

# State of the City 2023

Mayor  
Lara  
Sanoica



# Mayor Lara Sanoica

- Rolling Meadows resident since 1993
- Graduate of St. Collette, Fremd High School, and the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana
- First Elected to City Council as Ward 7 Alderman: April 2, 2019
- Financial regulator for 10+ years



# My hometown



Continental Towers – August 12, 1980 Photo credit: Daily Herald



# My hometown



Arlington Office Park (Rohwing Road & Euclid Avenue)



# Looking ahead...



# Looking ahead...



COOK COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT  
IMAGE COURTESY OF HART HOWERTON / CHICAGO BEARS



# Looking ahead...



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# Bears by the Meadows...

- Intergovernmental coordination with Village of Arlington Heights, the CBFC, State and Regional government agencies and officials
- CBFC working through property tax matters
- Review of and updates to Comprehensive Plan for surrounding areas
- Traffic, fiscal impact, infrastructure, operational impact studies and planning necessary
- Proactively working to minimize impact on residents while aiming for business community to capitalize on increased traffic in area
- Evaluate other communities that neighbor NFL stadiums



# Supporting Business Activity in RM

- Retail and restaurant tax incentive program
- Curb appeal grant program
- Cook County 6b, 7b, and 7c incentives
- Promotion of businesses through City communications
- Improvements to permitting and Community Development experience
- Proactive attraction of desirable businesses and restaurants to locate in Rolling Meadows



# The evolution of commerce



Image: Avison Young/Brennan Invest

# The evolution of commerce

Redevelopment of Former Sam's Club into Pacifica Rolling Meadows



# *Looking ahead without forgetting the past*



**State of  
the City**

**Rob Sabo  
City  
Manager**



# Meet the Director Team

Public Works Director – Aaron Grosskopf\*

Finance Director – Molly Talkington\*

Fire Chief – Pete Sutter\*

Police Chief – John Nowacki

Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director – Glen Cole\*

Chief Information Officer – Waseem Khan

Business Development Manager – Martha Corner

Assistant to the City Manager – Lori Ciezak



# Providing Effective, Efficient, and Responsible Services



# Financial Highlights

- GFOA Triple Crown Award for Financial Reporting
- Increased economic activity in FY22 vs. FY21\*
  - Real Estate Transfers up 3% (up 269% vs. FY19)
  - Food and Beverage up 10%
  - Home Rule Sales Tax up 10% (up 22% vs. FY19)
  - Hotel Tax up 52%
- Inflationary Pressures – Budget Management

\*Figures subject to change pending audit finalization



# By the numbers

- 192 Total Employees
  - 168 FT
  - 24 PT
- FY 2023 Total Budget: \$78,671,839
- General Fund at 28.7% of Policy (Fund Balance Policy = 15%-30%)
- CIP: \$10,786,500
- City received \$3.2M in ARPA Funding. Established \$3M in ARPA Parallel projects for water infrastructure investments and \$200k for economic development
- Fiscal stability planning in 2023

## Property Tax Breakdown



Elementary Schools, High Schools  
and Community College approx. 60%

City of  
Rolling  
Meadows  
Approx. 16%

Other  
Approx. 24%



# Let's Talk Business

## ■ Business Development Strategic Plan

- You'll be hearing from us because we want to hear from you!!!
- Plan to guide next 3 years of business and economic development activities

## ■ Next Level Northwest

- Business accelerator providing free coaching to qualified business in Rolling Meadows



# *Let's Talk Business*

## ■ Value Added Services

- Have a business idea and looking for a location
- Redevelopment opportunities
- Business resources, statistics, and assistance
- Pre-Acquisition/Due diligence/Pre-Design Stage Meetings (Save time, \$, and maximize ROI)
- Incentives



# Accomplishments

## ■ Fire:

- Placed a new ambulance into service in 2022
- Highest call volume in department history at 4,263 responses

## ■ Public Works:

- Rollout of Automated Refuse Program
- Open House
- Acquisition of first electric vehicle





NO DUMPING  
\$500 FINE  
PER VILLAGE  
ORDINANCE

MANN

BOHNER

RABELLO







RM

CELESTINE

Bobcat

17C-531

# Accomplishments

## ■ Police:

- Implemented a new lateral program for sworn personnel
- Created an Administrative Sergeant Position
- Expanded number of SRO's at School District 15 from one to two
- Growth of Hope Fund for victims of crimes and persons facing crisis







# Accomplishments

## ■ General:

- 51 new businesses opened in 2022
- Notable new businesses include:
  - Aloft Hotel
  - Kong Dog
  - Chicago Ramen Lab
  - Ding Tea
  - bb.q Chicken
  - 25N Coworking
- ATS Life Sciences doubled their space in RM
- Danobat relocates headquarters to RM







