



Rep's Place + Brothers' Ribs = Business Growth Opportunities

Ever since opening Rep's Place on Kirchoff Road in downtown Rolling Meadows in 2018, owner Mike Reppe had wanted to add authentic barbecue to his popular sports bar/restaurant's menu.

But just as preparing savory, mouth-watering barbecue requires time, patience, and the right ingredients, he wasn't going to rush it.

**Rep's Place +
Brothers' Ribs**
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"It was always a goal, but I knew that doing it right was probably beyond my own capabilities," Reppe recalled. "Rep's Place has built its reputation on providing great food and great service in a great space. I wasn't going to offer an inferior product and damage our good name."

Patience Pays Off

Reppe had gotten to know Mike and Katie Burriss, owners of Palatine-based Brothers' Ribs, over the course of several years while serving as a food vendor at an area street festival. In late summer 2023, after learning that the Burriss' were making plans to downsize their operational footprint, he approached them with an idea.

It took less than a month to finalize the new partnership.

"Mike and Katie brought the knowledge, experience, and – most importantly – an exceptional product," Reppe explained. "We had the 'brick and mortar' space available to incorporate the large smokers and other equipment necessary to expand our menu offerings and enhance our customers' experiences."

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Rep's Place began offering Brothers' Ribs and other items
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Special Use Permit Approval Clears Way for New Development at Former Sam's Club Site

The City Council's approval in June of a special use permit on behalf of the Windfall Group, an Aurora-based developer, paves the way for redevelopment of 125,600 square feet of space at 1460-1470 Golf Road, site of the former Sam's Club.

The planned "Pacifica on Golf" development will be "an Asian-focused commercial



Photo: Windfall Group

restaurant, and entertainment center," according to Windfall's proposal. It represents an estimated \$10.1 million reinvestment in the local economy.

Preliminary redevelopment plans anticipate a 10-month construction timeline, with completion expected by January 2026.

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Human Services Dept. Seeks Sponsors for October 10th Luncheon

An October 10th fundraiser luncheon hosted by Rolling Meadows' Human Services Department is offering high-profile sponsorship opportunities for local businesses that are interested in helping community members in crisis or facing life-altering circumstances.

The "Celebration of Hope" event at Lamirage (3223 Algonquin Rd) will raise money for the City's non-profit Hope Fund, which provides emergency financial assistance to victims of domestic violence and other abuse. Learn more by visiting www.cityrm.org/948/Hope-Fund-Tab.

The event will feature a keynote presentation by the Honorable Joel Green-



blatt, Associate Judge, Third Municipal District – Rolling Meadows, Domestic Violence Division.

"So often, residents facing dire circumstances – whether it be fire or floods, or more personal tragedies such

as domestic violence and child abuse – have nowhere to turn," explained Human Services Department Director Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC, AMFT. "The Hope Fund helps the City provide timely emergency assistance to those who need it most."

Sponsorship Tiers

- Diamond Level . . . \$3,000
- Platinum Level . . . \$2,000
- Gold Level \$1,000
- Silver Level \$500
- Bronze Level. \$250

Sponsor benefits vary by level and include multiple opportunities for marketing local businesses. For more information, contact Marisol Gonzalez (gonzalezm@cityrm.org or 847-870-2695).

Reserve Your Seat Today

Attendance at the Celebration of Hope is open to all business professionals and the public at-large. Tickets are \$55 each. For more details and to reserve your seat, scan the QR code.



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in January 2024, after a few months of set-up and testing. The restaurant's new barbecue menu includes ribs, smoked beef brisket, pulled pork, burnt ends, smoked jumbo wings, and more.

"There really wasn't a place in Rolling Meadows that served

great barbecue," said Reppe, who grew up here. "I'm really pleased to be able to offer a local option. Our long-time customers are now enjoying the Brothers' Ribs menu, and we've also been able to welcome new customers who remain loyal to what Mike and Katie built."

Coming Soon: Catering & Holiday Menus

Looking ahead, Reppe is excited by the limitless possibilities offered by his restaurant's expanded menu. Rep's Place is in the process of creating a full barbecue catering menu, and also hopes to offer smoked turkeys,



Adding authentic Brothers' Ribs barbecue to his menu has helped Rep's Place owner Mike Reppe create new experiences for customers.

hams, and prime rib for select holidays.

