

# NEWS

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## Rolling Meadows to Honor Veterans with Memorial Day Events

Rolling Meadows will honor those who have defended America's freedom this Memorial Day weekend with a traditional parade through downtown, a solemn observance at the Carillon Tower, and a special dinner for veterans.

• **Memorial Day Parade** (Saturday, May 28, 11 a.m.) – The parade will begin at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive, then march west to the Carillon Tower. The City invites local veterans and their family members to participate, and will provide transportation for those unable to walk the parade route. Veterans who wish to join this year's event, and have not registered in prior years, may contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.

• **Memorial Day Observance** (Saturday, May 28, 11:30 a.m.) – Following the parade, City officials and invited dignitaries will place a wreath at the base of the Veterans Monument during a



The City's Memorial Day Parade, followed by an observance at the Carillon (above), will honor those who have served.

solemn ceremony to honor the sacrifices of those who have served.

• **Veterans Dinner** (Friday, May 27, 6 p.m.) – Local veterans will reconnect with fellow service members at a dinner at Meridian Banquets, 1701 Algonquin Road. The event, hosted by the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee, is free for resident veterans and one guest. For reservations, contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.

In addition, the **Cancer Awareness Committee's annual Fun Walk** will take place Saturday, May 28, following the Memorial Day Parade and Carillon observance. The walk was held on the 4th of July the previous two years. Registration will take place at the Carillon on the day of the event.

## Residents Elect Rooney Mayor; Cannon, Buske, Banger, Larsen Aldermen



Tom Rooney, former 4th Ward Alderman, was elected Rolling Meadows Mayor on April 5. He succeeds Ken Nelson, who has served as mayor for the two-term maximum.

Rooney is a high school social studies teacher at West Leyden High School, Northlake, IL. A former member of the United States Marine Corps (Reserve), he represented 4th Ward residents on City Council from 2000 – 2009. He has served as a member of the Rolling Meadows Library Board, the Historical Society and the Veterans Monument Committee.

Voters also elected:

- **Michael J. Cannon** as 1st Ward Alderman. He succeeds Alderman John Pitzafferro, who did not run for re-election.
- **Lawrence Buske** to a third term as 3rd Ward Alderman.
- **Rob Banger, Jr.** to represent Ward 5. Banger succeeds Alderman Glenn Adams (term limits).
- **James Larsen** to a second term as 7th Ward Alderman.

Newly-elected Council members will be sworn-in on May 10.

One of the new Council's first priorities will be to fill two vacancies. Ward 2 Alderman **Barb Lusk** resigned her seat on April 15 in advance of a move to Arizona. City Clerk Lisa Hinman did not run for re-election, and no candidates filed for the position.

### Contact City Officials: City Hall Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Mayor . . . . . Kenneth Nelson  
 City Clerk . . . . . Lisa Hinman  
 City Manager . . . . . Barry Krumstok

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 3rd Ward: Lawrence Buske . . . . . 847-255-9126  
 4th Ward: Brad Judd . . . . . 847-902-3248  
 5th Ward: Glenn Adams . . . . . 847-259-5875  
 6th Ward: John D'Astice . . . . . 847-409-9367  
 7th Ward: James Larsen . . . . . 630-244-4228

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## Retail Spotlight:

# City's Downtown Offers Unique Blend of Historic Businesses, Modern Amenities

Rolling Meadows' downtown retail sector offers shoppers a unique blend of historic businesses, specialty stores and modern amenities.

Downtown is anchored by the **Rolling Meadows Shopping Center**, which recently underwent an extensive modernization. Shop **Jewel/Osco** for groceries, then sample products and services from more specialized providers, including **Joelle's Hallmark**, **Dollar Tree** and **BB Nails**.



The recently renovated Rolling Meadows Shopping Center, anchored by Jewel/Osco, is also home to a variety of specialty stores and restaurants.

Downtown is also home to a variety of restaurants. **Great American Bagel**, **Little Caesars** and **Subway** are located in Rolling Meadows Shopping Center. The recently renovated and expanded **Senior Taco's Restaurant**, 2643 Kirchoff Road, has cooked up authentic Mexican food for Rolling Meadows residents for years.

While downtown, visit Rolling Meadows' neighborhood bowling center. **AMF Rolling Meadows Lanes**, 3245 Kirchoff Road, has been a staple of the City's downtown for more than 50 years.

