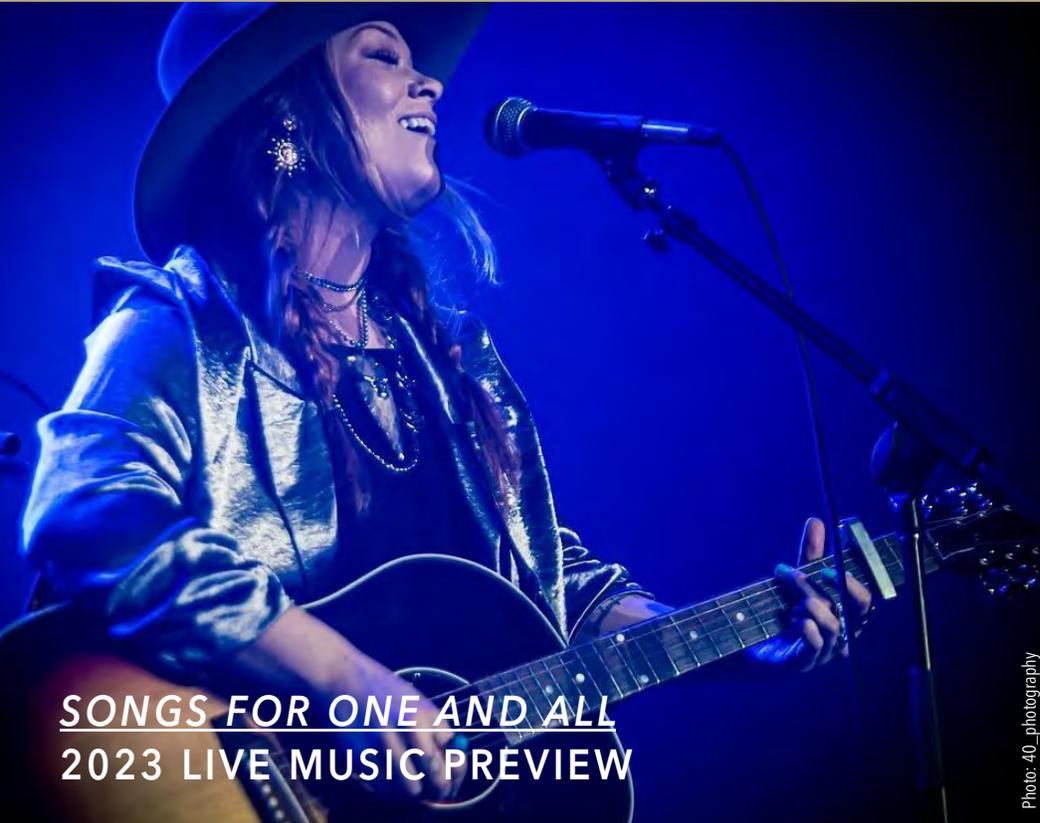


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### SONGS FOR ONE AND ALL 2023 LIVE MUSIC PREVIEW

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Ashland Craft, named one of CMT's "Next Women of Country," will headline Rolling Meadows' June 9th Block Party.

Almost everyone loves live music, and there's plenty of live music of all genres coming to Rolling Meadows this summer!

#### Rising Country Star Ashland Craft to Headline June Block Party

We'll welcome country solo artist and former "The Voice" contestant **Ashland Craft** to the City's annual Block Party bash! She's been recognized as one of CMT's "Next Women of Country" and among Pandora's "Country Artists to Watch." Now, watch her help kickstart summer in Rolling Meadows – along with an "energetic, inspiring, and dance-provoking" performance by opening act **Chicago Latin Groove Band**. (Friday, June 9th)

#### Hillbilly Rockstarz: Shaking Things Up at Hometown Hoedown

"Country rockin'" band **Hillbilly Rockstarz** will have audience mem-



bers *boot-stompin' and fist-pumpin'* with a performance featuring great songs from a diverse collection of acts – everyone from Luke Combs and Tim McGraw to Whitney Houston and Guns N' Roses. (Saturday, October 7th)

