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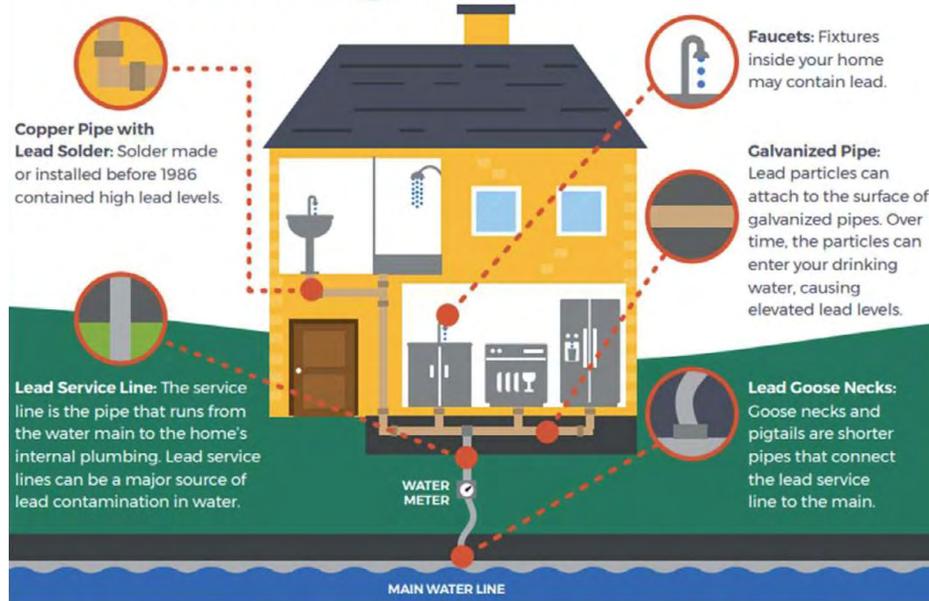
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Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water

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SERVICE LINE INVENTORY SURVEY SAFEGUARDS ROLLING MEADOWS' WATER SUPPLY

Public Works needs your help completing an inventory of all underground service lines that connect homes and businesses to the City's water main system, as required by the state of Illinois' Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification (LSLRN) Act.

The goal is to safeguard the City's water supply by documenting any service lines that are made of lead, and then schedule their removal and replacement. Lead is harmful to human health even at low levels and can enter the water supply when lead-based plumbing materials corrode or wear away.

Online Survey

As part of that effort, the Public Works Department has developed a brief

survey that allows utility customers to identify and report what material their water service lines are made of.

Access the survey [here](#) or by scanning the QR code. Please submit responses by September 1st.



Public Works Conducts At-Home Inspections

Public Works employees are also conducting door-to-door inspections of homeowners' service lines (see material types at right). For more information or to schedule an inspection, contact the Public Works Department (pw@cityrm.org or 847-963-0500).

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR CITY'S NEW LOGO

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How to Identify What Your Water Service Line is Made Of

Inspect the piping that brings water into your home (usually near your water meter) for the following indicators:

- **PVC/Plastic** is usually black, white, or blue in color.
- **Galvanized steel** has a dull, silver/gray color and is also magnetic.
- **Copper** is reddish brown and similar in color/appearance to a penny.
- **Lead** is silver/gray in color and turns bright silver when scratched with a key, screwdriver, or other tool. Lead does not possess magnetic properties.

'DISTINGUISHED BUDGET' AWARD HIGHLIGHTS CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Rolling Meadows' latest "Distinguished Budget Award" for Fiscal Year 2024, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), reflects the City's "commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," according to a GFOA news release announcing the award.



To earn GFOA recognition, the City met or exceeded a series of nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Rolling Meadows' budget was rated proficient in 14 mandatory criteria that measured the document's success in serving as a(n):

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

GFOA credits Rolling Meadows and other award recipients as pioneers in their efforts to improve the quality of the budget process, which serves as an example for other governments throughout North America.

HELP CHOOSE ROLLING MEADOWS' NEW LOGO!

Make your voice heard! Help determine Rolling Meadows' new logo by completing a brief, four-question [online survey](#).

