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NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE PORTAL IMPROVES CUSTOMER SERVICE & CONVENIENCE

Customers may now check the status of permit applications, renew business and rental licenses, request inspections, and apply for zoning variances (including special uses and planned developments) through a new online platform launched by the Community Development Department (CDD).

Access the web-based service module and create a user account by visiting www.cityrm.org/148/Community-Development.

“The online portal brings Community Development services to customers 24/7 - whenever residents or businesses need to reach us,” explained Elizabeth Kwandras, CDD’s Deputy Director. “The platform allows customers to upload documents, pay fees, check the status of in-process permit applications, and more without having to call or visit City Hall.”

Future upgrades to the web-based system will let users apply for permits remotely, submit requests for service (including property maintenance complaints), and more.

The platform will also boost the Department’s operational efficiency by streamlining the flow of, and access to, information submitted by residential and business customers.

“This is Community Development in real time...enabling our customers to engage with us when it’s most convenient for them,” Kwandras added.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department (cd@cityrm.org or 847-506-6030).

CITY TO HOST FEBRUARY 23RD BLOOD DRIVE

Support life-saving medical care at hospitals and health centers throughout the region during a community blood drive scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd, 1:00–7:00 pm, at City Hall.

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

Did You Know?

- 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

FIRE DEPT. LOGISTICS COORDINATOR NAMED CITY'S HR SPECIALIST



Lisa Norton

Rolling Meadows' new Human Resources Specialist is no stranger to the City or its nearly 200 employees. In fact, she's been one of their colleagues for the past seven years.

Lisa Norton, who previously worked as Logistics Coordinator at the Rolling Meadows Fire Department, found herself thinking about possibly forging a new career path after earning a master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Northern Illinois University.

But she also loved working in Rolling Meadows and enjoyed the camaraderie she had built with other staff members – both in the RMFD and other City departments.

"I was torn," she recalled. "I was very happy at the Fire Department but wondered if I should explore what else might be out there. Fortunately, the HR Specialist position became available and it was too good to pass up."

Norton succeeds Joyce DeLeon, who retired in December 2022 after serving Rolling Meadows for 27 years. In the months leading up to her last day, DeLeon worked closely with Norton to ensure a seamless transition.

"Joyce was extremely helpful in terms of showing me the ropes and getting me acclimated. I'll always be thankful for her guidance and assistance," Norton explained.

As she begins the next phase of her career, Norton is excited for the chance to work, learn, and grow with the City and her fellow team members.

"There is a comfort in having familiarity with the employees and knowing they support me as we all take this next step together," she added.

APRIL ELECTION PREVIEW

LARA SANOICA TO BECOME CITY'S NEXT MAYOR



Lara Sanoica

Seventh Ward Alderman Lara Sanoica will run unopposed for the office of Rolling Meadows Mayor in the April 4th Consolidated Election, in which voters will also select City Council members for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wards.

Sanoica, who has represented Ward 7 residents since her election in 2019, will become the youngest person – and first woman – to be elected Rolling Meadows Mayor in the City's 68-year history.

Current Mayor Joe Gallo, also elected in 2019, declined to run for a second term.

CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT

Following is a list of the candidates who will appear on the April 4th election ballot:

Mayor

Lara Sanoica

1st Ward Alderman

Karen McHale (incumbent)

3rd Ward Alderman

Kevin O'Brien (incumbent)

5th Ward Alderman

Jon Bisesi (incumbent)

Stefanie Boucher

7TH WARD VACANCY

No one submitted a petition to run for 7th Ward Alderman, which means the Council seat will be vacant following Sanoica's swearing-in as mayor. In accordance with Illinois law, the new mayor will appoint her aldermanic successor with the approval of City Council members.

For more information on the April 4th Consolidated Election, visit the website of the Cook County Clerk's Office (www.cookcounty-clerkil.gov) or call 312-603-5656.

RECYCLING HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT CITY HALL

Tired of storing old and outdated holiday lights in your basement or attic? Rolling Meadows' holiday light recycling program offers a safe, convenient way to dispose of them.



Bring holiday lights of all sizes and colors (incandescent or LED), electrical/extension cords, and wire to City Hall. Drop boxes are located at the southwest corner of the building.



