

# eNEWS

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Hillbilly Rockstarz headline this year's Hometown Hoedown in Kimball Hill Park. Image courtesy of JPM Photography - Your Dreams Captured

### NEW 'SUNDOWN' PROGRAM TO FEATURE LIVE MUSIC, FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS DURING OCT. 5TH HOEDOWN

Fall officially arrives in Rolling Meadows on Saturday, October 5th, with the return of the City's annual Hometown Hoedown in Kimball Hill Park!

Highlights of this year's celebration, held from 2:00 – 8:00 pm, include:

#### Sundown at the Hoedown (NEW) (5:00 – 8:00 pm)

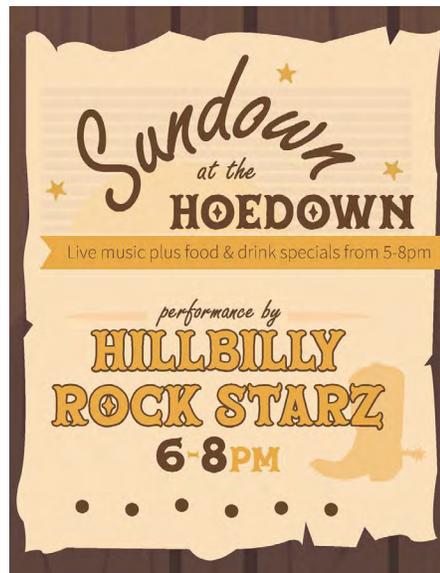
Enjoy live music and food and drink specials! The evening will conclude with a performance by [Hillbilly Rockstarz](#) (6:00–8:00 pm), whose set-lists include songs by everyone from Luke Combs and Tim McGraw to Whitney Houston and Guns N' Roses.

#### Family Fun (2:00 – 5:00 pm)

Residents of all ages will enjoy hay rides, pony rides, petting zoo, games and crafts, square dancing, line dancing, and more!



Kimball Hoot strikes a pose with Hoedown guests.



#### Cowboy Cookout Dinner & Bar (2:30 – 8:00 pm)

Food and beverages will be provided by Rep's Place. Alcohol purchases will be available for guests ages 21 and up with valid ID.

### FILING DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2025 ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 18TH

Residents running for local office in next spring's Consolidated Election must file their completed candidate petitions at City Hall **no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, November 18th**. Petition filing begins at 8:00 am on Tuesday, November 12th.

City offices that will be contested on the April 1st, 2025 ballot are 2nd Ward Alderman (4-year term), 4th Ward Alderman (4-year term), 6th Ward Alderman (4-year term), and 7th Ward Alderman (unexpired 2-year term).

Candidates must have lived in Rolling Meadows for at least one year and reside in the ward they seek to represent.

**Note:** The City of Rolling Meadows cannot verify the accuracy or legal sufficiency of the filed documents. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that all documents presented are in good order and compliant with all appropriate election law.

For more information, contact the State Board of Elections (312-814-6440 or [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)) or the Cook County Clerk's Office ([www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections](http://www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections)).



## PUBLIC WORKS TO HOST OCTOBER 5TH E-WASTE/SHREDDING EVENT

The Public Works Department will host an electronics recycling and document shredding event Saturday, October 5th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, at its 3900 Berdnick Street facility.

The event, Sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is an opportunity for residents of Rolling Meadows and other SWANCC communities to safely recycle TVs, computers, and other electronics equipment (limit seven items per household). State law prohibits these items from being deposited in landfills.

It will also offer a safe, tamper-resistant way to dispose of sensitive documents, including old tax forms, bank statements, medical records, and more (limit six bags or boxes).

Attendees should bring ID to confirm they are SWANCC customers.

For more information, and a listing of accepted eWaste items, visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) or call Public Works at 847-963-0500.

