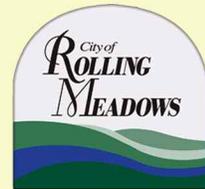




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The proposed Lexington Crossing townhome development, shown here in a Lexington Homes initial design rendering, would offer convenient pedestrian access to downtown stores.

## Proposed Downtown Residential Development Would Create Opportunities for Businesses

Lexington Homes' proposed 54-unit townhome development on Kirchoff Road, at the site of the former AMF Bowling Center, would boost Rolling Meadows' downtown residential population and create opportunities for current and future downtown businesses, officials believe.

Preliminary discussion on the development project, known as Lexington Crossing, took place during July's Committee of the Whole meeting. That was followed by a public hearing at September's Plan Commission meeting, where the board officially recommended the proposal be brought before City Council.

Aldermen may vote on the proposed redevelopment project in October. If

approved, Lexington Homes hopes to begin construction this year.

Lexington Crossing would follow in the steps of the Riverwalk and Kimball Square residential developments, which provide residents with convenient access to downtown stores and shops.

AMF Bowling closed in 2012, after more than 50 years of operation.

## 16-Year Resident Tim Veenbaas Appointed to 7th Ward Council Seat



Tim Veenbaas

Tim Veenbaas, a 16-year City resident, has been appointed by Mayor Tom Rooney as Rolling Meadows' new 7th Ward Alderman, following City

Council's approval of the nomination on September 23.

Alderman Veenbaas' appointment fills a Council vacancy created in July by former Alderman James Larsen, who resigned his seat in advance of his family's move to a neighboring community.

"I believe Tim's approach to the job would fit well with the Council and the City as a whole," Mayor Rooney explained in his nomination letter to City Council, singling out the new alderman's "thoughtful and measured approach."

Alderman Veenbaas is General Manager of Chicago-based Strategic Materials, the largest glass recycler in North America, according to the company's Website. He and his wife, Amy, have three daughters. He earned his engineering degree from Bradley University, Peoria, IL.

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Community Events Foundation volunteers will help raise funds to cover the costs of community events, such as the annual Independence Day parade.

## Volunteers Sought for Events Foundation, 60th Anniversary Committee

City officials are seeking residents to serve on a newly-formed ad-hoc committee that will help celebrate Rolling Meadows' 60th Anniversary in 2015. Residents are also welcome to serve with the City's Community Events Foundation.

60th Anniversary Committee members will be asked to help City staff with a variety of planning and organizational activities, including:

- Community event planning.
- Fundraising strategy development.
- Event promotion and staging.

The 501(c)3 Community Events Foundation was established to help offset the costs of City-sponsored events such as the annual Memorial Day observance and Independence Day parade. Volunteers will help support the Foundation's fundraising efforts.

Residents who would like to serve on the 60th Anniversary Committee or support the Community Events Foundation may contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org) or 847-394-8500 x 1002.



## Someone You Should Know Longtime Residents Dave and Sally Whitney Personify Community Service Commitment

When long-time Rolling Meadows residents Dave and Sally Whitney say they have been "pretty active" community volunteers, it may qualify as one of the biggest understatements of the last 30 years.

From supporting Rolling Meadows Youth Baseball in the late 1970s to helping set up the City's Farmers & Food Trucks events this past summer, the Whitneys have built an impressive record of community service dating back more than three decades.

"Dave and I have always loved Rolling Meadows' small-town feel, which encourages people to work together and help others," Sally explains. "We both enjoy giving back to the City that has been so good to us."

Dave, a telecom network manager who currently chairs the City's Zoning Board of Appeals, concurs.

"Both Sally and I have found ways to stay involved all these years because we enjoy working with people," he says. "Volunteering is something we both believe is important."

Dave and Sally were first bitten by the "volunteer bug" soon after the family moved to Rolling Meadows in 1978. That was when Dave began coaching his two sons' baseball, basketball and soccer teams. After the boys grew older, Dave and Sally wanted to find other ways to contribute to their community.