## City Launches Business Development Webpage to Help Companies Start, Grow Operations in Rolling Meadows

A new Business Development page on the City's Website makes it simple for companies to access a wide range of information about starting, relocating or growing a business in Rolling Meadows, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner reports.

Business owners and managers may access the page's resources by clicking the "Business Development" icon at [www.cityrm.org/rmcd](http://www.cityrm.org/rmcd).

"The Business Development page is an ever-expanding informational clearinghouse for companies considering Rolling Meadows as a business location. Providing this kind of information in a user-friendly format gives us an edge in attracting new businesses to the community," Dehner explains.

Users will find detailed information on the City's:

- Available space and properties.
- Proximity to major Interstate highways and O'Hare International Airport.
- Comprehensive Development Plan.
- Market analysis of the downtown area.
- 2010 census and demographic information.

The Business Development page also features links to business development resources, such as the Small Business Administration (SBA), Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Illinois Entrepreneurship Network (IEN), Illinois Manufacturing Extension Center (IMEC) and the Illinois Small Business Development Center.



The Business Development page lets companies access a wide range of information.

## Survey to Gauge Public's Views on Proposed Refuse Discounts

A short survey enclosed with this issue of *News & Views* lets residents offer their opinions on a proposal to offer certain citizen groups, such as low income seniors, a discount on refuse collection fees.

The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, May 27. Residents may return surveys in person, by mail, email, or fax to Rolling Meadows Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Email: [pwfrontoffice@cityrm.org](mailto:pwfrontoffice@cityrm.org); Fax: 847-963-0555.

## E-Billing Enhances User Convenience



The City's Web-based utility billing service continues to attract residents who are drawn to the convenience of receiving utility bills by email.

Register for the eBilling program on the City's Website, [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).

Customers receive an email each month with a link to their utility billing statement. The program also lets residents review a two-year billing history for their account, helps streamline the City's billing operations, and reduces printing, processing and mailing costs.

For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500.

## Emerald Ash Borer Found in City

Ash trees throughout the City are at risk, following confirmation in February that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has arrived in Rolling Meadows.

The non-native beetle, small and shiny green in appearance, is responsible for the deaths of more than 20 million ash trees in 14 states. Beetle larvae feed on an ash tree's outer sapwood, which cuts off the flow of water to the top of the tree and results in its death.

EAB has placed the City's ash trees, which make up roughly 25% of the total tree population, in considerable danger.



*Emerald Ash Borer*

"We cannot accurately determine a time-frame, but it is possible that all City-owned ash trees will have to be cut

down," explains City Forester Jim McFeggan. "That will have a major effect on the makeup of our urban forest over the next several years."

Also at risk are ash trees on private property, park lands and

wooded lots. Homeowners are urged to identify ash trees on their properties and watch for damage to upper branches, unusual woodpecker damage or bark splits, which usually indicate the EAB's presence.

## EAB Informational Brochures Available at Public Works

Informational brochures on the Emerald Ash Borer are available at the Rolling Meadows Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street. In addition, residents will find a wealth of EAB information online at:

- [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)
- [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)
- [www.IllinoisEAB.com](http://www.IllinoisEAB.com)
- [www.agr.state.il.us](http://www.agr.state.il.us)
- [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)
- [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)

## Rolling Meadows' Annual Chipper Service Begins May 9

The City's annual brush pickup and chipper service begins May 9. The program provides free curbside pickup of brush and branches up to six inches in diameter once per year.

Public Works will conduct pickups in chipper sections 1 and 2 in May. Sections 3 and 4 will be served in June. The chipper schedule and a section map is available on the Public Works page of the City's Website, [www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks/HTML/News Updates.htm](http://www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks/HTML/News%20Updates.htm).

Place branches and brush in a neat pile at curbside (cut ends toward the curb) during the week indicated for each section. Public Works crews will travel each street once to remove the debris the following week.

