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Nerdvana performs at one of last summer's free FRIDAYS ROCK! events in Kimball Hill Park.

CITY REVEALS 2025 COMMUNITY EVENTS SCHEDULE New 'Meadows Fest' to Commemorate City's 70th Birthday

Rolling Meadows' 2025 Community Events Schedule features several returning favorites from prior years and a new multi-day celebration – tentatively dubbed 'Meadows Fest' – that will take place in September to commemorate the City's 70th anniversary of incorporation.

This year's event lineup is brought to you by the City of Rolling Meadows and the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation. Stay tuned for further details on specific events in upcoming issues of *News & Views*, and on the City's [website](#) and social media accounts.

MAY

- 10th: **Family Services Day** (10am – 12pm)
- 15th-18th: **Remembering Our Fallen** (Mobile Veterans Memorial)
- 17th: **Public Works Open House** (11am – 2pm)
- 24th: **Memorial Day Ceremony** (11am)
- 28th: **Bites & Beats** (5:30 – 8:30pm)

JUNE

- 6th: **Central Road Block Party** (5:30 – 9:30pm)
- 25th: **Bites & Beats** (5:30 – 8:30pm)

JULY

- 4th: **Independence Day Parade** (11:30am) & **Fireworks** (9:30pm)
- 18th: **FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert** (6 – 10pm)
- 23rd: **Bites & Beats** (5:30 – 8:30pm)

AUGUST

- 5th: **National Night Out** (6 – 8:30pm)
- 15th: **FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert** (6 – 10pm)
- 27th: **Bites & Beats** (5:30 – 8:30pm)

SEPTEMBER

- 12th: **FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert** (6 – 10pm)
- 13th: **Meadows Fest** (2 – 8pm)

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TAKE COMMUNITY SURVEY TO HELP GUIDE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE

Rolling Meadows' Human Services Department has posted an online survey designed to help gauge community feedback on the types of services residents would like the Department to offer in the future. Access the survey [here](#) or by scanning the QR Code.



ENGLISH



SPANISH

The survey offers residents an opportunity to:

- (1) Gain a better understanding of services currently available, and
- (2) Provide guidance on how Human Services Department professionals can improve their ability to help those in need going forward.

Feedback gleaned from user responses will help guide a long-term strategic planning process that is scheduled to begin later this year.

Learn more about the Human Services Department online or by calling 847-870-2695. Send email inquiries to SocialWorkRM@cityrm.org.



HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING PROGRAM CONCLUDES FEB 7TH

Rolling Meadows' holiday light recycling program offers a safe, convenient way for residents to get rid of 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 at the southwest corner of the building.

This year's collection concludes Friday, February 7th.



Around Town ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB HOSTS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Members of the Rolling Meadows Garden Club meet at 6pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Dr). For more information on club activities and details of upcoming meetings, visit www.rollingmeadows-gardenclub.com.



Spring Election Preview INCUMBENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL RUN UNOPPOSED IN APRIL 1ST ELECTION



Nick Budmats



Jenifer Vinezeano



Mandy Reyez



Michael G. Koehler

Four City Council members, representing Rolling Meadows' 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 7th Wards, will run unopposed in the April 1st Consolidated Election.

Candidates appearing on this year's ballot are:

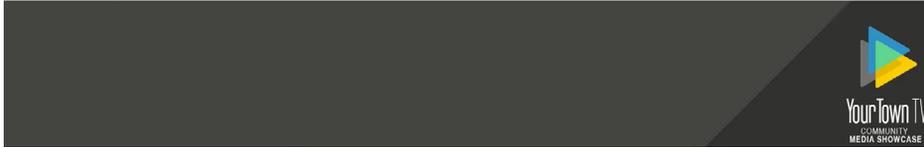
- **Nick Budmats** (Ward 2) – four-year term
- **Jenifer Vinezeano** (Ward 4) – four-year term

- **Mandy Reyez** (Ward 6) – four-year term
- **Michael G. Koehler** (Ward 7) – unexpired two-year term

Biographical profiles of each candidate will be published in the March/April issue of *News & Views*.

For more information about the April 1st Consolidated Election, visit the [Cook County Clerk's Office website](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/clear) or call 312-603-0906.





Residents may access the recently-upgraded Rolling Meadows Broadcastin Network (RMBN) online or on TV Channel 6.

Stay Informed! CITY'S COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORMS SHARE IMPORTANT NEWS, UPDATES, & INFORMATION

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, the City's got you covered via website, social media, print/electronic newsletters, email/text notifications, and even TV!

Website

Rolling Meadows' website (www.cityrm.org) 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

Connect with and follow Administration, Police and Fire Departments, and Public Works on Facebook, and subscribe to [Rolling Meadows' YouTube channel](#).

Monthly Newsletter

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 that deliver context and further details on important City initiatives. Current and past issues are posted 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. Each issue is also archived on the website.

Subscriptions



Notify Me®

The [Notify Me](#)® feature on the City's website lets residents subscribe to, and receive updates on, topics of interest. Receive information via

email or text message on topics such as construction updates, emergency alerts, department news updates, and more.

Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network (RMBN)

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED FOR HIGH STANDARDS, BUDGETARY TRANSPARENCY

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has recognized Rolling Meadows with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award demonstrates the City's commitment to budgetary transparency and the highest accounting standards.



GFOA officials presented the award after a thorough review of Rolling Meadows' financial and accounting processes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The Certificate of Achievement is "the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and reporting," according to a GFOA news release.

The City's financial operations have been recognized for excellence in this area every year since 1985.

