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SUPPORT THE ROLLING MEADOWS COMMUNITY EVENTS FOUNDATION

Financial support for the City's community events is provided by the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations from residents and local businesses.

To contribute, please scan the QR code or visit the Community Events Foundation webpage (www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation).



Supporters may also make checks payable to Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation and send them to:

**City of Rolling Meadows
Community Events Foundation**
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

PAFR AWARD RECOGNIZES CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL REPORTING TRANSPARENCY

The Government Finance Officers Association has presented Rolling Meadows with an Outstanding Achievement Award for the City's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), Finance Director Molly Talkington announced.

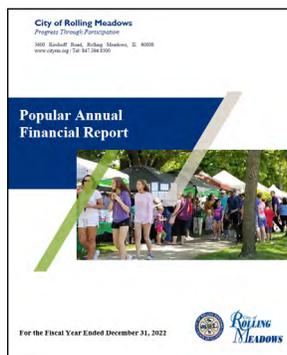
The PAFR Award recognizes governmental entities for their commitment to financial reporting transparency and public education on budget-related matters.

"PAFRs are geared toward the average reader who may not be familiar with municipal financial terminology," Talkington explained. "The report is an opportunity to help residents gain a better understanding of the

City's financial operations and overall fiscal health."

According to a GFOA press release announcing the award, reviewers praised the City's PAFR for its:

- Reader appeal,
- Understandability,
- Creativity, and,
- Distribution methods.



Rolling Meadows' PAFRs are published online (www.cityrm.org/233/financial-reports) for public review – simply click the *Citizens*

Financial Report link. They offer a brief analysis of City revenues and how those dollars are spent. The reports also provide an overview of local economic trends.



ROLLING MEADOWS POLICE PROUDLY SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

Rolling Meadows police officers are proud to support Special Olympics Illinois through a series of local events designed to generate awareness of, and raise money for, thousands of Special Olympics athletes:



Cop on a Rooftop (May)

Police officers and residents joined forces to raise \$3,964.57 for Special Olympics Illinois on May 17th, during the annual "Cop on a Rooftop" event.

While Department personnel stood watch on top of the Rolling Meadows Dunkin' Donuts (3350 Kirchoff Road), store visitors made financial donations to the cause. In return, they received coffee mugs, t-shirts, and other merchandise.



Law Enforcement Torch Run (June)

Each year, the Law Enforcement Torch Run guides the "Flame of Hope" across Illinois to the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games in Normal, IL. Community members turned out in force on Sunday, June 2nd, to join police officers as they escorted the Flame through Rolling Meadows.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 55,000 athletes. Visit www.soill.org to learn more.



The City's annual 4th of July Parade features waving flags, cheering crowds, and lots of red, white, and blue.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE PARADE & DAZZLING FIREWORKS THIS JULY 4TH!

Join family, friends, and neighbors this 4th of July as the City celebrates the 248th anniversary of American independence! No one celebrates the occasion better than Rolling Meadows!

Independence Day Parade

(11:30 am)

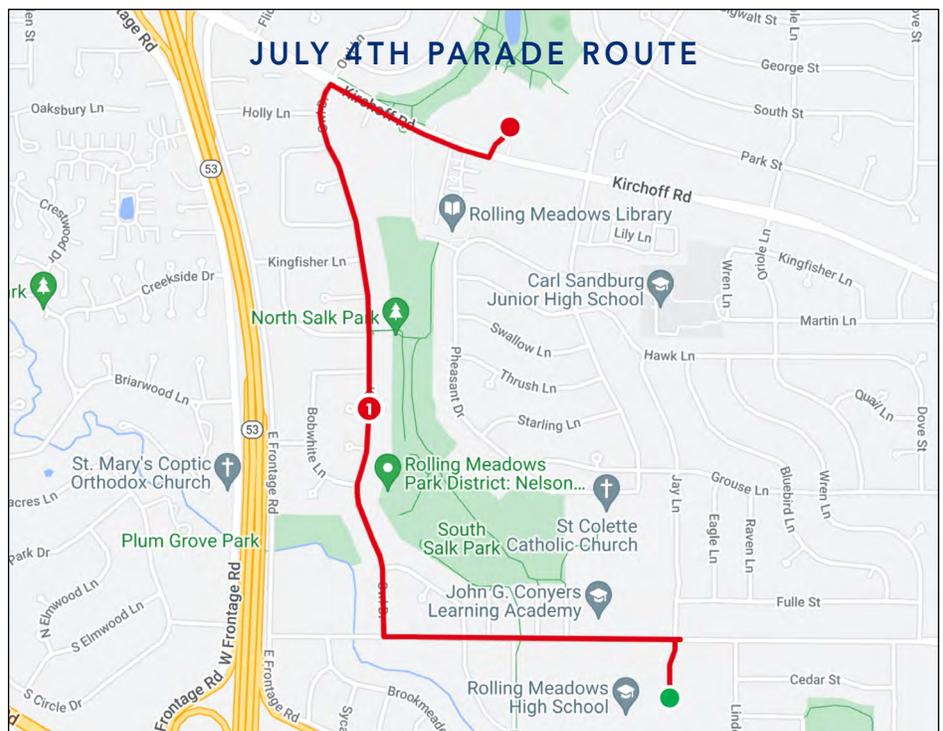
This year's route begins at Rolling Meadows High School, travels west on Central Road to Owl Drive; north on Owl to Kirchoff Road, and then east to Plaza Drive (shopping center parking lot).