TAN

Open with ▾

# Kong Dog

FRESH NEW CORN DOGS



NO  
PARKING  
FIRE  
LANE  
→





# What's coming?

- Pacifica on Golf (Enson Mart; Lao Sze Chuan; Te'Amo'; Mango Mango; Yakiniku Like; Ebisu Life Store; & more)
- Raising Cane's
- Phoenix Flame at RM Shopping Center on Kirchoff Rd
- Fratellos II plan to repair interior and reopen
- ISNS constructing new house of worship on Hicks Road
- Casa de Luigi (former Grande Jake's)
- Sorry Mommy Central Asian (former Sabroso)
- Arzan Market (former Taco Bell on Kirchoff Rd)
- Café on the Grove (former Gus' Diner)
- Agit Karaoke (former Egglectic Café)





# CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR



## MAY 2023

<b>MAY 13 SATURDAY</b>	<b>RM POLICE FAMILY SERVICES DAY</b> 10:00 am-1:00 pm - 2260 Algonquin Parkway
<b>MAY 27 SATURDAY</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY PARADE</b> 11:00 am - Starting at Meadow Drive, along Kirchoff Road
	<b>MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY</b> 11:30 am - Veterans Memorial Carillon - on Kirchoff Road

## JUNE 2023

<b>JUNE 3 SATURDAY</b>	<b>RM PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE</b> 10:00 am-2:00 pm - 3900 Berdnick Street
<b>JUNE 9 FRIDAY</b>	<b><u>BLOCK PARTY on Central Road</u></b> - between Barker & Jay 5:30 - 7:00 pm <b>BAND: Latin Groove</b> 7:30 - 9:30 pm <b>BAND: TBD</b>
<b>JUNE 23 FRIDAY</b>	<b><u>FRIDAYS ROCK! &amp; Roll in Meadows - Kimball Hill Park</u></b> <b>THEME NIGHT: "ROCK FROM THE AGES"</b> 6:00 - 7:30 pm <b>BAND: Industrial Drive</b> 8:00 - 10:00 pm <b>BAND: Arra</b>

## JULY 2023

<b>JULY 4 TUESDAY</b>	<b>4th of JULY PARADE</b> 11:30 am - OWL DRIVE Parade Route
	<b>4th of JULY FIREWORKS</b> 9:15 pm or dusk - Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive
<b>JULY 14 FRIDAY</b>	<b><u>FRIDAYS ROCK! &amp; Roll in Meadows - Kimball Hill Park</u></b> <b>THEME NIGHT: "50's &amp; 60's"</b> 6:00 - 7:30 pm <b>BAND: Mike &amp; Tracy (from Good Clean Fun)</b> 8:00 - 10:00 pm <b>BAND: Rosie &amp; the Rivets</b>
<b>JULY 29 SATURDAY</b>	<b>FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT WITH THE RM COPS</b> 7:00 - 10:00 pm - Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive

## AUGUST 2023

<b>AUGUST 1 TUESDAY</b>	<b>RM POLICE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm - Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive
<b>AUGUST 11 FRIDAY</b>	<b><u>FRIDAYS ROCK! &amp; Roll in Meadows - Kimball Hill Park</u></b> 6:00 - 7:30 pm <b>BAND: One Foot in the Groove</b> 8:00 - 10:00 pm <b>BAND: Rod Tuffcurls &amp; the Bench Press</b>

## SEPTEMBER 2023

<b>SEPTEMBER 8 FRIDAY</b>	<b><u>FRIDAYS ROCK! &amp; Roll in Meadows - Kimball Hill Park</u></b> <b>THEME NIGHT: "BEACH BOUND"</b> 6:00 - 7:30 pm <b>BAND: South of Disorder</b> 8:00 - 10:00 pm <b>BAND: TBD</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 12 TUESDAY</b>	<b>SENIOR LUNCHEON</b> 12:30-2:30 pm - Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive

## OCTOBER 2023

<b>OCTOBER 7 SATURDAY</b>	<b><u>HOMETOWN HOEDOWN Fall Fest - Kimball Hill Park</u></b> <b>NEW HOURS: 2:00 - 8:00 pm</b> <b>NEW BAND: 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Hillbilly Rockstarz</b>
<b>OCTOBER 14 SATURDAY</b>	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE</b> 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Station #15, 3201 W. Algonquin Road

