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Say hello to Santa on December 4th, during the City's Holiday Celebration at City Hall.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & TREE LIGHTING RELOCATES TO CITY HALL, DECEMBER 4TH



Rolling Meadows' Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting returns to Kirchoff Road Thursday, December 4th, with this year's festivities taking place at City Hall after six seasons at the City's Historical Museum on Central Road. The magic will begin at 6pm.

Enjoy caroling led by the Plum Grove Middle School Choir, seasonal refreshments, and a special pre-holiday visit from Santa Claus himself!

Santa, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, will hold court in the City Hall lobby, where residents of all ages can say "Hi!" and drop off letters for him to take back to the North Pole.

Stay tuned for further details and updates on the [City's website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

SUPPORT RMPD'S DEC. 6TH FOOD DRIVE

Looking for a fun and easy way to help make the holidays brighter for community members in need? Support the Rolling Meadows Police Department's Holiday Food Drive on December 6th and its mission to "Haul Away Hunger!"

Bring non-perishable food items to the Police Humvee in front of Jewel/Osco (3000 Kirchoff Road) between 10am and 2pm. Donations will help stock the shelves of the [Palatine Township](#) and [Faith Feeds](#) food pantries.

Specific requests include:

- **Boxed items** (pasta, macaroni & cheese, instant potatoes, stuffing mix)
- **Canned goods** (soup, fruits & vegetables, tomatoes, pasta sauce, tuna)
Note: Pull tabs/pop tops for canned goods are appreciated.
- **Pantry Staples** (peanut butter, dried beans, ketchup & mustard, cereal)
- **Hygiene products** (shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, body wash, deodorant, laundry detergent, dish soap, baby wipes, diapers)

For more information, contact the RMPD (847-255-2416 or pd@cityrm.org) and watch for updates on [Facebook](#).



GIVING TREE PROGRAM BRINGS HOLIDAY MAGIC TO LOCAL FAMILIES

Rolling Meadows' second annual Holiday Giving Tree program helps residents create holiday magic for local families.

Here's how it works:

1. **Register** for the program by scanning the QR Code below or stop by City Hall to select an ornament hanging from the Christmas Trees located on the first and second floors.
2. **Purchase** the gift listed on the back of the ornament. *Participants may shop for one person, multiple individuals, or whole families.*
3. **Deliver** new, unwrapped gifts with the corresponding ornament number to City Hall by **Friday, December 12th**. *Collection boxes are located near the Finance Department (first floor) or Human Services Department (second floor).*

For more information, contact Marisol Gonzalez at 847-870-2695.



Rolling Meadows firefighters need your help to 'Keep the Wreath Red' this winter.

'KEEP THE WREATH RED' PROGRAM HELPS STRESS IMPORTANCE OF HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

There is no holiday from home fire danger. That's why the Rolling Meadows Fire Department is proud to participate in the "Keep the Wreath Red" public awareness campaign, which uses festive seasonal décor to promote holiday fire safety.

Illuminated wreaths displayed at Fire Stations 15 (3201 Algonquin Road) and 16 (2340 Hicks Road) during the holidays are covered in red bulbs. Firefighters will replace a red bulb with a white bulb for each fire in Rolling Meadows that is caused by holiday decorations.

The message is clear: Everyone deserves to enjoy a happy – and safe – holiday season.

Fire Department members offer the following tips to help Keep the Wreaths Red for another season:

Christmas Trees

- Choose fresh trees that are deep green in color and have a strong scent of pine.
- Water trees regularly.
- Verify that artificial trees are flame retardant.
- Keep all trees away from fireplaces, heating vents, and appliances such as space heaters.

Lights

- Buy and use lights approved by a national testing laboratory.
- Discard any lights with frayed or worn cords, broken or cracked sock-

- ets, loose connections, bare wires, or ones that operate intermittently.
- Never use indoor lights outdoors.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Use a maximum of three sets of lights per single extension.
- Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug lights when you leave home and before going to bed.

