

NEWS & VIEWS

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EARLY VOTING FOR APRIL 4TH ELECTION BEGINS MARCH 20TH; MAIL-IN BALLOTS ALSO AVAILABLE

Rolling Meadows residents planning to vote in the 2023 Consolidated Election don't have to wait until April 4th to cast their ballots. Options include:

- **Early Voting.** Early voting will be available Monday, March 20th through Monday, April 3rd at the Rolling Meadows Courthouse (2121 Euclid Avenue) and other sites around the area. Visit www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/early-voting/early-voting-locations for a complete list of early voting locations.
- **Vote by Mail.** Registered voters with a driver's license, state ID, or social security number on file may request a mail-in ballot. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted. Learn more at www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail.

Polling places will be open 6:00 am – 7:00 pm on April 4th for residents who prefer to vote in-person on Election Day.

To learn more about the April 4th Consolidated Election - including polling place locations - visit the website of the Cook County Clerk's Office (www.cookcountyclerkil.gov).

Find brief bios on all candidates for City office on pages 2-3.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 19th** – Last day to register to vote by online application.
- March 20th** – Early voting begins.
- March 30th** – Last day to request a mail-in ballot (including military and overseas voters).
- April 3rd** – Early voting ends.
- April 4th** – Election Day. Last day mail-in ballots can be postmarked.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS MONTHLY CPR CLASSES AT STATION 16

Earn your Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification through classes offered by the Rolling Meadows Fire Department.

Classes take place at Station 16 (2340 Hicks Road), 6:00 – 9:00 pm, on the third Wednesday of each month (except December). Sessions are led by Rolling Meadows firefighters who hold CPR Instructor accreditation from the American Heart Association.

Registration is \$40 per person. Monthly classes are limited to 10 participants.

Visit www.cityrm.org/699/Sign-Up-For-CPR-Class to register. For more information or questions, contact the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352.

2023 CPR Course Dates

**Classes take place the third Wednesday of each month, 6:00 – 9:00 pm*

March 15th	July 19th
April 19th	August 16th
May 17th	September 20th
June 21st	October 18th
	November 15th



LARA SANOICA (MAYOR)

Occupation: Financial investigator



Lara Sanoica

Education: St. Colette Elementary School; William Fremd High School; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Santiago, Chile)

Rolling Meadows resident for: 30 years

Public offices held: 7th Ward Alderman (2019 – present)

Volunteer service: Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle & Pedestrian and Transportation Committees (2019-present), Rolling Meadows Capital Projects Committee (2019-present), Rolling Meadows 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee (2018-present), WITS (2015-2019), Ladder Up (2015-2016)

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...the Rolling Meadows Library.

Three words that best describe me are...courageous, responsible, joyful.

In my spare time I like to...stroll through the City's extensive parks and pathways with my friends and family.

My favorite quotation is...*"My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness. Continue to allow humor to lighten the burden of your tender heart."* – Maya Angelou

My hero is...Sally Ride.

KAREN McHALE (WARD 1)

Occupation: Mom & Family Faith Coordinator at Holy Family Parish



Karen McHale

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Northeastern IL University

Rolling Meadows resident for: 6 years

Family members: Husband, Mike; four children: Mikie (11), Brendan (10), Maggie (8), Kevin (6)

Public offices held: 1st Ward Alderman (2021 – present)

Volunteer service: People Helping People, Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...my home and neighborhood.

Three words that best describe me are...determined, generous, understanding.

In my spare time I like to...spend time with my family.

My favorite quotation is...*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."* – Mahatma Ghandi

My hero is...my husband, Mike.



KEVIN O'BRIEN (WARD 3)

Occupation: Director – Plan Education, BlueCross BlueShield Association



Kevin O'Brien

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Business Management, Concordia University, River Forest, IL; Master of Business Administration, Marketing Management, DePaul University, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, Chicago, IL; Master of Arts in Teaching–Secondary Education, Concordia University

Rolling Meadows resident for: 17 years

Family members: Wife, Kim; daughter, Sabrina (22); son, Adam (20)

Public offices held: 3rd Ward Alderman (2019 – present); Secretary, Planning & Zoning Commission (2013-2019); President, Rolling Meadows Park District Board (2015 – 2019)

Volunteer service: Special Olympics (1999-present); RMHS Boy's Feeder Basketball Program (2013-2021); RM Youth Football and Cheer Board (2006-2013); RM Park District Baseball Board (2007-2018); RM Baseball Coach (2007-2016); School District 15 Life Safety Study Committee Member (2015); RM Park District Basketball Board (2008-2018); RM Park District Basketball Coach (2008-2013); American Youth Soccer Organization - RM (2007-2009).

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...Kimball Hill Park, which is such a beautiful place with the pond and the athletic fields. Also, my wife and I got married there!

Three words that best describe me are...approachable, outgoing, logical.

In my spare time I like to...enjoy time with my family and officiate youth and high school basketball games.