The two logo concepts under consideration are part of a comprehensive rebranding initiative intended to establish a revitalized City brand that is modern, inviting, representative of the community, and helps attract new businesses and economic development to Rolling Meadows.

Here are the finalists. What's your choice? Cast your vote by Tuesday, August 13th!



Rolling Meadows

Blossoming Together

Rolling Meadows cultivates a community representing diversity and allows us to grow together as one. This logo shows the many different aspects that make Rolling Meadows a thriving and welcoming community through a four-quadrant design:

- The top-left quadrant integrates a bird silhouette as a nod to the many streets throughout Rolling Meadows that are named after birds. The purple color represents community members who attend Rolling Meadows High School.

- The bottom-left quadrant is a flower petal to represent the wonderful parks throughout the City and resembles a bell – a nod to the Carillon tower.
- The top-right quadrant integrates a leaf silhouette (a nod to the City's original leaf logo) and forms the letter "R" – for *Rolling*. The green color represents community members who attend Fremd High School.
- The bottom-right quadrant represents Salt Creek and forms the letter "M" – for *Meadows*.



Serenity's Perch

Rolling Meadows takes pride in its natural beauty, peaceful atmosphere, and serene lifestyle. The bird silhouette is inspired by the many streets throughout Rolling Meadows that are named after birds. The bird sits upon the prairie grass along Salt Creek, portraying the pleasant natural aspects of the City.

Federal Grant Support

Funding for the rebranding initiative comes from federal grant money received through the American Rescue Plan Act. It was approved by Congress in 2022 to support pandemic recovery by encouraging economic development activities – including community rebranding efforts.

FRIDAYS ROCK! & ROLL IN MEADOWS

SUPPORT CITY'S COMMUNITY EVENTS FOUNDATION

Financial support for the City's community events is provided by the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations from residents and local businesses.

To contribute, please visit the Community Events Foundation [web-page](#) or scan the QR code at right. Supporters may also mail checks to *Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation*, 3600 Kirchoff Road. For business sponsorship opportunities, contact Lori Ciezak (847-870-9005 or ciezakl@cityrm.org).





ROLLING MEADOWS HEATS UP FOR AUGUST EVENTS



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

Family Movie Night with RM Cops
7–10 pm @ the Community Center

The Rolling Meadows Police Department invites residents of all ages to a free outdoor screening of *Migration* (2023), an animated adventure comedy starring the voice talents of Awkwafina, Elizabeth Banks, Danny DeVito, Keegan-Michael Key, and Kumail Nanjiani.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

National Night Out

6–8:30 pm @ the Community Center

Stand against crime with Rolling Meadows Police Officers while celebrating the City's unique community spirit. Guests will enjoy free food, giveaways, games, and more (while supplies last).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Friday's ROCK! and Roll in Meadows
5:30 – 10 pm @ Kimball Hill Park

Grab a blanket or lawn chairs, pack a picnic dinner or sample fare from onsite food trucks, and enjoy FREE musical performances by TWO great bands!

- 5:30–7 pm: [Sean McKee Band](#) (blues/rock)
- 8–10 pm: [The Chicago Experience](#) (Chicago tribute group)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

Bites & Beats on Kirchoff Road
4:30–8:30 pm @ Community Church of Rolling Meadows

Sample tasty food truck fare and live musical entertainment on the grounds of Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road). Alcoholic beverages, courtesy of [Rep's Place](#) or [Phoenix Flame](#), will be available for purchase for guests ages 21 and over with valid ID. No outside food or drinks permitted, please.

ROLLING MEADOWS
FRIDAYS ROCK! & ROLL IN MEADOWS
Kimball Hill Park 6-10 PM

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Two Bands EACH NIGHT!

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THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS PRESENTS
BITES & BEATS
On Kirchoff
FOOD TRUCKS & LIVE MUSIC

AUG 28	4:30 PM TODD DONNELLY (Steel Drum) 6:30 PM GATOR WATER (Blues Rock)
SEPT 25	4:30 PM RM HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND 6:30 PM BOURBON ARISTOCRACY (Bluegrass)

2720 KIRCHOFF ROAD
ON THE GROUNDS OF
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ROLLING MEADOWS
(THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT PARTNER!)



