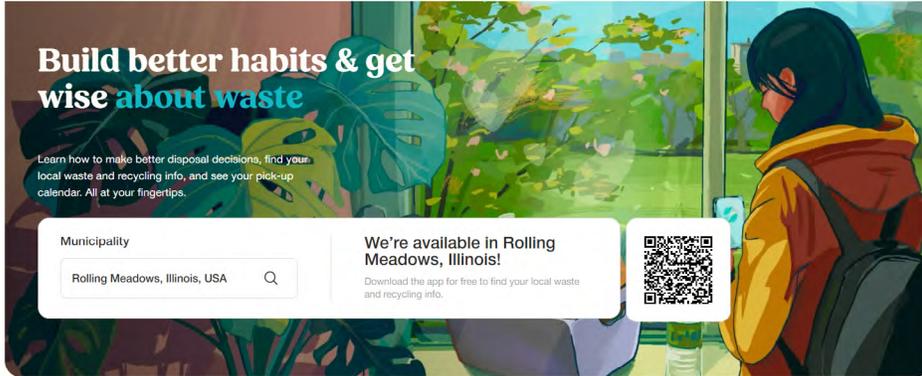


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CAST BALLOTS FOR APRIL 1ST ELECTION BEGINNING MARCH 17TH

Rolling Meadows residents planning to vote in the April 1st Consolidated Election don't have to wait until Election Day. Options include:

- **Early Voting.** Early voting will be available Monday, March 17th through Monday, March 31st at the Rolling Meadows Courthouse (2121 Euclid Avenue) and other sites around 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 from the Cook County Clerk's Office.

Polling places will be open from 6am to 7pm on April 1st for residents who prefer to vote in-person on Election Day.

For more information about the 2025 Consolidated Election – including early voting sites and polling place locations – visit www.cookcounty-clerkil.gov/elections.

Important Dates 2025 Consolidated Election

March 16th – Last day to register to vote (online).

March 17th – Early voting begins.

March 27th – Last day to request a mail-in ballot (including military and overseas voters).

March 31st – Early voting ends.

April 1st (Election Day) – Last day mail-in ballots can be postmarked.

FREE 'RECYCLE COACH' APP NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH CITY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH SWANCC

Rolling Meadows residents now have access to a handy tool that can help them quickly and correctly identify the kinds of materials that are accepted for recycling and send updates/reminders about refuse and recycling pickup schedules.

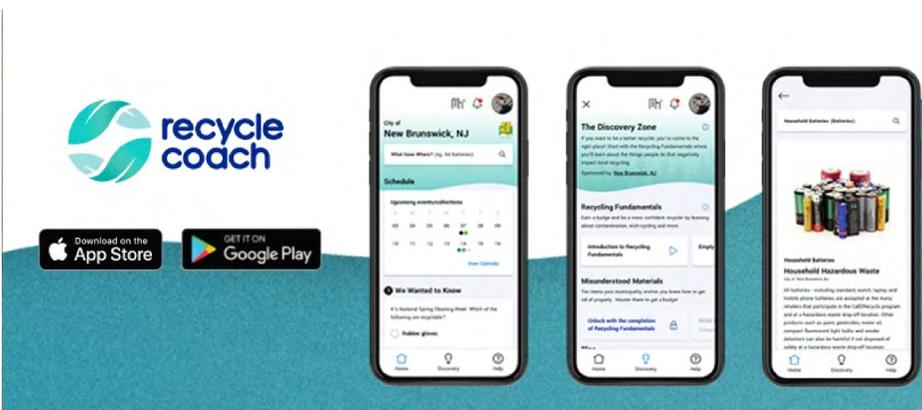
Recycle Coach, available at no cost through the City's partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is available on the Rolling Meadows website (www.cityrm.org/1016/Recycle-Coach) or via mobile app.

The platform, in use by more than 1,700 communities across North

America and beyond, lets users "learn how to make better disposal decisions," according to Recycle Coach's website.

It provides detailed information on materials accepted for recycling – specific types of plastic containers, for example – and a schedule of weekly collection dates based on your home address.

