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## Dominick's Property Sale Begins New Chapter for Downtown

With Chicago-based Clark Street Development taking full control of the former Dominick's property at the southeast corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive, City officials and developer representatives are excited to begin upgrading the shopping center and attracting new business to Rolling Meadows' downtown.

The 11-acre property has been mostly vacant since Dominick's left the City in 2004. Previous proposals for the site's redevelopment featured a combination of retail and residential units, but the concepts never gained traction due to the slowing

economy and neighbors' concerns about increased traffic congestion.

Clark Street representatives have already discussed preliminary commercial concepts with City officials, but plan to present more detailed proposals for the site's commercial redevelopment, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner says.



*Redevelopment of the mostly vacant Dominick's property on Kirchoff Road will enhance the downtown area and give a boost to the City's economic health.*

partner in the redevelopment of this important property, which will add value to the City's tax base and make a significant

contribution to the downtown area," she says. "The firm has a solid, credible reputation for redevelopment success throughout the Chicago area. We look forward to seeing their proposals and working with them to create an exciting new beginning for the site."

Recent economic development studies conducted on behalf of the City indicate that a grocer, hardware/home improvement store, furniture retailer, or similarly-sized businesses may be ideal anchor tenants for the redeveloped property.

Clark Street Development's Fritz Duda says that the company was attracted by the property's possibilities for commercial redevelopment.

"As a neighborhood property, the site has great potential and will play a major ...continued on page 2

## Twelve-Year Bond Refinancing Will Save Taxpayers Nearly \$750,000

Taking advantage of historically low interest rates, City officials successfully refinanced nearly \$10 million worth of general obligation bonds to save taxpayers \$747,978 over the next 12 years, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher reports.

### Rebuild Reserves

The savings, ranging from \$10,000 to \$80,000 per year, will help the City continue rebuilding its reserves, and improve the community's overall financial health.

"We always look for opportunities to save taxpayers money. Bond refinancing, especially at current rates, is a very effective way to lower expenses on behalf of taxpayers," Gallagher says.

The original bonds, issued in 2002 and 2004, were used to pay for economic development improvements at the Marketplace of Rolling Meadows and for upgrades to the City's storm water management system.

### A+ Credit Rating

Gallagher says that the City was able to realize an additional \$100,000 in overall savings due to its excellent credit rating. Standard & Poor's Rating Services recently affirmed Rolling Meadows' "A+" credit rating, which makes it less expensive to issue and refinance bonds.

## 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: Jim Allen	847-202-0822
3rd Ward Alderman: Lawrence Buske	847-255-9126
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: James Larsen	630-244-4228

City Manager: Barry Krumstok

SERVICES	
Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Department 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
TDD	847-506-0490
Senior Services	847-394-8500
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1
Curfew	Sun. - Thurs. 11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. Midnight

Look Us Up on the Web at: [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)

## City Keeping Pace with EAB's Spread

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation has progressed throughout Rolling Meadows as predicted, but Public Works is keeping pace with the problem and removing infested ash trees before they become public hazards, the City's Certified Arborist Graham Strebler reports.

By early August, Public Works employees had removed 54 EAB-infested ash trees. Crews have identified an additional 84 trees showing signs of EAB damage. At least 40 of these are in "extremely poor condition" and will need to be removed soon.

"EAB has now spread throughout the City, with pockets of heavy infestation in the Plum Grove Hills subdivision and Waverly Park area," Strebler explains. "To date, the areas west of Meacham Road have not been heavily affected."

There are nearly 2,000 ash trees located throughout City parkways. In addition, the EAB is a threat to ash trees on private property, park lands, and wooded lots. Strebler urges residents to identify ash trees on their properties and watch for evidence of the EAB's presence: damage to upper branches, unusual woodpecker damage, and "D"-shaped holes on a tree's trunk.

Residents who believe their trees have been infested by the Emerald Ash Borer should contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.

Information on EAB is available at the Public Works Department or online at the City's Website, [www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks](http://www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks).

## Capital One to Join Rolling Meadows' Golf Road Corporate Corridor

Capital One Financial Corp. announced that nearly 500 employees will join the Rolling Meadows business community in 2013, after the company leased 150,000 square feet of space in the Atrium Corporate Center, 3800 Golf Road.

Plans call for Capital One to eventually employ 1,000 at the site, which is located along the City's Golf Road commercial corridor.

In its announcement, the company cited the area's "experienced and talented workforce" as a key reason for wanting to maintain a local presence.



