

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## HOW CAN I KEEP SNOW OUT OF MY DRIVEWAY?

Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:



## SEASONAL SNOW REMOVAL IS A TEAM EFFORT

The Public Works Department's ability to completely clear City streets of snow and ice after winter storms is a team effort – and residents play an important part of those successes.

Following are a few simple ways to help plow drivers deliver faster, more responsive service and ensure overall community safety:

- **Observe winter parking bans** – Parking on City streets is prohibited for eight hours following a snowfall of at least one inch. This helps plow drivers clear roads more quickly without having to avoid parked vehicles.
- **Shovel snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street** – Shoveling snow into the street is counterproductive: it will likely be pushed back onto your driveway by passing plows. It can also cause hazards for drivers and

pedestrians. A better option is to shovel snow to the right side of the driveway (while facing the street) and clear a "pocket" on the left side of the driveway (see diagram).

This pocket will help collect snow that accumulates in front of passing plows and limit the amount that ends up back on the driveway.

- **Maintain mailboxes** – Mailboxes that have been maintained and are in good condition should withstand the rigors of a typical snow season.

The City will install a standard replacement mailbox for those hit during snow removal operations. It does not replace mailboxes or reimburse residents for mail service interruptions that may occur if a mailbox becomes inaccessible, damaged, knocked over, or buried by accumulated snow.

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### RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT CITY HALL

Not sure what to do with old, worn, or damaged holiday lights? Don't trash them...recycle them!

Rolling Meadows' holiday light recycling program offers a safe, convenient way for residents to get rid of those old and outdated light strings gathering dust in garages and attics.

Bring holiday lights (all sizes and colors), electrical and extension cords, and wire to City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Drop boxes are located outside the building.



### CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Un-decking the halls after the holidays? Let Public Works help! When taking down holiday décor, strip Christmas trees of all lights and ornaments and place them at the curb for pick-up on regular refuse collection days.



## 'PLAN RM' WEBSITE OFFERS UPDATES ON DOWNTOWN AREA'S REDEVELOPMENT

Stay on top of the City's ideas for redeveloping downtown Rolling Meadows, view planning studies and documents that will be used to create new opportunities for development, participate in community surveys, and more at [www.planrollingmeadows.com](http://www.planrollingmeadows.com).



The most recent survey, which closed in late November, collected community preferences on the potential "look and feel" of a redeveloped Kirchoff Road business corridor that included community branding opportunities, commercial/mixed-use development, open space, and expanded pedestrian accessibility.

## TUNE IN: CITY UPGRADES 'CHANNEL 6' BROADCAST

View upcoming City Council meetings, District 15 Board of Education meetings, and community event information on the **newly upgraded** Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network (Channel 6 for Comcast and WOW customers). RMBN is also accessible on the City's website ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)) and available to stream on most mobile devices.

**GOOD AFTERNOON**  
3:33 pm  
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Program Schedule: Wednesday, Dec 04, 2024

9:00 AM	City Council Meeting 11.26.2024
12:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting 11.19.24
3:00 PM	City Council Meeting 11.26.2024

## From the Mayor's Desk ROLLING MEADOWS TAKES NEXT STEPS TOWARD A STRONGER, BRIGHTER FUTURE

By Mayor Lara Sanoica

Welcoming my baby into the world has given me a deeper sense of connection to Rolling Meadows in every way possible. As a new parent, my resolve to lead a thriving and vibrant community has never been stronger, and the future has never looked brighter.



Lara Sanoica

This year, we will proudly celebrate the completion of two pivotal milestones that position Rolling Meadows to meet the challenges of tomorrow: the Kirchoff Road Corridor Planning Study and the exciting rebranding of our city.

The Kirchoff Road Corridor Planning Study is a comprehensive analysis of one of our most important commercial and residential areas. The study lays out a strategic vision for enhancing connectivity, improving traffic flow, and fostering sustainable development.

By focusing on modern infrastruc-

ture and thoughtful urban planning, we are ensuring that Kirchoff Road remains a vibrant hub that attracts new businesses, supports our local economy, and enhances the quality of life for our residents.

We're also in the process of introducing new "branding" to showcase Rolling Meadows as a strong and future-focused community. This refreshed identity reflects our

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pride in the City's rich history, while embracing the potential for innovation and growth. Our updated logo, City seal, and messaging will highlight Rolling Meadows as an attractive destination for families, businesses, and visitors.

Together, these initiatives reflect our dedication to building a solid foundation for the future. With forward-thinking planning and a renewed sense of purpose, Rolling Meadows is ready to thrive in the years ahead, ensuring that our City remains a vibrant, dynamic place for all who call it home.