There's also a "Discovery Zone" page with weekly trivia questions, informational pieces on topics such as "Recycling Fundamentals" and "How to Reuse Old Bouquets," activity packets for kids, and more.



BOOK IT!

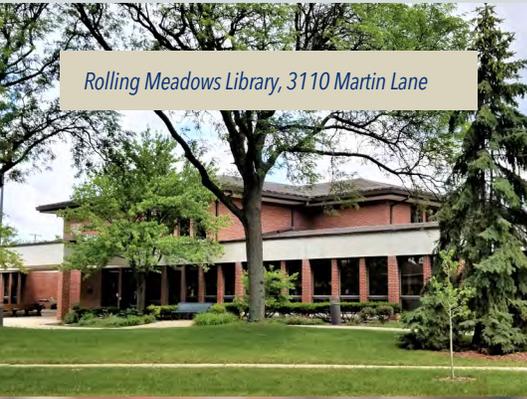
'FRIENDS' TO HOST SPRING BOOK SALE, MARCH 14TH – 16TH

Get ready, readers! Find great books at great prices when the Friends of the Library group hosts its spring used book sale. The event will take place at the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane) on:

- Friday, March 14th: 9am–12pm (\$5 pre-sale)
- Friday, March 14th: 12-4:30pm
- Saturday, March 15th: 9am–4:30pm
- Sunday, March 16th: 12–4pm

For more information, visit www.rmlib.org or call 847-259-6050.

Rolling Meadows Library, 3110 Martin Lane



MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

NICK BUDMATS (WARD 2)

Occupation: Retired

Education: Elevator trade school

Rolling Meadows resident for...30 years.

Family: Wife, Theresa; two daughters, two sons-in-law, five grandchildren

Past/current public offices held: City Council member (since 2017)

Volunteer service: Volunteer in compassion and justice issues with my church; fellowship housing; board member for a camp in Wisconsin

My favorite places in Rolling Meadows are...my backyard and Comet Frozen Custard & Coffee on Kirchoff Road.

Three terms that best describe me are...honest, straight-forward, dry sense of humor.

In my spare time I like to...read, play piano, watch sports.

My favorite quotation is..."Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

My hero is...Abraham Lincoln.



Nick Budmats

JENIFER VINEZEANO (WARD 4)

Occupation: Home Health Agency (Clinical Director)

Education: Nursing degree, Harper College

Rolling Meadows resident for...six years.

Family: I live with my three wonderful children.

Past/current public offices held: City Council member (since 2019)

Volunteer service: Senior aging-in-place seminars, IL Home Care Legislative Committee, Rolling Meadows Economic Development Committee

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...Kimball Hill Park. My children and I love to walk in the park and we spend many hours during baseball season at our baseball fields.

Three terms that best describe me are...compassionate, enthusiastic, happy.

In my spare time I like to...cook, spend time with my family, and try new restaurants.

My favorite quotation is..."Nursing is an art: and if it is to be made an art, it requires an exclusive devotion as hard a preparation as any painter's or sculptor's work." – Florence Nightingale

My hero is... my grandmother. She was an amazing woman who lived a full life. I live by her advice every day.



Jenifer Vinezeano





HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS 'RETRO' BEVERAGE COASTERS MARKING CITY'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Drink coasters designed to resemble vintage 45 RPM records are now available for purchase from the Rolling Meadows Historical Society. Each box of four coasters sells for \$20.



Anyone who is interested in buying the commemorative coasters may visit the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road) on Sundays from 1 – 4pm or call the Historical Society at 847-577-7086 or 847-254-8520.

Help Preserve City History

The Rolling Meadows Historical Society has spent more than two decades preserving and sharing the City's rich history with residents of all ages.

Learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Museum, Historical Society memberships, and other ways to support the Society's mission by visiting www.the1950shouse.com.

APRIL 1ST, 2025 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

MANDY REYEZ (WARD 6)

Occupation: Account Manager

Education: College of DuPage for Business

Rolling Meadows resident for... 12 years.