### Accepted eWaste items include:

- Cell phones
- Computer monitors
- Computers (Desktops, Notebooks, Tablets)
- Converter Boxes
- Fax Machines
- Keyboards
- Mice
- MP3 Players
- Printers/Scanners
- Televisions (all types)
- Video Game Consoles

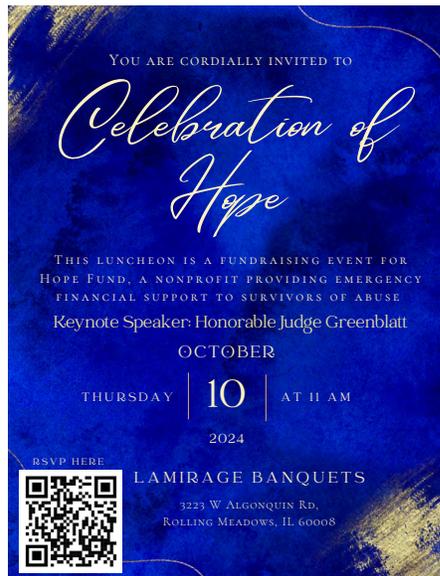


## OCT. 10TH FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT CITY'S HOPE FUND

Community members are cordially invited to an October 10th luncheon hosted by Rolling Meadows' Human Services Department that will raise money for the City's non-profit Hope Fund, which helps provide emergency financial assistance to victims of domestic violence and other abuse.

Tickets to the "Celebration of Hope" event at Lamirage (3223 Algonquin Rd) are \$55 each. For more information and to reserve your seat, click [here](#) or scan the QR code.

"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. "The Hope Fund helps the City deliver timely emer-



gency assistance to those who need it most."

### Keynote Speaker Confirmed

The event will also feature a keynote presentation by the Honorable Joel Greenblatt, Associate Judge, Third Municipal District – Rolling Meadows, Domestic Violence Division.

For more information on the Rolling Meadows Hope Fund or to make a tax-deductible donation, click [here](#).

### Business Sponsorships Available

Human Services is offering high-profile sponsorship opportunities for local businesses that are interested in supporting the Celebration of Hope luncheon and the Hope Fund:

- Diamond Level: \$3,000
- Platinum Level: \$2,000
- Gold Level: \$1,000
- Silver Level: \$500
- Bronze Level: \$250

Sponsor benefits vary by level and include multiple opportunities for marketing local businesses. For more information, contact Marisol Gonzalez ([gonzalezm@cityrm.org](mailto:gonzalezm@cityrm.org) or 847-870-2695).

## VETERANS REGISTRY PROMOTES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans to ensure these former service members receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day ceremony, November Veterans 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).



**MEET YOUR ROLLING MEADOWS FIREFIGHTERS AT OCTOBER 12TH OPEN HOUSE**

Meet Rolling Meadows firefighters and learn more about the life-saving services they provide Saturday, October 12th, 10 am – 2 pm, when the Fire Department hosts its annual Open House at Station 15 (3201 Algonquin Road).



Highlights will include:

- Live burn/fire sprinkler demonstration
- Fire extinguisher training
- Touch-a-truck
- Vehicle extrication demonstration
- Station tours
- Kids’ activities
- Free food and refreshments

Attendees may park their vehicles at LaMirage (3223 Algonquin Rd) then walk over to the Open House. Additional parking will be available at 3315 Algonquin Road.

For more information, call 847-397-3352 or visit the Fire Department’s [Facebook page](#).

**Seasonal Reminder! LEAF BURNING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN CITY LIMITS**

Residents may dispose of leaves by collecting them in 30-gallon kraft paper bags (marked with an X) and placing them at the curb for pick up on regular refuse collection days.

Call 911 if you see smoke or believe open burning is taking place.



**FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY: SMOKE DETECTORS & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES**

National Fire Prevention Week is October 6th – 12th, and the Community Development Department offers the following information about the proper installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

**Q.** Where should smoke detectors be placed?

**A.** The Illinois Smoke Detector Act requires all single-family homes to have smoke detectors installed in the following locations:

- In each sleeping room.
- Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom.
- On each story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics. *\*Not required in crawl spaces and storage attics.*
- Not less than 3 feet from the door or opening of a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower.