**Section 1** (south of Euclid, west of Wilke, north of Kirchoff, east of Salt Creek):

- Set out: Monday, May 2 – Friday, May 6
- Pickup: Monday, May 9 – Friday, May 13

**Section 2** (south of Kirchoff, west of New Wilke, east of Salt Creek):

- Set out: Monday, May 16 – Friday, May 20
- Pickup: Monday, May 23 – Friday, May 27

**Section 3** (the area west of Route 53):

- Set out: Monday, June 6 – Friday, June 10
- Pickup: Monday, June 13 – Friday, June 17

**Section 4** (the area south of Euclid, west of Salt Creek, east of Route 53):

- Set out: Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24
- Pickup: Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1

For more information, call Public Works at 847-963-0500.

## Practice Safety, Show Courtesy When Using Outdoor Fire Pits

In the wake of an increasing number of complaints from residents, the Rolling Meadows Fire Department urges homeowners to use common sense and show courtesy when using backyard fire pits.

"We want residents to enjoy their fire pits. However, it is important to be considerate of others in the neighborhood and be aware of the City's ordinance regarding outdoor fire pits," explains Deputy Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote.

The ordinance requires that outdoor fire pits must be no larger than three feet in diameter or two feet in height, located at least 25 feet away from structures or combustible material, and attended at all times until extinguished.

In addition, the ordinance states that smoke from fire pits must not create a nuisance.

Fire pits are for burning fire wood only. It is against the law to burn leaves, construction materials or other refuse. Violators are subject to a police citation. For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352.

## 'Steer' Clear of Algonquin Road Bridge Reconstruction

City officials urge motorists to avoid an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) bridge reconstruction project on Algonquin Road that limits traffic to one lane in each direction between Keystone Court and Tollview Drive. The project is expected to be finished in August.

Residents with questions or concerns about the project and its impact on the area should call the Rolling Meadows Public Works Department at 847-963-0500.

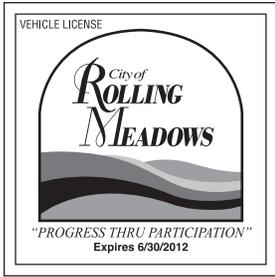
# May 2011

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1   | 2   | 3<br>Economic Development Committee, 6 p.m.,<br>Environmental Committee, 7 p.m., both at City Hall | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| May 2 – 6: Brush set out week, chipper section 1      |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| 8<br>Mother's Day                                     | 9<br>Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, 9 a.m., City Hall                              | 10<br>City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall   | 11  | 12<br>Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall             | 13  | 14<br>Garden Club Plant & Craft Sale, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.                               |
| May 9 – 13: Brush collection week, chipper section 1  |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| 15<br>May 15 – 21: National Public Works Week         | 16  | 17<br>City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 p.m., City Hall                                    | 18  | 19<br>Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 p.m., City Hall | 20<br>Water bills due   | 21  |
| May 16 – 20: Brush set out week, chipper section 2    |   |  |   |   |   | Armed Forces Day  |
| 22  | 23  | 24<br>City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall   | 25  | 26  | 27<br>Veterans Dinner, 6 p.m., Meridian Banquets                                    | 28<br>Memorial Day Parade, Observance, 11 a.m.<br>Family Fun Walk, noon             |
| May 23 – 27: Brush collection week, chipper section 2 |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| 29  | 30<br>City Hall and Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day.<br>Memorial Day | 31   | 31<br>Sprinkling Ban Begins May 15<br>To conserve water throughout the community, lawn sprinkling is prohibited between noon and 6 p.m. daily |   |  |  |

# June 2011

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|----------|
|  |  |                         | 1<br>Vehicle stickers, dog licenses on sale  | 2   | 3   | 4        |
| 5   | 6   | 7<br>Econ. Dev. Cte., 6 p.m.<br>Environmental Cte., 7 p.m.<br>Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m., all at City Hall | 8<br>Blood Drive, 1 – 7 p.m., City Hall<br>Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., City Hall | 9   | 10  | 11       |
| June 6 – 10: Brush set out week, chipper section 3                                  |   |  |  |   |   |          |
| 12  | 13<br>Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 a.m., City Hall                       | 14<br>City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall   | 15   | 16<br>Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall                         | 17  | 18       |
| June 13 – 17: Brush collection week, chipper section 3                              |   |  |  |   |   |          |
| 19<br>Father's Day  | 20<br>Water bills due   | 21<br>City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 p.m., City Hall<br>First Day of Summer                     | 22   | 23<br>Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 p.m., City Hall             | 24  | 25       |
| June 20 – 24: Brush set out week, chipper section 4                                 |   |  |  |   |   |          |
| 26<br>Garden Walk, noon – 4 p.m.  | 27  | 28<br>City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall   | 29   | 30<br>Deadline to purchase and display vehicle stickers, dog licenses |  |          |
| June 27 – July 1: Brush collection week, chipper section 4                          |   |  |  |   |   |          |

## Vehicle Stickers, Dog Licenses Available June 1



Residents may purchase 2011-12 vehicle stickers and dog licenses online at the City's Website, at City Hall, or at select retail outlets beginning June 1.