Family: Husband, Ernesto; son, Gavin (Junior at Rolling Meadows High School); daughter, Helena (6th grader at Carl Sandburg Junior High School)

Past/current public offices held: City Council member (since 2021)

Volunteer service: American Red Cross

My favorite places in Rolling Meadows are...the pool in the summer and the library at any time.

Three terms that best describe me are...authentic, accountable, and independent.

In my spare time I like to...stay active with my husband and our kids. I also love to read books, write stories, and learn new things.

My favorite quotation is...*"The biggest stress of all is trying to be who you are not."* – Gabor Maté

My hero is...any strong woman who can speak her mind, choose to have a career, raise confident children, and still make time for herself. That kind of integrity is rare and should always be respected.



Mandy Reyez

MICHAEL G. KOEHLER (WARD 7)

Occupation: Chemist

Education: Ph.D. in Chemistry, University of Illinois; B.S. in Chemistry, Mathematics, and Computer Science, Loyola University, Chicago

Rolling Meadows resident for...34 years.

Family: Helen R. Minciotti, MD (Wife), five children (John, Emma, Clare, Mark, and Luke)

Past/current public offices held: City Council member (since 2023)

Volunteer service: Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee; Loyola University Dean's Advisory Board; Board of Directors, Museum of Danish America (Elk Horn, IA); Chair of the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Health and Safety; American Chemical Society Committee on Chemical Safety; Board of Directors, Chicago Section, American Chemical Society

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...Kimball Hill Park.

Three words that best describe me are...*"Together we can."*

In my spare time I like to...make sure I have no spare time.

My favorite quotation is...*"Life itself is the most wonderful fairytale."* – Hans Christian Andersen

My hero is...Abraham Lincoln.



Michael G. Koehler



MARCH 2025

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WANT MORE NEWS? Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, <i>eNews</i> , is published in February, April, June, August, October and December, and archived at www.cityrm.org .						1
2	3	4 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7pm	5	6 Environmental Committee, 6pm	7	8
9	10 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30am	11 City Council Meeting, 7pm	12 RM Garden Club, 6pm (3705 Pheasant Dr) Library Board, 7pm (3110 Martin Ln)	13 Adjudication Hearings 11am (Red Light); 1pm (Code); 2pm (Parking)	14 Friends of the Library Used Book Sale, 9am-4:30pm (3110 Martin Ln)	15 Friends' Used Book Sale, 9am-4:30pm (3110 Martin Ln)
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23	24	25 Veterans Committee, 6pm City Council Meeting, 7pm	26	27	28	29
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APRIL 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Access upcoming City Council and volunteer committee meeting agendas at www.cityrm.org .		1 ELECTION DAY Planning & Zoning Commission, 7pm	2	3 Environmental Committee, 6pm	4 <i>Early Refuse Set-Out Ends</i>	5
6	7 <i>Yard Waste Collection Begins</i> Economic Development Committee, 6pm	8 City Council Meeting, 7pm	9 RM Garden Club, 6pm (3705 Pheasant Dr) Library Board, 7pm (3110 Martin Ln)	10 Adjudication Hearings 11am (Red Light); 1pm (Code); 2pm (Parking)	11	12 PASSOVER BEGINS
13	14 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30am	15 CEF Volunteer Committee, 6pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30pm	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 EASTER	21 <i>Water bills due</i>	22 EARTH DAY Capital Projects Committee, 6pm Veterans Committee, 6pm City Council Meeting, 7pm	23	24	25 ARBOR DAY	26
27	28 Police Pension Board, 3:30pm	29	30 Firefighters' Pension Board, 8:30am	VIEW UPCOMING MEETING AGENDAS Find agendas for upcoming City Council meetings, and minutes of past meetings, at www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter .		



