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NOVEMBER 8TH DINNER TO HONOR ROLLING MEADOWS VETERANS

Rolling Meadows' 2024 Veterans Dinner will take place Friday, November 8th, 5:00–8:30 pm, at Meridian Banquets (1701 W. Algonquin Road). Resident veterans and their guests will enjoy a multi-course meal, live performances by the Northwest Concert Band, pre-dinner appetizers, cash bar, raffle prizes, professional photographer, and more. Admission is free.

This year's keynote speaker will be United States Army and Illinois National Guard veteran Will Buhlig, who currently serves as Director of the McCormick House at Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL.

First established in 2003, Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner was among the first events of its kind in Illinois: a City-sponsored event to honor those who have served in our nation's armed forces and encourage multi-generational camaraderie among brothers and sisters in arms.

For more information, please contact Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak (847-870-9005 or ciezakl@cityrm.org).



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH

Make Your Voice Heard: Know How & Where to Vote

November 5th will conclude the 2024 election cycle, as voters across the country determine the next president of the United States, elect members of Congress, and choose candidates for public office at the federal, state, and county levels.

Here's what you need to know in order to make sure your vote is counted.

Polls Open at 6 am

Election Day voters may cast their ballots on November 5th from 6 am to 7 pm.

Election Day Registration Available

Residents who have not already registered to vote may do so at their assigned polling places on Election Day. Those planning to register on November 5th must show two valid forms of identification before they will be able to cast their ballot. Options include a driver's license or

state ID card; passport or military ID; or Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid ID.

Submit Mail Ballots by Nov. 5th

Voters who applied for and received mail-in ballots must have their completed ballots postmarked by November 5th, or hand-delivered to secure drop box locations throughout the area. Nearby locations include the Rolling Meadows Courthouse (2121 Euclid Avenue) and Arlington Heights Village Hall (33 South

Arlington Heights Road). A complete list is available on the county clerk's website.

For more information on the November 5th election, visit the Cook County Clerk's website (www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections) or call 312-603-0906.



HOLIDAY REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE UPDATES

Thanksgiving: Public Works will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. *Regular Thursday and Friday refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day.*

Christmas Eve: Public Works will be closed Tuesday, December 24th, but crews will conduct regular refuse & recycling collection.

Christmas: Public Works will be closed Wednesday, December 25th. *Regular Wednesday through Friday refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day.*

New Year's Day: Public Works will be closed Wednesday, January 1st. *Regular Wednesday through Friday refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day.*

For more information, contact Public Works (847-963-0500 or pw@cityrm.org) or visit www.cityrm.org/984/Refuse-and-Recycling.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO HOST PUMPKIN COMPOSTING EVENT, NOVEMBER 8TH – 9TH

A two-day pumpkin compost collection hosted by the Public Works Department will help reduce the amount of waste sent to local landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by decomposing pumpkins.

Bring your pumpkins/jack-o-lanterns to the department's 3900 Berdick Street facility on Friday, November 8th (9:00 am – 2:00 pm) and Saturday, November 9th (9:00 am – 12:00 pm).

Collected pumpkins will be taken to a green composting collection site. There, they will be processed

into organic fertilizer for farming and landscaping uses across Illinois.

Pumpkins dropped off for composting must be free of all decorations, including candles, wax, aluminum foil, string, and glow sticks. Painted pumpkins will be accepted only if they are decorated with acrylic paint.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department (847-963-0500 or pw@cityrm.org).

What: Pumpkin Composting
When: November 8th & 9th
Where: Public Works Department

EARLY REFUSE SET-OUT BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST

Starting Friday, November 1st, residents may place their refuse and recycling carts at the curb after 3:00 pm (instead of the standard 6:00 pm) the day prior to their scheduled pick-up, as part of the City's early refuse set-out program. Early set-out times run through March 2025.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION ENDS MID-DECEMBER

Homeowners have a few extra weeks to finish their end-of-season yard work this year: seasonal yard waste collection services provided by Public Works will conclude Friday, December 13th.