Capital One will occupy 150,000 sq. ft. in the Atrium Corporate Center.

City officials expect Capital One's arrival to have a positive impact on the greater Rolling Meadows business community. It will boost the City's "daytime population" and add customers for local restaurants, shops, and service providers. In addition, the move will increase the Atrium Corporate Center's occupancy rate, boosting the building's overall value.

According to *Crain's Chicago Business*, the

Capital One lease is the second-largest real estate agreement in the Chicago suburbs this year.

## Officers Richard Amundsen, Terry Cappelen Retire After Combined 50 Years of Service



Richard Amundsen

Police Officers Richard Amundsen and Terry Cappelen retired from the Rolling Meadows Police Department this summer, after a combined 50 years of service to the community.



Terry Cappelen

Officer Amundsen served as a Patrol Officer, D.A.R.E. Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, and School Resource Officer during his 23 years with the RMPD. He also served as a Juvenile

Specialist and Range Officer. He earned multiple Exceptional Duty Awards and

community appreciation letters over the course of his career.

During Officer Cappelen's 27-year career with the Department, he served as an Investigator, Field Training Officer, Juvenile Specialist, Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, and Police Neighborhood Resource Center Officer. Before retiring on August 15, Officer Cappelen received many honorable service citations and letters of appreciation from community members.

Police Chief Dave Scanlan praised both officers for their "dedication to excellence and for serving the community with honor and pride. We congratulate them on their exceptional service to the City of Rolling Meadows and hope they enjoy their well-earned retirements," he says.

## Dominick's Property Sale Begins New Chapter in Downtown Development...continued from page 1



The former Dominick's store has been vacant since 2004.

role in the downtown business sector's future," Duda explains. "City leaders have been very clear about wanting to make progress on the site as soon as possible. Our objective is to provide Rolling Meadows residents with a comprehensive redevelopment solution that will enhance the downtown area and

contribute to the City's overall economic health," he adds.

Clark Street Development has contracted with Kinzie Real Estate Group, also based in Chicago, to manage the property. Preliminary plans call for redevelopment work to begin at the site next year.

## Welcome New Businesses

A B Vacations – *Travel consulting*  
1895 Rohlwing Rd. #A (847-398-3400)

Action Doors – *Garage door services*  
2255 Lois Dr. #6 (847-310-3515)

Avant Grade Painting LLC –  
*Painting contractor*  
4720 Arbor Dr. #101 (224-265-3395)

BMO Harris Bank N.A.  
3800 Golf Rd. #300 (847-434-2002)

Camel Towing – *Towing company offices*  
2502 Campbell St. (847-660-4260)

Clifford-Wald & Co. –  
*Office equipment sales*  
1600 Golf Rd. #110 (847-598-0166)

Cross Country Mortgage  
5005 Newport Dr. #402 (847-252-7900)

Crown Services Inc. – *Staffing services*  
2775 Algonquin Rd. #250 (847-427-9090)

Crystal Equation Corp. –  
*Consulting & staffing services*  
3501 Algonquin Rd. #120 (847-480-7575)

Ductz of Chicago – *Air duct cleaning*  
975 Rohlwing Rd. (847-588-3008)

eDot – *IT, networking, technology services*  
3075 Tollview (847-441-2225)

iShopSouthwest LLC – *Internet sales,  
Southwest home goods*  
3100 Falcon Ct. #W (224-764-2211)

Kiwi Tronics Inc. –  
*LED, electronic sales office*  
5301 Keystone Ct. (312-860-2464)

Mattuck Enterprises, Inc. –  
*Commercial cleaning service*  
2260 Hicks Rd. #403 (847-403-1087)

Mega Commercial Services Inc. –  
*Commercial Cleaning Service*  
1861 Hicks Rd. #C (224-795-7708)

Northwest Stationers Inc. – *Office supplies*  
5100 Newport Dr. #8 (847-259-5901)

Rizzo Consulting –  
*Wireless consulting service*  
5420 Newport Dr. #60 (847-788-9300)

Spark International Inc. –  
*LED, electronic sales office*  
5301 Keystone Ct. (847-253-5242)

USV Optical Inc. – *Optical retail*  
1301 Meijer Dr. (856-228-1000)

Weber Grill Restaurants – *Corporate offices*  
1685 Winnetka Circle (224-764-4500)



## eBilling Improves Customer Service

Rolling Meadows' Web-based utility billing program, eBilling, improves customer service by delivering homeowner water bills via email.