## NOVEMBER 2023

<b>NOVEMBER 10 FRIDAY</b>	<b>VETERANS DINNER</b> 5:30 - 8:30 pm - Meridian Banquets - 1701 W. Algonquin Road
<b>NOVEMBER 30 THURSDAY</b>	<b>HOLIDAY CELEBRATION (Tree Lighting)</b> 6:00 pm - RM Historical Museum, 3100 Central Road

*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.  
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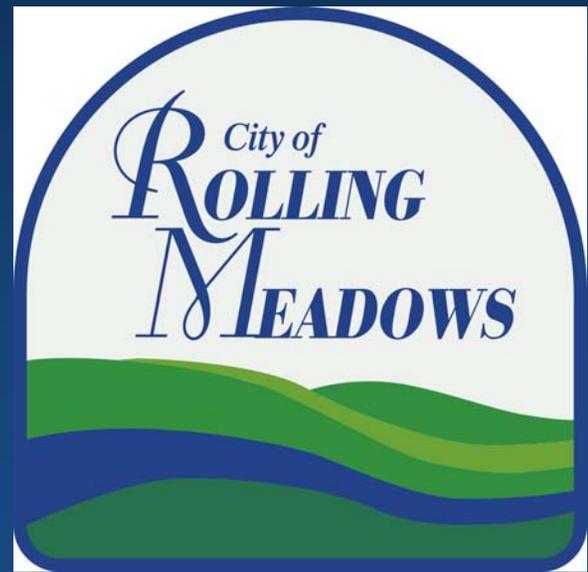


*Introducing Assistant City  
Manager/Community  
Development Director  
Glen Cole*



# State of the City 2023

**Glen Cole**  
Asst. City Mgr.  
Comm. Dev. Dir.



# About Glen

- Native of Southern California;  
10 years in Kansas City;  
6+ years in Chicagoland
- Bachelor of Journalism – Univ. of Missouri  
Master of Public Admin. – Univ. of Kansas
- Previously in Lake Bluff, Illinois
- I want to hear from you:

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**(847) 870-9035**





# *Just A Little Less...*

- Paperwork → Apply Online
- Work → We Do It For You
- Cash → Fewer Deposits
- Waiting → Shave Dead Time
- Surprise → Coordinated Business Dev.



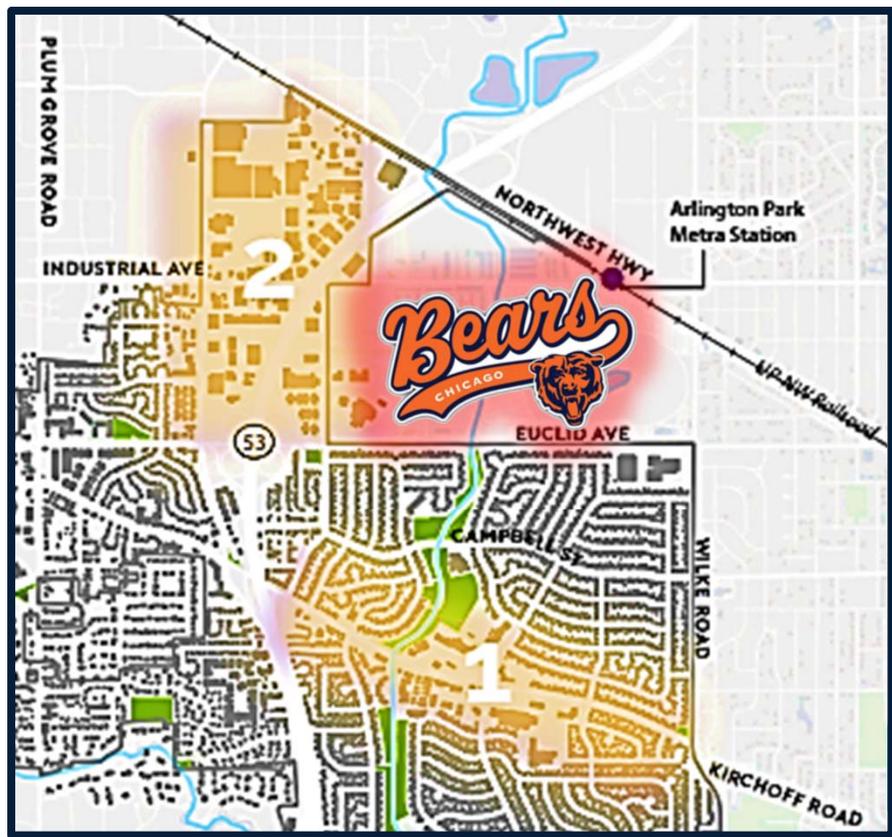


# Planning for the Future...

Change Will Happen



Change Can Happen





THANK YOU!