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SEVENTH ANNUAL POLICE DEPARTMENT FOOD DRIVE TO HELP 'HAUL AWAY HOLIDAY HUNGER,' DECEMBER 3RD

Help Rolling Meadows Police "haul away hunger" Saturday, December 3rd, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, when the Department hosts its 7th annual Holiday Food Drive. All donations will benefit the Palatine Township Food Pantry.

Residents may bring non-perishable food items to the collection site, located in front of Jewel/Osco (3000 Kirchoff Road). Donors may also purchase food and personal care items at Jewel on the day of the event, using shopping lists provided by RMPD members.

"The shopping lists make it simple and convenient for community members to support the Food Drive," Commander Mike Fior explained. "More importantly, they ensure that residents are able to donate specific items the food pantry needs most."

Financial donations will also be accepted on-site, and residents are invited to volunteer their time in support of the drive.

For more information, please contact Commander Fior (fiorm@cityrm.org) or 847-394-8500).

DONATION REQUESTS

- **Personal hygiene products** – razors, shaving gel/cream, deodorant, and body wash
- **Non-perishable food** – canned soups and vegetables, granola bars, crackers, peanut butter, and pasta sauce
- **Condiments** – ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise
- **Pet food** – dry and canned

'KEEP THE WREATH RED' PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS HOLIDAY FIRE DANGERS

Festive wreaths on display at Rolling Meadows fire stations throughout the holidays are centerpieces of the "Keep the Wreath Red" program, a public awareness initiative that encourages residents to prevent fires caused by seasonal decorations.

The wreaths at Stations 15 (3201 Algonquin Road) and 16 (2340 Hicks Road) begin the season illuminated with red bulbs. Firefighters will replace these with a white bulb for each fire in Rolling Meadows caused by holiday decor.



"The wreaths are a reminder that home fires pose a danger to family members of all ages – even during the holidays," Fire Chief Pete Sutter explained. "Let's all work together to keep our families safe this season."

To help keep those wreaths red, Rolling Meadows firefighters encourage residents to:

- Carefully inspect all holiday light strings and discard any with frayed cords or loose connections.

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SUPPORT TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION DRIVE DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH DEC. 16TH

"The perfect toy means the world to a child in need." – Toys for Tots

The United States Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program has helped spread seasonal joy to millions of needy children across the country since 1947, and there's still time to help a child's make holiday wishes come true in 2022.



Between now and Friday, December 16th, bring new, unwrapped toys and games to City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Collection boxes provided by the Marines are available at both locations.

For more information, or to make a monetary or "virtual toybox" donation, please visit www.toysfortots.org.

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Santa and Mrs. Claus, shown here waving to Celebration-goers, were VIP guests at last year's event.

CITY TO WELCOME HOLIDAY SEASON DECEMBER 1ST WITH TREE LIGHTING, SLEIGH RIDES, AND MORE

The ceremonial lighting of Rolling Meadows' Holiday Tree may be the "main event" of the City's 2022 Holiday Celebration, but there is plenty of other excitement in store for what is sure to be a magical evening.

Join fellow community members Thursday, December 1st, at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road). Festivities will begin at 6:00 pm.

Other activities and attractions planned for the evening include:

- Horse-drawn sleigh and wagon rides along Barker Avenue.
- Music & sing-alongs with DJ Jules.

- Caroling performances by the Rolling Meadows High School Madrigal Singers.
- Special visit by Santa & Mrs. Claus.
- Tours of the 1950s-themed Historical Museum.
- Treats and giveaways for kids (*while supplies last*).
- Free hot cocoa, courtesy of the Good News in the Neighborhood truck.

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

This year's Holiday Celebration is sponsored by our friends at **Village Bank & Trust**.

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- Turn off all holiday lights when leaving the house or going to sleep each night.
- Keep candles away from combustible materials, such as clothing and curtains. Never leave burning candles unattended. *Note: Fire Department officials discourage residents from using traditional/open flame candles.*
- Keep tree stands full of water to prevent live trees from drying out. If using an artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.
- Place trees away from heat sources and a safe distance from exits.

For more information on holiday fire safety, call the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352, visit the Department's [web page](#), and follow RMFD on [Facebook](#).



'BUZZ' WEBSITE HELPS RESIDENTS SHOP LOCALLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The RM Business Buzz (www.rmbusinessbuzz.org) makes it simpler than ever for residents to shop locally this holiday season.

