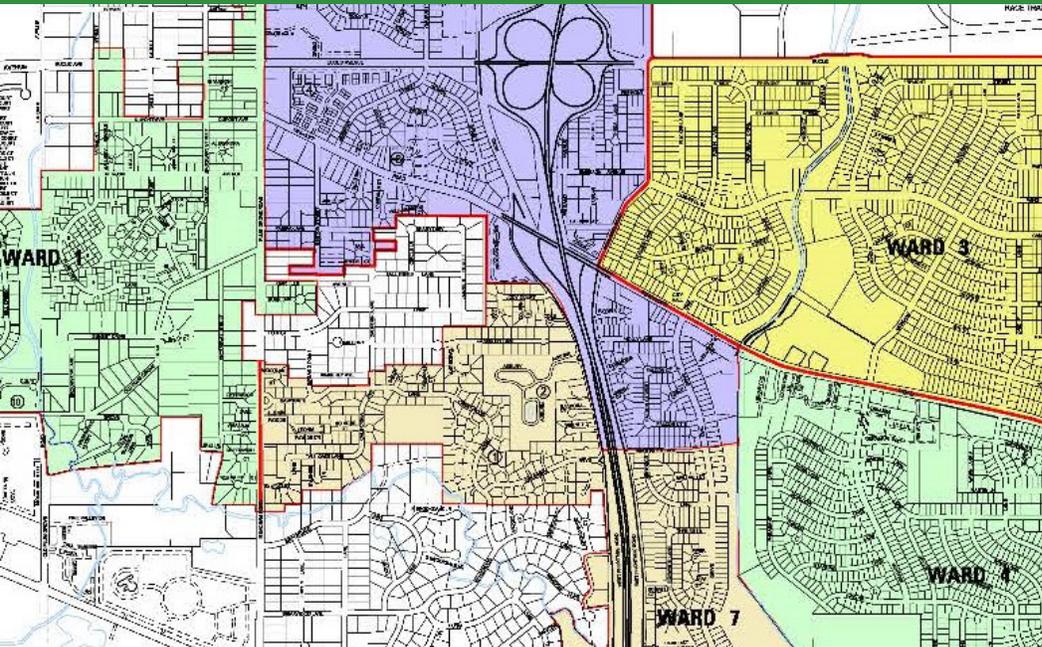


# NEWS & VIEWS

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New ward boundaries align with updated population figures tallied during the 2020 census. Complete descriptions of each ward's boundaries, and an updated ward map, are available on the City's website ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)).

## UPDATED WARD MAPS ALIGN WITH 2020 CENSUS

Aldermen have approved revisions to Rolling Meadows' ward boundaries that align with updated population figures tallied during the 2020 census and assure equal representation of City residents.

- Taking the portion of Ward 6 bound by East Frontage Road, Central Road, and Brookmeade Drive; and Magnolia Drive (east side of the road) and Algonquin Road, and adding it to Ward 7.

The updates, required by the United States and Illinois Constitutions, ensure that each of the City's seven wards has no more or less than 10% of the average population of 3,457.

The boundaries of Wards 2, 3, 4, and 5 remain unchanged.

Complete descriptions of each ward's boundaries, and an updated ward map, are available on the City's website ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)).



The redistricting consists of two changes that affect the boundaries of Wards 1, 6, and 7 by:

- Taking the area bound by Meacham Road and California Avenue from Ward 1 and adding it to Ward 7. Ward 7's boundaries now extend to Meacham Road to encompass the Dawngate neighborhood.

## REFUSE REMINDERS

**Early Refuse Set-out Begins Nov. 1st**  
Beginning Tuesday, November 1st, residents may place refuse and recycling carts at the curb after 3:00 pm (instead of the standard 6:00 pm) the day prior to their scheduled pick-up, as part of the City's "early refuse set-out" program. Early refuse set-out runs through March 2023.

**Yard Waste Collection Ends Dec. 2nd**  
Seasonal yard waste collection services provided by Public Works will conclude Friday, December 2nd. Residents should place yard waste in craft paper bags at the curb – separate from household waste – for pickup on their regular collection date. Crews will begin collecting yard waste again next spring.