Fireworks in the Park

(approx. 9:15 pm)

Bring blankets and chairs to the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) for a jaw-dropping display of dazzling fireworks high above Salk Park. "And the rockets' red glare..."





Members of a Civil War reenactment group march along Kirchoff Road during Rolling Meadows' May 25th Memorial Day Parade.



FLAG CODE HIGHLIGHTS RULES FOR PROPER, RESPECTFUL DISPLAY OF STARS AND STRIPES

The U.S. Flag Code, adopted by Congress in 1942, offers guidelines for displaying the American Flag.

- The Code states that the flag should:
- Be properly illuminated if flown past sunset.
 - Be hung vertically with the union (stars) to the north or east when displayed over a street.
 - Never touch anything beneath it.
 - Be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
 - Never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES HONOR NATION'S FALLEN

Rolling Meadows paid tribute to the men and women who died in defense of our nation during a moving May 25th Memorial Day observance at the City's Carillon. The ceremony was preceded by a brief parade down Kirchoff Road, featuring generations of local veterans and witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

Highlights included a booming salute to fallen heroes by a Civil War era canon, a rifle salute by the Rolling Meadows Honor Guard, a wreath-laying ceremony by Veterans Committee members, and a keynote address by Father Brian Simpson, United States Navy (retired).



Father Brian Simpson delivers his keynote address.



Prepare to fire!



Rolling Meadows' Honor Guard sets the pace.



1st, 3rd, and 6th Ward Alderpersons Karen McHale, Kevin O'Brien, and Mandy Reyez pay tribute to all who served.



Rolling Meadows High School's Marching Mustangs and local scout troops were among the many community organizations that joined this year's parade and ceremony.



Cloud Tea

New Business Alert CLOUD TEA OPENS IN ROLLING MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTER

Cloud Tea features a wide selection of gourmet rolled ice cream, teas, smoothies, and more. From bubble lattes and brown sugar milk teas to Thai ice cream and smoothies, the franchise's new Kirchoff Road location features literally dozens of menu options.

Cloud Tea
3226 Kirchoff Road
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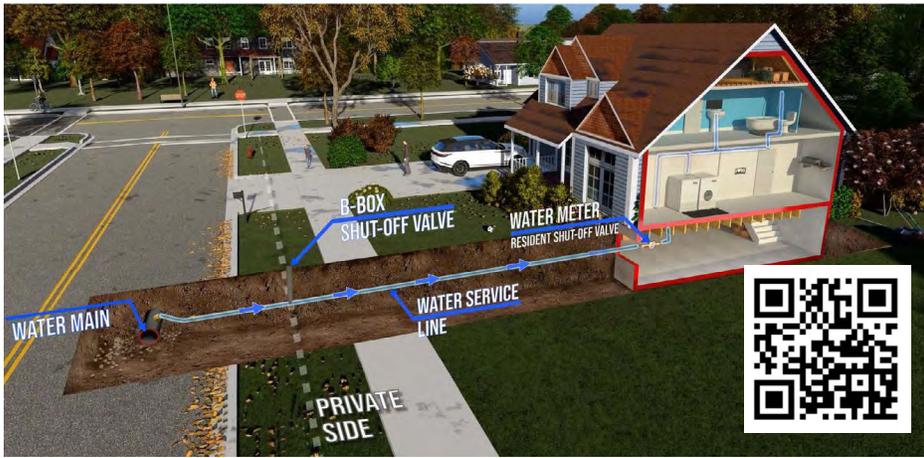
All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY City offices closed. Refuse & recycling collection delayed one day.	5 Refuse & recycling collection delayed one day.	6
7	8 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30 am	9	10 Library Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Lane)	11 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (Red Light); 1:00 pm (Code); 2:00 pm (Parking)	12	13
14	15	16 Community Events Volunteer Meeting, 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole, 6:30 pm; City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	17	18	19 Friday's ROCK! & Roll in Meadows, 7:00 – 10:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park	20
21	22 WATER BILLS DUE Police Pension Board, 3:30 pm	23 Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm Capital Projects Committee, 6:30 pm	24 Bites & Beats on Kirchoff, 4:30 – 8:30 pm (2720 Kirchoff Rd)	25 Firefighters Pension Board, 8:30 am	26	27
28	29	30	31	JULY 4TH EVENTS Community Parade: 11:30 am Fireworks: 9:15 pm		