Nearly 800 utility customers have already signed up for the service, which also streamlines the City's billing operations and saves taxpayers thousands of dollars per year in printing and mailing costs.

Customers who sign up for eBilling receive an email each month that contains a link to their utility billing statement. Balances may be paid online through the City's Utility Bill Management System, by mail, or in person at City Hall.

The service also allows users to review a two-year billing history for their account and includes a Web link to the City's newsletter, *News & Views*.

Register for the eBilling program online at [www.cityrm.org/finance](http://www.cityrm.org/finance). For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500.

## Public Works to Host October 6 Open House

The Public Works Department invites residents to its facility at 3900 Berdnick Street for an Open House that will showcase Department services and their impact on the City's quality of life, Saturday, October 6, noon – 3 p.m.

Guests will learn about Public Works' operations – including street maintenance, snow removal, forestry, and water and sewer services – while enjoying complimentary food and beverages.

Department employees will offer guided tours of the Public Works facility, provide demonstrations of the City's Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping project, and let residents explore Public Works equipment and fleet vehicles up close.

"The open house offers Public Works an opportunity to display the wide range of services it provides. We want to show people how Public Works impacts daily life in Rolling Meadows," explains Assis-

tant Public Works Director Bob Hartnett.

The event will also help Department staff members gauge public interest in resuming the Department's Citizens Training Academy next spring.

For more information about the October 6 Open House, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.



Public Works crews make repairs to an underground water main.

## City, SWANCC Partner for October 6 Electronics Recycling, Document Destruction Event

The City will partner with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to host an electronics recycling and document destruction event Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m. – noon, at the Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick St.

Residents of Rolling Meadows and other SWANCC communities may drop off computer equipment, televisions, fax machines, and other electronic equipment for recycling. The event will also feature a safe, tamper-resistant way to dispose of old tax forms, bank statements, medical records, and other sensitive documents.

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



## Vote in November 6 Election

As voters nationwide cast ballots on November 6 for offices ranging from President of the United States to local township committee members, Rolling Meadows residents will also determine the future of the City's refuse collection.

A referendum on residents' ballots will read: *Shall the City of Rolling Meadows contract with a private company for refuse collection?* A YES vote will authorize City officials to move Rolling Meadows' garbage collection services to a private

contractor. A NO vote will maintain refuse collection as a responsibility of the City's Public Works Department.

Residents should be aware of the following dates, as they pertain to the November 6 election:

- **September 27:** First day mail ballot applications are accepted.
- **October 9:** Last day to register to vote.
- **October 22 – November 3:** Early voting available.
- **November 1:** Last day to request mail ballots, including ballots for military and overseas voters.

- **November 4:** In-person absentee voting begins at the Cook County Courthouse in Rolling Meadows, 2121 Euclid Avenue.
- **November 5:** Deadline for mail ballots to be postmarked for acceptance by the Cook County Clerk's office. Last day for in-person absentee voting.

Residents with questions about the November 6 election may contact Deputy Clerk Ginny Cotugno at 847-870-9007. Additional election information, including polling places, is available through the Cook County Clerk's office: 312-603-0906 or [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com).

## Referendum to Determine Future of City's Refuse Collection Services

Voters on November 6 will be asked whether Rolling Meadows' refuse collection services should be privatized or remain a responsibility of the Public Works Department.

A referendum question on the ballot will read: *Shall the City of Rolling Meadows contract with a private company for refuse collection?*

- A **YES** vote would authorize City officials to enter into an agreement with a private contractor to provide curbside refuse, recycling and yard waste collection services.
- A **NO** vote would keep refuse and yard

waste collection with Public Works. Recycling services will continue to be handled by a third-party vendor.

City officials are considering preliminary proposals from two private contractors, Groot and Veolia, and a third proposal developed by Public Works.

