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CITY ADOPTS NEW LOGO & TAGLINE

Branding Standards Undergo First Update in Over 25 Years

Rolling Meadows' new logo and updated "Together We Can" tagline, adopted by City Council members in October, is the first update of the City's branding standards since the late 1990s.

Both new branding elements, incorporating ideas generated through a year-long period of community outreach efforts research, were developed by Selbert Perkins Design, a consulting firm that specializes in working with municipal organizations across the country.

New Logo

The updated logo offers a "bolder, more modern look that is also an evolution of the current mark," according to Selbert Perkins Design Partner John Lutz. The graphic represents the waves and hills that come to mind when envisioning fields of "rolling meadows," and is tied together with a more modern font.

- The primary logo color is green,

although Council members agreed that City departments should have the flexibility to adopt different colors in support of their own branding (e.g., Police Department blue or Fire Department red).

- The logo will begin appearing on City vehicles, facilities, and communications pieces in early- to mid-2025.

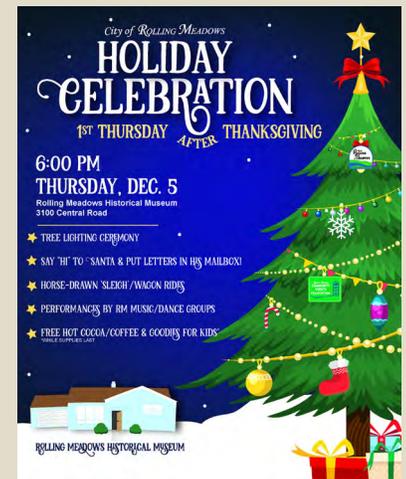
Updated Tagline

"Together We Can" replaces "Progress Through Participation" as Rolling Meadows' tagline. It is based on the unifying idea – reinforced by feedback from community members – that the City can accomplish anything when its citizens work together.

- It supports the goal of people working together for a stronger, better community.
- It recognizes that Rolling Meadows residents are strong, smart, creative, brave, helpful, supportive, and committed to a better future.

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, at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road). Festivities will begin at 6:00 pm.



The evening will also feature:

- Horse-drawn sleigh & wagon rides
- Music and dance performances
- DJ-led holiday music & sing-alongs
- Historical Museum tours
- Free hot cocoa, coffee, and treats for kids (*while supplies last*)

Another reason to celebrate will be a special appearance by Santa Claus! Say "hello" and place letters in his mailbox!

Barker Avenue and portions of Central Road will be closed to traffic during the event to ensure the safety of attendees.

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

SEASONAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION ENDS DECEMBER 13TH

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 set at the curb for pick-up on your regular collection date.

Crews will begin collecting yard waste again next spring.



HOLIDAY REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- **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 (pw@cityrm.org or 847-963-0500) or visit the City's [refuse & recycling webpage](#).



A plow operator navigates the obstacle course during Public Works' October "Snow & Ice Rodeo."

'SNOW RODEO' PREPARES PLOW TEAMS FOR WINTER

The Public Works Department's second annual "Snow & Ice Rodeo" helped staff members hone their skills operating City snow plows, while also fostering team building in advance of winter's arrival.

The Rodeo, held in October, served as a showcase for plow operators to demonstrate their precision driving skills on an obstacle course designed to mimic real-world situations. Participants tackled a series of challenges that tested their abilities in a variety of areas, including:

- Executing three-point turns in confined spaces,
- Using the plow blade to push a tire to a designated marker (without crossing the line), and,
- Maneuvering as closely as possible to obstacles, such as curbside mailboxes, without hitting them.

The course also featured multiple "snow cones" that drivers were required to plow off the path to earn points. Other cones resulted in point deductions if drivers hit them. The



goal of each participant was to accumulate as many points as possible.

"The rodeo sparks some friendly competition among our team, but it also helps strengthen our bond," explained Street Division Superintendent Brad Valentino. "After everyone competes, we gather for lunch and then move into the training's classroom component."