Vehicle stickers start at \$22, while dog licenses are \$10 (\$5 for neutered/spayed animals). All dogs must be licensed and have rabies shots.

To order online, log onto the City's Website, [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org), select "Online Payments" at the left side of the page, then click "Purchase Vehicles Stickers/Dog Tags." The City will mail out pre-printed applications in early June that may be used for online purchases, eliminating the need

for residents to mail their applications.

For residents without Internet access, the June mailing will include a pre-addressed envelope that makes it convenient to order stickers and dog licenses from home. Drivers may also use the white drop box located in front of City Hall, or purchase stickers at select retail locations.

All drivers with cars registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase and display the 2011-12 vehicle stickers by June 30. Stickers purchased after the deadline will double in price. Motorists who fail to display the new sticker by July 1 will be subject to a \$100 police citation.

Funds generated from vehicle sticker sales support Rolling Meadows' ongoing street maintenance activities.

## Firman Offers Maternal Child Health Program

The Rolling Meadows-based branch of Firman Community Services, a Chicago-area nonprofit organization dedicated to providing neighborhood-based human services, is devoted to helping reduce infant mortality.

Located at 1855 Rohlwing Road, Firman Community Services helps ensure that pregnant women "have quality medical

care, good nutrition, safe living conditions, educational opportunities, emotional support, and other vital resources to promote a healthy pregnancy and full-term birth," explains Janet P. Mintz, RN, Firman's Community Resource Director.

For more information on Firman Community Services, call 847-222-1200 or visit [www.firmancs.org](http://www.firmancs.org).

## City Establishes Events Foundation

In an effort to rekindle Rolling Meadows' spirit of "Progress through



Participation," City officials have established a Community Events Foundation for residents to support City-sponsored activities held throughout the year.

Citizen donations to the foundation will help offset the costs of staging community events such as the Memorial Day Parade, veterans dinner, Independence Day celebrations and tree lighting, as well as historical museum maintenance.

The City has filed for the Foundation's tax-exempt status. Donations will be tax-deductible once the exemption has been granted.

Residents and businesses interested in contributing should make checks payable to "City of Rolling Meadows." Submit donations to: City of Rolling Meadows, Community Events Foundation, 3600 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

## Community Briefs

### Alderman Judd to Host May 14 Meeting

Alderman Brad Judd will host a community meeting in the City Council Chambers Saturday, May 14, beginning at 8 a.m. Residents and interested parties are encouraged to bring questions and concerns for discussion.

### Garden Club to Host Plant and Craft Sale, Garden Walk

Rolling Meadows Garden Club will hold its annual Plant and Craft Sale, Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Old Public Works Building, 3200 Central Road. The seventh annual Garden Walk will take place Sunday, noon – 4 p.m. Tickets (\$10) are available at the Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive. For more information, call 847-818-3200 (ext. 230).

### City Code Limits Garage Sales to Three per Year

Planning a garage or yard sale this summer? City ordinance requires that residents hold no more than three sales over a 12-month period. Sales may not exceed two consecutive weeks in

duration. City code also requires that residents who post garage sale signs on a public parkway receive approval from the property owner. For more information, contact Community Development at 847-506-6030.

### City, LifeSource to Hold June 8 Blood Drive

A LifeSource-sponsored blood drive will let residents give "the gift of life," Wednesday, June 8, 1 – 7 p.m., at City Hall. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org), or call 877-543-3768. Walk-ins are always welcome.

### Palatine Township Launches Armed Forces Support Program

Palatine Township is launching a Blue Star Banner Program to honor military families in our community. The Township Board will present banners and special resolutions to authorized family members at its monthly meetings. For more information, visit [www.palatinetownship.com/blue-star-banner/](http://www.palatinetownship.com/blue-star-banner/).

