

# eNEWS

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### JOIN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR 4/23 EARTH DAY CLEANUP ALONG SALT CREEK

Environmental Committee members are teaming up with the Rolling Meadows Park District for an Earth Day Cleanup event that will take place Saturday, April 23rd, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Their efforts will focus on two specific projects along Salt Creek:

- Revitalizing natural growth along Barker Avenue (near Emily's Prairie) by planting native species and removing garbage and invasive buckthorn, and
- Planting wildflowers and spreading dirt/mulch at Kimball Hill Park.

Community members who would like to join this effort should report to Kimball Hill Park (behind Jewel) at 10:00 am to receive their assignments. All volunteers must bring their own work gloves.

To register, visit [www.rmparks.org/district-calendar/event/community-cleanup-day](http://www.rmparks.org/district-calendar/event/community-cleanup-day).

### NEW COMMUNICATIONS GROUP APPLIES COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES TO KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED

A newly-formed group comprised of staff members from each City department will strengthen Rolling Meadows' ability to keep residents, businesses, and other stakeholders updated on important news, activities, events, and initiatives, City Manager Rob Sabo reports.

Goals of the new Rolling Meadows Communications Group include:

- Strengthen lines of communication with audiences;
- Promote operational transparency;
- Improve community access to information;
- Foster information-sharing among departments;
- Enhance content delivery on City social media platforms; and
- Support the launch of the City's new website later this year.

"Group members serve as liaisons for their respective departments and will play a key role in expanding the delivery of information to those we serve," Sabo explained. "This collaborative approach will also help us identify, develop, and share consistent, compelling content across the City's multiple communications channels."

Access Rolling Meadows' social media feeds, monthly newsletters, quarterly business publications, and more on the City's website ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)).

**Communications Group Members**

Rob Sabo ..... City Manager  
 Lori Ciezak ..... Administration  
 Martha Corner ..... Administration  
 Elizabeth Kwandras ..... Community Development  
 Sgt. John Manfredi ..... Police Dept.  
 Carrie Marckess ..... Finance Dept.  
 Lisa Norton ..... Fire Dept.  
 Ryan Rivard ..... Public Works Dept.  
 Kelly Vlieger ..... Information Technology



Volunteers plant native species at last year's Salt Creek cleanup.

## CITY LEVERAGES LINKEDIN'S GLOBAL REACH TO RECRUIT TALENTED EMPLOYEES

Rolling Meadows is harnessing the power of LinkedIn to identify and recruit qualified municipal professionals to fill staff vacancies at City Hall.

More than 800 million people in over 200 countries use LinkedIn to establish professional connections, expand their networks, and look for employment. By simply establishing a LinkedIn presence and posting open position announcements, Rolling Meadows gains access to a vastly expanded field of career candidates.

"LinkedIn enhances our ability to attract talented, experienced professionals who will bring new ideas and innovative thinking," City Manager Rob Sabo explained. "I believe Rolling Meadows will prove to be an appealing destination for people looking for new opportunities."

LinkedIn has already demonstrated its ability to improve the recruitment process: City leaders are currently reviewing applications and screening possible candidates for Finance Director, a position that has been filled on an interim basis since last fall. Sabo expects to formally announce a new hire this spring.

Connect with Rolling Meadows on LinkedIn at [www.linkedin.com/company/cityrm](http://www.linkedin.com/company/cityrm).



## LOCAL VETERANS INVITED TO JOIN MAY 28TH MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Members of Rolling Meadows' Veterans Committee are finalizing plans for the City's 2022 Memorial Day events and invite residents who have served in the United States Armed Forces to participate.

### Parade & Wreath Ceremony

This year's observance, scheduled for Saturday, May 28th, will feature a downtown parade along Kirchoff Road at 11:00 am, followed by a

ceremonial wreath-laying at the Veterans Monument, located at the base of the City's Carillon Tower, at 11:30 am.

The City will provide a trolley for veterans who are unable to walk the full length of the parade route, which will step off at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive and conclude at the Carillon. Participants may also arrange their own transportation.

### Veterans Registry

The Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans with whom they have previously connected. This list also ensures that registered veterans receive invitations to Memorial Day ceremonies, annual Veterans Dinners, and other City events.

Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their name, may contact Deb Austerlade at City Hall ([austerlade@cityrm.org](mailto:austerlade@cityrm.org)).

### CITY SEEKS COMMUNITY & CIVIC GROUPS TO JOIN THIS YEAR'S CEREMONIES

Rolling Meadows invites local scout troops, civic organizations, and other community groups to take part in this year's Memorial Day parade and observance.

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

## APPLY TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Are you interested in taking a more active role in your community? If you answered "yes," then consider applying to serve on Rolling Meadows' volunteer boards and committees.

