

NEWS & VIEWS

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The original "squad car 182," seen here in an old Police Department photo, patrolled Rolling Meadows in the 1960s.

RMPD LAUNCHES 'CAR 182' PROJECT TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, HONOR CITY HISTORY

The Rolling Meadows Police Department is embarking on a community relations initiative that involves refurbishing a vintage sedan to resemble a specific patrol vehicle that served the City nearly 60 years ago.

The focal point of the "Squad Car 182" project is a 1964 Pontiac Catalina – the very make and model that was the pride of the RMPD fleet in the mid-1960s. It was purchased from its previous owner in Missouri, then brought home to Rolling Meadows by Department members.

"The car is in amazing shape. It is fully drivable and only has about 30,000 miles on the odometer," Police Chief John Nowacki, a self-professed "car guy," explained. "I still can't believe what we paid for it. It's probably bad form to say, but this car was a steal," he added with a chuckle.

Drug funds seized by the Police Department covered the vehicle's \$6,000 purchase price. Refurbishment costs will also be taken from these funds, making the

project revenue-neutral from the City's perspective, Chief Nowacki added.

Honor Department History

The program's inspiration is a grainy black and white photo (see above) of squad car 182 – a model year 1964 Pontiac Catalina that patrolled City streets in an era when Rolling Meadows was still a young community.

Plans call for the newly purchased vehicle to be updated as a near-identical replica of that original car. The refurbishment will include painting and stenciling to mimic the vintage color scheme favored by law enforcement at the time.

"Police departments value their histories, especially the unbroken chain that links an organization's first officers to the ones who follow in their footsteps," Chief Nowacki explained. "When completed, Car 182 will serve as a symbol of our department's proud history of excellence and represent the partnerships we've built with those we serve."

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ONLINE UTILITY BILLING PORTAL IMPROVES CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE

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

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Citizen Request
 Submit any concerns or requests
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Online Payments
 Submit payment for City services
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Government Transparency
 Financial and budget

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

- **Receive monthly utility bills electronically** (e-billing) at no charge and access them 24/7. *Note: Customers may choose to continue receiving a paper bill at no charge.*
- **Make secure payments online.**
- **Sign up for auto bill pay.**
- **Look up past bills.**
- **View usage and payment histories.**
- **Access their accounts** from anywhere at any time.

Questions about the Portal or online bill payments? Contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500 or ub@cityrm.org.

TAKE NOTE

PUBLIC WORKS TO RESUME YARD WASTE PICK-UP APRIL 4TH

Public Works will resume seasonal yard waste collection services Monday, April 4th. Residents should place yard waste in 30-gallon kraft paper bags and place them at the curb the night before scheduled pick-up.



Separate Yard Waste from Household Refuse

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

To minimize the risk of cross-contamination with household refuse (and help crews complete their routes more efficiently), residents should place bags containing yard waste on the opposite end of the driveway and mark them with an "X."

Early Refuse Set-Out Ends 4/1

Friday, April 1st, is the final day of Rolling Meadows' seasonal early refuse set-out schedule. Beginning Monday, April 4th, residents should place refuse and recyclables at the curb **after** 6:00 p.m. the evening before pick-up.

Learn more about the City's refuse and yard waste collection programs at www.cityrm.org.311/Refuse-Recycling.



The Student Body will kick off Rolling Meadows' Friday's ROCK! summer concert series in Kimball Hill Park on June 17th.

SUMMER 2022 LIVE MUSIC PREVIEW: LET THE GOOD TIMES ROCK & ROLL IN MEADOWS

Spring will make its annual debut later this month, but preparations are already under way for a rocking (and 'rolling') summer, courtesy of great live bands that will be headlining several of Rolling Meadows' most popular community events.

Check out who is on the bill for 2022 and mark your calendars. We'll see you at the shows! *Note: Performances are free and suitable for residents of all ages.*



Sixteen Candles: coming soon to a Block Party near you.

