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Give the Greatest Gift at Holiday Blood Drive

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## Welcome Holidays with December 5th Tree Lighting, Spaghetti Dinner

Rolling Meadows' 2019 Holiday Celebration is shaping up to be one for the ages. Get ready to mark the season's arrival Thursday, December 5th, at the following events:

### Ceremonial Tree Lighting (6:00 pm)

This year's Tree Lighting ceremony moves to the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road), where City officials and Santa Claus will welcome the "most wonderful time of year" with light refreshments and caroling before officially unveiling the City's majestic Holiday Tree.



The North Pole's favorite resident will make a special visit to the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum for this year's celebration!



Join fellow residents for a community holiday feast.

### Free Spaghetti Dinner (6:30 pm)

Climb aboard a decorated horse-drawn carriage or enjoy a seasonal stroll over to Willow Bend School (4700 Barker Avenue) for a complimentary community dinner prepared by Stadium Sports Club. Guests will enjoy spaghetti and sauce, garlic bread, salad, soft drinks, and dessert (while supplies last).

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

## 'Haul Away Hunger' at Dec. 7th Food Drive

Help Rolling Meadows Police "Haul Away Hunger" between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 7th, during the Department's annual holiday food drive.

Residents may bring non-perishable food items to fill the RMPD Humvee that will



Meet Penny, Police Chief John Nowacki's dog, at this year's food drive.



Help police officers "Fill the Humvee to Haul Away Hunger," on December 7th.

be parked in front of Jewel/Osco (3000 Kirchoff Road). Donations will benefit area food pantries.

For more information, contact Commander Mike Fior ([fior@cityrm.org](mailto:fior@cityrm.org) or 847-394-8500 x 3033).

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## Welcome New Businesses

**Color Pixel Technologies LLC**  
Technology  
3501 Algonquin Rd. #338  
773-490-0331

**Facility IT Group**  
Sales/consulting  
5420 Newport Dr. #64  
630-701-9310

**Force Diagnostics**  
Health technology  
5005 Newport Dr. #205  
847-904-6600

**Four Seasons Realty**  
Real estate  
2260 Hicks Rd. #404  
312-590-2072

**Icodice LLC**  
Software development  
5005 Newport Dr. #505  
855-426-3423

**Lake Shore Public Adjusters Group LLC**  
Claims counseling  
3850 Industrial Ave.  
773-968-6850

**Latino Family Services, PC**  
Specialized counseling  
2775 Algonquin Rd. #120  
847-593-7077

**Midwest Diesel, Inc.**  
Small diesel repair  
3840 Industrial Ave.  
773-983-4655

**Morning Dew Exterior**  
General contractor  
5105 Tollview Dr. #160  
847-942-2210

**Peak Professionals**  
Student loan call center  
3501 Algonquin Rd. #800  
847-632-1622

**Terminix**  
Pest control  
2100 Golf Rd. #370  
630-516-8081

**Trailer Bridge**  
Transportation  
1600 Golf Rd. #1200  
904-751-7100

**Valiant Machine**  
Machine shop  
3701 Berdnick St. #C  
870-688-6686

## Support USMC Toys for Tots Collection Drive; Donations Accepted Through December 6th

The United States Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program has been spreading yuletide cheer to needy children across the country since 1947. This holiday season is approaching quickly, but there's still time to help make a difference for children in our community.

Between now and Friday, December 6th, residents may



bring new, unwrapped toys to City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Collection boxes provided by the Marines are available at both locations.

For more information, or to make a monetary donation, please visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

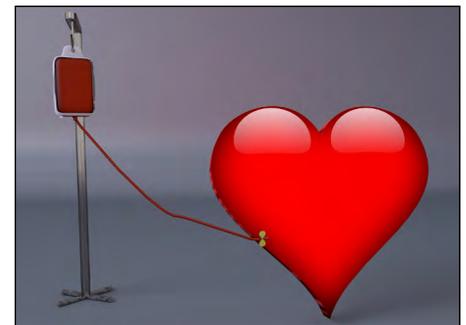
## What a Gift! City to Host 12/18 Holiday Blood Drive

Vitalant (formerly LifeSource) will host a holiday blood drive on Wednesday, December 18th, 1:00 – 7:00 pm, at City Hall. It's an opportunity for residents to give the most wonderful gift of all: the "gift of life."

