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CITY'S AA+ CREDIT RATING AFFIRMED; REVIEWERS RECOGNIZE CITY'S EXCEPTIONAL FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE & MANAGEMENT

S&P Global Ratings has affirmed Rolling Meadows' AA+ long-term credit rating with a Stable outlook and assigned an AA+ rating to the City's upcoming \$6.27 million Series 2026 General Obligation Bonds to fund road improvement projects Citywide.

The ratings highlight the City's strong local economy, stable revenue profile, and disciplined financial management.

'Stable Outlook'

S&P's Stable outlook reflects confidence in the City's ability to maintain balanced operations, even as it strategically uses reserves to support one-time capital investments. The agency emphasized that Rolling Meadows benefits from its home rule revenue flexibility, steady economic base, and consistent management of budgetary pressures, including its pension obligations.

"Our residents and businesses benefit directly from this strong credit position," explained Finance Director Molly Talkington. "It allows us to finance key capital projects at lower cost and maintain the high level of service our community expects."

'Exceptional Management Practices'

In its report, S&P recognized Rolling Meadows for its exceptional management practices, awarding the City the highest possible management score ("1") under its credit factor assessment. This top-tier score reflects the

rating agency's view that the City's financial and organizational leadership is a key contributor to Rolling Meadows' strong credit position.



"We are extremely proud of the AA+ rating and especially of the exceptional management score," said Rob Sabo, City Manager. "This recognition reflects

our City's ongoing commitment to transparency, long-term financial responsibility, and thoughtful stewardship of taxpayer resources."

According to S&P, Rolling Meadows' management team demonstrates robust policy frameworks, prudent long-term financial planning, and transparent reporting practices, all of which support the City's continued fiscal stability. The agency highlighted:

- Use of historical trends and independent data sources in budget development.
- A detailed five-year capital planning process with identified funding sources.
- Long-term financial projections that guide property tax levy decisions.
- Regular quarterly financial reporting to the City Council.
- Formal investment, reserve, and debt management policies that align with recognized best practices.

CITY TO DEBUT MONTHLY EMAIL & QUARTERLY PRINT NEWSLETTERS IN 2026

Notice something different about the January newsletter you're now reading? As part of an updated communications program aimed at delivering City news and information more effectively to all residents, Rolling Meadows will begin producing its print newsletter, **News & Views**, on a quarterly basis in 2026.

These pieces will be supplemented by monthly **eNews** publications available online and – soon – delivered directly to residents, businesses, and other interested audiences via email.

Expanded Quarterly Print Newsletter

Quarterly issues of a newly designed *News & Views* will expand from six to eight pages. Each newsletter will highlight important news and key reports from City departments, as well as provide information from City partners, such as the Rolling Meadows Library, Rolling Meadows Park District, and Chamber of Commerce. Look for the debut issue to arrive in City mailboxes in February.

Monthly Electronic/Email Newsletter

Over the next several months, **eNews** will transition from its current PDF format to a more modern platform accessible via the City's website and available directly by email. The monthly pub-



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RMPD VETERAN MATT WEIGLEIN NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF; MIKE COURTNEY PROMOTED TO PATROL SERGEANT

Rolling Meadows Police Chief Anthony Peluso is proud to announce the well-deserved promotions of two long-time members of the City's Police Department:

- **Matt Weiglein**, a 23-year Department veteran, was sworn-in as the City's new Deputy Police Chief in December. He previously served as a field training officer, K9 handler, and patrol sergeant. He succeeds former Deputy Chief Peluso, who became Police Chief last September.



Matt Weiglein



Mike Courtney

- **Mike Courtney** earned promotion to Patrol Sergeant. Sgt. Courtney has spent his entire 26-year career with RMPD, serving as field training officer, community involvement officer, and school resource officer. He fills the vacancy created by DC Weiglein's promotion.

"Matt and Mike are exemplary law enforcement professionals who have consistently demonstrated their commitment to serving this community," Chief Peluso said.

"I'm proud to work with them as they continue their service in these new capacities and confident they will play important roles in the Rolling Meadows Police Department's continued success," he added.

Congratulations, Deputy Chief Weiglein and Sergeant Courtney!



City Council and volunteer boards meet monthly at City Hall.

TOGETHER WE CAN 2026 PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council will hold regular monthly meetings at 7pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in 2026, with a few notable exceptions:

- **Summer Schedule:** Council members will meet once in June (23rd), July (28th), and August (25th).
- **December:** City Council will hold a single meeting in December (15th).

Meanwhile, workshop-style Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month – also at 7pm. *Note: The June, July, August, and December COW meetings will begin at 6:30 pm (preceding the City Council meetings scheduled for those months).*



Residents are invited to attend meetings in-person or view them on the Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network (cable channel 6 or [online](#)).