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

8/1: **Environmental Committee**, 6:00 pm

8/3: **Family Movie Night with the RM Cops**, 7:00 – 10:00 pm (3705 Pheasant Dr.)

8/5: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

8/6: **National Night Out**, 6:00 – 8:30 pm (3705 Pheasant Dr.)

8/7: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

8/8: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (Red light), 1:00 pm (Code), 2:00 pm (Parking)

8/12: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30 am

8/14: **Library Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Ln.)

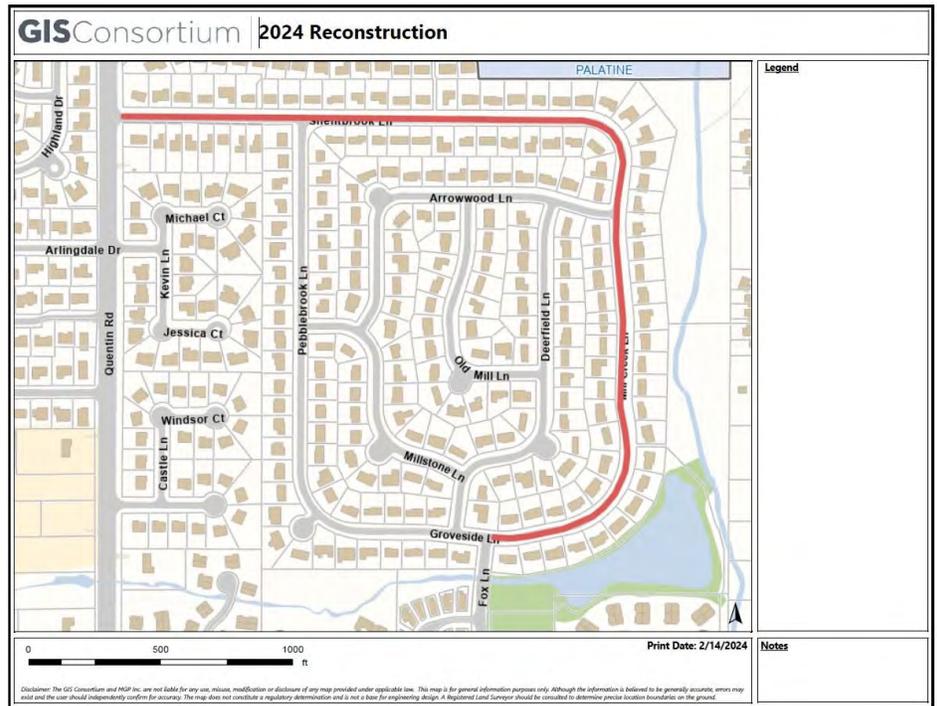
8/16: **Fridays ROCK! & Roll in Meadows**, 6:00 – 10:00 pm (Kimball Hill Park)

8/20: **Water bills due; Community Events Volunteer Meeting**, 6:00 pm

8/27: **Veteran's Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm

8/28: **Bites & Beats on Kirchoff**, 4:30 – 8:30 pm (2720 Kirchoff Rd.)

August 2024						
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A Construction Project Page map highlights this summer's rebuild of Silent Brook Lane and Mill Creek Lane.

FIND UPDATES ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLINE

Rolling Meadows' Public Works Department makes it easy for residents to stay informed about the status of local road, bike path, and underground utility construction projects:

- Visit the Department's [Construction Projects page](#). Scroll down and click the "Notify Me" link to sign up

for email or text updates, or simply click on each project listed on the left side of the page.

- Follow Public Works on [Facebook](#).

For more information on Public Works operations and services, visit the Department's [webpage](#) or call 847-963-0500.

New Business Alert!

CAFÉ ON THE GROVE ADDS DISTINCT TWIST TO CLASSIC BREAKFAST & LUNCH FAVORITES

Café on the Grove provides a unique spin on classic breakfast and lunch dishes using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The new restaurant, owned and operated by a mother-daughter duo, offers a "much-needed venue for local residents and businesses to relax, meet up, or take out."

