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ROLLING MEADOWS' NINTH ANNUAL 'MARKET SEASON' BEGINS MAY 29TH

City Markets will return to Rolling Meadows in May with the first of five lively outdoor events featuring fresh produce, food vendors, live music, home goods, kids' activities, and more.

Monthly markets will be held from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on the following Saturdays: May 29th, June 26th, July 17th, August 28th, and September 25th. All take place at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road).

Established in 2013, City Markets has become one of the City's most enduring and popular community events. It's part outdoor bazaar; part farmer's market; all fun.

Organizers have instituted COVID-19-based protocols to ensure participants' safety.

2021 Market Attractions

Free kiddie train rides will be available at all 2021 City Markets, where residents may also join in "meet & greet" sessions with their City Council rep-

resentatives (12:00 – 1:00 pm). Other attractions will allow guests to:

- Shop for locally grown fruits and vegetables.
- Pose for free caricatures.
- Hear live music.
- Enjoy freshly prepared food from onsite vendors.
- Drop off old batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), prescriptions, and sharps for safe disposal/recycling.

The May 29th Market will also mark the history-making debut of a very special guest whose identity, for now, remains a closely guarded secret.

Welcome New Vendors

Organizers welcome local vendors and artists to take part in upcoming Markets. Visit the City's Community Events page for more information, or contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager (847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org).

CITY RESTRUCTURES VOLUNTEER BOARDS

Code revisions adopted by City Council that govern the roles and responsibilities of Rolling Meadows' volunteer boards and commissions will improve their ability to support ever-changing community priorities, City Manager Barry Krumstok reports.

The code revisions establish two new advisory bodies:

- **Capital Projects Committee** – Members of the seven-member panel (formerly an ad hoc committee) will review proposed infrastructure improvement projects and offer recommendations to City Council.

- **Environmental Committee** – This committee is now a stand-alone entity. It was formerly a subcommittee of the Urban Affairs Committee, which was disbanded.

The updated code also eliminates the Board of Health, which had not been active in several years.

"Periodic updates to the City's committee structure ensure that these groups continue to meet the needs of the community they serve," Krumstok explained.

Community members who would like to apply for committee service may contact Mayor Joe Gallo (mayor@cityrm.org) or City staff members (admin@cityrm.org).



The new Capital Projects Committee will review proposed infrastructure projects.

SCULPTURES TAKE TOP SPOTS IN CITY'S 'SNOW MUCH FUN' CONTEST

Congratulations to the Czerniak and Hays families, who secured 1st and 2nd Place, respectively, in Rolling Meadows' "Snow Much Fun" sculpting contest.



Giant sea turtle

Team Czerniak's giant sea turtle secured the competition's \$100 grand prize, while the Hays' impressive snowman palace netted a "cool" \$50 prize.

In total, 14 families took part in this year's debut event. City officials plan to hold the competition again in 2022 (weather permitting).



Snowman palace

VOTERS TO DETERMINE NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON APRIL 6TH

Rolling Meadows voters in the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th Wards will elect their City Council representative during the April 6th Consolidated Election:

In Ward 1, voters will choose between candidates Karen McHale and Dave Whitney. The winner will serve the final two years of former Alderman Mike Cannon's term. Cannon resigned his seat last November.

In Ward 2, Alderman Nick Budmats is running unopposed for a four-year term.

In Ward 4, former Alderman Brad Judd and current Alderman Jenifer Vinezeano are running to serve a four-year term.

In Ward 6, Mandy Reyez is running unopposed for a four-year term. Current 6th Ward Alderman John D'Astice cannot run again because of term limits.



Nick Budmats



Brad Judd



Karen McHale



Mandy Reyez



Jenifer Vinezeano



Dave Whitney

Registered voters may cast ballots in-person at their assigned polling place on Tuesday, April 6th; vote early at [select locations](#) through Monday, April 5th; or return completed ballots by U.S. Mail. Ballots must be post-marked by April 6th.

Learn more by visiting <https://cook-countyclerk.com>.



BY THE NUMBERS SNOW REMOVAL STATS (FEBRUARY 2021)

Public Works' snow removal crews kept busy in February, successfully responding to 11 separate winter weather events that dropped an additional 17.8 inches of snow on the City.

- On-duty personnel hours: **945**
- Total equipment hours: **766.5**
- Tons of salt/de-icer used: **925**

Key Stats:

- Miles traveled by snow removal crews/equipment: **8,297**

Learn more about Public Works' program for clearing snow and ice from City streets at <https://www.cityrm.org/316/Snow-Ice-Removal-Program>.



Public Works employees play an important role in maintaining the City's quality of life.

FOLLOW PUBLIC WORKS ON FACEBOOK

Public Works' newly launched [Facebook page](#) was designed to help residents and businesses better understand how Department operations improve the City's quality of life.

Services offered by Public Works (and its Community Development Division) include – but are not limited to – residential refuse collection, street sweeping, vehicle and equipment maintenance, snow and ice con-

trol operations, building inspection, plan review, code enforcement, health inspection services, and planning and zoning related services.

