crime Stoppers" group take that support to another level.

The group's dedicated volunteers provide staffing assistance for a range of police events throughout the year, including the Department's Holiday Food Drive, National Night Out celebration, and other community initiatives.

Build Community Bonds

"Crime Stoppers provides additional manpower to support the success of Police Department events in our community," explained resident Dave Whitney, who serves as the group's president. "We do a little bit of everything – from cooking burgers and hot dogs at Family Services Day each spring to collecting donations at the food drive every winter. It's a way to show support for our police officers and also give back to the community we care so much about."

Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers was established more than 15 years ago as a forum to provide anonymous crime tips but has also evolved into the "volunteer support corps" it is today. Several members have previous experience with the former Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs. Others are past graduates

of the City's Police, Fire, and Public Works Citizen Academies.

"Our group has a lot of relevant experience that the Police Department can count on, if needed," Whitney added.

Expanded Opportunities

Officer Geunyoung Pak, who serves as the Police Department's Crime Stoppers liaison, appreciates the group's support and is developing additional opportunities for members to engage.

"We are exploring ways to deploy Crime Stoppers members in certain non-violent crime situations, such as talking with potential incident witnesses, or knocking on doors to gather information," Officer Pak said. "Group members could be a valuable resource in these instances. That would allow police officers to focus more of their efforts on law enforcement and crime prevention."

Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers meets quarterly to plan upcoming initiatives. Residents who would like to join the group or learn more may send an email to crimestoppers@cityrm.org.

To report anonymous crime tips, call the **Crime Stoppers hotline at 847-590-7867 (STOP)**. Tips that lead to an arrest and conviction are eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

HOPE FUND DONATIONS SUPPORT COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN CRISIS



Natalia Nieves

Tax-deductible community donations to the Rolling Meadows Hope Fund allow the City's Human Services Department provide short-term financial help to residents in crisis and/or facing life-altering circumstances.

Community members may contribute to the Hope Fund directly through dedicated [GoFundMe](#) or [PayPal](#) pages.



"So often, residents facing dire circumstances – whether it be fire or floods, or more personal tragedies such as domestic violence and child abuse – have nowhere to turn," explained Human Services Department Director Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC, AMFT. "Hope Fund donations help the City provide timely emergency assistance to those who need it most."

About Human Services

Rolling Meadows' newly-established [Human Services Department](#) was created to address community-wide demand for mental health support, crisis intervention, and other social services to improve quality of life for residents of all ages and backgrounds.

To learn more, call 847-870-8695 or send an email to socialworkrm@cityrm.org.

MAYOR LARA SANOICA EXPECTING FIRST CHILD



Lara Sanoica

Mayor Lara Sanoica, who last year became the first woman to be elected mayor in Rolling Meadows' history, will soon become the first mayor to give birth while in office.

Although Sanoica plans to take an extended maternity leave from her private employer this summer, she will continue her duties as mayor for the remainder of her pregnancy and after the baby is born.

The City's daily operations will continue without change under the direction of the City Manager. In addition, Rolling Meadows has protocols in place that allow other City Council members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem (In Latin, "for the time being"), if necessary.

"I am living an ordinary life that thousands of working moms across Rolling Meadows will understand," Mayor Sanoica explained. "They understand the challenges and joys that come with raising a family and staying involved in their communities."

RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'TS

Not sure whether a particular piece of disposable waste should be placed in your recycling cart or thrown away?

As Earth Day (April 22nd) approaches, we offer this handy "at-a-glance" checklist to avoid confusion and help protect Mother Nature.



YES (The following types of household waste can be recycled)

Co-mingled materials

- Aluminum & steel cans
- Plastic soup containers
- Bi-metal cans
- Plastic water/soda/juice bottles
- Liquid detergent bottles
- Microwave trays
- Milk jugs
- Plastics (#s 1 - 5 & 7)
- Glass

Fiber materials

- Bond paper (white/colored)
- Computer paper
- Calculator tape
- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Legal pad/notebook paper
- Letterhead
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Cardboard

NO (Place these non-recyclables in the garbage)

- Non-Recyclable Materials
- Food & beverage waste
- Candy & snack wrappers
- Non-paper packing material
- Plastic strapping
- Rubber bands
- Stickers or labels
- Plastic/latex/rubber gloves
- K-cups
- Plastic #6
- Styrofoam
- Plastic grocery bags
- Paper coffee cups & lids
- Tissue products & napkins
- Shrink wrap & food packaging



Learn more about recycling – and the City's refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection programs – by visiting www.cityrm.org/311/Refuse-Recycling.

**CONTACT
CITY OFFICIALS
City Hall Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday**



MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

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Karen McHale.....	773-517-3873
2nd Ward Alderman	
Nick Budmats.....	847-202-0855
3rd Ward Alderman	
Kevin O'Brien.....	847-212-2587
4th Ward Alderman	
Jenifer Vinezeano.....	630-546-8133
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
ComEd.....	1-800-EDISON-1



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SEASONAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES APRIL 1ST

Public Works crews resume seasonal yard waste collection services on Monday, April 1st. Place yard waste in 30-gallon kraft paper bags and set them at the curb the night before scheduled pick-up.

PLACE REFUSE & RECYCLABLES AT CURB AFTER 6 PM

Friday, March 29th, was the final day of Rolling Meadows' seasonal early refuse set-out schedule. Effective Monday, April 1st, refuse and recyclables should be placed at the curb after 6:00 p.m., the evening before pick-up.