To register, contact Vitalant at 877-543-3768 or schedule appointments online. Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the event.

### Blood Donation Facts\*

- Someone requires blood in the U.S. every two seconds.
- Every day, U.S. healthcare facilities need approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells, 10,000 units of plasma, and 7,000 units of platelets.



- Daily personal emergencies and ongoing medical needs require a constant and readily available blood supply. It's the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives.

\*Sources: American Red Cross & Vitalant

## At a Glance: Refuse Collection Schedule (Holiday Edition)



**Christmas Eve:** Public Works will be closed Tuesday, December 24th. *City crews will provide early refuse collection. Place all refuse at the curb by 6 am that morning.*

**Christmas:** Public Works will be closed Wednesday, December 25th. *Refuse collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.*

**New Year's Eve:** Regular refuse collection is scheduled for Tuesday, December 31st.

**New Year's Day (2020):** Public Works will be closed Wednesday, January 1st. *Refuse collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.*

# Fire Department Enlists Residents to Help ‘Keep the Wreaths Red’ this Holiday Season

Festive wreaths on display at Rolling Meadows fire stations throughout December are centerpieces of the “Keep the Wreath Red” program, a public awareness initiative designed to remind residents that the season offers no holiday from potentially deadly fires.

Each wreath begins the season illuminated with red bulbs that will be replaced with a white bulb for any fire in Rolling Meadows caused by holiday decorations.

Help limit the risk of holiday fires with the following safety tips:

## Christmas Trees

- Select only fresh trees that are deep green in color and have a strong scent of pine.
- Water trees regularly.
- Verify that artificial trees are flame retardant.
- Keep all trees away from fireplaces or heating vents.

## Lights

- Buy and use only UL-listed lights.
- Discard any lights with frayed or worn cords.
- Never use indoor lights outdoors.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Use a maximum of three sets of lights per single extension.
- Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug lights when you leave home and before going to bed.



## Candles

*The top three days for home candle fires are New Year’s Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Eve. RMFD discourages use of traditional open flame candles. Residents who decide to use them should:*

- Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, such as clothing, and books.
- Use candleholders that are sturdy, won’t tip over easily, are made from materials that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Avoid using candles for light during power outages. Use flashlights instead.

## Cooking

- Remain in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- Clean up food or grease that may accumulate on burners and stovetops.
- Turn off stovetop burners when leaving the room.
- Use a timer when simmering, baking, or roasting food.
- Wear clothes with tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.



## Recycling Program Helps Residents Dispose of Old Holiday Lights

Tired of old, outdated holiday lights taking up space in your basement or attic? Rolling Meadows’ annual holiday light recycling program offers a safe, convenient way to dispose of them.

Simply bring holiday lights of all sizes and colors (*incandescent or LED*), electrical/extension cords, and wire to City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Drop boxes are located on the west side of the building.

The program, co-sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling, does not accept garland, live greens, wreaths, and other non-recyclables.

This year’s collection will run through Friday, February 14th, 2020.

For more information, please visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) or [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com).



## Fire Station 15 Nears Operational Status

A new era will begin at the Rolling Meadows Fire Department later this month, as the new Fire Station 15 (3220 Algonquin Road) achieves operational status. The facility, along with a second new station that will open at 2340 Hicks Road next spring, positions the Fire Department to meet nationally recognized service standards and improve response times to the entire City.