The page is for informational purposes only. Residents with questions or those seeking additional information should contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit the Department's [webpage](#).



CITY'S HISTORICAL HOUSE OPENS TO PUBLIC, OFFERS IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS

The Rolling Meadows Historical Museum is open again to members of the public interested in immersing themselves in the City's rich history.

The museum, located at 3100 Central Road, is a replica of an original Kimball Hill home and features authentic 1950s and 1960s décor. The museum's Kimball Hill Family Educational Center – located in the home's "garage" – includes exhibits, memorabilia, and special displays



that highlight Rolling Meadows' early days, growth, and development.

Visit the museum during its regular business hours (Sundays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm). Admission is free. Donations are accepted. Tours are available by appointment.

For more information, please visit <https://www.cityrm.org/376/Historical-Museum> or call 847-577-7086.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 'ROLLING MEADOWS PROUD' PROGRAM

The City's "Making Rolling Meadows Proud" initiative highlights individuals or efforts that exemplify community service and good deeds.

The program's first recipient, Park District Youth Hockey Coordinator Stephan Polus, was recognized for creating a series of interactive Zoom sessions that helped over 100 players keep their skills up while they were away from the rink during the Covid-19 pandemic shutdown.

Polus also developed several YouTube videos, focusing on specific drills and activities, that the kids could watch at their own pace.

"It's easy to focus on the negative. This program is a way to highlight the good that takes place in our City every day," explained City Manager Barry Krumstok.

"We hope community members from all walks of life will share stories of people helping one another. These are the stories that highlight Rolling Meadows' spirit," he added.

Submit nominations via email to admin@cityrm.org or by U.S. Mail to:

City of Rolling Meadows
Attn: City Manager Barry Krumstok
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Selected honorees receive a certificate of appreciation, are recognized at City Council meetings, and will be featured in the City's newsletter, *News & Views*.



Due to ever-changing circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings and events may be held remotely or postponed for public health purposes. Find the latest updates on the City's [website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

- 4/01 — **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm
- 4/02 — **Good Friday**
- 4/04 — **Easter**
- 4/05 — **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm
- 4/06 — **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7 pm
- 4/08 — **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm
- 4/12 — **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am; **Ramadan begins**
- 4/13 — **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm
- 4/15 — **Fire Pension Board**, 8:30 am; **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm
- 4/20 — **Community Events Foundation**, 6 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm; **Water bills due**
- 4/22 — **Earth Day**
- 4/26 — **Police Pension Board**, 3:30 pm
- 4/27 — **Blood Drive**, 1 – 7 pm
- 4/27 — **Capital Improvements Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm
- 4/30 — **Arbor Day**

CITY'S 'BUSINESS BUZZ' WEBSITE FEATURES LOCAL BUSINESS COUPONS

A growing number of Rolling Meadows businesses are offering great deals and special offers through the RM Business Buzz (<https://rmbusiness-buzz.org>), a City-sponsored website designed to promote area companies and help residents “shop local.”



“The Buzz makes it easier and more convenient for residents to take advantage of Rolling Meadows’ thriving local business community,” explained Martha Corner, Rolling Meadows’ Business Advocate.

Corner reports that a growing number of local businesses are marketing themselves on the Buzz. Visitors may click the site’s “Special Offers” link to view and download available coupons.

The site’s navigation features allow users to search for nearly 800 businesses by name or by industry.

Other Buzz features include:

- **Business of the Month Showcase** that highlights a member of Rolling Meadows’ business community.
- **Job Opportunities** listings that detail openings at local companies.
- **Local Business News/Accolades** that share company success stories.

Join the Buzz!

It’s easy for local businesses to be featured on the RM Business Buzz. Contact Business Advocate Martha Corner (cornerm@cityrm.org or 847-870-9004) or visit <https://rmbusiness-buzz.org> and click the “Join the Buzz” button on the homepage.

Rolling Meadows offers free access to the site for all local businesses.

STREET BANNER PROGRAM OFFERS HIGH-PROFILE EXPOSURE FOR CITY BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY GROUPS

Friday, April 2nd is the deadline to order customized street banners that help local businesses and community groups market themselves while raising money for Rolling Meadows’ Community Events Foundation.



Access order forms for the 30" x 60" banners (\$250 each or \$350 for two) on the [City's website](#) or by scanning the QR code at left.

Banners will hang from streetlights along Kirchoff Road and other high-traffic areas around town. They help promote upcoming events and may be customized to include a sponsoring company’s name and/or logo.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager (ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500).



SUPPORT CITY'S COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are multiple ways to show your support for Rolling Meadows' community events:

Volunteer!

Resident volunteers are the engines that make these events successful, and we're always looking for more people to join the ranks. It's a great way to make a difference in the community. Learn more by contacting Lori Ciezak (ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500).

Contribute!

Financial support for community events is provided by the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations from residents and local businesses. For more information and to contribute, visit the City's [Community Events Foundation webpage](#).