Agendas for upcoming meetings, and approved minutes from prior meetings, are available at www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter.

The 2026 public meeting schedule also establishes dates and times for the City's volunteer boards and commissions, including the:

- **Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee** – meets the third Tuesday of each month (6pm). **No meeting in January and December.*
- **Economic Development Committee** – meets the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December (6pm).
- **Environmental Committee** – meets the first Thursday of each month (6pm). **January's meeting will take place on Thursday, January 8th.*
- **Planning & Zoning Commission** – meets the first Tuesday of each month (7pm).
- **Veterans Committee** – meets the fourth Tuesday of every month (6pm). **No meeting in November and December.*

All meetings take place at City Hall. A [complete listing of committees](#) is posted on the City's website.

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lication schedule supplements the quarterly print edition and provides timely updates on what's happening around town.

Moreover, the new eNews will improve accessibility, readability, and conve-

nience for readers when it debuts this spring.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Communications and Events Coordinator (ciezakl@cityrm.org).



Weekly refuse and recycling collection will be delayed for five specific holidays in 2026.

WHEN IS THE CITY'S REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION DELAYED FOR HOLIDAYS?

Did You Know?

There are five holidays in 2026 that will create a one-day pick-up delay in customers' regular refuse and recycling collection:

• New Year's Day

(Thursday, January 1st): Refuse and recycling collection delayed one day (Thursday and Friday routes)

• Memorial Day

(Monday, May 25th): Refuse and recycling collection delayed one day all week.

• Labor Day

(Monday, September 7th): Refuse and recycling collection delayed one day all week.

• Thanksgiving

(Thursday, November 26th): Refuse and recycling collection delayed one day (Thursday and Friday routes).

• Christmas

(Friday, December 25th): Refuse and recycling collection delayed one day (Friday routes).

Regular refuse and recycling collection will take place as scheduled on the following days when City offices are closed:

• Martin Luther King Day

(Monday, January 19th)

• Veterans Day

(Wednesday, November 11th)

• Christmas Eve

(Thursday, December 24th)

Note: There is no collection delay this year for Independence Day (July 4th), as it falls on Saturday.

For more information, visit the [Refuse & Recycling page](#) on the City's website or contact Public Works (pw@cityrm.org, 847-963-0500).

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Let Public Works help with your post-holiday décor removal! Simply strip trees of all lights and ornaments and place them at the curb for pick-up.

Crews will collect and dispose of customers' Christmas trees on regular refuse collection days.



FIRE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS OFFERS FREE SMOKE OR CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department is offering residents complimentary smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms through its partnerships with the [Illinois Fire Safety Alliance \(IFSA\)](#), [Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal \(OSFM\)](#), and [Meijer](#).

To request a smoke or carbon monoxide detector and to schedule an installation, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau (fireprevention@cityrm.org or 847-397-3352 x 4041).



Free Smoke Detector Program

Working smoke detectors are one of the most effective ways to prevent home fire injury or death. Through the IFSA's "Be Alarmed" Smoke Alarm installation program, Rolling Meadows residents can receive no-cost, 10-year sealed battery smoke detectors installed by Fire Department members.

Specialized "bed-shaker" alarms are also available for residents who are hard-of-hearing.

Free CO Alarm Program

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is produced by fuel-burning appliances and can be deadly. These CO detectors, provided to the Fire Department by Meijer, offer a reliable way to provide early warning of excessive buildup in the home.

These programs provide information and guidance to help ensure that every home has access to these life-saving devices.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

- 1/1 **New Year's Day:** *City offices closed. Refuse and recycling collection is delayed one day (Thursday and Friday)..*
- 1/6 **Planning & Zoning Commission,** 7pm
- 1/8 **Adjudication Hearings,** 11am (Redlight), 1pm (Code), 2pm (Parking); **Environmental Committee,** 6pm
- 1/12 **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners,** 8:30am
- 1/13 **City Council Meeting,** 7pm
- 1/14 **Library Board,** 7pm (3110 Martin Ln)
- 1/19 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** *City offices closed. Regular refuse & recycling collection.*
- 1/20 **Water bills due ; CEF Volunteer Committee,** 6pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole,** 7pm
- 1/22 **Firefighters' Pension Board,** 8:30am
- 1/26 **Police Pension Board,** 3:30pm
- 1/27 **Veterans Committee,** 6pm; **City Council Meeting,** 7pm



CITY CELEBRATIONS AHEAD! 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

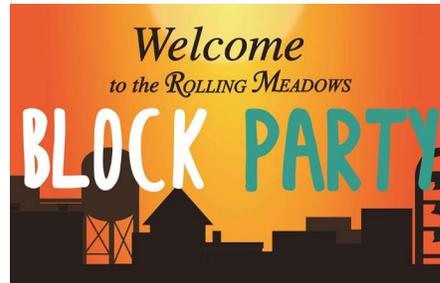
The holidays may have come and gone, but it's never too early to look forward to another round of celebrations: Rolling Meadows' 2026 calendar of community events! So, make a note on your phone, set a reminder, and/or mark your wall calendar to ensure you'll be ready for this year's full schedule of action-packed community fun!