My favorite quotation is...*"Leadership is not about being the best. Leadership is about making everyone else better."*

My heroes are...my parents.

NEW MAYOR TO APPOINT 7TH WARD ALDERMAN

As the only candidate for Rolling Meadows Mayor in this year's election, current 7th Ward Alderman Lara Sanoica will appoint her successor – with City Council's consent and in accordance with Illinois law – after she is sworn-in.

This is because no candidates are running for the 7th Ward seat.

JON BISESI (WARD 5)

Occupation: Supply chain & inventory management



Jon Bisesi

Education: Bachelor of Science (Business Administration), Roosevelt University

Rolling Meadows resident for: 33 years

Family members: Wife, Donna; two sons, Joseph & Dominick

Public offices held: 5th Ward Alderman (2019 – present); Planning and Zoning Commission member (2003 – 2019, including two years as Chairman)

Volunteer service: Chaired several Independence Day parades between 1999 and 2005; former member of the Junior Chamber (Jaycees) – served as Rolling Meadows President, District and Region Director on the State Board; Willow Bend PTA member; assisted with various events for Juvenile Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis, Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Boy Scout of America, Clearbook, March of Dimes, Boys & Girls Clubs, Rolling Meadows Library; recognized for community service by the City of Rolling Meadows (Jon Bisesi Day, January 15th, 2001).

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is... watching baseball games at Kimball Hill Park.

Three words that best describe me are... integrity, dedicated, thoughtful.

In my spare time I like to... watch my son's baseball games, play cards, and watch movies.

My favorite quotation is... "Do unto others as you would like them to do to you."

My hero is... Walter Payton.

STEFANIE BOUCHER (WARD 5)

Occupation: Project Manager at Motorola Solutions



Stefanie Boucher

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Rolling Meadows resident for: 30 years

Family members: Daughter, Emma (16)

Public offices held: none

Volunteer service: Willow Bend PTA President, Carl Sandburg PTSA President, Northwest Suburban Council PTA President, Northwest Cook Region PTA Executive Board, Rolling Meadows High School Music Boosters Executive Board

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is... West Meadows Ice Arena.

Three words that best describe me are... focused, reliable, dedicated.

In my spare time I like to... travel with my daughter.

My favorite quotation is... "Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, dreams are forever." – Walt Disney

My hero is... Senator Tammy Duckworth.

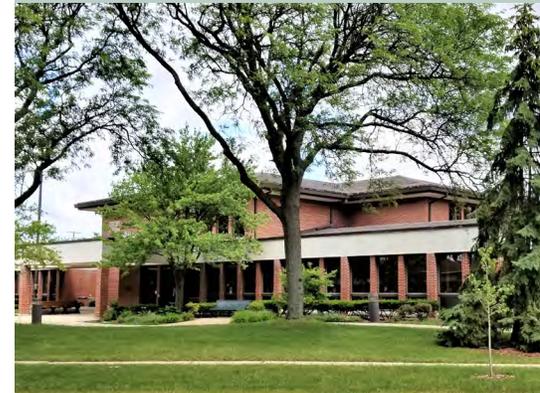
BOOK IT!

'FRIENDS' TO HOST SPRING BOOK SALE, MARCH 10TH – 12TH

Stock up on great books at great prices when the Friends of the Library group hosts its spring used book sale. The event will take place at the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane) at the following dates/times:

- Friday, March 10th: 12:00 – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, March 11th, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Sunday, March 12th, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

For more information, visit www.rmlib.org/friends.html or call 847-259-6050.



APRIL 4TH ELECTION INFORMATION

Additional information about the April 4th Consolidated Election is available at www.cookcounty-clerkil.gov.

WATCH OR STREAM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Watch City Council meetings on the Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network (Channel 6 or www.cityrm.org/520/Rolling-Meadows-Broadcasting-Network).

MARCH 2023

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE, March 10th - 12th. See page 3 for details.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	8	9 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (Red Light); 1:00 pm (Code); 2:00 pm (Parking)	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time begins. Clocks "spring" ahead one hour. Check your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.	13 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am	14 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	15	16	17 <i>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</i>	18
19	20 <i>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</i> Water bills due	21 Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	29	30	31 <i>EARLY REFUSE SET-OUT ENDS</i>	

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WANT MORE NEWS? Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, <i>eNews</i> , is published in February, April, June, August, October and December, and archived at www.cityrm.org .						1 <i>APRIL FOOLS' DAY</i>
2	3 <i>YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS</i> Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm	4 <i>ELECTION DAY</i> Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm	5 <i>PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNSET</i> Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	6	7 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	8
9 <i>EASTER</i>	10 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am	11 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	12	13 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (Red Light); 1:00 pm (Code); 2:00 pm (Parking)	14	15
16	17	18 Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee, 6:00 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm	19 <i>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</i>	20 <i>Water bills due</i>	21	22 <i>EARTH DAY</i>
23	24 Police Pension Board, 3:30 pm	25 Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm Capital Projects Committee, 6:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	26	27	28 <i>ARBOR DAY</i>	29
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CITY LOCKS IN LOWER ELECTRICITY RATES

City officials have signed a contract with Chicago-based MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (MC²) to provide electricity to residents and small businesses and deliver cost savings versus the ComEd electricity supply rate.