## Local Shopping (and Dining) Keeps Sales Tax Dollars Here at Home

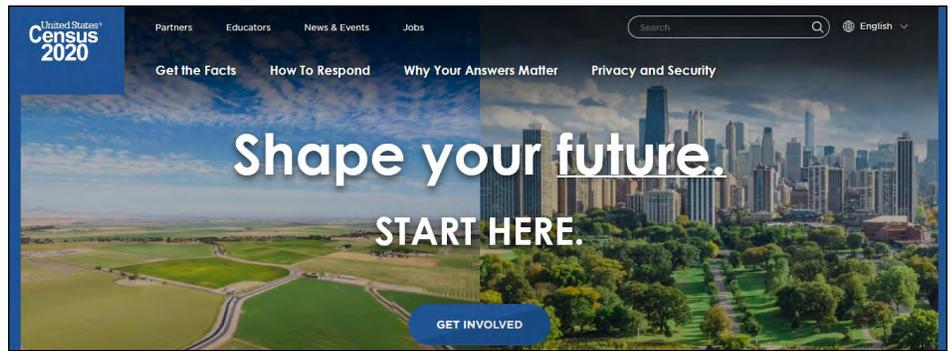
Searching for great shopping value, variety, and convenience this holiday season? Look no further than Rolling Meadows! The City's business community – featuring everything from “Big Box” retailers offering the latest in electronics and apparel to independent shops and galleries with unique gifts – offers a wide range of good and services.

### Boosts Sales Tax Revenues

Supporting Rolling Meadows businesses offers advantages that go well beyond exceptional service, convenience, and selection: shopping locally also boosts sales tax revenues that fund City operations while reducing reliance on residents' property taxes.

### Shop First, Then Dine

Once you've stocked your sleigh (or other preferred vehicle) with gifts, take some time and explore the City's renowned restaurant scene. Local establishments offer a savory menu of flavors and experiences – from casual or fine dining to grab & go – that cater to practically any taste and budget. Visit the City's online [Dining Guide](#) to learn more.



## Links to 2020 Census Information Available on City's Website

[Rolling Meadows' website](#) offers a quick and easy way to access information about next year's census – the once-a-decade population and housing count that takes place in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. territories.

Simply click the “[2020 Census Information](#)” link on the City's homepage to learn more about how the census is conducted, why it's important, and how Census Bureau employees protect your privacy.

### Population Count to Affect Revenues

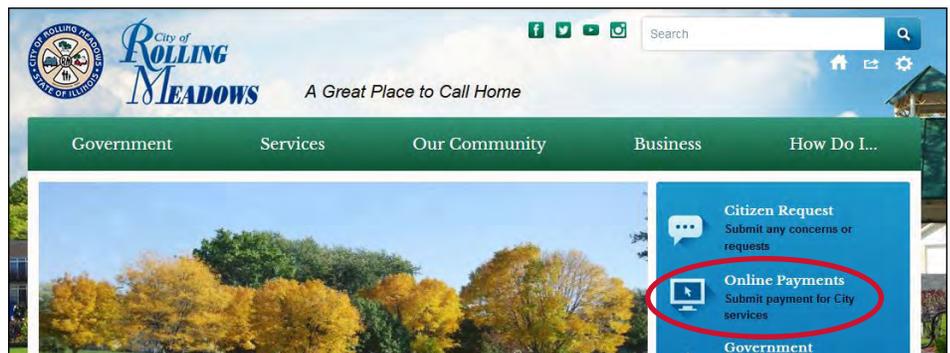
Data generated through the 2020 census will impact everything from City ward

boundaries to the revenue Rolling Meadows receives from government at the state and federal levels. An accurate count is essential for ensuring the City continues to receive the proper per capita funding amounts.

### Legislative Districts Impacted

At the state and national levels, census results will determine the number of seats for each state in the House of Representatives. Results are also used to redraw Congressional and state legislative districts.

Be informed. Be counted. For more information, visit the [United States Census Bureau's website](#).



## How Do I Pay My Utility Bill?

Rolling Meadows offers multiple options for customers to pay monthly utility bills:

**Auto-Pay** – Sign up to have your monthly bills paid directly from a bank account, or by a credit or debit card on the 20th of each month. Visit the [Applications & Forms page](#) on the City's website to register.