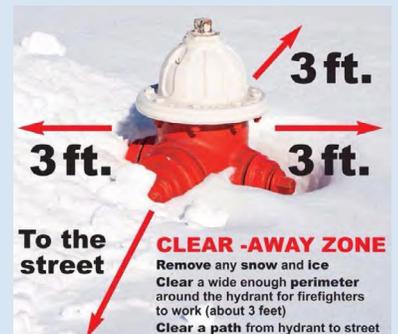
### CLEARING FIRE HYDRANTS OF SNOW AND ICE SAVES LIVES

Do you have a fire hydrant near your home? Rolling Meadows firefighters ask your help keeping it clear and accessible for emergency crews this winter.

#### Keep It Clear in Just Three Steps

- Remove snow and ice from the hydrant.
- Clear the perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to walk (3 ft minimum).
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street.

Clearing away snow that accumulates around fire hydrants saves lives. In emergency situations where seconds count, firefighters need to connect hose lines to those hydrants without delay.



## BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCY: HUMAN SERVICES MARKS 1ST ANNIVERSARY

The City's Human Services Department has provided timely services, guidance, and assistance to Rolling Meadows residents of all ages and backgrounds in its first year of operation, Director Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC, AMFT reports.

The Department, which began operations in January 2024, was created to address the growing demand for community mental health support, crisis intervention, and other social services that can improve the quality of life for all City residents.

"In 2024, Human Services Department staff delivered social services and informational programming to hundreds of residents," Dr. Nieves explained. "We also helped connect them with area service providers, such as a senior handyman, aging-in-place support, and more."

In addition, Human Services helped another 300 residents provide food for their families through a partnership with a local food pantry, she noted.

### Service Divisions

Human Services is structured into three divisions to serve Rolling Meadows residents more effectively:

- **Community Social Services** – helping senior citizens, vulnerable adults, new immigrants, and any residents in need of general social work and case management.
- **Mental Health** – providing short-term therapy (including trauma, grief, family, and substance abuse counseling),



Human Services Department staff members engage with residents at a recent senior citizen outreach event.

connections to psychiatric care, support groups, and advocacy.

- **Police Social Services** – offering court advocacy for criminal cases related to domestic violence, sexual abuse, and other types of violent crimes; assistance with civil and criminal orders of protection; and crime prevention program support.

"The U.S. is in the midst of a mental health crisis, but it's not just about people who are in crisis at this very moment: our goal is to promote overall wellness at a community level through prevention," Dr. Nieves explained. "We can help anyone facing life's challenges – everything from parenting to growing older. It's an opportunity to make our community more connected and resilient."

### 'Purposeful Programming'

Some of the more popular programs hosted by the Human Services Department in 2024 include:

- **Mental Health First Aid classes** that taught attendees how to recognize signs of mental health and substance

abuse challenges – and provide initial help.

- **Power of Attorney clinics** to help residents complete the documentation necessary for providing designated persons with power of attorney (medical & financial) and/or temporary legal guardianship for children.
- **Holiday Giving Tree program** that provided gifts to 130 City residents.

"The Power of Attorney programs were especially popular, and we plan to continue hosting these types of workshops in 2025," Dr. Nieves added.

### Looking Ahead

While pleased with the results of Human Services Department's success in Year One, Dr. Nieves is eager to identify new ways to better serve Rolling Meadows' residents. To that end, Department staff members will soon initiate a strategic planning process that relies on community feedback to determine the kinds of services residents may be interested in. Access the survey by scanning the QR Code below.

Dr. Nieves encourages all City residents to take the survey in order to (1) gain a better understanding of available services, and (2) provide guidance on how Human Services Department professionals can improve their ability to help those in need going forward.



Community members take part in a Mental Health First Aid class offered by the Human Services Department.

**Human Services Dept.**  
847-870-2695  
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[www.cityrm.org/941/  
Human-Services](http://www.cityrm.org/941/Human-Services)



# JANUARY 2025

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>VIEW UPCOMING MEETING AGENDAS</b> Find agendas for upcoming City Council meetings, and minutes of past meetings, at <a href="http://www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter">www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter</a> .			<b>1</b> <i>NEW YEAR'S DAY</i> City offices closed. Refuse & recycling collection delayed one day (Wed., Thurs., Fri.).	<b>2</b> Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (Red Light); 1:00 pm (Code); 2:00 pm (Parking)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30 am	<b>14</b> City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</i> City offices closed. Regular refuse & recycling collection.	<b>21</b> <i>Water bills due</i> City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Firefighters Pension Board, 8:30 am Police Pension Board, 3:30 pm	<b>28</b> Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# FEBRUARY 2025