Sixteen Candles (Friday, June 10th, Block Party on Central Road) – Sixteen Candles, "the nation's premier '80s pop experience," has been keeping it "tubular" for audiences around the country since 2003. www.sixteencandlesband.com

The Student Body (Friday, June 17th, Friday's ROCK! Concert In Kimball Hill Park) – A cover band "ripped right out of your high school yearbook pages," The Student Body offers an "infectious and humorous stage show, soaring three-part harmonies, and medleys that keep you guessing." The band's catalog spans greatest hits

from the 1950s to today. www.thestudentbodyband.com

Hello Weekend (Friday, July 15th, Friday's ROCK! Concert in Kimball Hill Park) – "Non-stop" and "high-energy" define this hit-performing party band, which covers everything from Lady Gaga and Guns N' Roses to Bruno Mars and the Beach Boys. www.helloweekendmusic.com

Wedding Banned (Friday, August 12th, Wine-Down by the Creek) – "Skip the ceremony and start the party!" Dubbed the World's Greatest Wedding Band, this interactive group plays "tons of rad 80's music and guilty pleasures you and your friends love – whether they'll admit it or not." www.weddingbanned.com

Anthem (Friday, September 9th, Friday's ROCK! Concert in Kimball Hill Park) – A classic rock music experience that goes "above and beyond," Anthem covers all-time favorites such as Aerosmith, Bon Jovi, Journey, Queen, Rush, Van Halen, and more. www.anthembandchicago.com



Experience classic rock performances that go "above and beyond" with Anthem.

POLICE DEPARTMENT 'HOPE FUND' TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS IN CRISIS

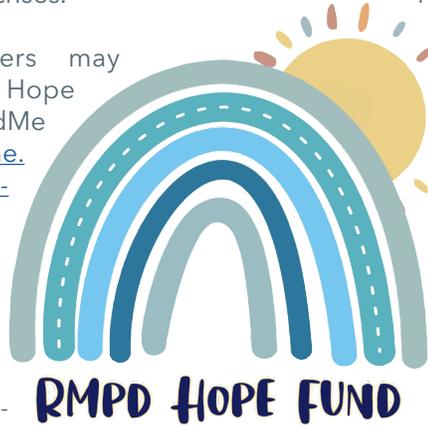
A new "Hope Fund" established by the Rolling Meadows Police Department and funded by community donations aims to raise \$10,000 in emergency assistance funding for residents experiencing life-altering crises.

Community members may contribute to the Hope Fund via its GoFundMe page (www.gofundme.com/f/rmpd-hope-fund).

"So often, residents facing dire circumstances – whether it be fire or floods, or more personal tragedies such as domestic violence and child abuse – have nowhere to turn," explained Social Services Outreach Specialist Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC, AMFT. "Money raised through the Hope Fund will help the City provide timely emergency assistance to those who need it most."

Dr. Nieves says the Fund will improve the ability of the Police Department's

Social Services Division to provide financial resources to residents just beginning to rebuild their lives. The Finance Department will disperse emergency funds directly to approved recipients.



"Rolling Meadows is a caring, generous community. Our goal with the Hope Fund is to provide a helping hand towards a brighter future for those who need it most," she added.

The mission of the Social Services Division is to promote the health and well-being of all Rolling Meadows residents. Division staff members provide services such as short-term counseling, crisis intervention, court advocacy, well-being checks, senior citizen assistance, community education/workshops, and orders of protection.

Learn more by visiting www.cityrm.org/611/Social-Services.



LOCAL SUPPORT DRIVES SUCCESS OF CITY'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Attend

From summer's Central Road Block Party to winter's Holiday Celebration, Rolling Meadows packs a ton of excitement into every calendar year. View a complete listing of upcoming events at www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events.

Volunteer

Resident volunteers are the engines that make these events successful, and we're always looking for more people to join our ranks, make a difference in the community, and have a lot of fun while doing it! Learn more by contacting Lori Ciezak (ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500).

Contribute

The Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations from residents and businesses to provide financial support for City events. To contribute, please visit www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation.