## Thank You, Rolling Meadows

by Mayor Ken Nelson

Thank you, Rolling Meadows! Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past 16 years – eight years as 1st Ward Alderman and another eight years as mayor. It's been quite an honor.

We've weathered some good times and some bad times together. For me, the most rewarding part of the job has been meeting and working with so many people who I otherwise would never have met, even though we live in the same town. Rolling Meadows' slogan is "Progress through Participation," and so many of you have participated!

You've served on committees and commissions; you've attended the Police, Fire and Public Works Academies; you've helped out at parades

and the tree lighting and the 50th anniversary celebrations. We may be part of a huge metropolitan area, but we have a strong "small town character" in our community.

I've always said that Rolling Meadows is a Great Place to call Home, no matter if your home has a bicycle in the driveway or an "open for business" sign on your front door. And, because of people like you, it's so true.

And you're backed by a terrific municipal staff. We can all be proud of our fire and police departments, our public works staff and all those who work out of City Hall. I leave knowing you're in good hands, and encourage you to give our new mayor, Tom Rooney, the same support you gave me. Thank you and God bless you!

## Chamber to Celebrate 50th Anniversary with 2011 Circle of Success Awards



The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce will honor seven local business and community leaders during its annual Circle of Success Awards Dinner, Thursday, May 26, at the Meadows Club, 2950 W. Golf Road. The event coincides with the Chamber's celebration of its 50th Anniversary in 2011.

This year's Circle of Success honorees are Walter Nathan, Chairman, RTC (*Business Leader of the Year*); Suzie Bassi, former Illinois Representative (*Community Leader of the Year*); A.H. Management Group, Inc. (*Business of the Year*); Jim Kirschenmann, Owner, MAX Communications (*Chamber Volunteer of the Year*); Research in Motion (*Community Outreach Award*); Jewel/Osco (*Community Enhancement Award*); and Woodfield Chicago Northwest Convention Bureau (*Communications Partner*).

## Taking a Moment to Remember as We Move Forward

by Mayor-elect Tom Rooney

Since the April election, I've tried very hard to respond to everyone who took time to send well-wishes. But in preparing to take office as mayor, I find myself thinking about some very special people who are no longer here to walk with us as we move forward.

I remember people like Tom McKeveit, whom I knew only through correspondence when I was on the City Council. I think of people from church, like Joan Poulos, Walter Callaghan, and Jean Placek. I think of Historical Society leaders Kathy Brightwell and Bea O'Halloran, who are probably both smiling and shaking their heads a little.

I think of Bill Ahrens, Roger Florey, and other public servants who always served Rolling Meadows with good humor. I think of residents like Carmen Vinezeano, who was my biggest supporter as al-

derman. I think of David Hill and the tremendous honor it was to know him and have his good wishes.

I think of Irene Freese, my aunt, whose Rolling Meadows house was the scene of almost every 4th of July from my childhood that I can remember. I think of Pat Rooney, my dad and my hero, whose example still guides my thinking as much today as it did when I was little.

And finally, I think of my wife Colleen, whose fond memories of her childhood brought our little family here to Rolling Meadows thirt-two years ago. I lovingly dedicate my term as mayor to her memory.

I'm sure many of you also have special people from your life who had a special place in their heart for Rolling Meadows. I hope you'll think of them when you read this ... and fondly smile.

## July 4 Parade to Celebrate America's Independence, City's Diversity

This year's Independence Day Parade will be a star spangled celebration of American Independence and Rolling Meadows' growing diversity. The parade's theme: "Celebrating the Diversity of Our Community with Pride."

Held Monday, July 4, the festive parade will feature an alternate route from last year, patriotic costumes, floats, bikes, bands and more. It will step off at the corner of Barker Lane and Central Road at 11:30 a.m., march west on Central to Owl Drive, pro-

ceed north on Owl to Kirchoff Road, then turn east on Kirchoff to Plaza Lane.

The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce invites residents, businesses, community organizations and school groups to enter floats or other decorated vehicles in this year's event. Parade entry forms are available on the Chamber's Website, [www.rmchamber.org](http://www.rmchamber.org), or at City Hall.

For more information on the July 4 parade, contact the Chamber at 847-398-3730 or [office@rmchamber.org](mailto:office@rmchamber.org).

