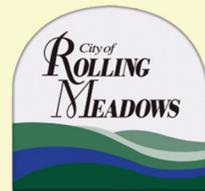




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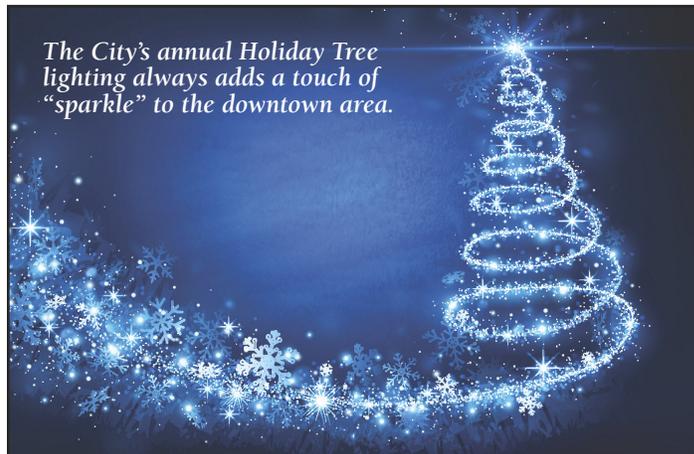
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## Rolling Meadows' 60th Anniversary Celebration to Conclude with December 3rd Tree Lighting, Fireworks, Spaghetti Dinner

The holiday season officially arrives in Rolling Meadows at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 3rd, when City officials and residents gather downtown for the annual Holiday Tree lighting ceremony. The festivities will take place in front of McDonald's (3140 Kirchoff Road).

Guests will then mark the culmination of the City's year-long 60th Anniversary celebration with a dazzling fireworks display and complimentary spaghetti dinner – while supplies last – at the Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive).

The fireworks and free dinner are being organized by the Celebrate 60! Committee. For more information, call 847-394-8500.



The City's annual Holiday Tree lighting always adds a touch of "sparkle" to the downtown area.



Fogarty Fire Station,  
3111 Meadow Drive

### December 3rd Timeline of Events

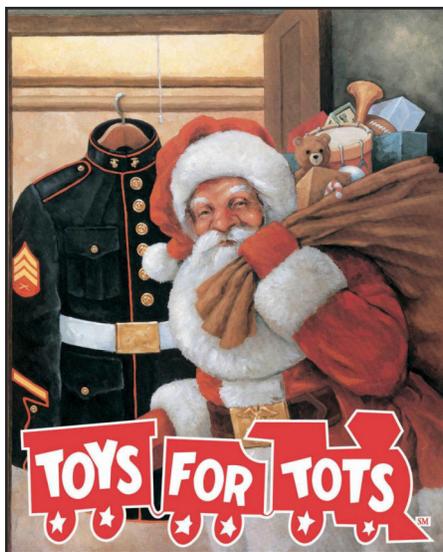
**6 p.m. – Tree Lighting.** Gather with family and friends to celebrate the season's arrival with hot chocolate, carols, cookies, and a special appearance by St. Nick.

**6:20 p.m. – Winter's Eve Fireworks Display.** Awe-inspiring bursts of color will light up downtown Rolling Meadows.

**6:30 p.m. – Community Dinner at the Fire House.** Enjoy a delicious free dinner with fellow residents at the Fogarty Fire Station (while supplies last). It's the final event marking Rolling Meadows' 60th Anniversary. Families may have their pictures taken with Santa's elves and reindeer!

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## City's Toys for Tots Collection Drive Ends December 7th

There's still time to help make the season brighter for children in need this holiday. Contribute to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program through December 7th.

Deliver new, unwrapped toys, dolls, books, and games to drop boxes located at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) and the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Residents may also make a monetary donation by visiting [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

# Local Restaurants Offer Variety, Convenience for Holiday Shoppers

There is added incentive to “Shop Rolling Meadows” this holiday season: the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of restaurants offering “flavors” to suit practically any “taste.”

When you find yourself among the City’s downtown, big box, and retail shopping districts, take time and recharge with a good meal – because Rolling Meadows is a great place to shop and eat! Here’s a “sampling” of what’s available.

## Big Box Retail District (Golf & Algonquin Roads)

Asian Tokyo  
1655 Algonquin Road  
847-439-3380  
www.asiantokyorolling-meadows.com