Both served as members of the City's Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA), where they helped provide support services for Rolling Meadows' Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments.

"There were some incredible experiences during our time with ESDA," Sally recalls. "We did a bit of everything: provided traffic control support for the annual Ron Santo Diabetes Walk, helped Public Works with flooding emergencies, and supported Police Department search and rescue efforts on several occasions."

"We spent a lot of time training," Dave recalls of their ESDA tenure. "It wasn't uncommon for us to average around 200



Volunteering gives both Sally and Dave Whitney "a tremendous sense of satisfaction."

volunteer hours each year."

Their commitment to community service did not stop with ESDA. They have volunteered their time and talents to a variety of other community events and initiatives, including:

- Rolling Meadows' annual Independence Day parade.
- Salt Creek Cleanup efforts.
- Police Department community programs, such as handicapped parking patrol.
- Farmers & Food Trucks.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Citizens Fire, Police, and Public Works Academies.

Sally, who works at Carl Sandburg Jr. High School, also volunteers at Northwest Community Hospital one night per week.

The Whitneys agree that the many opportunities they have had to serve Rolling Meadows has given both of them a tremendous sense of satisfaction.

"It has been our pleasure to work side by side with so many excellent City employees over the years. They are great people who make volunteering incredibly rewarding," Dave says.

# Firefighters to Showcase Training, Equipment at October 11 Open House

Residents of all ages will experience the inner-workings of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department – and learn more about its proud tradition of service – during the Department’s 10th annual Community Open House, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, October 11, at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road).

Guests will experience a “behind-the-scenes” glimpse of department operations, including specialized rescue demonstrations, guided station tours, and an up-close review of state-of-the-art equipment used by firefighters to help keep residents safe.



Hands-on equipment displays provide a taste of life in the fire service.



Firefighters extinguish a controlled burn that shows how quickly fire can spread.

“The Fire Department’s annual Open House is a very effective way to help residents learn more about how we work to ensure the safety of Rolling Meadows residents and businesses,” Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote explains. “It is always fun to open our door to residents and meet the people we are sworn to protect.”

The Open House is part of the Fire Department’s observance of National Fire Prevention Week (October 5 – 11). For more information, contact the RMFD at 847-397-3352.

## Fire Department, NFPA Partner to Highlight Importance of Working Smoke Detectors During Fire Prevention Week, October 5 - 11

By Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote



Scott Franzgrote

Nearly 60% of home fire deaths occur in structures without working smoke detectors, according to data compiled by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Smoke detectors help reduce the risk of death by 50%, but they won’t keep residents safe if they are not properly maintained.

In the vast majority of cases, missing, disconnected or dead batteries are the primary causes for smoke detectors’ failure to activate during a house fire. That’s why the Rolling Meadows Fire Department will again partner with the NFPA for National Fire Prevention Week, October 5 – 11, to promote this year’s theme: “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month.”

House fires create unimaginable damage and suffering. In 2011 alone, fire departments across the U.S. responded to roughly 370,000 home structure fires.

These resulted in \$6.9 billion in property damage, 13,910 injuries, and more than 2,500 deaths – an average of seven per day.

One of the most effective ways residents

can protect themselves from becoming another grim statistic is to test the batteries in their home’s smoke detectors every month. It is also vitally important to change the batteries in each smoke detector (and carbon monoxide alarm) twice per year. A good rule of thumb is to change batteries when resetting your clocks in the spring and fall.

Don’t delay if your home’s smoke detectors ever sound the alarm. Get everyone out of the house immediately and call 911.