Supporters may also make checks payable to *Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation* and send them to:

City of Rolling Meadows
Community Events Foundation
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

CONFIRM PERMIT REQUIREMENTS BEFORE STARTING HOME & BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS

Are you gearing up to make improvements to your home or business in 2022? It's never too early to start the planning process – and your first step 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.

WHY PERMITS? The permit process helps protect home- and business owners' investments. 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.

CDD TIP. Make sure you (or your contractor) submit construction drawings and apply for all necessary permits **before** beginning construction.

Contact the Community Development Division (847-506-6030 or cd@cityrm.org) or stop by the Division's office at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road), for help confirming whether a permit is required for your next project, or to schedule a pre-submission consultation with Division staff.

Learn more at www.cityrm.org/169/Permits-Inspections.



MARCH 2022

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
View upcoming City Council and volunteer committee meeting agendas at www.cityrm.org .		1 Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	2	3 Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2:00 pm	4	5
28	7 Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm	8 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	9	10 Adjudication Hearing, 1:00 pm	11	12
13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Clocks "spring" ahead one hour. Check your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.	14 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am	15 Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm	16 Veterans Committee, 6:30 pm	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2:00 pm	18	19
20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21 Water bills due	22 City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2022

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WANT MORE NEWS? Access Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, eNews, published in February, April, June, August, October and December, and archived at www.cityrm.org .					1 Early reuse set-out ends	2
3	4 Yard waste collection begins Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm	5 Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	6	7 Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2:00 pm	8	9
10	11 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am	12 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	13	14 Adjudication Hearing, 1:00 pm	15 GOOD FRIDAY PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNSET	16
17 EASTER	18 TAX DAY	19 Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm	20 Water bills due	21 Fire Pension Board, 8:30 am Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2:00 pm	22 EARTH DAY	23
24	25 Police Pension Board, 3:30 pm	26 Capital Projects Committee, 6:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	27	28	29 ARBOR DAY	30

RM BUSINESS BUZZ WEBSITE CONNECTS CUSTOMERS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES



Find great deals and special offers from a variety of Rolling Meadows businesses at the RM Business Buzz (www.rmbusinessbuzz.org), a City-sponsored website that was developed specifically to connect residents with local businesses.

The Buzz offers a platform for residents to learn more about, and benefit from, the City's diverse business community. The site's navigation features allow users to search for more than 760 businesses by name or review company listings organized into specific categories: Shopping, Dining, Construction, Services, and Health/Well-Being.

Meanwhile, the Buzz's "Special Offers" section lists coupons and deals offered by many of these businesses.

"The Buzz offers another way for residents to purchase goods and services

from Rolling Meadows businesses and, in many cases, save money in the process," explained Martha Corner, Rolling Meadows' Business Advocate. "Simply click the site's 'Special Offers' link to view and download special coupons and deals available from local service providers."

Other Buzz features include:

- **Business "spotlight" profiles** that highlight area companies and service providers.
- **Community events and programs** information.
- **Job listings** at local companies.
- **Local business news**, including important milestones, anniversaries, awards, and other accolades.

The 'Buzz' is Growing

Listings on the "Buzz" are available to **all** Rolling Meadows businesses at no cost. Local business owners who are interested in making some noise may visit www.rmbusinessbuzz.org and click the "Join the Buzz" button.

RMPD LAUNCHES 'CAR 182' PROJECT...continued from p.1

Police Department leaders fully expect Car 182, when completed, to be a major draw at car shows, neighborhood block parties, and City events such as National Night Out.

View Refurbishment on Social Media

The Police Department is developing a series of short informational videos that will track Car 182's ongoing refurbishment. The first episode is now available on the Department's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowspolice).

The Department is also seeking local automotive businesses to help support the Car 182 project. For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Police (non-emergency) at 847-255-2416.

"As a department, we are fortunate to enjoy tremendous support from residents and local businesses. Car 182 offers a new way to expand our interaction in the community and continue building on those relationships," Chief Nowacki added.



Follow this Pontiac Catalina's transformation into Car 182 with the Police Department's Facebook video series.