Classroom topics included a detailed review of the City's snow and ice policies, route and truck assignments, and an update on recent road and infrastructure projects that may affect specific plow routes.

"The mix of hands-on practice, followed by discussion and classroom instruction, ensures that the entire department is prepared for whatever winter might throw at us," Valentino added.

Learn more about Public Works' snow and ice removal program [online](#) or by calling 847-963-0500.



SUPPORT POLICE DEPT'S HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, DEC. 7TH

SHOP ROLLING MEADOWS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON *Sales Tax Revenues Reduce Reliance on Property Taxes*

Searching for great shopping value, variety, and convenience this holiday season? Look no further than Rolling Meadows! The City's business community – featuring "Big Box" retailers, independent shops and galleries and everything in between – offers a wide range of unique gift ideas.

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.

Shop, 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.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S 'GIVING TREE' PROGRAM BRINGS HOLIDAY MAGIC TO FAMILIES

Rolling Meadows' Holiday Giving Tree program offers a way for residents to create holiday magic for local families by turning wish lists into reality.

Here's how it works:

1. **Register** for the program by scanning the QR Code (at right) or stop by City Hall to select an ornament hanging from the Christmas Tree located in the lobby.
2. **Purchase** the gift listed on the back of the ornament. *Note: participants may shop for one person, several individuals, or whole families.*
3. **Deliver** new, unwrapped gifts with the corresponding ornament number to the Human Services Department (second floor, City Hall) by Friday, December 16th.



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



Help Rolling Meadows Police "haul away hunger" Saturday, December 7th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, when the Department hosts its annual Holiday Food Drive. All donations will benefit the Palatine Township Food Pantry.

Residents may bring non-perishable food items to the collection site, located in front of Jewel/Osco (3000 Kirchoff Road). Financial donations will also be accepted on-site, and the Police Department welcomes residents who would like to volunteer their time in support of the drive.



Requested Items Include:

- Personal hygiene products (razors, shaving gel/cream, deodorant, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and more)
- Non-perishable food (including canned soups, canned vegetables, granola bars, crackers, crunchy peanut butter, and pasta sauce)
- Condiments (ketchup, salad dressing, mustard, and mayonnaise)

For more information, follow the Police Department's [Facebook](#) page or contact Officer Geunyoung Pak at 847-255-2416.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

12/2: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

12/3: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

12/5: **Environmental Committee**, 6:00 pm; **Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting**, 6:00 pm (3100 Central Rd.)

12/9: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30 am

12/10: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:00 pm

12/11: **Library Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Ln.)

12/12: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (Red light), 1:00 pm (Code), 2:00 pm (Parking)

12/17: **City Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm

12/20: **Water bills due**

12/24: **Christmas Eve**, City offices closed. Crews will conduct refuse/recycling collection.

12/25: **Christmas/Hanukkah Begins**, City offices closed. Refuse/recycling collection delayed one day for the remainder of the week.

12/26: **Kwanzaa Begins**

12/31: **New Year's Eve**



'KEEP THE WREATH RED' PROGRAM FOCUSES PUBLIC AWARENESS ON HOLIDAY FIRE DANGERS

Festive wreaths displayed at Rolling Meadows fire stations are centerpieces of the "Keep the Wreath Red" program, which encourages residents to prevent home fires caused by seasonal decorations.

The wreaths at Stations 15 (3201 Algonquin Road) and 16 (2340 Hicks Road) begin each season illuminated with red bulbs. Firefighters will replace those with a white bulb for each fire in Rolling Meadows caused by holiday decor.

The message: "Let's all work together to keep our families safe this season."

To help keep the wreaths red, Rolling Meadows firefighters offer the following safety tips:

- Carefully inspect all holiday light strings and discard any with frayed cords or loose connections
- Turn off all holiday lights when leaving the house or going to sleep each night
- Keep candles away from combustible materials, such as clothing



and curtains. Never leave burning candles unattended (Note: Fire Department officials discourage residents from using traditional/open flame candles.)