The law also offers guidelines for installing smoke detectors in multi-unit dwellings, such as apartment buildings and hotels.

Updates to the Act that took effect last year require residents to replace old smoke detectors with new units containing sealed batteries designed to last the life of the device (10 years.)

Learn more by visiting the website of the [Illinois General Assembly](#).

**Q.** What about carbon monoxide detectors?

**A.** State law requires homeowners, landlords, and building owners to install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors within 15 feet of any room where people sleep. This applies only to dwellings that use fossil fuel to cook, heat, or produce hot water, or are connected to an enclosed garage.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. It is produced when any fossil fuel, including natural gas, is burned. When fossil fuels do not burn properly, CO can build up and cause sickness or even death.

**Symptoms of CO poisoning include:**

- Dizziness, nausea, headache, and coughing.
- Irregular heartbeat.
- Pale skin with cherry red lips and ear tips.

**What to do if you suspect CO poisoning:**

- Get out of the house and stay outside in fresh air.
- Call 911.

For more information on Community Development services, please visit the department’s [webpage](#).

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

10/1: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

10/2: **Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset**

10/3: **Environmental Committee**, 6:00 pm

10/5: **Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest**, 2:00 – 8:00 pm (Kimball Hill Park)

10/7: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

10/8: **City Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm

10/9: **Library Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Ln.)

10/10: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (Red light), 1:00 pm (Code), 2:00 pm (Parking)

10/11: **Yom Kippur begins at sunset**

10/12: **Fire Dept. Open House**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Station 15, 3201 W. Algonquin Rd.)

10/14: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30 am

10/15: **Community Events Volunteer Meeting**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:00 pm;

10/21: **Water bills due**

10/22: **Veteran's Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm

10/28: **Police Pension Board**, 3:30 pm

10/29: **Firefighters Pension Board**, 8:30 am

10/31: **Halloween**

October 2024						
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## REGISTER FOR OCTOBER 29TH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Learn how to recognize signs of mental health and substance abuse challenges – and provide initial help – during a free Mental Health First Aid program offered by the City's Human Services Department.

The day-long course will take place Tuesday, October 29th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, at City Hall.

Participants will learn how to identify symptoms of possible mental health

problems and gain the skills necessary to start conversations that will help people find the support they need.

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Class size is limited. Reserve your spot by contacting Marisol Gonzalez at [gonzalezm@cityrm.org](mailto:gonzalezm@cityrm.org) or 847-870-2695.



Learn more about the [Human Services Department](#) by visiting the Rolling Meadows [website](#).

## SEPTEMBER DUCK RACE RAISES NEARLY \$4,000 FOR LOCAL PRESERVATION INITIATIVES

Community members of all ages cheered wildly during the City's 2024 Duck Race on September 13th, as nearly 900 plastic ducks raced down the waterfall at Kimball Hill Park and, in the process, raised \$3,800 for local environmental restoration efforts.

That's quite a "quack pack," indeed!

Special thanks for the event's success goes to Christopher B. Burke (for donating the grand prize cash awards), volunteers who collected prizes from local businesses and organizations for the Top 30 finishers, and members of the Public Works Department for preparing the race course and running the event.



Proceeds from this year's race will support initiatives of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee, Rolling Meadows Historical Society, and Rolling Meadows Parks Foundation.



### Duck's Away! Congratulations to This Year's Grand Prize Winners:

- 1st Place (\$300):  
Juanita Baldassarra
- 2nd Place (\$200):  
Jo Embry
- 3rd Place (\$100):  
Maureen Greene

## HISTORY LESSON: POLICE DEPARTMENT UNVEILS 'CAR 182' COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VEHICLE *Refurbished Cruiser Replicates a 1960s-era City Patrol Car*

Rolling Meadows Police Department's 'Car 182,' a refurbished 1964 Pontiac Catalina that looks strikingly similar to a police cruiser that patrolled local streets in the 1960s, made its official public debut at the City's National Night Out celebration in August.