The Buzz is a City-sponsored initiative designed to help shoppers connect with the local business community. It allows users to search for more than 760 businesses by name or review company listings organized into specific categories.



Shop Local, Save Money

In addition, users may visit the Buzz's "Special Offers" section to access local business coupons and deals.

"From 'Big Box' retailers and restaurants to independent shops and galleries, Rolling Meadows businesses offer an expansive variety of products and services," explained Martha Corner, Rolling Meadows' Business Advocate. "The Buzz serves as a plat-



form to help residents access these local goods and services and, in many cases, save money – all while embracing the convenience of shopping locally."

Sales Taxes Fund City Operations

Supporting local businesses offers advantages that go well beyond exceptional service, convenience, and selection: it also boosts sales tax revenues that help fund City operations and reduces reliance on residents' property taxes.



CLERK'S OFFICE SERVES AS KEEPER OF ROLLING MEADOWS RECORDS

Did You Know?

The City Clerk's Office serves as the keeper of all official Rolling Meadows records, including ordinances and resolutions approved by City Council, meeting minutes, and other certified documents.



By statute, the Clerk's Office complies with the Local Records Act, Freedom of Information Act, Open Meetings Act, and Consolidated Election Law.

It also "provides service to the City and its residents regarding the City's official records, adjudication hearings, video gaming/liquor licensing, backyard hen licensing, block party permits, and administrative duties," as noted on the City's website.

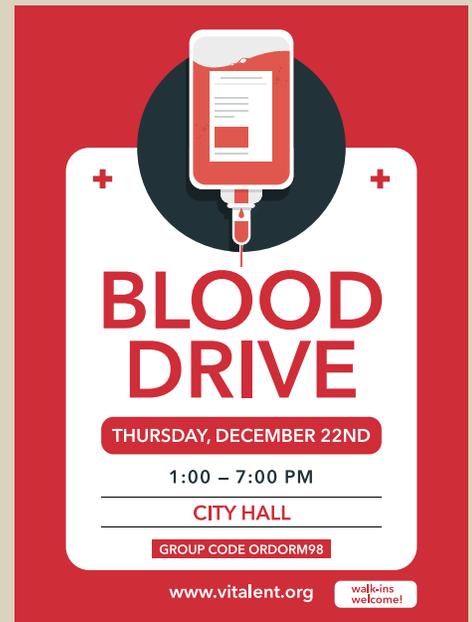
Cook County Keeps Vital Records

Residents submitting requests for non-City records, including voter registration services and birth, marriage, or death certificates, should contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-5656 or visit www.cookcountyclerk.gov.

CITY TO HOST 12/22 HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Vitalant will host a holiday blood drive on Thursday, December 22nd, 1:00 – 7:00 pm, at City Hall. It's an opportunity for residents to give the most wonderful gift of all: the gift of life.

To register, contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or schedule an appointment online at www.vitalant.org (use group code ORDORM98). Walk-ins are also welcome at the event.



Blood Donation Facts

- Every day, U.S. healthcare facilities need approximately 20,000 units of red blood cells, 6,500 units of plasma, and 5,000 units of platelets.
- Daily personal emergencies and ongoing medical needs require a constant and readily available blood supply. It's the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives.

Source: Vitalant



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

12/1: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2:00 pm; **Holiday Celebration**, 6:00 pm, Historical Museum

12/2: **Yard waste collection ends**. Service will resume next spring.

12/3: **RMPD Holiday Food Drive**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Jewel/Osco (3000 Kirchoff Rd)

12/5: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

12/6: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

12/7: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

12/8: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1:00 pm

12/12: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am

12/13: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

12/15: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2:00 pm

12/18: **Hanukkah begins**

12/19: **Candidate filing deadline (2023 Consolidated Election)**

12/20: **Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm; **Water bills due**