This year's collection will conclude Tuesday, February 7th.

The program, co-sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (www.swancc.org) and Elgin Recycling, does not accept live greens (wreaths, trees, garland) or plastic or cardboard packaging.



New businesses help diversify the City's tax base and expand local shopping/service options for residents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECAP
CITY WELCOMES 51 NEW BUSINESSES IN 2022

Fifty-one new businesses put down roots in Rolling Meadows last year, which helped strengthen its economy and expand local shopping, dining, and entertainment choices for residents.



The City has welcomed more than 225 new businesses in a variety of fields over the past five years, including industry leaders in:

- Health care
- Publishing
- Educational services
- Information technology (IT)
- Automotive repair
- Technology consulting

It has also found continued success attracting new retail and restaurant options.

“Rolling Meadows’ well-established reputation as a business-friendly community helps attract new companies that expand available shopping and service options for residents,” Business Development Manager Martha Corner explained. “Meanwhile, these additions help diversify the City’s tax base and reduce the burden on residents to fund essential services. Diversification also helps limit our risk in the event of an economic downturn,” she added.

From independent merchants to Fortune 500 corporations, Rolling Meadows is home to many of the world’s leading companies, including Arthur J. Gallagher (insurance brokerage/risk management), Northrop Grumman (aerospace and defense), Panasonic (technology), Verizon Wireless (cell phones), and Weichai America (diesel engine manufacturing).

Find a complete listing of businesses that opened in Rolling Meadows over the past several years at www.cityrm.org/706/New-Businesses.

NEW GRANT PROGRAM TO HELP BUSINESSES ENHANCE CURB APPEAL

A new economic development grant program approved by City Council members in December is designed to help commercial businesses improve the overall appearance of their properties and make non-residential neighborhoods throughout the City more inviting, Rolling Meadows Business Development Manager Martha Corner reports.

The Curb Appeal Grant Program will reimburse eligible business or property owners up to 50% of costs they incur (\$25,000 maximum) when adding/expanding outdoor seating capacity or upgrading a property’s landscaping.

“The goal of this program is to improve the ‘feel’ of non-residential neighborhoods by supporting businesses that enhance the curb appeal of their properties,” Corner explained.

Project costs that are eligible for grant reimbursement are limited to structural demolition, labor, materials, and equipment required for installing outdoor seating areas or making landscaping improvements.

Other expenses, including furniture, architectural/consultant fees, and permit costs, are not covered by the program.

City staff and members of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) will review all Curb Appeal Grant applications.

Final approval will be determined by City Council, based on recommendations provided by the EDC.

Applications and instructions are available at www.cityrm.org/35/Business. For more information, contact Martha Corner at cornerm@cityrm.org or 847-870-9004.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

2/6: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

2/7: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

2/9: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (Red light), 1:00 pm (Code), 2:00 pm (Parking)

2/12: **Lincoln's Birthday**

2/13: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am

2/14: **Valentine's Day Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

2/20: **Presidents' Day; Water bills due**

2/21: **CEF Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

2/22: **Washington's Birthday**

2/28: **Veterans Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm



Join the Public Works team: openings for seasonal positions are now available.

EARN GOOD MONEY & SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY Public Works Posts Seasonal Employment Openings

Seasonal job openings posted by the Department of Public Works offer opportunities for anyone ages 18 and up to earn a competitive hourly wage, gain on-the-job experience, become part of a great team, and learn more about the important role Public Works employees play in maintaining the City's quality of life.

Help spread the word to family members, friends, and neighbors. Available positions include:

- Clerical & Customer Service,

- Engineering Intern, and,
- Maintenance (Streets & Operations, Underground Utilities/Water, and Facilities Divisions).

Visit www.cityrm.org/jobs.aspx for full job descriptions and details on how to apply. The City of Rolling Meadows is an equal opportunity employer.

Learn more about Public Works operations and services at www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works.

February 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			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				

View agendas for upcoming City Council meetings – and volunteer board and commission meetings – at www.cityrm.org.

EVENT SEASON IS COMING!