AUGUST 2024

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VIEW UPCOMING MEETING AGENDAS Find agendas for upcoming City Council meetings, and minutes of past meetings, at www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter .				1 Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm	2	3 Family Movie Night with the RM Cops, 7:00 – 10:00 pm, (3705 Pheasant Drive)
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WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY INITIATIVE HELPS IDENTIFY LEAD PIPES FOR REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT

Public Works needs your help completing an inventory of all underground service lines that connect homes and businesses to the City's water main system, as required by the state of Illinois' Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification (LSLRN) Act.

The goal is to identify and document any service lines that are made of lead, and then schedule their removal and replacement. Lead is harmful to human health even at low levels and can enter the water supply when lead-based plumbing materials corrode or wear away.

As part of that effort, the Public Works Department has developed a brief survey that allows utility customers to identify and report what material their water service lines are made of. Access the survey by visiting arcg.is/TrfDq0 or by scanning the QR code.

Recipients may complete the survey on their own or request an inspection by department employees. Please submit responses by September 1st.

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

THANK YOU, STREET BANNER PROGRAM SPONSORS

Twenty-eight local businesses and community organizations signed on as partners for the City's 2024 street banner promotional initiative.



The annual program offers area groups a high-profile opportunity to market themselves to local audiences: sponsors purchase customized panels (featuring an organization's name or logo) that hang beneath decorative street banners displayed along Kirchoff Road and other high-traffic areas around town.

Proceeds from each sale helps offset the program's costs while also benefiting the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity whose mission is to provide financial support to Rolling Meadows' community events. It relies solely on tax-deductible contributions and gifts from donors.

Learn more at www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation.

2024 Street Banner Sponsors:

- Aerex Pest Control
- Algonquin Wilke Currency Exchange
- Aloft Hotel
- Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
- BEAR Construction
- Bloom Lash Lounge
- Cardinal Color Group
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Community Church of Rolling Meadows
- Complete Lawn & Snow Services
- Corporate America Family Credit Union
- Flood Brothers Disposal Co.
- Holiday Inn Express
- Inleadair, LLC
- JML Overhead Door
- Lamirage
- Lulu's
- Maid Brigade
- Marc Realty
- Meridian Banquets
- Phoenix Flame
- Raising Cane's
- Rolling Meadows Historical Museum
- Rolling Meadows Library
- Rolling Meadows Park District
- Silver Star Protection Group
- Silver Star Technology
- Suburban Accents





THAT'S A BIG SCREEN! Residents gather for last year's Family Movie Night event.

PEAK EVENT SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Summer doldrums? Not here in Rolling Meadows! There's a LOT going on in our community over the next few months, so mark your calendars and get ready to join the fun!



JULY

19th – Friday's ROCK! Concert in Kimball Hill Park (7:00 – 10:00 pm)

- **Judson Brown Band** (acoustic rock, pop, and country)
- **Radio Gaga** (Queen & Lady Gaga tribute act)

24th – Bites & Beats on Kirchoff (4:30 – 8:30 pm @ Community Church). Food truck fare and live performances by:

- **The Do-Rights** (Chicago Jazz): 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- **Bart Attacks** (Americana): 6:30 – 8:30 pm

For the latest information and event updates, visit the City's Community Events page (www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events) or follow Rolling Meadows on Facebook.



AUGUST

3rd – Family Movie Night with the RM Cops (7:00 – 10:00 pm @ the Community Center). Enjoy a free outdoor screening of **Migration** (2023), an animated adventure comedy.

6th – National Night Out (6:00 – 8:30 pm @ the Community Center).

16th – Friday's ROCK! Concert in Kimball Hill Park (7:00 – 10:00 pm)

- **Sean McKee Band** (Blues Rock)
- **Chicago Experience** (Chicago tribute group)

28th – Bites & Beats on Kirchoff (4:30 – 8:30 pm @ Community Church).

- **Todd Donnelly** (Steel Drum): 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- **Gatorwater** (Blues Rock): 6:30 – 8:30 pm

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City Hall Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday



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Kevin O'Brien	847-212-2587
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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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INQUIRE ABOUT CITY SERVICES

Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

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