FORMER ALDERMAN GLENN ADAMS CALLED ROLLING MEADOWS HOME FOR 50+ YEARS



Glenn Adams

Former Alderman Glenn Adams, who represented 5th Ward residents on the City Council for 14 years, passed away in January. He was 63 years old.

A 53-year resident, Adams first moved to Rolling Meadows with his parents as a four-year-old. "We lived on Cedar Street. I played in Waverly Park before it was a park," he told *News & Views* in 2019.

He and his wife, Carol, returned to his childhood community in 1990, where they raised their daughter (Amie) and two sons (Mike and AJ).

Adams was appointed to fill a City Council vacancy in 1997, then was elected to a four-year term in 1999. Fifth Ward residents re-elected him in 2003 and 2007. Term limits required him to step down in 2011.

In addition to his service on City Council, Adams found plenty of other ways to give back to the community he loved. He served as chair of the City's Economic Development Committee and the Rolling Meadows 50th Anniversary Committee; was a member of the City's 60th Anniversary Committee; and volunteered with the Park District as a swimming official and soccer referee.

He also supported several humane societies and was a member of the Illinois Route 66 Preservation Society.

Community members who wish to honor Adams' legacy are invited to support the Route 66 Association of Illinois (www.il66assoc.org), Wright Way Rescue (www.wright-wayrescue.org), or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org).



GUEST COLUMN BY MANDY REYEZ, 6TH WARD ALDERMAN

EMBRACING CHANGE TO WELCOME PROGRESS

I was nervous and excited at the thought of becoming my ward’s alderman. I was stepping outside of my comfort zone in a big way. The thought of representing residents by publicly sharing my beliefs and opinions was a challenge. However, I’m almost a year in and I’m so glad that I took the step.

The experience has given me a greater appreciation of our city and those who serve to make it better every day. My fellow Council members are outstanding representatives for each of their respective wards. They offer unique perspectives but share a unifying vision that will propel our community forward.

It’s also been a pleasure getting to know City staff members and witness-

ing first-hand how they go above and beyond to keep Rolling Meadows safe, clean, and productive.

Our outstanding park district offers wonderful activities and event spaces for residents of all ages, while our amazing library offers an exceptional selection of books, movies, music, and programs.

As spring arrives, I encourage you all to step outside of your comfort zone: join that club or committee that always piqued your interest; take that class you never thought you had the time for; try a new local restaurant; contact your alderman to share an idea or suggestion.

You may feel uncomfortable at first – but you just might enjoy it, too!

“DO ONE THING EVERY DAY THAT SCARES YOU.”

– Eleanor Roosevelt

CITY HALL PARKING LOT OFFERS SAFE ZONE FOR EXCHANGING GOODS BOUGHT OR SOLD ONLINE

The parking lot at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) offers a convenient – and safe – location for residents buying or selling items on e-Commerce sites such as Nextdoor and Facebook Marketplace.

Security cameras monitor the parking lot 24/7, and the lot is just steps from the Rolling Meadows Police Department headquarters, which is also located in the building.



The rise of these neighborhood sites has made it simpler than ever to engage with fellow community members, although transactions often involve face-to-face meetings where buyers take possession of these items and sellers receive payment.

Selecting a safe, secure location for these meetings will take away much of the concern some residents may feel in these situations.



CONTACT CITY OFFICIALS
City Hall Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 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 Reyez 847-209-5435
- 7th Ward Alderman
- Lara Sanoica. 847-770-3097
- City Manager
- Rob Sabo 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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‘ENEWS’ OFFERS EXPANDED COVERAGE OF CITY INITIATIVES

Stay on top of all that is happening in Rolling Meadows with eNews, a supplemental online newsletter published in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Together, News & Views and eNews provide expanded monthly coverage of City plans, events, and initiatives. The web-based PDF format also offers embedded links that give readers access to additional resources and insights.

Access eNews at www.cityrm.org. Select “Monthly City Newsletters” from the “Our Community” menu.