12/23: **City offices closed. Early refuse/recycling pick-up.**

12/24: **Christmas Eve**

12/25: **Christmas**

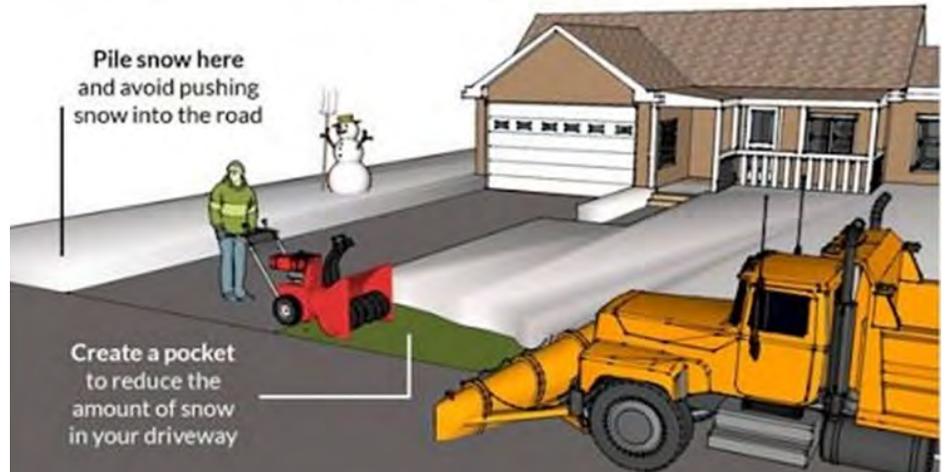
12/26: **Kwanzaa; City offices closed. Early refuse/recycling pick-up.**

12/27: **City offices closed. Early refuse/recycling pick-up.**

12/31: **New Year's Eve**. Regular refuse collection.

How Can I Keep Snow Out of my Driveway?

Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:



TEAMWORK KEY TO EFFECTIVENESS OF CITY'S SEASONAL SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Public Works Department's policy of completely clearing City streets of snow and ice after winter storms is a team effort, with residents playing a key role in ensuring that Rolling Meadows streets are the envy of the northwest suburbs after blustery Chicago storms.

Following are a few simple tips to help plow drivers deliver faster, more responsive service – and ensure public safety:

- **Observe winter parking bans** – Parking on City streets is prohibited for eight hours following a snowfall of at least one inch. This helps plow drivers clear roads more quickly without having to avoid parked vehicles.
- **Keep fire hydrants clear of snow** – Uncovering fire hydrants after it

snows may save lives. In emergency situations, firefighters' ability to quickly access fire hydrants helps reduce the risk of injury and property damage.

- **Shovel snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street** – Shoveling snow into the street is counterproductive and dangerous to drivers. That snow will also likely be pushed right back onto your driveway by passing plows.

Instead, shovel snow to the right side of the driveway (while facing the street) and clear a "pocket" on the left side of the driveway (see illustration). This area will collect snow that accumulates in front of plows and limit the amount that ends up back on the driveway.

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE: CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

- **Christmas Eve/Christmas:** Public Works will be closed Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th. Crews will provide early refuse and recycling collection. Place all refuse at the curb by

6:00 am on both days.

- **New Year's:** Public Works will be closed Monday, January 2nd. Refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day all week.

For more information, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit the Department's webpage (www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works).

MEET CITY BIOGRAPHER ESTHER PERICA AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DECEMBER 4TH EVENT

Join members of the Rolling Meadows Historical Society on Sunday, December 4th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, for an oral history discussion featuring author and City biographer Esther Perica. The event will be held at the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane).

Rolling Meadows Historical Society



The 1950s House

Perica will share insights and discuss her experiences as she chronicled Rolling Meadows' first quarter century in *They Took the Challenge: The Story of Rolling Meadows*, which was published in 1979.

"In 1975, Library Director Judith Drescher asked Esther if she was interested in writing a book on the history of Rolling Meadows. The only directive was to 'have books ready to unpack by the City's 25th anniversary' in 1980," Historical Society President Fred Vogt explained.

"This presentation will detail how, in a pre-Internet era and before there was a local historical society or even a local history collection at the library, Esther used her previous experiences as a writer and the research tools available at the time to complete the manuscript and meet her publishing deadline. It's a fascinating story," he added.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is also a 20th anniversary celebration of the Historical Society's founding in 2002.

Residents planning to attend are encouraged to make reservations with the Rolling Meadows Historical Society (847-577-7086) in advance.

ASK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: ADDRESS NUMBERS

Ask Community Development is a periodic feature that provides answers to common questions customers may have about home improvement projects, as well as Community Development operations and services.

Q. In what situations are address numbers required and why?

A. Address numbers are important identifiers for single- and multi-family residences, retail shops and stores, and commercial and industrial business properties. Specifically, they help rescue personnel respond to emergencies.



property, and contrast with/stand out from their background.