Candles

Note: RMFD discourages residents from using open flame candles.

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, such as clothing, books, and curtains.
- Keep candles away from flammable liquids.
- Avoid using candles for light during power outages. Use flashlights instead.

Cooking

- Remain in the kitchen when cooking.
- Clean up food or grease that may accumulate on burners and stovetops.
- Turn off stove burners when leaving the room – even for a brief period.
- Use a timer when simmering, baking, or roasting food.
- Wear clothes with tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.

For more information on holiday fire safety, contact the RMFD (847-397-3352 or fd@cityrm.org).

City of Rolling Meadows
Human Services Department

Holiday Giving Tree 2025

This holiday season, help turn wishes into a reality with our second annual **Holiday Giving Tree!**

You can take one person OR a whole family!
Look for the same ornament number for a family

We ask that you to spend a **minimum of \$25 per person**

Register by scanning the QR code on the back of the ornament, on-site using the red boxes, or [online: www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)

Drop off your **NEW and UNWRAPPED** gifts **WITH** the ornament number at City Hall by the finance Department or the 2nd floor near the Human Services waiting area by **December 12th**
Gift bags are appreciated



Christi Wessel (l to r), Chief of Staff to Illinois Representative Michelle Mussman (D-56th), Human Services Director Natalia Nieves, and Illinois Senator Mark Walker (D-27th) were among hundreds who gathered for the City's 'Celebration of Hope' luncheon.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS HELP RAISE \$35,000 AT LUNCHEON FOR CITY'S CRISIS ASSISTANCE FUND

More than 150 community members, businesses, and partners played a major role in the success of the Human Services Department's October 7th "Celebration of Hope" luncheon that raised more than \$35,000 for the City's Hope Fund.

The Fund, overseen and administered by Human Services, provides:

- Relocation support for survivors escaping violence,
- Emergency funding for recovery-related expenses, and,
- Financial relief for families navigating trauma and legal processes.

"The Celebration of Hope's success demonstrates what can happen when a community comes together with compassion and purpose," explained Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC.



"Through the Hope Fund, we are ensuring that no resident faces a crisis alone and showing that every act of giving directly transforms lives," she added.

Program Highlights

Illinois Senator Karina Villa (D-25th), delivered a keynote address on the connection between mental health and social services that echoes the Human Services Department's approach to community care.

Meanwhile, the event's awards program recognized outstanding community leadership:

- **Illinois Senator Mark L. Walker (D-27th)**, was recognized as the 2025 recipient of the "Greatest of All Time (GOAT)" Award for his role in securing grant funding for a new community resource center facility on Algonquin Road.
- **Laura Garcia, Rolling Meadows Librarian**, received a "Hope Award" for her efforts to create a welcoming space where children feel safe, and for empowering abuse survivors through digital literacy and skills training.

Learn More

For more information about the Hope Fund and other services, visit the [Human Services Department website](#) or call 847-870-2695.

IN THE WORKS

MODIFIED HOLIDAY REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION TIMES

- **Christmas Eve:** Public Works will be closed Wednesday, December 24th, but *crews will complete regularly scheduled refuse & recycling collection.*
- **Christmas:** Public Works will be closed Thursday, December 25th. *Regular Thursday and Friday refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day.*
- **New Year's Day:** Public Works will be closed Thursday, January 1st. *Regular Thursday and 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.



SEASON'S FINAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION: DECEMBER 8TH - 12TH

Public Works Department crews will conduct the final yard waste collection of the year during the week of December 8th - 12th.

Residents should place any remaining yard waste in craft paper bags and set them at the curb for pick-up on their regular collection date.

