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ROLLING MEADOWS' INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION RETURNS SUNDAY, JULY 4TH

Rolling Meadows' 2021 celebration of America's independence represents another step in the community's return to normalcy after more than a year of pandemic-related public health restrictions*.

Community members will come together Sunday, July 4th, for the return of the City's popular Independence Day Parade and an expanded fireworks display!

4th of July Parade (11:30 am)

Residents, businesses, community organizations, clubs, and school groups are welcome to "Join the Fun in 2021" by building floats, decorating two- and four-wheeled vehicles, marching, and more. Parade information and registration forms

are available online (<https://cityrm.org/669/Community-Events>).

The parade route begins at Rolling Meadows High School. Participants will travel north on Jay Lane to Grouse Lane, west on Grouse to Meadow Drive, north on Meadow to Kirchoff Road, and west on Kirchoff to Plaza Drive.

Those planning to take part in this year's parade should register by Friday, June 18th. For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.

High-Flying Fireworks (9:15 pm)

The celebration will reach a thundering crescendo high above Salk Park later that evening, with an expansive fireworks display guaranteed to dazzle all in attendance.

**Parade participants and fireworks attendees will be required to follow updated public health protocols, as mandated by the State of Illinois.*



MEADOWS GOES LIVE!

The sound and spectacle of live music – outdoors and onstage – returns to Rolling Meadows this summer with a lineup of great bands headlining upcoming City events. Mark your calendars and get ready to "Let the Good Times (Rock and) Roll in Meadows!"

Community Block Party: June 11th

Central Road between Barker Avenue & Jay Lane

- **Jet Set 4 Chicago** (Latin band): 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- **American English** (Beatles tribute band): 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Fridays ROCK!: June 18th

Kimball Hill Park

- **Hi-Infidelity** (80's cover band): 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Fridays ROCK!: July 9th

Kimball Hill Park

- **Hot Rocks** (Rolling Stones tribute band): 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Wine-Down by the Creek: Aug. 13th

Kimball Hill Park

- **Roots Rock Society** (reggae, calypso, soul): 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **Semple** (all genres): 8:00 – 10:00 pm

Fridays ROCK!: Sept. 10th

Kimball Hill Park

- **Boy Band Review** (boy band tribute group): 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Hometown Hoedown: Oct. 2nd

Kimball Hill Park

- **Wild Earp** (funky country-western): 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Find updates [online](#) or on [Facebook](#).



2021 MUSIC in ROLLING MEADOWS

PAFR AWARD RECOGNIZES CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Government Finance Officers Association has presented Rolling Meadows with an Outstanding Achievement Award for the City's 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher announced.



The award, more commonly known as the PAFR Award, recognizes governmental entities for their commitment to financial reporting transparency and public education on budget-related

matters. GFOA reviewers praised the City's PAFR for its:

- Simple and logical format.
- Overall design and layout.
- Effective use of charts and graphs to highlight financial data.

Rolling Meadows' PAFRs are published online for public review (<https://www.cityrm.org/233/Financial-Reports>).

Popular Annual Financial Reports offer a brief analysis of City revenues and how those dollars are spent. The reports also provide an overview of local economic trends.

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Citizen's Annual Financial Report




 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019



COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR LOCAL COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

An April 27th COVID-19 vaccine clinic held at Community Church of Rolling Meadows successfully delivered Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines to 436 residents, while highlighting the City's community spirit and compassion, Mayor Joe Gallo recalled.

The clinic – a collaborative effort involving the City, Jewel/Osco, Community Church, and scores of volunteers – effectively served the needs of residents who wanted to receive their vaccine locally during a time when widespread availability and access was still limited. Those who received vaccines were automatically registered for a second shot on May 18th.

"I was taken aback by the level of engagement and enthusiasm I witnessed among those who helped make the vaccine clinic possible," Mayor Gallo explained. "It was extremely gratifying to see so many people offer support. Kudos to City staff for providing the resources we needed; Community Church for serving as host; Jewel/Osco for the vaccines, and the resi-

dents and local businesses who devoted time and resources to support this community health initiative."

Special thanks to:

- Community Church
- Jewel/Osco
- Rolling Meadows Community Center
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Jersey Mike's
- Judith Kinney
- Nancy Mau
- Karen McHale
- Ernesto Reyez
- Jake Shapiro
- Jenifer Vinezeano
- Peter Warzecha
- Steve Wiley
- GoTo Connect
- Lending Closet (Arlington Heights)
- Village of Elk Grove
- Village of Schaumburg
- Rolling Meadows City Administration
- Rolling Meadows Fire Dept.
- Rolling Meadows Police Dept.
- Rolling Meadows Public Works





Volunteers spruce up a section of Salt Creek during the City's 2021 clean-up.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS JOIN SALT CREEK CLEAN-UP EVENT

Members of the City's Environmental Committee spent a day in April working together to revitalize a section of Salt Creek near Barker Avenue, as part of Rolling Meadows' 2021 Salt Creek Clean-up.