Electricity Supply Contract Details

Through the “municipal electrical aggregation” process that allows communities to shop for electricity rates on the open market, Rolling Meadows was able to lock in a rate of 7.25 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for a period of one year, compared to the current ComEd rate of 9.665 kWh. The rate will begin with the June billing cycle. Please note that ComEd’s rate changes twice per year, typically in June and October. The City’s previous aggregation contract ended in January.

Most Rolling Meadows customers will be enrolled in the new rate program automatically, unless they receive a

special class of service from ComEd such as hourly pricing or are under contract with another electricity supplier. MC² and ComEd will send notifications to customers within the next 60 days to provide details of the upcoming transfer. Note: MC² will never solicit customers by phone or by knocking on doors.

Customers may opt out of participating in the MC² supply program and choose ComEd (or any other provider) for electricity supply at any time without incurring early termination fees.

ComEd to Respond to Power Outages & Emergencies

While MC² will be the City’s energy provider, ComEd will continue to be responsible for the delivery of power to all Rolling Meadows customers and respond to any power outages or emergencies. Monthly bills will also be sent by ComEd.

CONFIRM PERMIT REQUIREMENTS BEFORE STARTING HOME & BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Planning home or business improvements this year? 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. Customers with approved permits gain access to building inspection services

and other City resources that ensure all work is done properly and meets safety code requirements.

Contact the Community Development Department (847-506-6030 or cd@cityrm.org) or stop by its offices at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) to see if a permit is required for your next project.

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

‘WHAT WOULD YOU DO?’ POLICE OFFER TIPS TO HELP RESIDENTS AVOID SCAMS

Would you be able to identify a con artist trying to scam you out of your hard-earned savings? Someone attempting to rob you of your personal possessions? Someone willing to trick you into sharing your personal information online or over the phone?

Beginning with this issue of *News & Views*, the Rolling Meadows Police Department will offer periodic crime prevention tips to help residents protect themselves – and their family members – from all-too-common criminal scams that affect thousands of victims each year.



Taxpayers Beware of IRS Phone Scam

Scenario: You receive a phone call from someone claiming to be an

IRS agent who says you owe back taxes. Worse, they tell you that if you don’t pay IMMEDIATELY, they will contact local police to have you arrested. **What would you do?**

Fact: The IRS will never call taxpayers to demand immediate payment or threaten them with arrest by local police.

Solution: Residents who receive these calls should just hang up or tell the caller that you will be contacting the police. You may also file an IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting Form with the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) by visiting www.tigta.gov or calling 800-366-4484.

Residents who have questions or would like more information may contact the RMPD at 847-255-2416.

GLEN COLE NAMED ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Glen Cole

Glen Cole has worn many professional “hats” throughout his career in municipal government, which are reflected in the broad range of experience he brings to Rolling Meadows as its new Assistant City Manager & Community Development Director.

Originally from Southern California, Cole holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the University of Kansas. He began his career in the suburbs of Kansas City before relocating to the Chicago area six years ago.

As Lake Bluff’s Assistant to the Village Administrator, Cole helped oversee planning and zoning efforts, human resources, village communications, and more.

“Lake Bluff was the perfect place for me to gain experience in many differ-

ent facets of municipal operations,” he recalled. “Now, I’m grateful to continue my career here in Rolling Meadows.”

Cole was drawn to the City’s small-town feel, vibrant business community, engaged staff, and supportive leadership. His primary responsibility will be to direct a “high-performance” Community Development Department that delivers exceptional customer service and contributes to the City’s continued growth.

He will also work closely with City Manager Rob Sabo and other department leaders to guide City-wide economic development initiatives - including those related to a potential future Chicago Bears stadium at the former Arlington Park racetrack.

“There is a lot going on here now and especially in the years ahead. I want to be part of it,” Cole explained. “I’m ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work.”

PUBLIC WORKS TO RESUME SEASONAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION ON APRIL 3RD

Public Works will resume seasonal yard waste collection services Monday, April 3rd. Customers 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 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 March 31st

Friday, March 31st is the final day of Rolling Meadows’ seasonal early refuse set-out schedule. Beginning Monday, April 3rd, residents should place refuse and recyclables at the curb **after** 6:00 pm the evening before pick-up.

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

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City Hall Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday - Friday



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3rd Ward Alderman
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4th Ward Alderman
Jenifer Vinezeano 630-546-8133
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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
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‘ENEWS’ OFFERS EXPANDED COVERAGE OF CITY INITIATIVES

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

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