Those interested in being considered should contact Mayor Joe Gallo ([mayor@cityrm.org](mailto:mayor@cityrm.org)).

The City is looking to fill current vacancies on the:

- **Capital Projects Committee** (two vacancies),
- **Electrical Commission** (three vacancies), and
- **Planning & Zoning Commission** (two vacancies).

More information on the roles and responsibilities of Rolling Meadows' volunteer commissions is available on the [City's website](http://City's website).

## EXPERIENCED BUILDING PROFESSIONAL DAN STREIT FINDS 'GREAT FIT' WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Dan Streit, the Community Development Division's newest Building Official, wasted little time making positive impressions on his colleagues and the customers they serve after coming to Rolling Meadows in late January.



Dan Streit

With nearly 20 years of municipal building experience, Streit has taken a leading role in overseeing plan reviews, supervising the Division's inspection staff, and fortifying its daily operations.

His in-depth knowledge of building codes has proven especially valuable, as the City moves to adopt updated codes later this year. Having completed the process multiple times in other communities, Streit has mastered the technical aspects of incorporating newer technologies, such as solar panels and wireless smoke detectors, into effective language that guides construction and improves overall public safety.

"Dan's code knowledge and personable approach to customer service

are a great fit for the Community Development Division," explained Interim Superintendent Elizabeth Kwandras. "He is going to have a great career here and we are excited to have him."

Streit first got the "building bug" while working as a teenager at his neighbor's construction company. He had originally planned to pursue a career in law enforcement, but never looked back after getting a job offer from the Woodstock Building Department, where he spent nearly 17 years.

He served the past three years as Director of Public Works/Community Development for the City of Marengo, but found himself longing for a position where he could focus on his full attention on building/construction/inspections. He found that here in Rolling Meadows.

"It's in my blood," Streit recalled. "Rolling Meadows offered me the chance to focus my full energies on what I enjoy doing most. I feel right at home and look forward to working with this incredible staff to build a better community."

## PUBLIC WORKS RESUMES SEASONAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION MONDAY, 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.

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."

Learn more about the City's refuse and yard waste collection programs at [www.cityrm.org.311/Refuse-Recycling](http://www.cityrm.org.311/Refuse-Recycling).



## ASK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*We are pleased to introduce Ask Community Development, a periodic feature that provides answers to common questions customers may have about Community Development Division operations and services.*

With spring's arrival, many residents and businesses are moving ahead with property improvement plans – many of which will require permits.



**Q. What materials do I need to submit when applying for a building permit?**

**A.** It depends on the project. For basic residential projects such as decks, sheds, patios, and driveways, you need copies of the plans or manufacturer's specifications, along with a plat of survey and a copy of the agreement with your contractor (if you have one).

For more complex residential projects – home additions, for example – you need to submit three copies of the plans (four copies for commercial projects). Plans must show compliance with all City codes (we recommend you work with an architect to ensure all information is included).

Remember, also, to complete a separate application for every project.

For more information, visit [www.cityrm.org/169/Permits-Inspections](http://www.cityrm.org/169/Permits-Inspections) or call 847-506-6030.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

4/1: Early refuse set-out ends

4/4: Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm; Yard waste collection begins

4/5: Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm; Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm

4/7: Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2:00 pm

4/11: Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am

4/12: Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm; City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm

4/14: Adjudication Hearing, 1:00 pm

4/15: Good Friday; Passover begins at sunset

4/17: Easter

4/18: Tax Day

4/19: Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee, 6:00 pm; City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm

4/20: Veterans Committee, 6:30 pm; Water bills due

4/21: Fire Pension Board, 8:30 am; Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2:00 pm

4/22: Earth Day

4/25: Police Pension Board, 3:30 pm

4/26: Capital Projects Committee, 6:30 pm; City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm

4/29: Arbor Day



RMPD is transforming this 1964 Pontiac Catalina (top) into a replica of a 1960s patrol car that served the City nearly 60 years ago.

## FOLLOW POLICE DEPARTMENT 'CAR 182' PROJECT ON FACEBOOK

Track the progress of a Police Department initiative that is transforming a vintage sedan into a near-identical replica of a specific patrol vehicle that served Rolling Meadows nearly 60 years ago on the Department's [Facebook page](#).

### Recreating a Classic

The Department's "Car 182" project features periodic videos, narrated by Police Chief John Nowacki, that detail the ongoing modifications to a 1964 Pontiac Catalina – the very make and model that was the pride of the RMPD fleet in the mid-1960s.

This particular vehicle, which RMPD purchased from its former owner in Missouri and brought home to Rolling Meadows in late 2021, will undergo painting and stenciling to mimic the 1960s color scheme favored by law enforcement at that 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 the residents we serve."