Crews will begin service collection again next spring.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

- 12/1 **Economic Development Committee**, 6pm
- 12/2 **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7pm
- 12/4 **Holiday Celebration**, 6 – 8pm
- 12/6 **Holiday Food Drive**, 10am – 2pm (Jewel/Osco)
- 12/8 **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30am
- 12/10 **RM Garden Club**, 6pm (3705 Pheasant Dr); **Library Board**, 7pm (3110 Martin Ln)
- 12/11 **Adjudication Hearings**, 11am (Redlight), 1pm (Code), 2pm (Parking); **Environmental Committee**, 6pm
- 12/14 **Hanukkah begins at sundown**
- 12/16 **CEF Volunteer Committee**, 6pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 6:30pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7pm
- 12/22 **Water bills due**
- 12/24 **Christmas Eve**: City offices closed. Regular refuse & recycling collection.
- 12/25 **Christmas**: City offices closed. Th & Fri refuse & recycling collection delayed one day.
- 12/26 **Kwanzaa begins**
- 12/31 **New Year's Eve**: Regular refuse & recycling collection.



DESIGN & ENGINEERING CONTRACTS PAVE THE WAY FOR PLANNED 2026 ROAD REHABILITATION PROGRAM

An engineering and design services contract recently approved by the City Council is the first step toward completing Rolling Meadows planned 2026 Road Rehabilitation Program to rebuild or resurface nearly three miles of residential streets throughout town.

Access Lower Pricing

Proceeding with engineering and design work at this time creates opportunities for the City to take advantage of beneficial pricing offered by contractors in the first quarter of the new year.

Consolidated Approach

In 2025, the City successfully implemented a consolidated road pro-

gram that combined the previously separate reconstruction and resurfacing projects into a single unified initiative.



This approach helps lower costs by eliminating redundancies in areas such as contract development, coordinating with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and bidding.

Additional information and updates on the 2026 Road Rehabilitation Program will be posted on the [Public Works Department's webpage](#). Contact Public Works (847-963-0500 or pw@cityrm.org) for further details.

PROPOSED REHABILITATION PROJECTS

Resurfacing*

- **Algonquin Parkway (West)**: From Algonquin Road to terminus
- **Algonquin Parkway (East)**: From Weber Drive to terminus
- **Blackhawk Drive**: From Rohlwing Road to terminus
- **Chapman Court**: From Kirchoff Road to terminus
- **Crane Court**: From Dove Street to terminus
- **George Court**: From Meadow Drive to terminus
- **Kingfisher Lane**: From E. Frontage Road to Owl Drive
- **Oaksbury Lane**: From City limits to terminus
- **Oaksbury Court**: From Oaksbury Lane to terminus
- **Raven Lane**: From Fulle Street to Grouse Lane

- **Rhiannon Court**: From Brockway Street to terminus
- **School Drive**: From Meadow Drive to Campbell Street
- **Sigwalt Court**: From Sigwalt Street to terminus
- **Sigwalt Street**: From School Drive to Meadow Drive
- **Williamsburg Court**: From Chapman Court to terminus

*Note: The resurfacing program also includes the Rolling Meadows Library's west parking lot (between Library Road and Pheasant Drive).

Reconstruction

- **Tollview Drive**: From Algonquin Road to Newport Drive
- **Teonia Woods Drive**: From Meacham Road to terminus

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOUNDATION BOARD UNVEILS 2026 CALENDAR

The return of Meadows Fest, a three-day community celebration that debuted this past September, and the addition of another Friday’s ROCK! concert in Kimball Hill Park are among the many highlights of the 2026 Community Events Calendar presented to City Council at its October 28th meeting.



A seven-member Community Events Foundation Board, comprised of 1st Ward Alderperson Karen McHale, City staff, and community members, developed the calendar after meeting throughout the year to discuss new ideas and evaluate community feedback on existing events.

Back for More

Meadows Fest, originally created to celebrate Rolling Meadows’ 70th anniversary of incorporation, will continue in 2026, based on the outstanding response from attendees. The City will again partner with the Rolling Meadows Park District to plan a full slate of activities/attractions and share costs.

June’s Friday’s ROCK! event will return, in response to the event’s overall popularity and residents’ desire to have more events take place in early summer.