The café also offers "an elegant bar stocked with exquisite spirits, craft cocktails, and the finest brew." Complete food and drink menus are available on the restaurant's website.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS IDENTIFY THREE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT

This summer, the City has been building a new vision for the future of Kirchoff Road. Through focus groups, pop-up events, and online tools, over 300 community members helped create an Existing Conditions Report that describes Kirchoff Road today. You can view a full copy of the report at the QR Code below.

Based on this feedback, the City is evaluating three potential policies to guide the future of Kirchoff Road:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

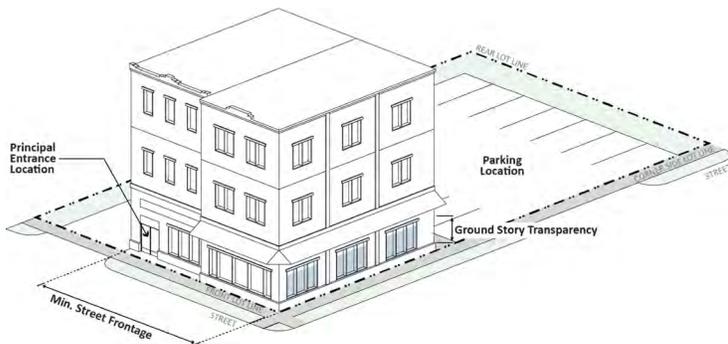
Status: Rolling Meadows has the potential to support additional restaurant and retail development.

Suggestions:

- Differentiate the Kirchoff Road business corridor from neighboring communities by adding businesses and service providers that are open on nights and weekends.
- Attract experience-based businesses (indoor golf, rock climbing, etc.).
- Encourage the arrival of companies in growth-based market segments such as mid-scale franchises, natural foods, fitness, beauty, and wellness.



ZONING



Status: Kirchoff Road zoning prohibits mixed-use buildings and has excessive setbacks that inhibit development.

Suggestions:

The City should:

- Create a new district specific to Kirchoff Road.
- Introduce design requirements to improve the quality of new buildings.
- Employ land use controls to facilitate active and diverse uses – including restaurants, retail, entertainment, and recreation.

MOBILITY

Status: Kirchoff Road accommodates roughly 10,000 vehicles per day but can handle three times that number as currently configured. The road’s width is a primary cause of excessive speeding in the area. Traffic enforcement alone will not solve this problem.

Suggestion: Reconfigure Kirchoff Road into three lanes, which will accommodate existing and future traffic. This will create additional space for pedestrians, cyclists, landscaping, and on-street parking. This would also reduce crossing widths and driver speeds.

ROAD DIET TYPOLGY 2 - ON STREET PARKING



NEXT STEPS

Community engagement efforts will continue, in an effort to help Rolling Meadows create a downtown district for everyone. Project teams are also developing concepts for three specific “opportunity sites” that are positioned for development in the near-term.

For more information and to sign up for the latest project updates, visit www.PlanRollingMeadows.com.





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 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 at ciezakl@cityrm.org.

ROLLING MEADOWS' HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HELPS TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE

Rolling Meadows' Human Services Department (HSD) offers a forward-looking approach to improving public safety by helping residents of all ages and backgrounds cope with a variety of challenges.



Natalia Nieves

"The Human Services Department is designed to provide counseling and assistance before issues such as eviction or hunger turn into tragedies," explained HSD Director Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC, AMFT. "It's an opportunity to make our community more connected and resilient."

Other local communities with similar programs include Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Evanston, Hoffman Estates, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Niles, and Skokie.

Service Divisions

The new department is structured into three service divisions to serve

Rolling Meadows residents more effectively:

- Community Social Services**
 Helps senior citizens, vulnerable adults, new immigrants, and any residents in need of general social work and case management.
- Mental Health**
 Provides short-term therapy (inc. trauma, grief, family, and couple's); connections to psychiatric care, support groups, and advocacy.
- Police Social Services**
 Offers court advocacy for criminal cases related to domestic violence, sexual abuse, and other types of violent crimes; assistance with civil and criminal orders of protection; and crime prevention program support.

To access department services, call 847-870-2695 or send an email to socialworkrm@cityrm.org. Visit www.cityrm.org/941/Human-Services to learn more.

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