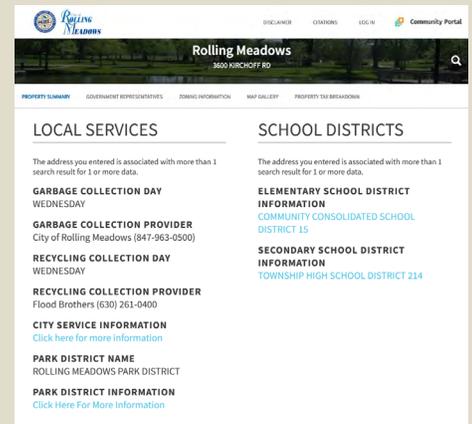


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## ACCESS PROPERTY INFORMATION THROUGH GIS COMMUNITY PORTAL

Access a wealth of information on your property – the township and school district in which you reside, your scheduled refuse collection days, your voting precinct and polling location, and more – with the City's "Community Portal," available at [www.cityrm.org/545/GIS](http://www.cityrm.org/545/GIS) and on the City's homepage.

Simply type your home address into the search box to find information on property attributes, local services, zoning classifications, and more.



Here's an overview of the information Community Portal provides after entering City Hall's address (3600 Kirchoff Road) and clicking "submit query."

Community Portal is made possible by Rolling Meadows' participation in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Consortium, which improves collaboration among City departments and streamlines the delivery of information to residents.

To learn more, visit [www.public-gis-consortium.org](http://www.public-gis-consortium.org).

## VETERANS COMMITTEE TO LEAD MAY 24TH BLUE STAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY

In the days leading up to Rolling Meadows' May 27th Memorial Day observance, members of the City's Veterans Committee will host a smaller ceremony to unveil a Blue Star Memorial Marker that will stand in the shadow of the City's Carillon Tower on Kirchoff Road.



The ceremony, scheduled for 3:30 pm on Wednesday, May 24th, will officially dedicate the new marker, which pays tribute to all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Blue Star initiative would not have been possible without the support of many local organizations. Special thanks to the Rolling Meadows Garden Club and Illinois Garden Club for sponsoring the effort, and to VFW Posts 981 (Arlington Heights) and 1337 (Mount Prospect), and American Legion Post 525 (Arlington Heights) for providing the financial support to purchase the sign.

According to the National Garden Clubs website, the Blue Star Marker program "began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii."

For more information, visit [www.gardenclub.org/blue-and-gold-star-memorials](http://www.gardenclub.org/blue-and-gold-star-memorials).



Community members gather at the Carillon for 2022's Memorial Day observance.

## CITY SEEKS VETERANS & FAMILY MEMBERS FOR MAY 27TH MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

Have you or someone you know served in the U.S. Armed Forces? The Veterans Committee wants to honor that service during Rolling Meadows' 2023 Memorial Day ceremonies on Saturday, May 27th.

### Parade & Wreath Ceremony

This year's observance 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 transportation for veterans who are unable to walk the full length of the parade route, which will travel west from Meadow Drive and end at the Carillon. Participants may also arrange their own transportation.

More information on this year's Memorial Day observance will be featured in the May/June issue of *News & Views*.

### 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 Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day ceremony and other City events.

Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their names, may contact Lori Ciezak at [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

### RECRUIT COMMUNITY & CIVIC GROUPS TO JOIN THE EVENT

Rolling Meadows invites local scout troops, civic organizations, and other community groups to take part in this year's Memorial Day ceremonies. For more information, please contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager ([ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org) or 847-394-8500 x1002).





Lara Sanoica



Karen McHale



Kevin O'Brien



Jon Bisesi



Stefanie Boucher

**ELECTION DAY IS COMING**  
**LOCAL ELECTED OFFICES ON APRIL 4TH BALLOT**

Here's a final preview of the candidates running for elected City office in the April 4th Consolidated Election.

**For Mayor:**

Current 7th Ward Alderman Lara Sanoica is running unopposed for a four-year term.

**For Ward 1:**

Alderman Karen McHale is running unopposed for a four-year term.

**For Ward 3:**

Alderman Kevin O'Brien is running unopposed for a four-year term.

**For Ward 5:**

Incumbent Alderman Jon Bisesi and challenger Stefanie Boucher are running to serve a four-year term.