For more information about home fire safety, contact the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352 or visit [www.cityrm.org/rmfd](http://www.cityrm.org/rmfd). Additional information on National Fire Prevention Week is available at [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

**Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives**

**Test Yours Every Month!**

Fire Prevention Week • October 5–11, 2014  
Go to [FPW.org](http://FPW.org)

# City Harnesses Technology to Streamline Financial Operations, Save \$\$

User-friendly technologies are helping the Rolling Meadows Finance Department save taxpayers thousands of dollars per year while improving customer service and streamlining operations:

## eBilling

The City's Web-based utility billing program, eBilling, significantly reduces the City's annual printing and postage costs.

eBilling customers receive a monthly email with a link to their utility billing statement, instead of a printed bill in the mail. Residents may pay their balances through online banking, the City's Web-based Utility Bill Management System, by mail, or in person at City Hall.

The service – currently used by more than 15% of the City's utility customers – lets users review a two-year billing history for their account and provides a link to the City's newsletter, *News & Views*.

Register for eBilling online at [www.cityrm.org/finance](http://www.cityrm.org/finance).

## eLockbox

Rolling Meadows' "eLockbox" service caters to the growing number of residents using online banking to pay their City utility bills. It electronically processes customer payments submitted via online banking in just one or two days, which helps residents keep better track of their accounts' available balances.

***"eLockbox helps residents keep better track of available balances."***

"Electronic payment processing significantly improves the Finance Department's operational

efficiencies," explains Finance Department Director Melissa Gallagher. "Before, payment processing would take anywhere from 7 – 10 days."

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

# Emergency 911 Texting Service Now Available in Rolling Meadows

Rolling Meadows residents may now use mobile phones to send a text to 911, but emergency dispatch officials stress that

texting should only be used when it is not possible to call 911 for emergency assistance.

The Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS), a regional dispatch services provider based in Arlington Heights, is the first 911 communications center in Illinois to accept text-to-911 messages from AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon customers.

"Text-to-911 is beneficial for our residents and especially important for those with speech or hearing impairments," explains Cindy Barbera-Brelle, NWCDS Executive Director. "However, making a voice call remains the most efficient way to access emergency services. Customers should text 911 only when calling is not an option."

To text 911 in an emergency:

- Enter "911" into the "To" field.
- Enter a brief message that provides the location of the emergency and type of help needed.
- Push "Send."

Barbera-Brelle says that residents should be prepared to answer questions and follow directions provided by dispatchers. As with all text messaging, 911 texts may take longer to be received by dispatchers, or may not be received at all. Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911 via text.

For more information on text-to-911 services, visit the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Website, [www.nena.org](http://www.nena.org), or contact NWCDS at 847-590-3408.



NWCDS, which serves Rolling Meadows and surrounding communities, is the first 911 center in Illinois to accept emergency texts.

# 'Smart Meters' Coming to Rolling Meadows

This November, ComEd will begin installing new "smart meters" at Rolling Meadows homes and businesses that will reduce operational costs, eliminate "estimated" monthly bills, and help customers identify ways to save money by reducing electricity usage.

The new meters – to be installed at no cost to residents – use two way radio communications that securely transmit electricity usage information directly to ComEd. The system provides customers with access to detailed information about

their home's energy use and helps them manage their electricity costs with online energy management tools.

ComEd will mail detailed information on the smart meter program – and the installation process – to residents. Company representatives will also deliver an informational presentation on the meter upgrade program during the October 21 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at City Hall.

For more information, visit ComEd's Website at [www.ComEd.com/smartmeter](http://www.ComEd.com/smartmeter) or call 866-368-8326.



ComEd plans to install smart meters at 4 million homes throughout northern Illinois.

# Phone Scam Seeks Remote Access to Rolling Meadows Residents' Computers

Rolling Meadows Police are warning the public about a telephone scam that, if successful, may allow criminals to access residents' computers remotely and retrieve credit card numbers, bank account numbers, and other sensitive data.

These scammers will cold-call victims, identify themselves as Microsoft Windows security experts, and report that they have identified error messages occurring on residents' computers. After asking the victim to enter a series of codes to confirm these "errors," scammers will offer to help solve the "problem" by directing victims to download legitimate software programs that allow remote computer access.