### Holiday Refuse Schedule 2022

- **Thanksgiving:** Public Works will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24th, and Friday, Nov. 25th. Regular Thursday and Friday refuse/recycling routes will be delayed one day.
- **Christmas Eve/Christmas Day:** Public Works will be closed Friday, Dec. 23rd, and Monday, Dec. 26th. City crews will provide early refuse collection both days. Place carts at the curb by 6:00 am.
- **New Year's Eve:** Public Works will be closed Friday, Dec. 30th. Crews will provide early refuse collection. Place carts at the curb by 6:00 am.

For more information, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit the Department's page on the Rolling Meadows website ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)).

## NOVEMBER 4TH VETERANS DINNER TO HELP FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS RECONNECT

Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner has helped local veterans reconnect with fellow service members since its inception in 2003.

This year's gathering will take place Friday, November 4th, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, at Meridian Banquet & Conference Center (1701 West Algonquin Road).

Resident veterans and a guest will enjoy a multi-course meal, live performances by the Northwest Concert Band, pre-dinner appetizers, cash bar, raffle prizes, and more. Admission is free.

Veterans who have attended these dinners in the past automatically receive an invitation to this annual event.

Those who have not taken part in previous celebrations but would like to join this year's gathering may contact Lori Ciezak, Staff Liaison to the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee, at [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org) or 847-394-8500 x 1002.

Newcomers will be added to a registry of Rolling Meadows veterans curated by the City's Veterans Committee.



Photo courtesy of Jerry Inselberger

Air Force Veteran Jerry Inselberger and his Honor Flight guardian, Brandi, pose for photos at the U.S. Air Force Memorial, Arlington, VA.

## HONOR FLIGHT EXPERIENCE HAS PROFOUND IMPACT ON ROLLING MEADOWS RESIDENT, AIR FORCE VETERAN

Long-time Rolling Meadows resident Jerry Inselberger was fortunate to take part in a whirlwind journey to our nation's capital last year as part of Honor Flight Chicago, an organization that provides World War II, Korea, and Vietnam era veterans with a "Day of Honor" in Washington, D.C.

It was an experience he calls "one of the most profound of my life."

"I get choked up every time I talk about it," he told *News & Views*, his voice cracking with emotion as he described the adventure he took with more than 100 other veterans on September 12th, 2021.

Inselberger's day began with a pre-dawn flight from Midway Airport to Dulles International Airport in Virginia. Each veteran was paired with a "guardian," who helped guide them through crowds of cheering spectators to a charter bus that whisked them to Washington, D.C. – complete with police escort, courtesy of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department.

"We made the trip in practically no time, thanks to our police escort," Inselberger recalled. "We drove past the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery and then traveled to the U.S. Air Force Memorial, where we observed an Air Force Rifle Team demonstration and

noted the section of the Pentagon that was rebuilt after 9/11."

Coincidentally, Inselberger's Honor Flight took place exactly 55 years after his discharge from the U.S. Air Force.

Upon their arrival in D.C., Honor Flight members departed the bus to explore the sites, including the World War II monument, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. After a quick lunch, Inselberger and his fellow Honor Flight veterans visited the National Air and Space Museum at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Virginia. It was an exciting, eventful day for all involved.

Inselberger didn't bother trying to sleep on the flight home that evening. He was physically exhausted, but his mind was racing. Little did he know that there was one more surprise awaiting the Honor Flight members: Mail Call.

"We received oversized envelopes filled with cards thanking us for our service from children, families, and community groups across the country. It was so emotional. I cried like a baby," he recalled as his voice cracked once again.

As a member of the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee, Inselberger returned the favor by writing a let-  
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ter on the committee's behalf to be included in "Mail Calls" delivered to veterans on future Honor Flights.

More than a year later, Inselberger still keeps in touch with his guardian, Brandi, who lives with her husband at the US Army Garrison (USAG), Vicenza, Italy. He also reminisces about that day while looking through a commemorative photo album that highlights his Honor Flight experiences.

"There was incredible camaraderie among everyone – both veterans and our guardians – and a shared pride in our respective service," he explained. "It was truly a once in a lifetime experience – one I am so thankful to have been a part of."

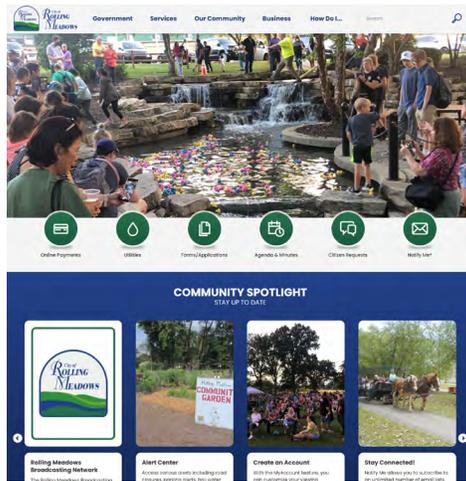


Photo courtesy of Jerry Inselberger

*Cheering crowds offer a rousing airport welcome to Inselberger and his fellow Honor Flight members.*

Visit [www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org) to learn more about how Honor Flight recognizes veterans' bravery and service.