2025 CITY EVENTS IN ROLLING MEADOWS

MAY – JUNE – JULY

May 10th	Family Services Day	10am–12pm
May 16-18	Remembering Our Fallen	Veterans Memorial
May 17th	Public Works Open House	11am–2pm
May 24th	Memorial Day Ceremony	11am
May 28th	Bites & Beats	5:30–8:30pm
June 6th	Block Party on Central Road	5:30–9:30pm
June 25th	Bites & Beats	5:30–8:30pm
July 4th	July 4th Parade (Meadow Dr. Route)	11:30am
July 4th	July 4th Fireworks	9:30pm or Dusk
July 18th	FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert	6–10pm
July 23rd	Bites & Beats	5:30–8:30pm

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

August 5th	National Night Out	6–8:30pm
August 15th	Public Works Open House	6–10pm
August 27th	Bites & Beats	5:30–8:30pm
Sept. 12th	FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert/ Duck Race	6–10pm
Sept. 13th	(New) Meadows Fest	2–8pm
Sept. 14th	(New) Meadows Fest	12–6pm
Sept. 24th	Bites & Beats	5:30–8:30pm

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

Oct. 4th	Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest	2–8pm
Oct. 11th	RM Fire Dept. Open House	10am–2pm
Nov. 7th	Veterans Dinner	5:30–8:30pm
Dec. 4th	Holiday Celebration	6–8pm

CITY EVENTS ARE PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



Please Note: All City event dates are subject to cancellation or postponement at any time. Visit www.cityrm.org for more information.



VERIFY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS BEFORE STARTING HOME OR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Getting ready to tackle home or business improvements this year? One of the first steps in the planning process is to determine if you need a building permit.

Permits are required for new buildings, remodeling projects, home additions, business facility expansions, and a range of other property improvements. More importantly, customers with approved building permits gain access to building inspection services and other City resources that ensure all work is done properly and meets safety code requirements.

Contact the Community Development Department (847-506-6030 or cd@cityrm.org) for help confirming whether a permit is required for your next project. Learn more at www.cityrm.org/169/Permits-Inspections.



ONLINE PORTAL LETS CUSTOMERS APPLY FOR PERMITS & LICENSES, SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS

Residential and business customers may submit permit applications, schedule inspections, apply for business and rental licenses, and more through the City's website.

Access the web-based service portal and create a user account by visiting www.cityrm.org/148/Community-Development.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at cd@cityrm.org or 847-506-6030.



Kraft paper bags containing yard waste await pick-up by Public Works crews.

Refuse, Recycling, & Yard Waste Collection Notes YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES APRIL 7TH

Public Works will resume seasonal yard waste collection services on Monday, April 7th. Customers should place yard waste in 30-gallon kraft paper bags and place them at the curb the night before scheduled pick-up.

All yard waste bags collected by Public Works crews are delivered to an eco-friendly composting facility for processing.

EARLY REFUSE SET-OUT ENDS APRIL 4TH

Friday, April 4th is the final day of Rolling Meadows' 2024-25 "early refuse set-out" schedule. Starting Monday, April 7th, residents should place household waste and recyclables at the curb **after** 6pm the night before pick-up.

Learn more about the City's refuse and yard waste collection programs at www.cityrm.org/984/Refuse-and-Recycling.

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS RETAIN 'CLASSIC' BADGES AS PART OF REBRANDING INITIATIVE

Rolling Meadows' public safety agencies will continue to employ their existing badge logos, as the City continues rolling out an updated branding platform in 2025.



The new standards, approved by City Council in late 2024, allow department badges to "be placed at the right of the logo with a vertical division line."

This approach embraces the rich history of both the City's Fire and Police Departments and reinforces their commitment to serving Rolling Meadows residents and businesses.



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1st Ward Alderman Karen McHale	224-580-6675
2nd Ward Alderman Nick Budmats	224-580-8484
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 Reyex	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.

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City Clerk's Office

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Community Development

cd@cityrm.org 847-506-6030

Finance Department

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Fire Department

fd@cityrm.org 847-397-3352

Human Resources

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Human Services

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Information Technology

it@cityrm.org 847-394-8500

Police Department

pd@cityrm.org 847-255-2416

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pw@cityrm.org 847-963-0500