Each character must be at least 4 inches high with a minimum width of one-half inch. Numbers should not be spelled out.

City code requires that all buildings have approved address identification. Numbers must be legible, placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the

For more information on Community Development services, please visit www.cityrm.org/148/Community-Development.

SUBMIT PETITIONS FOR APRIL 2023 ELECTION BY DECEMBER 19TH

Residents running for local office in next spring's Consolidated Election must file their completed candidate petitions at City Hall by 5:00 pm on Monday, December 19th.

Filing begins at 8:00 am on Monday, December 12th.



City offices that will be contested on the April 4th, 2023 ballot are:

- Mayor (4-year term).
- 1st Ward Alderman (4-year term).
- 3rd Ward Alderman (4-year term).
- 5th Ward Alderman (4-year term).
- 7th Ward Alderman (4-year term).
- City Clerk (4-year term).

Candidates must have lived in Rolling Meadows for at least one year and, if running for City Council, reside in the ward they seek to represent.

For more information, contact the State Board of Elections (312-814-6440 or www.elections.state.il.gov) or the Cook County Clerk's Office (www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections).

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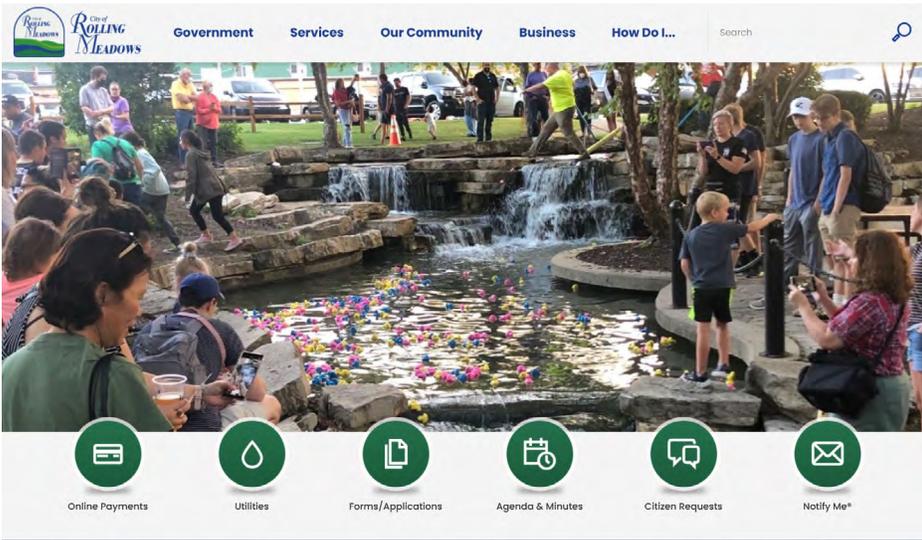


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UPDATED WEBSITE REMAINS IMPORTANT TOOL IN CITY'S COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM INVENTORY

Rolling Meadows unveiled a fresh new look for the City's website (www.cityrm.org) in November. The updated platform incorporates a more



streamlined layout and improved navigation features to help residents find the information they seek.

City officials are confident the redesign will also improve their ability to deliver news and updates to community members.

Moving forward, the website remains an informational clearinghouse for residents and local businesses.

Highlights include:

- Round-the-clock access to the City's utility billing self-service portal.
- Upcoming City Council meeting agendas and minutes from past meetings.
- Community "spotlight," featuring important news and late-breaking updates.
- Calendars of upcoming meetings and events.
- Online citizen service requests.
- Forms and applications (including permits and operating licenses).
- Archived issues of *News & Views*, *eNews*, and other City publications.
- Details on Rolling Meadows' volunteer boards and commissions.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Mon Nov. 14
Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting
[Read on...](#)

Wed Dec. 7
Planning & Zoning Commission
[Read on...](#)

Thu Feb. 23
Blood Drive
[Read on...](#)

Mon Dec. 5
Economic Development Committee
[Read on...](#)

Mon Dec. 12
Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Meeting
[Read on...](#)

Fri Apr. 14
Fire Pension Board
[Read on...](#)

Tue Dec. 6
Environmental Committee
[Read on...](#)

Fri Jan. 20
Fire Pension Board
[Read on...](#)

Thu Apr. 27
Blood Drive
[Read on...](#)

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CONTACT CITY OFFICIALS
City Hall Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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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INQUIRE ABOUT CITY SERVICES

Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

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