"The scammers now have access to any personal information the victim has stored on the computer: PayPal accounts, credit card and bank account numbers, and more," explains RMPD Commander Tom Calcagno.

In other instances, scammers have offered victims a life-time subscription to an anti-virus program – usually for around \$300 – and ask for PayPal or credit card information to complete the sale. Once that information has been provided, scammers have what they need to make fraudulent purchases in the victim's name.

"Residents should never give personal or banking information to anyone over the phone unless they initiate the call," Cdr. Calcagno adds. "Microsoft and its partners do not make unsolicited calls to charge customers for computer security or software fixes. Those who receive this call should simply hang up and call police."

Residents who believe they have been a victim of this scam should call the Police Department's non-emergency number (847-255-2416).

## Welcome New Businesses

Academy Mortgage Corp.  
*Residential mortgage lending*  
3701 Algonquin Rd #625 (847-701-8006)

American Solutions Group  
*Remodeling company offices*  
4632 Gettysburg Dr (847-359-9292)

Bigby's Pour House  
*Beer, wine & food*  
1649 Algonquin Rd (847-258-4191)



2nd Ward Alderman Len Prejna (left) and Mayor Tom Rooney (blue shirt, center) at the opening of Bigby's Pour House.

Carrus Global, LLC  
*Online car dealership*  
3100 Tollview Dr (847-630-9041)

Chopstick  
*Cantonese/Mandarin/Szechwan cuisine*  
1930 W. Central Rd (847-873-0042)

Express Title Loans  
*Title loans*  
4007 Algonquin Rd (847-772-5224)

Ink Stained Apparel  
*Internet clothing sales*  
2406 Grouse Ln (847-431-9678)

Kingdom Creative Graphic Services  
*Graphic Design*  
4722 Arbor #318 (773-425-8378)

KLSN Construction Contractors, Inc.  
*General contractor*  
2402 Hawk Ln (773-593-7427)

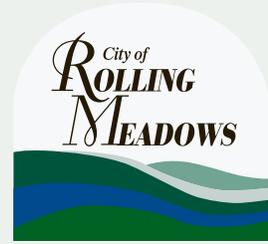
Marcin's Auto – *Automotive repair*  
3831 Berdnick St (773-965-1908)

R&B CC Enterprise  
*General contractor*  
3000 Owl Dr (224-735-2785)

Theta Studios, LLC  
*Video game development*  
5510 Old Mill Ln (847-997-7828)

United Chemi-Con  
*Electrolytic capacitors*  
1701 Golf Rd T1, #1200 (847-696-2000)

Weber-Stephen Products  
*Corporate offices/call center*  
2900 Golf Rd (224-836-2370)



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

**October 2 – Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 p.m., City Hall

**October 4 – Electronics Recycling & Document Destruction Event**, 9 a.m. – noon, at Public Works (3900 Berdnick Street)

**October 7 – Environmental Committee**, 7 p.m.; **Plan Commission**, 7:30 p.m.; **Zoning Board of Appeals (special meeting)**, 7:30 p.m., all at City Hall

**October 11 – Rolling Meadows Fire Department Open House**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road)

**October 13 – Columbus Day** (all City offices open); **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 a.m., City Hall

**October 14 – Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 p.m.; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., both at City Hall

**October 15 – Urban Affairs Committee**, 5:45 p.m., City Hall

**October 16 – Adjudication Hearing**, 1 p.m., City Hall

**October 20 – Water bills due**

**October 21 – City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

**October 23 – Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 p.m., City Hall

**October 24 – Halloween Trick or Treat Path**, 6 p.m., Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive)

**October 28 – City Council Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

**October 31 – Halloween**, Trick-or-Treat hours 3 – 8 p.m.

## City Briefs

### Public Works to Host Electronics Recycling/Document Destruction Event, October 4

Residents may drop off old computer equipment, TVs, fax machines, and other electronic items for recycling Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m. – noon, when Rolling Meadows and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) host an e-recycling and document destruction event at the Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street.