**For Ward 7:**

No candidate.\*

**WAYS TO VOTE**

- **In-Person on Election Day.** Polling places will be open 6:00 am -7:00 pm on April 4th. Find your polling place by visiting the Cook County Clerk's Voter Information webpage

([www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voter-information](http://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voter-information)).

- **Early Voting.** Early voting will be available 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](http://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/early-voting/early-voting-locations) for a complete list of early voting locations.
- **Vote by Mail.** Mail-in 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](http://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail).

For more information on the April 4th Consolidated Election, visit the website of the Cook County Clerk's Office ([www.cookcountyclerkil.gov](http://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov)).

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

**POLICE COMMANDER MIKE FIOR RETIRES AFTER 26 YEARS OF CITY SERVICE**



Mike Fior

Rolling Meadows Police Department bid farewell to Commander Mike Fior, who retired in February after 26 years of service to the City.

**Served Multiple Roles**

Fior came to Rolling Meadows in 1997, after spending three years with the Cook County Sheriff's Department. He served as a detective, gang unit officer, field training officer, evidence technician, juvenile officer, and sergeant before being promoted to commander in 2018.

Fior was also a member of the Police Department's Honor Guard.

Best wishes to Commander Fior for a long, fulfilling retirement.

**PD Announces Promotions**

Succeeding Fior as commander is Anthony Peluso, a 15-year RMPD veteran who previously served as sergeant, detective, and Field Training Program coordinator.



Anthony Peluso

He, too, served with the Department Honor Guard and is a former president of the Rolling Meadows Police Association (RMPA).



David Rathbun

David Rathbun, who joined the Police Department in 2008, was promoted to sergeant – the position formerly held by Commander Peluso.

Congratulations, Commander Peluso and Sergeant Rathbun!



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

4/1: **April Fools' Day**

4/3: **Yard waste collection begins; Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

4/4: **Election Day**

4/5: **Passover begins at sunset; Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

4/7: **Good Friday**

4/9: **Easter**

4/10: **Environmental Committee research session (plastics)**, 6:00 pm

4/11: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

4/13: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (*Red light*), 1:00 pm (*Code*), 2:00 pm (*Parking*)

4/18: **CEF Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

4/20: **Water bills due**

4/22: **Earth Day; Earth Day volunteer cleanup**, 10:00 am, Community Center

4/24: **Police Pension Board**, 3:30 pm

4/25: **Veterans Committee**, 6:00 pm; **Capital Projects Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

4/28: **Arbor Day**

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View agendas for upcoming City Council meetings – and volunteer board and commission meetings – at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).

## APRIL 22ND EARTH DAY CLEANUP SEEKS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22nd. Wondering what you can do to mark the occasion and make an impact? The answer is right here at home.

### Volunteer Cleanup Effort

Roll up your sleeves and join members of the City's Environmental Committee and Rolling Meadows Park District between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm for an environmental initiative that will:

- Plant bushes and flowering perennials around the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive),
- Install a rain garden near Park Central (3000 Central Road) to help reduce pooling water and improve stormwater drainage, and,
- Pick up garbage and debris along the banks of Salt Creek.

Residents interested in helping should report to the Community Center to receive their assignments.

Volunteers are welcome to bring work gloves, shovels, rakes, and other gardening tools. Event orga-



Photo: Genevieve Slupski, Rolling Meadows Park District

nizers will have a limited supply of tools and garbage bags on hand.

### Event Attractions

This year's cleanup will also feature an appearance by [JG's Reptile Road Show](#), a collection drive for used bicycles and musical instruments sponsored by [Bikes & Music](#), and additional support provided by [Rolling Meadows Library](#).

For more information, contact Kailey Schwartzhoff at 847-818-3200 x 1224.

## EARN GOOD MONEY & SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY: EXPLORE SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT AT PUBLIC WORKS

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.



Underground Utilities/Water, and Facilities Divisions).

Visit [www.cityrm.org/jobs.aspx](http://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](http://www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works).

Available positions include:

- Clerical & Customer Service, and,
- Maintenance (Streets & Operations,

Help spread the word to family members, friends, and neighbors.



Aloft Chicago Schaumburg's striking interior design and amenities deliver an ambiance not commonly found at other area hotels.