Police Department leaders expect Car 182 to be a major draw at local car shows (including Rolling Meadows Cruise Nights), neighborhood block parties, and official City events such as National Night Out.

"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.

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.

### Car 182 Project Partnerships

The Department is seeking local automotive businesses to help support the Car 182 project. Partner companies will be highlighted during the RMPD Facebook video series. For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Police Department (non-emergency) at 847-255-2416.

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## SGT. BRIAN BARRY GRADUATES FROM NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S POLICE STAFF AND COMMAND PROGRAM

Sergeant Brian Barry, a 24-year member of the Rolling Meadows Police Department, has completed an intensive 10-week leadership training program through Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, Police Chief John Nowacki reports.

Established in 1983, NU's School of Police Staff and Command program is designed to "prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions," according to the school's [web-site](#). SPSC curriculum focuses on critical areas such as planning and policies, media relations, organizational behavior, budgeting and resource allocation, human resources, contemporary policing, and more.

"The SPSC combines rigorous academic course work and practical



Sgt. Brian Barry (center) celebrates his graduation from Northwestern's School of Police Staff and Command with Chief John Nowacki (left) and Commander Mike Fior.

applications that focus on a wide range of critical leadership skills and management principals," Chief Nowacki explained. "I'm proud to welcome Sgt. Barry back to Rolling Meadows and, on behalf of everyone here, congratulate him on this significant career accomplishment."

## CITY, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PARTNER FOR MAY 18TH 'TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS' LUNCHEON

The City's partnership with the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce on an upcoming business luncheon offers expanded opportunities for all City businesses – chamber members and non-members alike – to learn more about the City's economic development initiatives, Business Advocate Martha Corner reports.

The 17th annual "Taking Care of Business Luncheon" will take place Wednesday, May 18th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, at Meridian Banquet & Conference Center (1701 W. Algonquin Road).

The program will feature a keynote presentation by Mayor Joe Gallo, whose "State of the City" address will offer an update on the current business climate and ongoing development plans.

City officials in attendance, including new City Manager Rob Sabo, will also be available to meet with attendees to discuss the City's vision for further strengthening its business community.

"Many people do not realize that the Chamber is an independent entity and not part of City operations," Corner explained. "Rolling Meadows' participation in this event is the latest example of each organization's commitment to work together for the best interests of our entire business community."

Registration starts at \$25 for Chamber members (\$50 for non-members). Fees include networking, lunch, and program. Learn more about the May 18 event by visiting [www.rmchamber.org](http://www.rmchamber.org).



## TAX-DEDUCTIBLE 'HOPE FUND' DONATIONS TO HELP RESIDENTS IN CRISIS

Rolling Meadows Police Department's new "Hope Fund," established late last year to raise \$10,000 in emergency assistance funding for residents experiencing life-altering crises, has received tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

Community members interested in supporting the Hope Fund can make tax deductible donations by visiting its [GoFundMe](#) page.

"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 re-build 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," Dr. Nieves added.





Roger That (June 17th) performs a repertoire of songs from The Beatles, Johnny Cash, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Elvis Presley, and others.

## CITY, PARK DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE 'DOUBLE DOSE' OF MUSIC AT SUMMER'S FRIDAYS ROCK! CONCERTS

Community members who attend this summer's *Fridays ROCK! & Roll in Meadows* concerts in Kimball Hill Park will enjoy more music at each show, as the City partners with Rolling Meadows Park District to double the number of bands scheduled to perform at the June 17th, July 15th, and September 9th events.

"Securing the Park District's support for this year's program ensures that guests will enjoy a 'double dose' of the best live music around," explained Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager and Community Events Foundation liaison. "We are grateful for that partnership and look forward to seeing everyone at the shows!"



Catch Anthem Friday, September 9th.

Groups performing on this summer's *Fridays ROCK!* circuit include:

### Friday, June 17th

- Roger That ("California surf, British invasion, American rockabilly"); 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- Student Body ("Party anthems from the 80s, 90s, and now"); 7:30 – 10:00 pm

### Friday, July 15th

- The Jolly Ringwalds ("A neon carousel of 80s celebration"); 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- Hello Weekend ("High energy, hit-performing party band"); 7:30 – 10:00 pm

### Friday, September 9th

- Shadow's Edge ("Classic hard rock, 1970s & beyond"); 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- Anthem ("A classic rock music experience"); 7:30 – 10:00 pm

View a complete listing of upcoming City events at [www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events](http://www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events).



Hello Weekend hits the stage Friday, July 15th.



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Monday – Friday

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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
Community Development	847-506-6030
Finance/Utility Billing	847-394-8500
Public Works	847-963-0500
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	847-590-7867
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1

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