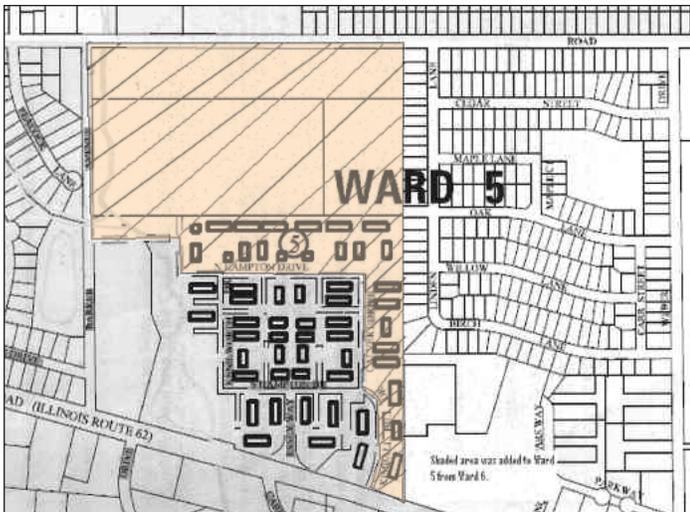
An ad-hoc committee comprised of current and former Council members, Public Works Department officials, and Finance and Administrative staff, spent months ensuring that proposals from private companies would match service levels currently enjoyed by residents. If selected, both Groot and Veolia have

agreed to pick up all items – including large household items such as couches and refrigerators – placed at the curb by residents, as part of their service.

Regardless of what voters decide, residents will most likely pay less for refuse services in 2013. The proposals contain projected monthly costs that range from \$24.47 (Groot) to \$29.36 (Public Works). Refuse customers currently pay \$32.50.

In addition, City leaders have required that annual cost increases be capped at 2.5% for private contractors and 3.25% for Public Works, protecting residents against major increases in the years ahead.

## 2010 Census Results Alter Boundaries of City's 5th and 6th Wards



New sections of Ward 5 are marked by diagonal lines and highlighted in orange.

Based on results of the 2010 Census, City leaders approved a revision to the boundaries of Wards 5 and 6 to ensure equal representation by elected officials.

Former 6th Ward residents who live on the north side of Hampton Drive and east of Calvert Drive and Kimball Hill Drive will now reside in the 5th Ward. Boundaries for Wards 1 through 4, and Ward 7, remain unchanged. Overall, the City's population declined from 24,604 in 2000 to 24,099 in 2010.

### Seek Public Discussion on Refuse Referendum

Residents will be able to discuss their views on the upcoming refuse referendum during a series of public meetings on the issue at City Hall. Community meetings are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, September 26, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m.

## November Referendum Question

# “Shall the City of Rolling Meadows contract with a private company for refuse collection?”

### Overview

City leaders have obtained refuse, recycling and yard waste collection proposals from six private companies and narrowed the process to the best two proposals, as submitted by Groot and Veolia. A third proposal for refuse and yard waste collection was submitted by the City's Public Works Department.

Members of an ad-hoc Refuse Committee worked to ensure that the provisions contained in each contractor proposal would match as closely with City services as possible.

Based on preliminary cost proposals, customers could save roughly \$5 per month (\$60 in the first year) with a private contractor, compared to Public Works' proposal.

Annual cost increases for refuse services will be capped at 2.5% for private contractors and 3.25% for Public Works, protecting residents against major cost increases over the life of the seven-year contract. However, external factors may cause anticipated

rates to change. These include fee increases charged by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and a rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

If residents approve the hiring of a private refuse contractor, both companies have agreed to purchase the City's refuse equipment. Final pricing for the equipment has not been decided, but City officials anticipate a one-time cash infusion of hundreds of thousands of dollars from the potential sale. The City will continue to handle billing operations. Residents will still receive one utility bill.

- *Both private vendors have agreed to pick up all items – including large household items such as couches and refrigerators that are currently collected by Public Works – at no extra charge.*
- *City staff has ensured that current vacancies in other divisions of Public Works would be filled by refuse crew members, resulting in no loss of jobs.*
- *The City's current Refuse Guidelines will remain in effect.*

## If voters approve the referendum and refuse collection switches to a private contractor:

### On One Hand . . .

**The new service provider will deliver the same level of service currently offered by City refuse crews.** Customers will be able to place the same items at the curb at no additional cost.

**Contractors cannot arbitrarily raise their rates.** There are limits to annual rate increases for each of the contract's seven years.

**Annual limits on rate increases guaranteed by private contractors are lower than in-house services.** Unexpected cost increases, such as a spike in fuel prices, would be absorbed by the contractor. With in-house service, City officials would need to find ways to offset those increases elsewhere, either through service reductions or fee increases.

**Savings from lower fees add up over time.** A \$5 monthly savings would keep \$60 in residents' pockets in the first year. Even taking annual rate increases into account, those savings would result in hundreds of dollars in savings over the seven year contract.

### On the Other Hand . . .

**Crews' effort and attention to detail cannot be written into a contract.** Residents have offered numerous examples of Public Works refuse crews tending to small, non-refuse related problems that are passed over by (third party) recycling crews.