- Keep tree stands full of water to prevent live trees from drying out. If using an artificial tree, make sure it is flame-retardant.
- Place trees away from heat sources and at a safe distance from exits.

For more information on holiday fire safety, call the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352 or visit the Department's [Facebook](#) page.

December 2024						
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
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The Honorable Joel L. Greenblatt (seated, center) was recipient of the Human Services Department's 'GOAT' Award at the Celebration of Hope luncheon.

LOCAL BUSINESSES HELP RAISE OVER \$20,000 AT INAUGURAL 'HOPE FUND' FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Strong support from area businesses helped raise more than \$20,000 for Rolling Meadows' [Hope Fund](#), which provides financial assistance to victims of domestic violence and other abuse, during an October 11th fundraiser organized by the City's Human Services Department.

The "Celebration of Hope" luncheon at LaMirage (3223 Algonquin Road) welcomed 120 guests for a program that featured a keynote address by the Honorable Joel L. Greenblatt, of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Judge Greenblatt was also recipient of the program's Greatest of All Time (G.O.A.T.) Award for his "unwavering dedication and impactful rulings (that) have made him a champion for those seeking support and protection."

Meanwhile, the gathering allowed Human Services Director Natalia

Nieves, PhD, LCPC, to present "Hope Awards" to two individuals who are dedicated to helping those in need:

- **Laura Hoover**, Executive Director & Supervising Attorney of the Chicago-based Children's Legal Center, and,
- **John Nowacki**, Rolling Meadows Police Chief.

"The Celebration of Hope Luncheon was a way to honor those who have profoundly impacted the lives of people facing violence and difficult life circumstances," Dr. Nieves explained.

"We also offer heartfelt gratitude to our generous sponsors, whose unwavering support made event possible. Their commitment to empowering survivors is truly inspiring and reflects our shared belief in a brighter tomorrow," she added.



'PLAN ROLLING MEADOWS' WEBSITE OFFERS LATEST UPDATES ON DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

Keep current with ongoing efforts to redevelop downtown Rolling Meadows, view planning studies and documents that will be used to create new opportunities for development, participate in community surveys, and more at www.planrollingmeadows.com.



THANK YOU SPONSORS

Special thanks to the following organizations and individuals for sponsoring the Celebration of Hope:

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Senator Mark Walker
Sue Walton

Bronze Level

Rolling Meadows Library
Mary Sue Fidale, MA, LCPC, RNC
James A. Geocarlis
Kevin Morrison (Cook County Commissioner)

The latest survey, which closed in late November, was designed to collect community preferences on the "look and feel" of a redeveloped Kirchoff Road business corridor that included community branding elements, commercial/mixed-use development, open space, and greater pedestrian access.



Community members honor the bravely of all who have served in uniform during a November 11th Veterans Day ceremony at the Carillon Tower on Kirchoff Road.

VETERANS COMMITTEE HOSTS NOVEMBER 11TH CARILLON CEREMONY HONORING SERVICE MEMBERS

Community members gathered at the Carillon Tower on November 11th to honor and salute all who have served our nation in uniform.

The Veterans Day ceremony, organized by members of the City's Veterans Committee, began at 11 am sharp with chimes ringing from

the bell tower. These were followed by Taps at 11:11 and, afterward, other patriotic musical pieces.

The observance also welcomed local school children, who presented "Thank You" cards to veterans in attendance.

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,



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.

SUPPORT THE ROLLING MEADOWS COMMUNITY EVENTS FOUNDATION

Financial support for the City's community events is provided by the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations from residents and local businesses.

To contribute, please visit the [Community Events Foundation](#) page on Rolling Meadows' website or scan the QR code at left.

Supporters may also make checks payable to *Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation* and send them to:

City of Rolling Meadows
Community Events Foundation
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008



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