Buona Beef  
1420 Golf Road  
847-437-2333  
www.buona.com

Chipotle Mexican Grill  
1211 Golf Road  
847-439-2530  
www.chipotle.com

Five Guys Burgers & Fries  
1323 Golf Road  
847-354-7529  
www.fiveguys.com

Grande Jake’s  
5500 New Wilke Road  
847-483-9200  
www.grandejakes.com

Hickory Roasters  
5440 New Wilke Road  
847-290-8530  
www.hickoryroasters.com

Honey Baked Ham  
1685 Algonquin Road  
847-981-9790  
www.honeybaked.com

Noodles & Company  
1327 Algonquin Road  
847-981-1175  
www.noodles.com

Panera Bread  
1321 Golf Road  
847-596-3601  
www.panerabread.com

Panda Express  
1454 Golf Road  
847-427-9716  
www.pandaexpress.com



Great American Bagel, 3240 Kirchoff Road

Portillo’s  
1900 Golf Road  
847-228-0777  
www.portillos.com

Potbelly Sandwich Shop  
1402 Golf Road  
847-593-3080  
www.potbelly.com

Spice Grill  
5540 New Wilke Road  
847-258-3421  
www.spicegrillrm.com

## Downtown Rolling Meadows

Fratello’s Hot Dogs  
3301 Kirchoff Road  
847-253-3401  
www.fratellos2.com

Great American Bagel  
3240 Kirchoff Road  
847-797-8686  
www.greatamericanbagel.com

Little Caesar’s Pizza  
3106 Kirchoff Road  
847-255-6688  
www.littlecaesars.com

Señor Taco’s  
2643 Kirchoff Road  
847-342-1338

Subway  
3206 Kirchoff Road  
847-590-5342  
www.subway.com

## Plum Grove Road Retail District

Absolutely Chinese  
2140 Plum Grove Road  
847-963-8068  
www.eatabsolutelychinese.com

Donati’s Pizza  
1925 Plum Grove Road  
847-359-7900  
www.donatispizza.com

Gus’ Diner  
2160 Plum Grove Road  
847-963-4485  
www.gus-diner.com

Ramen Shinchan  
1939 Plum Grove Road  
847-496-4189  
www.ramen-shinchan.com

Red Apple Pancake House & Café  
2121 Plum Grove Road  
847-925-8048  
www.redappleofpalatine.com



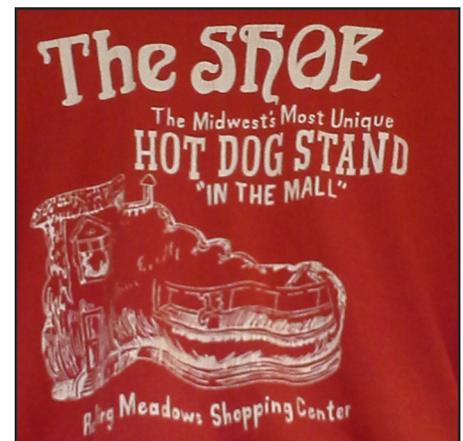
Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1211 Golf Road

## 60th Anniversary Historical Flashback Downtown Hot Dog Stand Left Large ‘Footprint’



Generations of Rolling Meadows residents fondly remember The Shoe, which billed itself as “the Midwest’s most unique hot dog stand.”

Located next to Crawford’s in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center, The Shoe offered hungry shoppers a menu featuring hot dogs, burgers, sloppy joes, and more.



## 'Smart Point' Meters to Eliminate Estimated Water Bills, Improve Customer Service

New transmitters being installed on residential water meters are a key component of ongoing City efforts to upgrade water operations and provide more efficient, responsive customer service, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher reports.

"Smart Point" transmitters will replace the touchpad water meter readers located on the exteriors of residents' homes. These new devices will allow City employees to electronically access residents' water meter data each month – eliminating "estimated" water bills received by residents six times per year.

"In most cases, this technology directly transmits a property's monthly water usage to the City's reading system, without requiring direct access to a home's touchpad," Gallagher explains. "It will help the City deliver more efficient, cost-effective services, and allows residents to track their overall water usage more accurately."



Smart Point transmitter, similar to ones being installed across Rolling Meadows.

Smart Point meters will also improve operations and customer service by:

- Making it easier to detect water leaks that cost customers money.
- Helping City officials quickly notify residents and businesses of potential plumbing issues.
- Minimizing water loss by increasing flow accuracy.

***"(Smart Point meters) will help the City deliver more efficient services and allow residents to track their water usage more effectively."***

***– Finance Director Melissa Gallagher***

City-wide installation of the new outdoor transmitters is expected to take place over the next year or so. In most situations, technicians will be able to complete the upgrade without inconveniencing homeowners. Residents will be notified if technicians require access to their indoor water meters, and may contact the Public Works Department to schedule an appointment.

## Retiring Public Works Employee Ken Buckel Honored for 38 Years of 'Exemplary' Service

October 16th was "Ken Buckel Day" in Rolling Meadows, honoring the retirement of a Public Works Department employee who served residents with pride and dedication for 38 years.

Buckel spent the first eight years of his career with the Department's Street Division. He transferred to the Water Operations Division in 1985, where he "worked constantly for the betterment of the Rolling Meadows water system, which contributes to the health, safety, and comfort" of residents, according to a proclamation drafted in his honor.

The proclamation also recognized Buckel for his "exemplary dedication to the best interests of the community," and for a willingness to share his knowledge and experience with fellow employees.