Attend!

Check out a listing of [upcoming events](#), mark your calendars, and join the fun! *Note: events may be rescheduled or postponed to protect public health.*



Community events volunteers enjoy a moment at a past year's Hometown Hoedown Fall Festival.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

City officials welcome these latest additions to Rolling Meadows' business community!

Knockout Prints – personalized apparel & promotional products

4007 West Algonquin Rd.
(847-496-7173)
<https://knockoutprints.com>

Kung Fu Tea – bubble tea specialists, hot/cold beverages

1643 West Algonquin Rd.
(847-962-2188)
<https://www.kungfutea.com>

Teriyaki Madness – Asian grill

1319 West Golf Rd. (847-258-5761)
<https://teriyakimadness.com>

APRIL SHOWERS (MAY) BRING FLOODED BASEMENTS; CHECK YOUR SUMP PUMP BEFORE THE RAINS FALL

Seasonal downpours are not the ideal time to discover your home's sump pump is not working. Follow these simple tips to help prevent home flooding.

Every Three or Four Months:

- Clean the pump's inlet screen.
- Check the power cord (make sure it's connected).
- Dump a bucket of water into the sump to ensure the pump turns on.

Once Per Year:

- Remove the pump from the sump for cleaning/inspection.

- Clean out the sump.
- Check the owner's manual (or online) to see if the pump bearings require grease or oil.
- Reconnect the pump.
- Ensure the pump is securely connected to the power supply.

Sump pumps should be replaced every 10 years.

UPGRADE YOUR HOME'S SMOKE DETECTORS NOW

Rolling Meadows firefighters urge residents to check the status of their home's smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and, if necessary, replace them with new units equipped with 10-year batteries.

Improved Protection

Ten-year concealed battery units offer a tremendous advantage over the older model smoke detectors they are designed to replace: their power source lasts for the life of the device. They are also engineered to be more effective in detecting smoke and elevated CO levels to provide an enhanced level of protection for family members of all ages.

Besides the obvious public safety benefits, Illinois law requires homeowners to replace older, battery-powered smoke detectors with the new 10-year devices by the end of 2022. Dwellings with hardwired units are exempt.

Maintain Older Units

Homeowners who plan to keep using their current smoke/CO detectors for the time-being should replace each unit's batteries twice per year (when changing the clocks each spring and fall) and test each device once per month, following the manufacturer's instructions. Replace any devices that are 10 years or older.

For more information, contact the Fire Department at 847-397-3352.



Photo: FEMA.



TO RECYCLE...OR NOT TO RECYCLE: THAT IS THE QUESTION



Not sure whether a particular piece of disposable waste should be placed in your recycling cart or thrown in the garbage? In honor of Earth Day (April 22nd), we offer this handy “at-a-glance” checklist to avoid confusion and help protect the environment.

YES (Recyclable)

Co-mingled materials

- Aluminum & steel cans
- Plastic soup containers
- Bi-metal cans
- Plastic water/soda/juice bottles
- Liquid detergent bottles
- Microwave trays
- Milk jugs
- Plastics (#s 1 – 5 & 7)
- Glass

Fiber materials

- Bond paper (white/colored)
- Computer paper
- Calculator tape
- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Legal pad/notebook paper
- Letterhead
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Cardboard

NO (Non-recyclable)

- Non-Recyclable Materials
- Food & beverage waste
- Candy & snack wrappers
- Non-paper packing material
- Plastic strapping
- Rubber bands
- Stickers or labels
- Plastic/latex/rubber gloves
- K-cups
- Plastic #6
- Styrofoam
- Plastic grocery bags
- Paper coffee cups & lids
- Tissue products & napkins
- Shrink wrap & food packaging

Learn more about recycling – and the City’s refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection program – by visiting Rolling Meadows’ [Refuse and Recycling page](#).

SWANCC WEBSITE PROMOTES EARTH-FRIENDLY DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Need help disposing of old appliances, books, cassette tapes, cell phones/accessories, electronics, eyeglasses, office equipment, and countless other items in an environmentally friendly manner?

Let your fingers do the walking...or, in this case, the clicking.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offers a Reuse & Recycling Directory page on its website to help customers find

information on area service providers that accept items no longer wanted or needed.

Visit <https://swancc.org/recycling-directory/recycle>. From there, simply click on any of the listed vendors to discover the types of items they accept for recycling or resale.

The directory provides vendor contact information and lists special instructions and fees, if applicable.

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City Hall Hours
8 am to 4 pm
Monday – Friday



MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

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1st Ward Alderman Karen McHale	.773-517-3873
2nd Ward Alderman Nick Budmats	.847-202-0855
3rd Ward Alderman Kevin O'Brien	.847-212-2587
4th Ward Alderman Jenifer Vinezeano	.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
Finance/Utility Billing	.847-394-8500
Public Works Community Dev. Division	.847-963-0500 .847-506-6030
Senior Handyman Program	.847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	.847-590-7867
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1

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