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Tribute towers, part of the "Remembering Our Fallen" war memorial, honor service members who died in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere since September 11th, 2001.

TRAVELING WAR MEMORIAL TO VISIT ROLLING MEADOWS, MAY 16TH-18TH

"Remembering Our Fallen," a traveling photographic war memorial honoring service members lost in the Global War on Terror, will come to Rolling Meadows for a three-day exhibition (May 16th-18th) in Kimball Hill Park.

The exhibit, comprised of 34 "tribute towers" featuring images of fallen American soldiers who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, will be located in the shadow of the City's Carillon Tower and Veterans Monument, along the banks of Salt Creek.

Visitor parking is available at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) and at nearby retail centers.

The Memorial is a project of [Patriotic Productions, Inc.](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to honoring veterans. The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee and the City of Rolling Meadows are proud to welcome this exhibit to our City.

MEMORIAL SCHEDULE

- Friday, May 16th**
- 6pm – Opening Ceremony
- Saturday, May 17th**
- 7am – Invocation
 - 4pm – Ceremony
- Sunday, May 18th**
- 7am – Invocation
 - 2pm – Closing Ceremony

ELECTION DAY IS APRIL 1ST!

Remember to Vote! For more information on the 2025 Consolidated Election – including polling places – visit the [Cook County Clerk's Office website](#) or call 312-603-0906.

SPONSOR A TOWER

Event sponsorships offer local businesses and community groups a high-profile opportunity to support the Remembering Our Fallen exhibit. Each \$250 donation will provide sponsoring organizations with:

- Sturdy 8"x11" posters on each three-sided panel.
- Mentions in promotional media, including the City's website, social media, and newsletter.
- Listing in the exhibit's brochure, available to all visitors.

Sponsorships must be arranged by Wednesday, April 30th. To sponsor a tower and/or for more information, contact Lori Ciezak (ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-870-9005).

ATTEND APRIL 12TH RESOURCE FAIR FOR SENIORS & VETERANS

Rolling Meadows' Human Services Department will co-host a resource fair designed to help connect senior citizens and veterans with area organizations and services that can help enhance their quality of life.

This free event will take place Saturday, April 12th, 11am-2pm, at Plum Grove Park Banquet Hall (4001 Park Drive). No advance registration is required.

Human Services staff members are partnering with state Senator Mark L. Walker (D-27th), state Representative Nicolle Grasse (D-53rd), and the Cook County Board of Commissioners to sponsor the event.

For more information, contact Human Services at SocialWorkRM@cityrm.org or 847-870-2695.

SEASONAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES APRIL 7TH

Public Works will resume seasonal yard waste collection services on Monday, April 7th.

Customers should place yard waste in 30-gallon kraft paper bags and place them at the curb the night before scheduled pick-up.

All yard waste bags collected by Public Works crews are delivered to an eco-friendly composting facility for processing.



EARLY REFUSE SET-OUT ENDS APRIL 4TH

Friday, April 4th is the final day of Rolling Meadows' 2024-2025 "early refuse set-out" schedule.

Starting Monday, April 7th, residents should place household waste and recyclables at the curb **after** 6pm the night before pick-up.

Learn more about the City's refuse and yard waste collection programs by visiting the Department's [Refuse and Recycling](#) page.



TRUE CALLING: DEPUTY CHIEF ANTHONY PELUSO PERSONIFIES RMPD'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICE

Rolling Meadows' Deputy Police Chief Anthony Peluso explored potential careers in computer aided drafting, accounting, and pharmaceuticals – and then spent nearly five years as a building code inspector – before deciding to follow his true calling in public safety and law enforcement.

Twenty-seven years later, it's safe to say he made the right choice.

Engage with People

"Becoming a police officer was something that was always in the back of my mind" while growing up in Carpentersville, Peluso recalled. "I enjoy engaging with people, and the nature of police work – the fact that every day is different – was appealing," he added.

Peluso came to Rolling Meadows in 2007 with nearly a decade of law enforcement experience. His experiences as a patrol officer, traffic officer, detective, patrol sergeant, and administrative commander prepared him well to serve as Rolling Meadows' Deputy Chief. He was promoted to the position last December.

Exceed Expectations

Deputy Chief Peluso credits his career success to the Rolling Meadows Police Department's sworn officers and non-sworn staff members.

"The expectations placed on police officers have always been high. Our officers and civilian staff exceed those expectations on a daily basis," he explained. "We hire and train exceptional people who do an outstanding job providing police services to Rolling Meadows residents and businesses."



Deputy Police Chief Anthony Peluso

Continuing education and certification is another way Department members maintain their standing among the profession's finest. Peluso holds a Master of Science degree in Public Safety Administration from Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, and is a graduate of the School of Police Staff and Command at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

Community Outreach

RMPD is also very involved in community events, which help officers build and maintain positive relationships with those they serve.