For more information, visit the [GFOA](#) website.

DIRECTOR HONORED FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING EXCELLENCE



Molly Talkington

Rolling Meadows Finance Director Molly Talkington is recipient of the GFOA's Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for her "instrumental role" in helping the City achieve its latest Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award.

Congratulations, Molly!

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

2/3: **Economic Development Committee**, 6pm

2/4: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7pm

2/6: **Environmental Committee**, 6pm

2/10: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30am

2/11: **City Council Meeting**, 7pm

2/12: **Lincoln's Birthday**; **RM Garden Club**, 6pm, 3075 Pheasant Dr; **Library Board Meeting**, 7pm, 3110 Martin Ln

2/13: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11am (Red light), 1pm (Code), 2pm (Parking)

2/14: **Valentine's Day**

2/17: **President's Day**

2/18: **CEF Volunteer Committee**, 6pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7pm

2/20: **Water bills due**

2/22: **Washington's Birthday**

2/25: **Veteran's Committee**, 6pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7pm

2/26: **Happy 70th Birthday, Rolling Meadows!**



February 2025						
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City officials in 2024 participated in many ribbon cutting ceremonies to welcome new businesses to Rolling Meadows.

CITY WELCOMES 67 NEW BUSINESSES IN 2024

Rolling Meadows' reputation as a great place to do business was further cemented in 2024, with 67 new companies opening shop in our community. In the last three years alone, the City has welcomed nearly 200 new businesses in a variety of fields, and expanded local restaurant and retail options for residents.

Expanded Shopping & Dining

"Attracting new businesses to our City helps improve residents' quality of life by expanding local options for shopping, dining, and entertainment," Business Development Manager Martha Corner explained.

"It also helps diversify the local tax base, which reduces reliance on property taxes to fund essential services," she added.

Prioritize Business Development

Rolling Meadows' business development and retention program is designed to promote success. The City possesses a wide variety of resources and information – from

vacant property listings to an updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code – to help business owners and their representatives make sound decisions that support their specific goals. City staff members are also equipped with information to help companies succeed.

World-Leading Corporations Call Rolling Meadows Home

The City's business community is comprised of all types of enterprises – everything from independent merchants to Fortune 500 corporations. In fact, many of the world's leading companies call Rolling Meadows home, including:

- **Northrop Grumman** (aerospace/defense),
- **Arthur J. Gallagher** (insurance brokerage/risk management),
- **Verizon Connect** (automation),
- **Danobat** (machine manufacturing),
- **Fagor Automation** (CNC manufacturing).

Find a complete listing of businesses that opened in Rolling Meadows over the past several years [here](#).





Public Works crews are committed to clearing snow and ice from City streets after winter weather events.

ASK PUBLIC WORKS: WINTER STORM EDITION

Q. How does Public Works prepare for winter storms?

A. Crews have been conducting annual training, inspecting snow fighting equipment, installing plows on the City’s fleet of snow removal trucks, and conducting “dry runs” on their designated routes since last fall. This advance preparation ensures their readiness to completely clear the streets of ice and snow – and help residents travel safely – whenever and wherever snow arrives.

Q. What streets get plowed first? Why?

A. Snowplow drivers cover eight designated routes across Rolling Meadows. Crews tackle primary roads, such as Kirchoff Road and Rohlwing Road, first. This helps guarantee open roads for emergency vehicles to reach locations throughout the City and surrounding areas. Once these routes are open, plows begin to clear residential streets on their assigned

routes. Other streets, such as Golf and Algonquin Roads, and Euclid Avenue, are plowed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) or the Cook County Highway Department.

Q. Can residents shovel or blow snow into the street and let the plows remove it when they come?

A. Short answer: No. Blowing snow into streets can cause icy hazards for motorists. Also, the snow you’ve shoveled into the street is likely to land back on your driveway when plows return.

Q. How can I prevent plows from pushing snow onto the driveway after I’ve already cleared it?

A. Shovel snow to the right side of the driveway (while facing the street) whenever possible. This will limit the amount of snow that is pushed onto the driveway by passing plows.

For more information on Rolling Meadows’ snow removal operations, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit its [Snow & Ice Removal Webpage](#).

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS MONTHLY CPR/AED/BLS CERTIFICATION CLASSES

Monthly courses offered by the Rolling Meadows Fire Department offer community members the opportunity to earn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and Healthcare Professional Basic Life Support (BLS) certification.

Classes take place at Station 16 (2340 Hicks Road), 6–9pm, on the third Wednesday of each month, except December.

Upon course completion, participants will be certified for two years.



Registration is \$40 per person. Monthly classes are limited to 10 participants. Group training is also available.

To register, please visit the Fire Department’s [“Sign-Up-For-CPR-Class”](#) page. For more information or questions, contact the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352.

2025 COURSE DATES

Classes take place at 6pm on the third Wednesday of each month:

- February 19th
- March 19th
- April 16th
- May 21st
- June 18th
- July 16th
- August 20th
- September 17th
- October 15th
- November 19th



Line dancing is a popular draw at the City's annual Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest.

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SEPTEMBER (Continued)

- 14th: Meadows Fest (12 – 6pm)
- 24th: Bites & Beats (5:30 – 8:30pm)



OCTOBER

- 4th: Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest (2 – 8pm)
- 11th: Fire Dept. Open House (10 am – 2pm)

NOVEMBER

- 7th: Veterans Dinner (5:30 – 8:30pm)

DECEMBER

- 4th: Holiday Celebration (6 – 8pm)

SUPPORT CITY'S 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](#) on the City's 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).



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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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Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

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