**'NEW LOOK' WEBSITE SET FOR NOVEMBER 3RD DEBUT**



Starting November 3rd, users will notice a fresh new look for the City's website ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)).

The updated platform incorporates a more streamlined layout and improved navigation features to help residents find the information they seek.

Chief Information Officer Waseem Khan says the redesign will enhance the City's ability to provide news and information to community members.

The website was last updated in 2015.

**DECEMBER 4TH LIBRARY PROGRAM TO FEATURE AUTHOR, CITY CHRONICLER ESTHER PERICA**

Historical Society members are pleased to welcome author Esther Perica, who wrote a comprehensive history of Rolling Meadows in the late 1970s, for a presentation at the Rolling Meadows Library on Sunday, December 4th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Perica's *They Took the Challenge: A History of Rolling Meadows* was first

published in 1979, to coincide with the City's 25th anniversary of incorporation the following year.

The event is free and open to the public. Residents planning to attend should make reservations with the Rolling Meadows Historical Society (847-577-7086) in advance.

**COLLECTION BOX FOR OLD, WORN AMERICAN FLAGS INSTALLED AT CITY HALL**

Residents unsure of how to properly dispose of old and worn American flags may take them to a new collection box outside City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road).

Flags placed in the collection box will be retired at a ceremony hosted by the Veterans Committee on Flag Day (June 14th).

The project was an initiative of the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee, with financial support provided by Northrop Grumman Corporation. Rolling Meadows-based Suburban Accents created the box's graphics.

The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k states "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

For information on U.S. Flag protocol, please visit [www.usa.gov/flag](http://www.usa.gov/flag).



# NOVEMBER 2022

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Access upcoming City Council and volunteer committee meeting agendas at <a href="http://www.cityrm.org">www.cityrm.org</a> .		<b>1</b> Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm <i>Early refuse set-out begins.</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2:00 pm	<b>4</b> Veterans Dinner, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Meridian Banquets	<b>5</b>
					Pumpkin Compost Collection, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Saturday, Public Works	
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm	<b>8</b> <i>ELECTION DAY</i> Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Adjudication Hearing, 1:00 pm	<b>11</b> <i>VETERANS DAY</i> City offices closed. Crews will conduct regular refuse/recycling collection.	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am	<b>15</b> Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Water bills due</i>	<b>22</b> Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>THANKSGIVING</i> City offices closed. Refuse and recycling collection delayed one day.	<b>25</b> City offices closed. Refuse and recycling collection delayed one day.	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

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<b>WANT MORE NEWS?</b> Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, <i>eNews</i> , is published in February, April, June, August, October and December, and archived at <a href="http://www.cityrm.org">www.cityrm.org</a> .				<b>1</b> Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2:00 pm Holiday Celebration, 6:00 pm, Historical Museum	<b>2</b> Yard waste collection ends.	<b>3</b> Holiday Food Drive, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Jewel/Osco (3000 Kirchoff Rd)
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# CITY'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MUSEUM CELEBRATE MILESTONE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

*By Fred Vogt, President, Rolling Meadows Historical Society*

The Rolling Meadows Historical Museum, along with the Historical Society that operates it, has become part of the community's fabric since first opening its doors on July 4th, 2002. A generation of City residents have grown up with access to in-house exhibits and educational programs specifically designed to preserve Rolling Meadows' rich history. Moreover, these efforts allow us to share the experiences of the founding residents who helped incorporate Rolling Meadows in the mid-1950s and drove its growth and development.

Even for many of us who experienced the Museum's opening first-hand, it can be difficult to recall the groundswell of community support that led to its creation.

## Grassroots Effort

The push to establish a historical museum first took shape in the late 1990s. Beatrice O'Halloran, one of the City's earliest residents, had a vision for a museum that would tell the story of the City's first home buyers and the company that, for all intents and purposes, built the community: Kimball Hill Homes.