**Public Works will be more dependent on residents to identify potential problems.** In-house refuse collection means that City employees tend to every City street once per week. Often, potential problems are reported by refuse crews before residents have a chance to call.

**Refuse collection may be affected by striking workers and severe storms.** Residents may recall the 2003 strike by Chicago area refuse workers that brought regular garbage collection to a halt. Rolling Meadows crews went about their normal collection routes. In addition, Public Works has the capacity to schedule special refuse pickups after severe storms. The proposals provided by private contractors offer these services only at additional cost.

# Fire Prevention Week Spotlights Need to ‘Have ‘Two Ways Out’

by Scott Franzgrote, Acting Fire Chief



Scott Franzgrote

One of the most effective ways for residents to protect their families from fire is to develop and practice a home fire escape plan, which helps family members evacuate rapidly from a burning home. Unfortunately, only 33% of American households have developed such plans.

That is why the Rolling Meadows Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) are focusing on the importance of home fire escape plans and urging residents to “Have 2 Ways Out,” the theme of this year’s National Fire Prevention Week, October 7 – 13.

What if your home’s primary escape route is blocked by flames or smoke? Having an alternative exit is extremely important

because fire can spread rapidly. In fact, residents may have as little as **two minutes to escape** safely once the smoke detector has activated.

To help ensure the safety of all family members, we urge residents to:

- **Create a home escape plan.** Draw a map of your home that shows all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- **Identify at least two ways out of every room, if possible.** Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- **Choose an outside meeting place** where everyone can gather at a safe distance away from a fire.
- **Practice the escape plan** at night and during the day, using different ways out, at least twice per year.

- **Teach children how to escape** on their own in case adults can’t reach them.
- **Close doors behind you** as you leave.

Home fires are a leading cause of death and injury in the U.S. According to the NFPA, residential fires caused 2,665 deaths, 13,800 injuries, and more than \$7 billion in property damage in 2010. Young children and older adults face the highest risk of home fire death, but young adults face a higher risk of fire-related injury. If your home’s smoke detector sounds, leave the house immediately and call 911.

For more information on 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 Fire Prevention Week is available at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

## October 13 Open House to Showcase Firefighters’ Equipment, Training

Rolling Meadows firefighters will offer a preview of their training, skills, and state-of-the-art equipment during a series of safety demonstrations held during the Fire Department’s 5th Annual Open House, Saturday, October 13, at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road).

The event, held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., will also feature guided tours of the fire station, and offer residents a chance to climb aboard the Department’s fleet of fire engines and ambulances.

“The Open House is an excellent opportunity for residents to learn more about fire safety, the wide range of services we provide, the proud history of the Rolling



Open House guests will explore the Fire Department’s fleet of emergency service vehicles.

Meadows Fire Department, and our plans for the future,” Acting Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote says. “It’s also exciting for us to meet with the people we serve on a daily basis and get to know them better.”

This year’s Open House coincides with the Fire Department’s observance of National Fire Prevention Week, October 7 – 13. For more information, call 847-397-3352 or visit [www.cityrm.org/rmfd](http://www.cityrm.org/rmfd).



Neuckranz Fire Station, 2455 Plum Grove Road



## Firefighter Clothing Drive Benefits Homeless Veterans

Firefighters Rick Acosta (from left), Mark Hayden, Andre Hall and Ryan Lettieri, and Lt. Jim Marvin sort through items donated to a clothing drive for homeless veterans sponsored by the Rolling Meadows Professional Firefighters Association and The Heart of a Marine Foundation, based in Elk Grove Village.

Donations of new, unwrapped socks and undergarments were sent to the “Clothes Room” at the James Lovell Federal Health Care Center/North Chicago VA, where veterans may shop at no charge for clothing and other personal items.