Place yard waste in craft paper bags (marked with an 'X') and place at the curb for pick-up on your regular collection date.

Crews will begin collecting yard waste again next spring.



ACCOMPLISHED CIVIL ENGINEER MARIE HIGGINSON LEAVES PRIVATE SECTOR TO JOIN PUBLIC WORKS

Marie Higginson had already established a sterling reputation as a private sector engineer at several highly reputable firms, but the opportunity to become Rolling Meadows' Public Works Assistant Director/City Engineer was too appealing to pass up.



Marie Higginson

"I'm eager to see projects through from beginning to end – from engineering to completed construction," she explained.

"Working here in Rolling Meadows gives me the chance to see the positive impact these initiatives have on the community we serve."

Higginson succeeds former Assistant Public Works Director Jo Ellen Charlton, who retired earlier this year. Since arriving in August, she has stayed busy reviewing capital project engineering plans and assisting the Community Development

Department with new development plans. She is also responsible for helping to oversee daily Public Works operations.

"Rolling Meadows is a great community with a lot to offer. The team here has been amazing, and I've enjoyed meeting our residents and assisting them where I can," she added.

Higginson grew up in Palatine, where she attended Fremd High School and spent three summers as an engineering intern with the village's public works department. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Valparaiso University and is a Licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois and Indiana.

Away from work, Higginson is a martial arts student who holds a third-degree black belt in Tang Soo Do.

Welcome, Marie!



FREE NOVEMBER 15TH LEGAL CLINIC TO HELP RESIDENTS COMPLETE POWER OF ATTORNEY, SHORT-TERM GUARDIAN DOCUMENTATION

The City's Human Services Department is hosting a free program to help residents complete the documentation necessary for providing

designated persons with power of attorney (medical & financial) and/or temporary legal guardianship for children.

Attendees will work with attorneys from the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic and leave with notarized, legally binding documentation.

For more information or to register, contact Marisol Gonzalez at 847-870-2695 or gonzalezm@cityrm.org.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

WHEN: Friday, November 15th, 1–5 pm

WHERE: City Hall, 2nd Floor (3600 Kirchoff Road)

November

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FILING DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2025 ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 18TH

Residents running for local office in next spring's Consolidated Election must file their completed candidate petitions at City Hall **no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, November 18th.**

Petition filing begins the prior week at 8:00 am on Tuesday, November 12th.

City offices that will be contested on the April 1st, 2025 ballot are:

- **2nd Ward Alderman** (4-year term)
- **4th Ward Alderman** (4-year term)
- **6th Ward Alderman** (4-year term)
- **7th Ward Alderman** (unexpired 2-year term).

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

Note: The City of Rolling Meadows cannot verify the accuracy or legal sufficiency of the filed documents. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that all documents presented are in good order and compliant with all appropriate election law.

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

NOVEMBER 2024

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VIEW UPCOMING MEETING AGENDAS Find agendas for upcoming City Council meetings, and minutes of past meetings, at www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter .					1	2
3	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	7 Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm	8 Pumpkin Compost Collection, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, at Public Works Veterans Dinner 5:30 – 8:00 pm (1701 W. Algonquin Road)	9 Pumpkin Compost Collection, 9:00 am – noon, at Public Works
10	11 VETERANS DAY City offices closed. Crews will conduct refuse/recycling collection.	12 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30 am City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	13 Library Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Lane)	14 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (<i>Red Light</i>); 1:00 pm (<i>Code</i>); 2:00 pm (<i>Parking</i>)	15	16
17 ^L	18	19 Community Events Volunteer Meeting, 6:00 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:00 pm	20 WATER BILLS DUE	21	22	23
24	25	26 Capital Projects Committee, 6:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	27	28 THANKSGIVING City offices closed. Thursday refuse/recycling collection delayed one day.	29 City offices closed. Friday refuse/recycling collection delayed one day.	30