**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: ALOFT CHICAGO SCHAUMBURG**  
**MEADOWS' ALOFT HOTEL: SASSY, SAVVY, TRENDY**

Rolling Meadows' newest hotel, the 119-room "Aloft® Chicago Schaumburg," opened in January on the site of the former Holiday Inn Holidome (3407 W. Algonquin Road).

From the urban loft-inspired design of its rooms to the ambiance of its common areas, the redesigned and revitalized property – one of only five Aloft hotels in Illinois – boldly showcases itself as a one-of-a-kind destination for business and leisure travelers visiting the northwest suburban area.

The Aloft concept (*sassy, savvy, & trendy*) presents itself through the hotel's vibrant exterior design, its inviting and engaging interior layout,

and the management staff's commitment to customer service and facility cleanliness.

Guests are welcome to enjoy signature craft cocktails at the hotel's W XYZ® Bar, socialize over a game of pool in the Re:mix Lounge, enjoy a swim in the indoor pool, grab a bite to eat at Re:fuel, or enjoy live music performances. The hotel also features an inviting outdoor patio with fire pit, bag toss, and more.

Meanwhile, the hotel's guest rooms cater to today's tech-savvy clientele: all feature plenty of plug-in spaces, Bluetooth® speakers, state-of-the-art entertainment platform, as well as luxury signature beds and walk-in showers.

**Aloft Chicago Schaumburg**  
 3407 W. Algonquin Road  
 Rolling Meadows, IL 60008  
 847-259-5000  
[www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chias-aloft-chicago-schaumburg](http://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chias-aloft-chicago-schaumburg)

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES OFFICE HOURS**

Customers may connect with Public Works staff in person, or by phone or email during the department's updated office hours:

7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Mon. – Fri.)  
 Phone: 847-963-0500  
[pw@cityrm.org](mailto:pw@cityrm.org)

Residents who need to report water main breaks or other emergencies during non-business hours should contact the Police Department's 24-hour non-emergency number (847-255-2416).



**SEASONAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES APRIL 3RD; WEEKLY REFUSE SET-OUT TIME REVERTS TO 6:00 PM**

Public Works resumes 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 – along with other refuse and recycling the night before scheduled pick-up.

**Separate Yard Waste from Household 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 Period Ends**

Effective Monday, April 3rd, residents should place refuse and recyclables at the curb after **6:00 pm**, the evening before pick-up. Rolling Meadows' "early refuse set-out" program allows residents to place refuse at the curb before dark (after 3:00 pm) the evening before pick-up only during the months of November – March.

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



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# FRIDAYS ROCK! & ROLL IN MEADOWS

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### Fridays ROCK! Concert Series Adds 'Theme Nights'

Friday night free concerts in Kimball Hill Park return in 2023 with a new twist: THEME NIGHTS! Come one, come all for these all-ages shows!

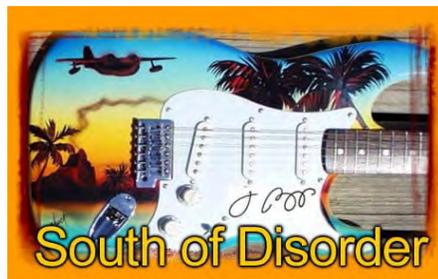


"Rock from the Ages" (June 23rd), featuring Industrial Drive (rock music from the 80s to today) and Arra (classic rock).



"50s & 60s" (July 14th), with Mike & Traci of Good Clean Fun (golden oldies & Motown) and Rosie & the Rivets (retro Rock n' Roll).

"Potpourri" (August 11th), presenting One Foot in the Groove (horn driven rock) and Rod Tuffcurls & the Bench Press (3-part harmonies).



"Beach Bound" (September 8th), with Barefoot Hawaiian (Hula/Tahitian musicians & dancers) and South of Disorder (Jimmy Buffet tribute group).

View a complete list of Rolling Meadows' 2023 Community Events at [www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events](http://www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events).

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
1st Ward Alderman Karen McHale	773-517-3873
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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Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

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#### City Clerk's Office

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#### Community Development

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#### Fire Department

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#### Information Technology

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#### Police Department

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#### Public Works

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