"We are extremely fortunate to have strong bonds with community members. Those relationships, and the feedback we receive from residents, are critical to achieving our goal of providing a very high level of service," Peluso added.

Off-duty, the Deputy Chief and his wife, Christi, enjoy spending time with their two dogs and performing DIY projects around the house. They have two adult daughters and one son-in-law.



Community members gather at the Carillon to honor all who have died in defense of America.

CALLING ALL ROLLING MEADOWS VETERANS! JOIN CITY'S MAY 24TH MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Have you – or someone you know – served in the U.S. Armed Forces?

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee wants to honor that service on Saturday, May 24th, during the City's annual Memorial Day ceremony.

Resident veterans and their family members are invited to take part in this year's event, which takes place at the Carillon Pavilion on Kirchoff Road. The City will provide reserved seating for all attending veterans and their guests.

Carillon Observance + Wreath Ceremony

The observance, scheduled for 11am, will feature a moving tribute to those who gave their "last full measure of devotion," followed by a ceremonial wreath-laying at the

Veterans Monument, located at the base of the Carillon Tower.

Veterans Registry

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans to ensure these former service members receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day ceremony, November Veterans Dinner, and other City events throughout the year.

Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their names, may contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500 x 1002.

More information on the May 24th observance will be featured in the May/June issue of *News & Views*.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT EARNS 10TH CONSECUTIVE DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

Rolling Meadows has been recognized for meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting by [Government Finance Officers Association](#) (GFOA), which presented the City's Finance Department with its tenth consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Exceeds Guidelines

The award for the City's Fiscal Year 2025 budget certifies that Rolling Meadows met or exceeded all nationally accepted guidelines for effective budget presentation.



GFOA reviewers rated the budget document as "proficient" in 14 mandatory criteria that measured its success as a

- Policy document,
- Financial plan,
- Operations guide, and
- Communications device.

Awards Streak Continues

Rolling Meadows has a decades-long track record of earning GFOA awards. In addition, the City is a multi-year recipient of the GFOA's "Triple Crown," a designation presented to organizations that earn all three GFOA awards for budget reporting and transparency in the same year.

Rolling Meadows received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award for fiscal years 2019 through 2022.



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

4/1: **Election Day**

4/2: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7pm

4/3: **Environmental Committee**, 6pm

4/4: **Early Refuse Set-Out ends**

4/7: **Yard Waste Collection begins**; **Economic Development Committee**, 6pm

4/8: **City Council Meeting**, 7pm

4/9: **RM Garden Club**, 6pm (3075 Pheasant Dr); **Library Board**, 7pm (3110 Martin Ln)

4/10: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11am (Red light), 1pm (Code), 2pm (Parking)

4/12: **Passover begins**; **Seniors & Veterans Resource Fair**, 11am–2pm (4001 Park Dr)

4/14: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30am

4/15: **CEF Volunteer Committee**, 6pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7pm

4/18: **Good Friday**

4/20: **Easter**

4/21: **Water bills due**

4/22: **Earth Day**; **Capital Projects Committee**, 6pm; **Veteran's Committee**, 6pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7pm

4/25: **Arbor Day**

4/28 **Police Pension Board**, 3:30pm

4/30: **Firefighters' Pension Board**, 8:30am

April 2025						
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	29	30			



Each fall, students harvest prairie seeds that will grow into new native vegetation and be replanted in the spring.

HIGHLIGHTING THE WONDER OF ILLINOIS' NATIVE LANDSCAPES WITH LOCAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

By the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee

Prior to the early settlement of Illinois, 60% of the state was covered by prairie – a complex ecosystem that features an immense diversity of animals and insects, and hundreds of species of grass, flowers, and trees. This plant life buries its roots more than 15 feet into the ground, which is partly why Illinois has such fertile soils to this day.

While prairie comprises only 1% of Illinois land today, Rolling Meadows High School and Willow Bend Elementary School students are learning about prairie's importance under the stewardship of expert Pete Jackson and the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee.

These students are restoring a patch of land along Salt Creek between the two schools called Emily's Prairie, named after Jackson's late daughter. They help harvest seeds from the prairie in the fall to grow new native vegetation in a greenhouse over winter. Students return these new plants to Emily's Prairie in the spring, while also removing invasive species that hinder native growth.

The City encourages all residents and visitors to explore Emily's Prairie this spring and summer. It's

a chance to appreciate the natural wonder of Illinois' native landscapes and the careful attention that the students, along with Jackson and Environmental Committee members, have demonstrated throughout this important land care project.



Emily's Prairie is named after the late daughter of Pete Jackson (left).

About Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee

Environmental Committee members meet the first Thursday of each month (6pm) at City Hall. Meetings are open to the public. Learn more by visiting the [Committee's web-page](#) on the City's website.



Archive photo of Rolling Meadows' former Fire Station 16 - now a NIPAS facility - located at 2455 Plum Grove Road.

FORMER PLUM GROVE FIRE STATION NOW HOME TO NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), a mutual aid group comprised of law enforcement agencies in over 100 municipalities – including Rolling Meadows – has leased space at the former fire station facility on the City's western side.

The structure, located at 2455 Plum Grove Road, served as the City's Fire Station 16 for nearly 40 years before Fire Department operations moved to a new station (2340 Hicks Road) in early 2020.

Central Location

NIPAS will use the facility, which offers an ideal central location among its member agencies, for training exercises, equipment maintenance and storage, administrative operations,

and emergency response. These uses are outlined in the lease agreement approved by City Council members earlier this year.

The initial 10-year agreement calls for NIPAS to pay the City rent of \$30,000 for the first year, which increases to \$45,000 in year two, \$60,000, in year three and \$75,000 by year four. Annual increases in years five through 10 will be calculated based on changes in the annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

The lease terms also include two five-year options, resulting in a total of 20 years. Either party may terminate the lease agreement with an 18-month written notification.

ABOUT NIPAS



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System was founded in 1982 to help coordinate multi-departmental responses to natural disasters and other major events. Member agencies may request assistance for any situation its command staff believes the agency cannot handle with its own resources. Learn more by visiting the [NIPAS website](#).

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS IN ROLLING MEADOWS

MAY – JUNE – JULY

- May 10th **Family Services Day**
10am–12pm
- May 16th–18th **Remembering Our Fallen**
Veterans Memorial
- May 17th **Public Works Open House**
11am–2pm
- May 24th **Memorial Day Ceremony**
11am
- May 28th **Bites & Beats**
5:30–8:30pm
- June 6th **Block Party on Central Road**
5:30–9:30pm
- June 25th **Bites & Beats**
5:30–8:30pm
- July 4th **July 4th Parade**
11:30am
(Meadow Dr. Route)
- July 4th **July 4th Fireworks**
9:30pm or Dusk
- July 18th **FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert**
6–10pm
- July 23rd **Bites & Beats**
5:30–8:30pm

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

- August 5th **National Night Out**
6–8:30pm
- August 15th **FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert**
6–10pm
- August 27th **Bites & Beats**
5:30–8:30pm
- Sept. 12th **FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert/Duck Race**
6–10pm
- Sept. 13th **(New) Meadows Fest**
2–8pm
- Sept. 14th **(New) Meadows Fest**
12–6pm
- Sept. 24th **Bites & Beats**
5:30–8:30pm



Design rendering of the new Pacifica on Golf development at the Marketplace of Rolling Meadows.

\$10 MILLION 'PACIFICA ON GOLF' DEVELOPMENT PROJECT RISES AT FORMER SAM'S CLUB SITE

A \$10 million redevelopment project that has been underway since last fall at the former Rolling Meadows Sam's Club will soon pivot from interior demolition and buildout to exterior façade and site improvements at the long-vacant property.

When completed, the 125,600 square-foot Pacifica on Golf will feature an Asian-centric "lifestyle center" with retail, grocery, restaurant, and entertainment options all under one roof.

The developer, Aurora, Illinois-based Windfall Group, already has tenants lined up and is working closely with City officials to complete redevelopment work in time for a planned ribbon-cutting ceremony in January 2026.

The site has been vacant since 2010, when Sam's Club closed its Rolling Meadows location as part of a nationwide effort to reduce costs.

Celebrate 70! HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS TO PRESENT MAY 4TH 'CRAWFORD'S & FASHION' EVENT AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

An HISTORIC event featuring raffle prizes, trivia games, guest speakers and more will help residents of all ages celebrate the City's 70th Birthday on Sunday, May 4th, 2–4pm, at the Rolling Meadows Library.

Guest speakers will include author/television producer/columnist Susan Klein, former Crawford's employees, and others who will share memories of life in Rolling Meadows during the 1950s and beyond. Refreshments will be served.

Historical Society members ask attendees to bring and share memories of their 1950s experiences in Rolling Meadows and elsewhere. Guests may also purchase commemorative drink coaster sets and other items.

Reservations are encouraged to ensure available seating. To register, contact the Rolling Meadows Historical Society at 847-577-7086 or 847-254-8520.

Walk ins will be welcome, based on seating availability.



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Police Department
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Public Works
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This Rolling Meadows Historical Society-sponsored event, "Crawford's, Fashion, and Memories of the 1950s," will offer attendees a fond look back at the department store that anchored the City's downtown shopping center for over 30 years.