The release of Rolling Meadows' 2023 community events schedule (below) means that we're one step closer to free live music concerts, holiday celebrations and gatherings, block parties, fall festivals, and MORE.

For the latest updates and additional information, visit www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events.

CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR		COMMUNITY EVENTS FOUNDATION	
MAY 2023		AUGUST 2023	
MAY 13 SATURDAY	RM POLICE FAMILY SERVICES DAY 10:00 am-1:00 pm - 2250 Algonquin Parkway	AUGUST 1 TUESDAY	RM POLICE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 6:00 - 8:30 pm - Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive
MAY 27 SATURDAY	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 11:00 am - Starting at Meadow Drive, along Kirchoff Road	AUGUST 11 FRIDAY	FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows - Kimball Hill Park 6:00 - 7:30 pm BAND: One Foot in the Groove 8:00 - 10:00 pm BAND: Rod Tuffcurls & the Bench Press
	MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 11:30 am - Veterans Memorial Carillon - on Kirchoff Road	SEPTEMBER 2023	
JUNE 2023		SEPTEMBER 8 FRIDAY	FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows - Kimball Hill Park THEME NIGHT: "BEACH BOUND" 5:30 - 7:00 pm BAND: TBD 7:30 - 10:00 pm BAND: TBD
JUNE 3 SATURDAY	RM PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE 10:00 am-2:00 pm - 3900 Berdnick Street	SEPTEMBER 12 TUESDAY	SENIOR LUNCHEON 12:30-2:30 pm - Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive
JUNE 9 FRIDAY	BLOCK PARTY on Central Road - between Barker & Jay 5:30 - 7:00 pm BAND: Latin Groove 7:30 - 9:30 pm BAND: TBD	OCTOBER 2023	
JUNE 23 FRIDAY	FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows - Kimball Hill Park THEME NIGHT: "ROCK FROM THE AGES" 6:00 - 7:30 pm BAND: Industrial Drive 8:00 - 10:00 pm BAND: Arra	OCTOBER 7 SATURDAY	HOMETOWN HOEDOWN Fall Fest NEW HOURS: 2:00 - 8:00 pm - Kimball Hill Park NEW BAND: 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Hillbilly Rockstarz
JULY 2023		OCTOBER 14 SATURDAY	FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Station #15, 3201 W. Algonquin Road
JULY 4 TUESDAY	4th of JULY PARADE 11:30 am - OWL DRIVE Parade Route	NOVEMBER 2023	
	4th of JULY FIREWORKS 9:15 pm or dusk - Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive	NOVEMBER 10 FRIDAY	VETERANS DINNER 5:30 - 8:30 pm - Meridian Banquets - 1701 W. Algonquin Road
JULY 14 FRIDAY	FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows - Kimball Hill Park THEME NIGHT: "50's & 60's" 6:00 - 7:30 pm BAND: Mike & Tracy (from Good Clean Fun) 8:00 - 10:00 pm BAND: Rosie & the Rivets	NOVEMBER 30 THURSDAY	HOLIDAY CELEBRATION (Tree Lighting) 6:00 pm - RM Historical Museum, 3100 Central Road
JULY 29 SATURDAY	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT WITH THE RM COPS 7:00 - 10:00 pm - Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive	NOTE: All 2023 City of Rolling Meadows event dates are subject to cancellation or postponement at any time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. For updated information, visit www.cityrm.org	

REGISTER FOR CITIZEN SERVICE PORTAL



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

Log into the Portal by visiting www.cityrm.org/146/Online-Payments.

First-time visitors must register for a user account. Once registered, customers will be able to:

- Receive monthly utility bills electronically (e-billing) at no charge.

Note: Customers may choose to continue receiving a paper bill at no charge.

- Make secure online payments.
- Sign up for auto bill pay.
- Look up past bills.
- View usage and payment histories (*helpful for many residents as they prepare to file their income taxes*).
- 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.

RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'TS

CAN I RECYCLE THIS?

Not sure whether a particular piece of disposable waste should be placed in your recycling cart or thrown in the trash? To help avoid confusion and protect Mother Nature, we offer this handy "at-a-glance" checklist.



YES (The following types of waste can be recycled.)