Schedule Changes

The City will discontinue its summer “Bites & Beats” program, after experiencing an attendance drop-off in the program’s second year.

Also, the City will not host a Hometown Hoedown next fall, in order to devote more planning time and resources to Meadows Fest.

The full schedule of 2026 Community Events will be posted on the City’s website in January. Learn more by visiting the [Community Events page](#).

SHOP ROLLING MEADOWS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The local business community – an inviting mix of “Big Box” retailers, independent shops and galleries, and everything in between – offers a wide range of gift options for everyone on your wish list.

Shop First, Then Dine

Once you’ve stocked your sleigh (or other preferred vehicle) with gifts, take some time and explore the City’s restaurant scene. Local establishments offer a savory menu of flavors and experiences – from casual or fine dining to grab & go – that cater to practically any taste and budget. Visit the City’s online [Dining Guide](#) to learn more.

Boost Sales Tax Revenues

Supporting Rolling Meadows businesses offers advantages that go well beyond exceptional service, convenience, and selection: shopping locally also boosts sales tax revenues that fund City operations and reduce reliance on residents’ property taxes.

SNEAK PEEK: 2026 ROLLING MEADOWS COMMUNITY EVENTS

May

- Family Services Day5/9
- Fire Department Pancake Breakfast.....5/9

- Public Works Open House..... 5/16
- Memorial Day Observance ...5/23

June

- Community Block Party6/5
- Friday’s ROCK! & Roll in Meadows..... 6/10

July

- July 4th Parade & Fireworks.....7/4
- Friday’s ROCK! & Roll in Meadows.....7/17

August

- National Night Out8/4
- Friday’s ROCK! & Roll in Meadows..... 8/14

September

- Bike Party..... 9/19
- Duck Race9/25
- Meadows Fest9/25-9/27

October

- Fire Dept. Open House.....10/10

November

- Veterans Dinner11/6

December

- Holiday Celebration 12/3



SUPERVISOR KEVIN CASEY EMBRACES CHALLENGE OF MEETING HIGH STANDARDS

Underground Utilities Supervisor Kevin Casey knows that Rolling Meadows residents hold Public Works Department employees to a very high standard.

He wouldn't want it any other way.

"Our residents have high expectations because they have a lot of pride in their community," Casey explained. "Public Works team members always strive to exceed those expectations and deliver quality services that improve the City's overall quality of life."

From Part-Timer to Lifer

Casey's journey to Underground Utilities Supervisor began with a part-time job with the City's Public Works Department after high school and four years of U.S. Army service.

"I accepted that part-time job on the recommendation of a friend. It was eye-opening," he recalled. "Being part of a group that comes together as a team to achieve a goal – often in extremely challenging conditions – has always been my favorite part of municipal service. I experienced that almost immediately and it helped me determine my career path."

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– Supervisor Kevin Casey

The part-time job in Rolling Meadows led to full-time Public Works positions in Bensenville and his hometown of Arlington Heights. He returned to Rolling Meadows in 2001, where he has spent the past 24 of his 31 years of combined service.

Dependable, Reliable

As Underground Utilities Supervisor, Casey oversees all aspects of the division's operations to ensure the safe, reliable operation of nearly 300 miles of water, sanitary, and storm sewer systems that run beneath the City.



Kevin Casey

He supervises a team of 10 employees, coordinates work assignments, and manages available resources to ensure efficient daily operations and compliance with all safety standards.

Above all, he works to ensure his team supports Public Works' mission to deliver reliable, dependable services 24/7.

A Bright Future

Looking ahead, Casey is excited to see what the future holds for Rolling Meadows as a whole and his fellow department members.

"With new development plans on the horizon, I can't wait to see how Public Works will help shape the City's future," he explained. "In service of that, my priority is to continue fostering the professional growth and development of my team and help guide the next generation of utility workers in our department."

Outside of work, Casey enjoys family time with his wife of 28 years, Jamie, and their two daughters. He also enjoys hiking and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.



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