# September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>Meadows Cruise Night</b> , 6 – 9 p.m. 2401 Kirchoff Road <b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Labor Day 3</b> City Hall, Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day for the entire week.	<b>Adjudication Hearing 4</b> (Traffic Violations), 2 p.m. <b>Econ. Dev. Cte.</b> , 6 p.m. <b>Environmental Cte.</b> , 7 p.m. <b>Plan Commission</b> , 7:30 p.m., all at City Hall	<b>Board of Fire and Police Commissioners</b> , 9 a.m., ( <i>Special Meeting</i> ) <b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b> , 7:30 p.m., both at City Hall <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Goal-Setting Session</b> , 8:00 a.m. – noon, City Hall <b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Board of Fire and Police Commissioners</b> , 9 a.m., City Hall <b>10</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> , 7:30 p.m., City Hall <b>11</b>  <b>Patriot Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Adjudication Hearing</b> , 1 p.m., City Hall <b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>City Council Committee of the Whole</b> , 7:30 p.m., City Hall <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)</b> , 2 p.m., City Hall <b>20</b>  <b>Water bills due</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> , 7:30 p.m., City Hall <b>25</b>	<b>Refuse Referendum Community Meeting</b> , 7 p.m., City Hall <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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<b>7</b>	<b>Board of Fire and Police Commissioners</b> , 9 a.m., City Hall <b>8</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> , 7:30 p.m., City Hall <b>9</b>	<b>Urban Affairs Committee</b> , 5:45 p.m., City Hall <b>10</b>	<b>Adjudication Hearing</b> , 1 p.m. <b>Refuse Referendum Community Meeting</b> , 7 p.m., both at City Hall <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Fire Department Open House</b> 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Neuckranz Fire Station, 2455 Plum Grove Road <b>13</b>
<b>National Fire Prevention Week, October 7 – 13</b>						
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<b>28</b>	<b>Early Refuse Setout Begins</b> . Place refuse at curb no earlier than 3 p.m. the day prior to pickup. <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Halloween Trick or Treat Hours</b> 3 – 8 p.m. <b>31</b>			

## Mayor's CORNER

### Community-Wide Debate on Refuse Collection to Focus on Facts

by Mayor Tom Rooney

The question of whether or not to privatize the City's

garbage service will be put before the voters on the November ballot. One concern expressed by people on both sides of the issue is that we make sure everyone has easy access to the facts.

To that end, the City has posted a fact sheet adopted by Council members on its Website, [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org), and will distribute printed copies of the document with residents' October water bills.

A second concern raised by people on both sides is to ensure that all arguments are presented fairly. To help

achieve that goal, I'm going to run an experiment based on an online debate forum developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Known as the "Deliberatorium," it is designed to "help large numbers of people combine their insights [and] find solutions to complex problems." To find out more about the Deliberatorium, visit <http://cci.mit.edu/klein/deliberatorium.html>.

This online debate forum is a great idea, but it has two small problems: First, the discussion threads aren't super-easy to follow unless a person is fairly computer-savvy and familiar with online discussion threads. Second, by definition, a person

needs computer access to participate.

The experiment I'm going to run is a project called "Fair Points." The principles of MIT's format will be followed, but the presentation will be much easier to read. It will look like a flow chart rather than an online discussion. I invite anyone in the City to contact me by phone (847-394-8500, x1050), email ([mayor@cityrm.org](mailto:mayor@cityrm.org)), or by mail (3600 Kirchoff Road), if they would like to add a point to the debate

I think a City-wide public debate that avoids the usual pitfalls of blogging and posting has a lot of potential. Let's see how it works!

## Community Events Foundation Contributions Top \$9,000

Residents and local businesses have contributed more than \$9,000 to the City's Community Events Foundation.



The Community Events Foundation sponsors events such as the City's Independence Day Parade.

City officials established the Foundation to help offset the costs of staging City-sponsored community events throughout

the year, including the Memorial Day parade and observance, Independence Day festivities, and holiday tree lighting. It also helps fund maintenance for the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum.

"The Foundation's sole purpose is to financially support annual events that help make Rolling Meadows a great place to call home," explains City Manager Barry Krumstok. "We greatly appreciate everyone's commitment to supporting this initiative."

The Foundation earned tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) earlier this year. Residents and businesses interested in contributing should make checks payable to City of



The Foundation also funds maintenance of the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum.

Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation. Submit tax-deductible donations to:

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

## City's Merchants, Large Businesses Offer Shoppers Value, Convenience

The City's blend of large retail stores, independent merchants, and service businesses offers great value and convenience for shoppers throughout the Northwest suburbs.

Business districts located on Kirchoff Road in downtown Rolling Meadows, near Euclid Avenue and Plum Grove Road, and the City's Big Box sector near Golf and Algonquin Roads, feature a variety of shops and stores that are ready to serve you.

Besides convenience, shopping locally also boosts sales tax revenues that reduce reliance on property tax dollars to fund City services.

So what are you waiting for? Shop Rolling Meadows today!



Meijer and Walmart are among the City's "Big Box" retailers.