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>WANT MORE NEWS?</b> Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, <i>eNews</i> , is published in February, April, June, August, October and December, and archived at <a href="http://www.cityrm.org">www.cityrm.org</a> .						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm	<b>4</b> Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30 am	<b>11</b> City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> <i>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</i>	<b>13</b> Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (Red Light); 1:00 pm (Code); 2:00 pm (Parking)	<b>14</b> <i>VALENTINE'S DAY</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>PRESIDENT'S DAY</i>	<b>18</b> Community Events Volunteer Meeting, 6:00 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:00 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Water bills due</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</i>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	<b>26</b> <i>Happy 70th Birthday, Rolling Meadows!</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



Monthly City Council meetings, as well as meetings of Rolling Meadows' volunteer board and commissions, take place at City Hall.

## CITY ESTABLISHES 2025 PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council will hold regular monthly meetings at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in 2025, with a few notable exceptions:

- **Summer Schedule:** Council members will meet only on the fourth Tuesday in June (24th), July (22nd), and August (26th).
- **September:** The second Council meeting in September will be held on Tuesday, September 30th, due to Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 22nd - 24th).
- **November:** The first City Council meeting in November will take place on Monday, November 10th, because of Veterans Day (November 11th).
- **December:** City Council will hold one meeting on the third Tuesday of December (16th).

Meanwhile, workshop-style Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month, also at 7:00 pm. *Note: Committee of the Whole meetings will begin at 6:30 pm and precede regular City Council meetings during the months of June, July, August, and December.*

Residents are invited to attend City Council meetings in-person, or view them live or on-demand on the Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network (cable channel 6 or online at [www.cityrm.org/520/Rolling-Meadows-Broadcasting-Network](http://www.cityrm.org/520/Rolling-Meadows-Broadcasting-Network)).

Agendas for upcoming meetings, and approved minutes from prior meetings, are available at [www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter](http://www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter).

The 2025 public meeting schedule also codifies dates and times for the City's volunteer boards and commissions, including the:

- **Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee** – meets at 6:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (except January and December).
- **Economic Development Committee** – meets at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December.
- **Environmental Committee** – meets at 6:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month.
- **Planning & Zoning Commission** – meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.
- **Veterans Committee** – meets at 6:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except for November and December).

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted. A complete listing of committees is posted at [www.cityrm.org/349/Boards-Commissions](http://www.cityrm.org/349/Boards-Commissions). Meeting information is also published monthly in News & Views and eNews.

## SUPPORT 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 community members.

### Donations Accepted Online or By Mail

To contribute, please visit the Community Events Foundation page ([www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation](http://www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation)) on Rolling Meadows' website or scan the QR code below.

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

### Business Sponsorships Available

Local businesses who are interested in sponsoring specific community events held throughout the year should contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager (847-870-9005 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org)).





Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road) has helped tell the story of Rolling Meadows since it opened in 2002.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS RESIDENTS' MEMORIES, RECOLLECTIONS TO HELP CELEBRATE CITY'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

The Rolling Meadows Historical Society is collecting memories and recollections of community members for a special program that will take place later this year to help mark the 70th anniversary of the City's incorporation in 1955.

Was there a specific time or place in Rolling Meadows that you cherish? Now is the chance to share your

story and, in the process, help celebrate the City's pioneering history.

Submit your written recollections to the Rolling Meadows Historical Society by email ([info@rollingmeadowsmuseum.com](mailto:info@rollingmeadowsmuseum.com)) or leave a message at 847-577-7086. Callers who leave a voice message will receive a return call from a Historical Society member.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROLLING MEADOWS HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

The Rolling Meadows Historical Society was founded in 2002, the same year that the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road) opened its doors.

Built as a replica of an original Kimball Hill home, the Museum transports visitors back in time to the 1950s and is furnished with authentic period décor.

The Museum's Education Center (located in the historical house's "garage") features a rotating series of exhibits that focus on a range of historical topics – from City operations to 1950s-era national- and world affairs.

Learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Historical Museum, Historical Society memberships, and other ways to support the Society's mission by visiting [www.the1950shouse.com](http://www.the1950shouse.com).



Authentic period decor takes guests back to the 1950s.

**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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3rd Ward Alderman Kevin O'Brien	224-221-3469
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
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.

#### Administration

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#### City Clerk's Office

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#### Community Development

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#### Finance Department

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#### Fire Department

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#### Public Works

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