Co-mingled materials

- Aluminum & steel cans
- Plastic soup containers
- Bi-metal cans
- Plastic water/soda/juice bottles
- Liquid detergent bottles
- Microwave trays
- Milk jugs
- Plastics (#s 1-5 & 7)
- Glass

Fiber materials

- Bond paper (white/colored)
- Computer paper
- Calculator tape
- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Legal pad/notebook paper
- Letterhead
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Cardboard

NO (Place these non-recyclables in the garbage.)

Non-Recyclable Materials

- Food & beverage waste
- Candy & snack wrappers
- Non-paper packing material
- Plastic strapping
- Rubber bands
- Stickers or labels
- Plastic/latex/rubber gloves
- K-cups
- Plastic #6
- Styrofoam
- Plastic grocery bags
- Paper coffee cups & lids
- Tissue products & napkins
- Shrink wrap & food packaging

Learn more about recycling – and the City's refuse and recycling collection program – by visiting www.cityrm.org/311/Refuse-Recycling.

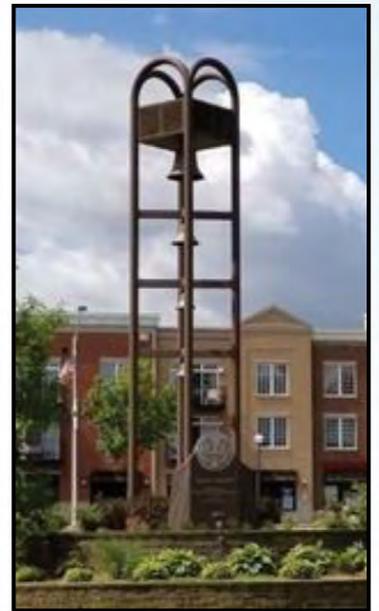
DINING GUIDE HELPS RESIDENTS ACCESS CITY'S GREAT TASTES

Rolling Meadows' online Dining Guide offers a fast, convenient way for community members to reward their palates and support local businesses.

Consider it a passport of sorts to cuisine from all corners of the globe: American, Asian, Italian, Latin, Mediterranean, and more!

Find your next great taste at www.cityrm.org/DocumentCenter/View/2586/Dining-Guide.

Your Guide to DINING in Rolling Meadows



Compliments of the
City of Rolling Meadows
January 2023



STAY INFORMED!

COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORMS DELIVER ONLINE, IN PRINT, ON TV, AND VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

Rolling Meadows' content and communications platforms help residents, businesses, and other stakeholders stay on top of everything that's happening in the City, while also promoting operational transparency and good governance.

Whatever your personal preference for receiving information may be – social media, web-based information, print/electronic newsletters, or email/text notifications – the City's content platforms have you covered:

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube are powerful tools for delivering important information and compelling narratives. Make sure to "follow" City departments on each available platform. *Click the icons below to visit each site:*

Administration



Fire Department



Police Department



Public Works



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Print editions of *News & Views* and its electronic counterpart, *eNews*, provide monthly updates on the City enterprise. The platform also offers space for additional detail on important initiatives and longer form narratives.

Find past issues archived on the Rolling Meadows website (www.cityrm.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=46).



WEBSITE

Rolling Meadows' recently updated website (www.cityrm.org) serves as the City's informational clearinghouse. Access everything from upcoming Council agendas to local restaurant listings; pay utility bills online; find contact information for all City departments; and much more.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Notify Me® feature on the City's website lets residents subscribe to, and receive updates on, topics of interest. Receive information via email or text message on topics such as construction projects, emergency alerts, department news updates, and more. Visit www.cityrm.org/list.aspx to register/subscribe.

BROADCASTING NETWORK

Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network (RMBN)

View upcoming City Council meetings, District 15 Board of Education meetings, and community event information on Channel 6 (Comcast and WOW). RMBN is also accessible on most mobile devices (visit www.cityrm.org/609/Live-Feed).

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
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- 2nd Ward Alderman
- Nick Budmats 847-202-0855
- 3rd Ward Alderman
- Kevin O'Brien 847-212-2587
- 4th Ward Alderman
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- 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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Community Development
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