In 1999, the City formed an ad hoc historical committee comprised of volunteers to help develop ideas and concepts for a museum. Among them was a proposal to "build a replica of an original 1950s Kimball Hill home that would give visitors a sense of what the City's first homes were like." This became the vision that guided the Museum's construction three years later.



*Authentic Museum decor takes visitors "back in time."*



*The Rolling Meadows Historical Museum at 3100 Central Road is a replica of a 1950s-era Kimball Hill home.*

Once it began, the project's momentum continued to generate public interest with a series of milestone events. Over 100 "Founders" took part in a June 9th, 2001 groundbreaking ceremony at 3100 Central Road – the site selected for the future Rolling Meadows Historical Museum.

The Museum's construction began on January 9th, 2002. The project was funded with the help of a \$100,000 state grant, a \$25,000 donation by Kimball Hill Homes, and other community donations.

Meanwhile, a core group of founding residents established the Rolling Meadows Historical Society on March 14th, 2002. Its first elected leaders were Kathy Brightwell (President), Bea O'Halloran (First Vice President), Kathy Kwandras (Second Vice President), Bev Keagle (Secretary), and then-Alderman and future Mayor Tom Rooney (Treasurer).

Society members spearheaded a collection program to gather authentic 1950s-era memorabilia. These furniture pieces and appliances – many of which had been gathering dust in residents' garages and attics – would become decorative fixtures of the new Museum.

After years of planning, effort, and community collaboration, Rolling Meadows fulfilled Bea O'Halloran's vision. The Museum's grand opening ceremony was a key component of the City's 2002 Independence Day festivities.

## Community Staple

Since those pioneering days, the Historical Society and Museum have become important community contributors. The Society is a proud co-sponsor of the City's annual Duck Race. It has also hosted a variety of fundraisers involving commemorative plates, holiday ornaments, 1950s recipe books, and more.

The Historical Museum serves as the backdrop for Rolling Meadows' annual December "Holiday Celebration," and also hosts seasonal open house events throughout the year.

The Museum's Education Center (located in the historical house's "garage") continues to house rotating exhibits that focus on a range of historical topics – from City operations to 1950s national and world affairs.

More than 20 years on, and after welcoming visitors from around the world, the promise of the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum still rings true:

The Museum embodies the pride and spirit of the first families that moved to Rolling Meadows. When visitors walk through its doors, they are stepping back in time."

We invite residents of all ages to visit the Museum and learn more about our City's unique history. For hours of operation and other information, visit [www.the1950shouse.com](http://www.the1950shouse.com) or call 847-577-7086.





## SEASON'S GREETINGS! CITY TO HOST DECEMBER 1ST HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Community members will gather Thursday, December 1st, 6:00 pm, for one of Rolling Meadows' most time-honored traditions: the City's annual Holiday Celebration.

Join family, friends, and neighbors for this festive seasonal event at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road).

Santa and Mrs. Claus will even make a special trip from the North Pole to help celebrate the occasion.

Event highlights will include:

- Ceremonial lighting of the City's majestic Holiday Tree.
- Horse-drawn sleigh and wagon rides along Barker Avenue.

- DJ-led holiday music and sing-alongs.
- Tours of the 1950s-themed Historical Museum.
- Caroling performances by local community groups.
- Treats for kids (*while supplies last*).

The City will close off Barker Avenue and portions of Central Road to traffic during the event to ensure attendees' safety.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager/Community Events Foundation Liaison (847-394-8500 x1002 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org)).

## SUPPORT POLICE DEPT.'S HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Help the Rolling Meadows Police "haul away hunger" Saturday, December 3rd, when the Department hosts its 7th annual Holiday Food Drive.



**FILL THE HUMVEE TO HAUL AWAY HUNGER!**

Department members will collect non-perishable food and personal care items at Jewel/Osco (3000

Kirchoff Road) between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Financial donations will also be accepted. Residents are welcome to volunteer their time in support of the drive.

Donations will be delivered to Palatine Township Food Pantry to help area families in need over the holidays.

For more information, contact Commander Mike Fior ([fiorm@cityrm.org](mailto:fiorm@cityrm.org)) or call the Police Department's 24-hour non-emergency desk (847-255-2416).

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Monday - Friday**



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## CITY ENLISTS IN TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM



Rolling Meadows is proud to support the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's 75th annual Toys for Tots program. This year's toy drive will take place Monday, November 7th – Friday, December 16th.

Bring new, unwrapped toys and games to drop boxes at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Donations will be collected and distributed to families in need.

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