The event will also feature a safe, tamper-resistant way to dispose of sensitive documents, such as old tax forms, bank statements and medical records (6 box limit).

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 or visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org).

### City Schedules Public Hearing on Proposed 2015 Tax Levy, Oct. 28

City officials will hold a public hearing for residents to express their views on next year's proposed tax levy, Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m., during City Council's regular meeting.

A second public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 budget will take

place Tuesday, November 11.

The proposed budget is available for review on the City's Website, [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org), and at the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Plans call for Council members to approve the budget on December 9.

### Trick-or-Treat Hours:

#### Friday, October 31, 3 – 8 p.m.

Trick-or-treating in the City of Rolling Meadows will take place Friday, October 31, 3 – 8 p.m. Children should avoid eating any candy they receive until their parents have examined it. Additional Halloween safety tips are available on the Centers for Disease and Control Prevention (CDC) Website, [www.cdc.gov/family/halloween](http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween).

### Drop off CFL Bulbs, Batteries at Public Works for Recycling

Residents with spent compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and dead batteries may drop them off at the Public Works Department (3900 Berdnick Street) for proper recycling. Drop-off hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information on recycling, visit [www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks](http://www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks).

## Business Openings, Expansions Benefit Residents

Rolling Meadows residents are the ones who benefit when new businesses open their doors, and existing companies undergo expansion and renovation. Here are two recent examples of how Rolling Meadows continues to be viewed by companies as *A Great Place to Do Business*:

- **Dollar Tree** (3208 Kirchoff Road) – Following a months-long renovation/expansion project, Dollar Tree re-opened in August in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.
- **McDonald's** (1775 Algonquin Road) – Work is underway on a new, completely-rebuilt restaurant that is scheduled to re-open in December.

Looking ahead, City officials have received permit applications for a new Indian restaurant, Spice Grill, to be located at 5540 New Wilke Road, site of the former KFC.

## Exercise Your Right to Vote in Nov. 4 Election



Rolling Meadows voters will soon cast ballots to determine who wins the Illinois governor's race, along with other

national, state and regional offices. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, but early voting will begin Monday, October 20.

Here are important dates voters should be aware of, as they pertain to the November 4 election.

- **October 7** – Deadline to register to vote.
- **October 20** – Early voting begins.
- **November 2** – Early voting ends.
- **November 4** – Election Day.

All registered voters are eligible for early voting. Those who choose to vote early need only fill out an application at their selected early voting site and display valid photo identification.

Early voting sites near Rolling Meadows include the Cook County Courthouse, 2121 S. Euclid Ave. Detailed information on voting, including Election Day polling places and a listing of early voting sites, is available on the Cook County Clerk's Website, [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com).

For more information on the November 4 election, contact Rolling Meadows' Deputy Clerk Ginny Cotugno at 847-870-9007 or [cotugno@cityrm.org](mailto:cotugno@cityrm.org).

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

### MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Tom Rooney	847-392-2254
1st Ward Alderman: Mike Cannon	847-925-8919
2nd Ward Alderman: Len Prejna	847-776-9442
3rd Ward Alderman: Laura Majikes	847-577-3746
4th Ward Alderman: Brad Judd	847-902-3248
5th Ward Alderman: Rob Banger, Jr.	847-818-1663
6th Ward Alderman: John D'Astice	847-409-9367
7th Ward Alderman: Tim Veenbaas	847-385-1425
City Manager: Barry Krumstok	847-394-8500

### SERVICES

Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Non-emergency	847-397-3352
Police Non-emergency	847-255-2416
Public Works	847-963-0500
Finance/Utility Billing Questions	847-394-8500
Community Development	847-506-6030
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
TDD	847-506-0490
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1
Curfew	Sun. – Thurs. 11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. Midnight



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