Volunteers collected refuse that had accumulated along the creek, removed invasive plant species, planted native wetland seed, and placed erosion blankets over the new seeds to secure the area.

This year's clean-up – an annual event that coincides with Earth Day – was smaller in scope than prior years,



due to the pandemic. Environmental Committee members hope to host a larger effort in 2022.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event.

SHOP LOCAL AND SUPPORT LOCAL CITY BUSINESSES

Local restaurants and businesses have faithfully served customers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and look forward to reopening more fully as Illinois approaches the "Bridge to Phase 5."



City officials, committed to supporting the success of all local businesses, offer a range of online resources for

residents who want to "shop local" and keep sales tax dollars here at home. Visit <https://cityrm.org> to find:

RM Business Buzz: Find great deals and special offers from a growing number of local businesses at the RM Business Buzz, a City-sponsored website that promotes area companies. Simply click on the site's 'Special

Offers' link to view and download coupons from participating businesses.

The site's navigation features allow users to search for over 750 businesses by name or view company listings organized into specific categories. The "Buzz" also features local business profiles and listings of job openings at area companies.

New Business Listings: Keep track of new businesses that open their doors in Rolling Meadows. Listings include contact information and, in many cases, direct links to company websites.

Dining Guide: Find your next great taste by viewing a comprehensive listing of City-based restaurants and cafes.

TERM LIMITS SIDELINE 6TH WARD ALDERMAN JOHN D'ASTICE

Former Alderman John D'Astice represented Rolling Meadows' 6th Ward for nearly a quarter century before term limits required him to step down last month.



John D'Astice

D'Astice accepted a customized "D'Astice Way" street sign from City Manager Barry Krumstok during City Council's May 11th meeting, as a token of appreciation for his many years of service.

"It has been my honor to work for the residents of Rolling Meadows," said a visibly emotional D'Astice, who thanked his wife, family, and City staff for their support over the years. "I look forward to continuing on in some capacity."

D'Astice first served as 6th Ward Alderman from 1993 to 2005 – the maximum then allowed by City code. He was again elected to the seat in 2009 and served another three consecutive terms.

Mandy Reyez, elected in April's Consolidated Election, succeeds D'Astice as the 6th Ward's new representative on the City Council.

Future Council members will have a difficult time matching D'Astice's 24 years of service. Voters in 2020 approved new aldermanic term limits that limit service to eight years (two consecutive four-year terms).



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

6/01 — **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

6/03 — **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2:00 pm

6/07 — **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

6/08 — **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

6/10 — **Adjudication Hearing**, 1:00 pm

6/11 — **Community Block Party**, 4:30 – 8:30 pm, Central Road (Barker Ave. & Jay Ln.)

6/14 — **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am; **Flag retirement ceremony**, 7:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park fire pit.

6/15 — **Community Events Foundation**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

6/17 — **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2:00 pm

6/18 — **Fridays ROCK!**, 7:00 – 10:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park

6/20 — **Father’s Day**

6/21 — **Water bills due**

6/22 — **Capital Projects Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

6/24 — **Blood Drive**, 1:00 – 7:00 pm, City Hall. *Call Vitalant (877-258-4825) to schedule appointments. No walk-ins accepted. Face coverings required.*

6/26 — **City Market**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Rd.)

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](#).

ROLLING MEADOWS’ TOP 10 EMPLOYERS

Rolling Meadows’ latest Top Employers list underscores the City’s reputation as a “Great Place to do Business.” Member companies include global consumer electronics firms, an aerospace/defense contractor, national retailers, and

leaders in the insurance, health and employment sectors.

The list offers a glance at the wide variety of businesses – from Fortune 500 companies to independent merchants – that call Rolling Meadows home.

Company	# of Employees
1. Northrop Grumman Corporation	2,380
2. Arthur J. Gallagher	2,000
3. Verizon Wireless875
4. Advocate Physician Partners378
5. Accurate Employment Screening242
6. Walmart220
7. RTC Industries206
8. Meijer205
9. Panasonic205
10. A.H. Management Group187

Data compiled by the City of Rolling Meadows (Dec 2020)

‘A WAY TO GIVE BACK:’ CITY-SPONSORED BLOOD DRIVES TRANSFORM RESIDENTS INTO LIFE-SAVING HEROES

Residents who took time to donate blood at City-sponsored blood drives over the past several months have made a difference in the lives of nearly 500 patients, HR Specialist Joyce DeLeon reports.

Other upcoming City Hall blood drives will take place August 26th, October 28th, and December 23rd.

Community members will have another opportunity to become literal “life savers” Thursday, June 24th, 1:00 – 7:00 pm, when Rolling Meadows and Vitalant host another community blood drive at City Hall.

Learn more about the need for blood donations and a schedule of area blood drives at <https://vitalant.org>.

“Blood drives are a way for residents to give back to their community,” DeLeon explained. “Vitalant has been very appreciative of our efforts, especially at a time when the need for donations – and the challenge of finding locations to host them – is greater than ever.”