But he remains committed to delivering what his customers have come to expect for the past six years: a local establishment where residents of all ages can bond over a shared love of local sports teams and

enjoy a menu that features unique barbecue, brews, burgers, and more.

"Our customers seem to like what we're doing. Our goal is to continue delivering on those experiences and create new ones in the process," Reppe added.



Next Level Northwest (NLNW) is a regional business accelerator that helps small companies solve challenging business issues and increase productivity. Learn more about how your business can benefit from NLNW support by contacting Martha Corner, Rolling Meadows Business Development Manager (847-870-9004 or cornerm@cityrm.org).

Local Eats

City Welcomes New Restaurants, Celebrates Reopening of Long-Time 'Hall of Fame' Favorite



Local leaders gather to celebrate the grand opening of Cafe on the Grove in June.

Rolling Meadows' culinary scene has two additions and the return of a long-time community favorite:

Café on the Grove

2160 Plum Grove Road
847-306-9095
www.cafe-onthegrove.com

Classic breakfast and lunch dishes made with fresh, locally sourced ingredients, and an elegant bar stocked with exquisite spirits, craft cocktails, and the finest brew.

Fratellos2*

3301 Kirchoff Road
224-248-9877
www.fratellos2.com

Casual American cuisine and a mix of Greek and Italian specialty dishes; member of the Vienna Beef Hot Dog Hall of Fame since 2018.

Pho Plus

11323 Golf Road
847-264-8990
Vietnamese noodle house

**Editor's Note: Fratellos2 reopened in July, after fire-related damage closed the restaurant temporarily.*

For a complete listing, please visit www.cityrm.org/DocumentCenter/View/2586/Dining-Guide.

Thank you, Street Banner Program Sponsors

Twenty-eight local businesses and community organizations signed on as partners for the City's 2024 street banner promotional initiative.



The annual program offers area groups a high-profile opportunity to market themselves to local audiences: sponsors purchase customized panels (featuring an organization's name or logo) that hang beneath decorative street banners displayed along Kirchoff Road and other high-traffic areas around town.

Proceeds from each sale helps offset the program's

costs while also benefiting the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity whose mission is to provide financial support to the City's community events. It relies solely on tax-deductible contributions and gifts from donors.

Learn more by visiting www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation.



2024 STREET BANNER PROGRAM SPONSORS

- Aerex Pest Control
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- Community Church of Rolling Meadows
- JML Overhead Door
- Aloft Hotel
- Complete Lawn & Snow Services
- Lamirage
- Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
- Corporate America Family Credit Union
- Lulu's
- MAID Brigade
- BEAR Construction
- Flood Brothers Disposal Co.
- Marc Realty
- Meridian Banquets
- Bloom Lash Lounge
- Holiday Inn Express
- Phoenix Flame
- Rolling Meadows Historical Museum
- Rolling Meadows Library
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'Bites & Beats' Events Offer Casual Setting for Business Networking

The City's summer 'Bites & Beats' event series combines tasty food truck fare and live musical entertainment in the heart of the City's downtown business district – a perfect opportunity to network in a casual, inviting setting.

The season's final two events will take place from 4:30 – dusk at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road) on Wednesdays, Aug. 28th, and Sept. 25th.

This latest addition to Rolling Meadows' community events calendar was designed with local businesses in mind: it's an initia-

tive of the City's Economic Development Committee. Join the fun and bring your team – or your customers – for an evening of exceptional entertainment!

Alcoholic drinks, courtesy of Rep's Place or Phoenix Flame, will be available for purchase (must be 21-years of age). No outside food or beverages are permitted at these events.

More Bites & Beats information, including a roster of scheduled performers, is posted online at www.cityrm.org and on the City's social media feeds.



Contact Business Development Manager Martha Corner (cornerm@cityrm.org or 847-870-9004) for further details.



**BITES & BEATS
 AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024
 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

AUGUST 28TH
Todd Donnelly (*Steel Drum*) 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Gatorwater (*Blues Rock*) 6:30 – 8:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 25TH
Rolling Meadows High School Jazz Band 4:30 – 6:00 pm
The Bourbon Aristocracy (*Bluegrass*) 6:30 – 8:30 pm