The vehicle, which RMPD purchased from its former owner in Missouri and brought home to Rolling Meadows, underwent painting and stenciling to mimic the 1960s color scheme favored by law enforcement at that time.

"Police departments value their histories, especially the unbroken chain that links an organization's first officers to the ones who follow in their footsteps," Police Chief John Nowaki explained. "Car 182 is a symbol of our department's proud history of excellence. It represents the partnerships we've built with the residents we serve."

Police Department members plan to bring Car 182 to community block parties, official community events held throughout the year, and area car shows.

"As a department, we are fortunate to enjoy tremendous support from residents and local businesses. Car 182 offers a new way to expand our interaction in the community and continue building on those relationships," Chief Nowacki added.

Drug funds seized by the Police Department covered the vehicle's \$6,000 purchase price and refurbishment costs, making the project revenue neutral.



Car 182, a refurbished 1964 Pontiac Catalina, is a replica of a police cruiser that patrolled Rolling Meadows neighborhoods in the City's early days.



The original Car 182, seen here in a Police Department photo, served the community more than 60 years ago.

## ELECTION DAY 2024 PREVIEW; VOTING OPTIONS FOR ROLLING MEADOWS RESIDENTS



across the country to choose the next President of the United States.

On Election Day (Tuesday, November 5th), Rolling Meadows residents will join millions of their fellow citizens

Voters nationwide will also cast ballots for candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, state legislatures, and select gubernatorial races.

To learn more about the 2024 election, and to confirm the location of your polling place, visit the Cook County Clerk's Office [website](#) or call 312-603-0906.

### WAYS TO VOTE

- **Early Voting.** Early voting will be available Monday, October 21st – Monday, November 4th. Click [here](#) for a list of early voting sites throughout the area.
- **Vote by Mail.** Registered voters with a driver's license, state ID, or social security number on file may request a mail-in ballot.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted. Learn more by visiting the Cook County Clerk's [website](#).

- **In-person.** Polling places will be open 6 am – 7 pm on Election Day.

### IMPORTANT DATES: NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTION

- October 20th:** Last day to register to vote by online application.
- October 21st:** Early voting begins.
- October 31st:** Last day to request a mail-in ballot (including military and overseas voters).
- November 4th:** Last day of early voting.
- November 5th:** Election Day. Last day mail ballots can be postmarked.



## RECONNECT WITH FELLOW SERVICE MEMBERS AT NOVEMBER 8TH VETERANS DINNER

Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner has helped local veterans reconnect with fellow service members since its inception in 2003. This year's gathering will take place Friday, November 8th, 5:00 - 8:30 pm, at Meridian Banquet & Conference Center (1701 West Algonquin Road).

Resident veterans and guests will enjoy a multi-course meal, live performances by the Northwest Concert Band, pre-dinner appetizers, cash bar, raffle prizes, professional photographer, and more. Admission is free.

The evening will also feature a presentation by guest speaker and

U.S. Army veteran Will Buhlig, who serves as Director of the Robert R. McCormick House at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL.

Veterans who have attended these dinners in the past automatically receive an invitation to this annual event. Those who have not taken part in previous celebrations but would like to join this year's gathering may contact Veterans Committee staff liaison Lori Ciezak ([ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org)).

Newcomers will be added to a registry of Rolling Meadows veterans curated by the City's Veterans Committee.

## MUSEUM EXHIBIT TO HONOR CITY VETERANS; HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS RESIDENTS' PHOTOS

The Rolling Meadows Historical Museum, in partnership with the City's Veterans Committee, is planning a new exhibit that will honor residents who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

City veterans are invited to submit a photo of themselves in uniform for display in the Museum's Education Center (3100 Central Road). Send photos via email to Veterans Committee member Jerry Inselberger ([jkiberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkiberg@sbcglobal.net)) or place printed photos in the drop box at City Hall (Attn: Lori Ciezak).

The exhibit will begin November 1st and run through the holidays. For more information on the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum, visit [www.the1950shouse.com](http://www.the1950shouse.com).



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**Monday – Friday**

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