Call 877-258-4825 to schedule an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted. All donors must wear face



**Rolling Meadows & Vitalant:
A Life-Saving Partnership**

Blood Drive	Beneficiaries
April 29, 2021	102 patients
Feb. 25, 2021	75 patients
Dec. 23, 2020	132 patients
Oct. 22, 2020	84 patients
Aug. 27, 2020	84 patients
Total: 477 patients	



Lake Michigan is the source of Rolling Meadows' drinking water.

ROLLING MEADOWS WATER QUALITY MEETS EPA STANDARDS

Annual Report to be Posted on City Website

Rolling Meadows drinking water in 2020 again met all standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to the City's latest Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that provides information on the source and quality of the water used by residents and businesses.

The full 2020 report will be available for review on Rolling Meadows' website, at <https://www.cityrm.org/>

[Archive.aspx?ADID=7102](#), by June 30th.

Posting the CCR online helps streamline the process of delivering this information to water customers, which is required by law.

Customers who would like to receive a printed version of the report, once it is complete, may contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.

SAFETY FIRST WHEN EXPLORING CITY ON BIKES

Riding weather has arrived!

Rolling Meadows features more than 13 miles of winding bike paths that let residents explore the City on two-wheels, but your safety is a priority. Ensure safe travels by adhering to the following safety tips:

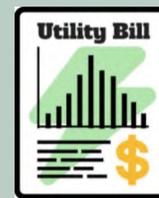
- Always wear a helmet.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals, and laws.
- Keep to the right side of the road.
- Maintain your bicycle. Keep brakes, lights, reflectors, horns, bells, and other safety devices in good working condition.
- Learn and use hand signals for turns and stops.

- Follow the Rules of the Road.
- Use a headlight and a taillight or reflector when riding at night.
- Do not race or weave in and out of traffic.
- Do not carry passengers or large packages on your bicycle.
- Never hitch onto a truck, car, or other moving vehicle.
- Be cautious and ride defensively.
- Dismount and walk your bike across dangerous intersections or streets.



ONLINE UTILITY BILLING PORTAL IMPROVES CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE

Rolling Meadows' web-based "Service Portal" lets customers access a range of convenient new features, including the ability to pay their monthly utility bills online and enroll in the City's updated automatic bill payment program.



Access the portal by clicking "Online Payments" on the City's [homepage](#). Once registered, customers will be able to:

- Receive monthly utility bills electronically (e-billing) at no cost. *Note: Customers may choose to continue receiving a paper bill – also at no charge.*
- Make secure online payments.
- Sign up for auto bill pay (*see instructions posted online*).
- Look up past bills.
- View usage and payment histories.
- Access their accounts from anywhere at any time.

"The portal is part of the City's long-term investment in digital infrastructure to improve internal department operations, but the real benefits come from its ability to deliver more responsive customer service and convenience," Finance Director Melissa Gallagher explained.

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Volunteers help ensure the success of Rolling Meadows' community events.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE MAKES CITY A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY

Rolling Meadows is a great place to live, work, and play, largely due to community members' dedication to volunteer service.

Apply to Serve on Volunteer Boards & Commissions

Residents who are interested in making a difference and giving back to the City might want to consider serving on Rolling Meadows' volunteer boards, commissions, and committees. Learn more about the roles and responsibilities of these groups by visiting <https://www.cityrm.org/349/boards-commissions>.

Those who wish to apply for current or upcoming commission vacancies should contact Mayor Joe Gallo (mayor@cityrm.org) or City Administration (admin@cityrm.org).

Volunteer for Community Events

Volunteers are the engines that make Rolling Meadows' community events successful and there's always room for more people to join the ranks. Contact Lori Ciezak (847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org) to offer your time and talents.



**CONTACT
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City Hall Hours
8 am to 4 pm
Monday – Friday

MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Joe Gallo	847-814-9271
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 Mandy Reyetz	847-209-5435
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	847-963-0500
Community Dev. Division	847-506-6030
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	847-590-7867
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1

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LEASHES REQUIRED FOR DOGS IN PUBLIC SPACES VIOLATORS FACE RISK OF POLICE CITATION



In response to a growing number of complaints about dogs off-leash in parks and other public spaces, Rolling Meadows Police Officers who encounter unleashed dogs will issue a citation to the animal's owner, Police Chief John Nowacki reports.

"Leash requirements are designed to protect residents and the animals," he explained. "We're asking residents to look out for their fellow citizens and four-legged family members. Please keep your dogs on a leash when out in public."

STAY INFORMED: SUBSCRIBE TO CITY NOTIFICATIONS

The Notify Me® feature on Rolling Meadows' website helps residents stay informed about a wide variety of topics pertaining to City operations. Information is provided via email or text message (user's choice) on construction projects, emergency alerts, department news updates, and more.

Visit <https://www.cityrm.org/list.aspx> to view the entire topics listing and to register/subscribe.