**Online** – Visit the website's [Online Payments](#) section to pay your bill safely and conveniently with a credit or debit card.

**In-Person** – Stop by the Finance Department's front counter at City Hall. Business hours are Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm.

**By Mail** – Mail payments to:  
City of Rolling Meadows  
3600 Kirchoff Road  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

**Drop Box** – Place payments in the white drop box located in the City Hall parking lot. *Note: Drop box payments will post on the following business day.*



Which of these hydrants will take longer to access in emergency situations? Hint: it's not the one buried in snow.

## Save Lives: Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

Do you have a fire hydrant near your home? Members of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department ask your help in keeping it clear and accessible this winter.

### Keep it Clear

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

“Clearing away accumulated snow from around fire hydrants saves lives,” Fire Chief Terry Valentino explained.

“Our ability to quickly connect hose lines to nearby hydrants helps reduce the risk of injury and potential property damage,” he added.

## First Responders, Local Businesses Partner to Fight Global Hunger at J.C. Restoration

Representatives of Rolling Meadows’ Police and Fire Departments stepped forward in October to support a local initiative to fight global hunger.

Department members gathered at J.C. Restoration (3200 Squibb Ave.) to prepare meal kits intended for malnourished



RMPD’s Marina Sullivan, Commander Mike Fior, and Deputy Chief John Sircher help pack meal kits.



Volunteers from local businesses also contributed.

children around the world. The *Mobile-Pack™* event, coordinated with the not-for-profit Feed My Starving Children, also drew teams of volunteers from several local businesses.

Participants prepared more than 109,000 individual meal packs in just one day.



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

December 3: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall

December 5: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall; **Holiday Tree Lighting**, 6 pm, Historical Museum; **Spaghetti Dinner**, 6:30 pm, Willow Bend School

December 7: **RMPD Holiday Food Drive**, 10 am – 2 pm, Jewel Shopping Center

December 9: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

December 10: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

December 12: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

December 17: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

December 18: **Blood Drive**, 1–7 pm, City Hall

December 19 **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

December 20: **Water bills due**

December 22: **Hanukkah begins**

December 24: **Christmas Eve**. City offices closed; early refuse collection.

December 25: **Christmas**. City offices closed. Refuse collection delayed one day.

December 26: **Kwanzaa begins**

December 31: **New Year’s Eve**





## Social Media ‘Feeds’ Residents’ Hunger for Information

It's no secret that there is a lot to "LIKE" about Rolling Meadows. Stay on top of all that's happening – City Council deliberations, public safety initiatives, community events, and more – by "following" the City on social media:

### Administration



"Social media offers a powerful tool for delivering important information to residents quickly and efficiently, but it also can be a fun way to keep people in the loop," explained Deb Austerlade, who oversees social media operations for the City's Administration Division.

The Police Department, for example, uses its Facebook page to collect nominations for its annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Resident LIKES help determine the contest's finalists.

### Police Department



The Fire Department, meanwhile, leverages social media to showcase construction progress on its new fire stations, highlight firefighter training exercises, and recap community events such as its October Open House.

Not sure where to begin? Find links to all the City's social media feeds online at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) (or click any of the social media icons above).

### Fire Department



## Contact City Officials: City Hall Hours: 8 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday

### MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Joe Gallo	847-814-9271
1st Ward Alderman: Mike Cannon	847-687-3276
2nd Ward Alderman: Nick Budmats	847-202-0855
3rd Ward Alderman: Kevin O'Brien	847-212-2587
4th Ward Alderman: Jenifer Vinezcano	630-546-8133
5th Ward Alderman: Jon Bisesi	847-772-8428
6th Ward Alderman: John D'Astice	847-409-9367
7th Ward Alderman: Lara Sanoica	847-770-3097
City Manager: Barry Krumstok	847-394-8500

### SERVICES

Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Non-emergency	847-397-3352
Police Non-emergency	847-255-2416
Public Works	847-963-0500
Community Development Division	847-506-6030
Finance/Utility Billing Questions	847-394-8500
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	847-590-7867
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1



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