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1	2 Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm	3 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	4	5 Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting , 6:00 pm, (3100 Central Road)	6	7
8	9 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30 am	10 City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:00 pm	11 Library Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Lane)	12 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (<i>Red Light</i>); 1:00 pm (<i>Code</i>); 2:00 pm (<i>Parking</i>)	13	14
15	16	17 City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	18	19 Blood Drive , 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	20 WATER BILLS DUE	21
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE City offices closed. Crews will conduct refuse/recycling collection.	25 CHRISTMAS HANNUKKAH begins City offices closed. Refuse/recycling collection delayed one day for the remainder of the week.	26 KWANZAA begins	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE		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 .		



'A WINTER WONDERLAND' – CITY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION SET FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

The ceremonial lighting of Rolling Meadows' Holiday Tree will be one of many highlights taking place during the City's 2024 Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 5th. Join fellow community members at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road) for what is sure to be a wonderful evening. Festivities will begin at 6:00 pm.

Planned Activities and Attractions

- Horse-drawn sleigh rides.

- Caroling performances by local community groups.
- Special visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus.
- DJ-led holiday music & sing-alongs.
- Tours of the 1950s-themed Historical Museum.
- Treats for kids (*while supplies last*).

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

'VISUAL PREFERENCES' COMMUNITY SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE ON 'PLAN ROLLING MEADOWS' WEBSITE



A new online survey to collect community preferences on the "look and feel" of a redeveloped Kirchoff Road business corridor is now available at www.planrollingmeadows.com. Visitors may also subscribe to receive periodic email updates on the long-term planning process.



USPS APPROVES WEST SIDE MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE FROM 'PALATINE' TO 'ROLLING MEADOWS'

In a small but significant step toward improving community cohesiveness and reducing long-standing confusion over City mailing addresses with a 60067 ZIP code, the United States Postal Service now recognizes the location of those addresses as "Rolling Meadows" instead of "Palatine."

Affected addresses are located primarily in the City's 1st Ward, on the west side of Route 53. Residents at these addresses will be able to continue receiving mail addressed to "Palatine" but, going forward, "Rolling Meadows" will be the city name used for address corrections and other internal USPS purposes.

City officials spent more than a year engaging with the Postal Service to complete the change, which was noted in the City's most recent Comprehensive Plan (2019).

Local Business Spotlight

FRATELLOS2, LONG-TIME COMMUNITY FAVORITE, BACK IN BUSINESS!

Fratellos2, a culinary staple of Rolling Meadows and member of the Vienna Beef Hot Dog Hall of Fame, began the next chapter in its long history this past summer when it reopened after a devastating fire that occurred more than two years earlier.

Its menu offers a fusion of American, Greek, and Italian favorites – from rib dinners and char-grilled burgers to

sandwiches, salads, sides, and more. Customers may dine-in, carry-out, use the drive-thru, or order delivery online. Event catering is also available.

Fratellos2

3301 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL
224-248-9877
www.fratellos2.com





The City's U.S. Flag collection box was an initiative of the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee, with financial and graphic design support provided by local business partners Northrop Grumman Corporation and Suburban Accents, respectively.

BRING OLD, WORN AMERICAN FLAGS TO CITY HALL DROP BOX FOR PROPER DISPOSAL

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee encourages residents in possession of old and worn American Flags to deposit them in a special collection receptacle outside City Hall, where they will be stored until they can be ceremoniously retired.

Collected flags will be properly disposed of next spring, during a traditional ceremony hosted by Committee members at Kimball Hill Park. The annual ceremony takes

place on or around Flag Day (June 14th).

The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k, states, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

For more information on U.S. Flag protocol, please visit www.usa.gov/flag.



VETERANS REGISTRY PROMOTES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans to ensure these former service members receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner, Memorial Day ceremony, Independence Day Parade,

and other City events that take place throughout the year.

Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their names, may contact Lori Ciezak at 847-870-9005 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.

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