MAY

- 9th **Family Services Day** (East Park Apartment complex)
- Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** (Fire Station 15)
- 16th **Public Works Open House** (Public Works Department)
- 23rd **Memorial Day Observance** (Carillon Tower)

JUNE

- 5th **Community Block Party** (Central Road)



- 19th **Fridays ROCK! & Roll in Meadows** (Kimball Hill Park)

JULY

- 4th **Independence Day Parade** (Central Road, Owl Drive, Kirchoff Road)
- Fireworks** (Community Center)



- 17th **Fridays ROCK! & Roll in Meadows** (Kimball Hill Park)

AUGUST

- 4th **National Night Out** (Community Center)
- 14th **Fridays ROCK! & Roll in Meadows** (Kimball Hill Park)



SEPTEMBER

- 19th **Bike Party** (Location pending)
- 25th **Duck Race** (Kimball Hill Park)
- 25th–27th **Meadows Fest** (Kimball Hill Park)



OCTOBER

- 10th **Fire Department Open House** (Fire Station 15)

NOVEMBER

- 6th **Veterans Dinner** (Meridian Banquets)

DECEMBER

- 3rd **Holiday Celebration** (City Hall Parking Lot)

Visit the [Community Events page](#) on the City's website for further information and updates.



Old Man Winter is no match for the Rolling Meadows Public Works Department.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT PUBLIC WORKS' SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!

Q. How does Public Works prepare for winter snow removal?

A. Crews have been conducting annual training, inspecting plow equipment, 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 specific 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 snow plows remove it?

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, pw@cityrm.org, or visit its [Snow & Ice Removal Webpage](#).

KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR OF SNOW & ICE

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'EM CLEAR

If there's a fire hydrant near your house, help keep it accessible this winter:
DO YOUR PART SO THEY CAN DO THEIRS

3 ft.

3 ft.

3 ft.

To the street

CLEAR - AWAY ZONE
 Remove any snow and ice
 Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work (about 3 feet)
 Clear a path from hydrant to street

Keep'Em 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.



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.

Donate Online or By Mail

To contribute, please visit the [Community Events Foundation page](#) or scan the QR code above.

Supporters may also make checks payable to Rolling Meadows Com-

munity 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 (847-870-9005 or ciezakl@cityrm.org).



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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 Reyez..... 847-209-5435
7th Ward Alderman
Mike Koehler 847-912-8750
City Manager
Rob Sabo..... 847-394-8500

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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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City Clerk's Office
clerk@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

Community Development
cd@cityrm.org..... 847-506-6030

Finance Department
fin@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

Fire Department
fd@cityrm.org..... 847-397-3352

Human Resources
hr@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

Human Services
socialworkrm@cityrm.org 847-870-2695

Information Technology
it@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

Police Department
pd@cityrm.org..... 847-255-2416

Public Works
pw@cityrm.org..... 847-963-0500



PAY UTILITY BILLS & OTHER FEES THROUGH CITY'S ONLINE PORTAL

The City's new Resident Access Portal that debuted last September makes it easier than ever for customers to pay monthly utility bills and City-generated invoices for permits, licenses, and other fees.

with a credit or debit card will incur a 3% convenience fee to help offset processing fees charged by credit card companies. Those fees cost the City nearly \$100,000 annually.

Pay By Phone/Online

Residential and business customers are now able to pay by phone, through an automated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. Users are also able to make one-time payments online without logging into their accounts.



Sign in or sign up

How to Enroll

Visit www.cityrm.org and choose 'Online Payments' to create a login and password (have account and customer numbers available). Customers may then set up automatic payment preferences*.

For more information or enrollment assistance, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500 or UB@cityrm.org.

**Customers who previously set up automatic payments via credit card through the City's former Citizen's Self-Service Portal must re-enroll. Those previously enrolled in EFT auto draft do not have to re-enroll.*



Quick pay

No-Fee Payment Options Available

The City offers several ways to make payments while avoiding additional fees. These include cash, check, e-check, EFT debit, or in-person at City Hall (utility bills only).

Customers who prefer the convenience of paying online or by phone