"Ken gained the respect and admiration of his co-workers through his service to the community," Public Works Director Fred Vogt explains. "On behalf of all Rolling Meadows residents, I thank him for his service and wish him a great retirement, health and happiness."



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

December 1st: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm, **Environmental Committee**, 7 pm; **Plan Commission**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

December 3rd: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall; **Holiday Tree Lighting**, 3140 Kirchoff Road, 6 pm; **60th Anniversary Fireworks**, 6:20 pm; **Spaghetti Dinner**, 6:30 pm, Fogarty Fire Station (while supplies last)

December 6th: **Hanukkah**

December 8th: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

December 10th: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

December 14th: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

December 15th: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

December 17th: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

December 21st: **Water bills due**

December 22nd: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

December 24th: **Christmas Eve**. *City Hall and Public Works closed. Early refuse pickup.*

December 25th: **Christmas**. *City Hall and Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day.*

December 26th: **Kwanzaa**

December 31st: **New Year's Eve**. *Celebrate safely!*

January 1st: **New Year's Day**. *City Hall and Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day.*

# Deputy Fire Chief Terry Valentino Completes 18-Month Training Program to Earn State Emergency Management Accreditation

Rolling Meadows Deputy Fire Chief Terry Valentino has earned state accreditation as an Illinois Professional Emergency Manager (IPEM), after completing a rigorous disaster management training program that emphasized tactical response and the importance of regional partnerships among emergency professionals.

The program proved to be particularly valuable for detailing real-world scenarios that firefighters may encounter, and illustrating how rapidly-changing events affect strategic planning.

“IPEM training reinforces the tactical aspects of emergency management planning at the ground level,” Deputy Chief Valentino explains. “Having that knowledge base improves our ability to develop effective response strategies that can successfully evolve as situations change.”

The 18-month program combined hands-on training exercises and classroom discussions in a variety of areas, including risk assessment, resource management, public information systems, emergency operations center (EOC) management, and more.

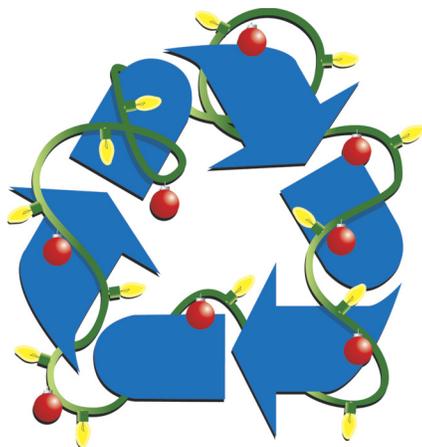
“The training and education sessions were very effective, but I believe the most valuable element of the program was the opportunity to network with other first responders throughout the area,” Deputy Chief Valentino says. “Those connections are essential for providing an effective, coordinated response if a



Deputy Chief Terry Valentino (center) receives his IPEM certificate from Illinois Emergency Management Agency Director James Joseph (left) and Illinois Emergency Services Management Association President Curtis Hawk.

regional disaster strikes.”

His IPEM accreditation also strengthens Rolling Meadows’ own emergency response protocols, which are designed to meet criteria established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



## Recycle Old Holiday Lights, Cords at City Hall

Rolling Meadows residents are able to conveniently recycle old holiday lights, electrical cords, and wire through a program developed by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling.

Simply drop off materials for recycling at a collection box outside City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). The program runs through February 12th, 2016.

The City cannot accept garland, live

greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables.

Visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org) or [elginrecycling.com](http://elginrecycling.com) for more information.

### Items Accepted Include:

- Incandescent and LED lights (all sizes, lengths, and colors).
- Extension cords.
- Household cords/wiring.
- Computer wire/cords.

## Season’s Briefings

### Donate Blood at December 22nd City Hall Blood Drive

Rolling Meadows and LifeSource will once again partner to host a holiday blood drive, Tuesday, December 22nd, 1-7 p.m., at City Hall. To schedule appointments, contact LifeSource at 877-543-3768. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Support Winter Clothing Drive for Veterans Through December 31st

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department has joined The Heart of a Marine Foundation to organize a winter clothing drive for local military veterans in need. Drop off new or used hats and gloves at Rolling Meadows’ two fire stations (2455 Plum Grove Road and 3111 Meadow Drive) between now and December 31st.

### Public Works Schedules Curbside Tree Pick-Up in January

Public Works will provide Christmas Tree pick-up service to all refuse customers during the weeks of January 4th and 11th. Residents should remove lights, tinsel and ornaments, and place trees at the curb (cut side facing the street) on their regular refuse collection days.

## Where Are They Now?

# Retired Deputy Chief Joe Catalano Went Back to (High) School After 25-Year Police Career

Joe Catalano had a plan after retiring nine years ago as Rolling Meadows' Deputy Police Chief: spend more time with family and travel the world with his wife, Stella. He never anticipated that life would offer him an opportunity to go back to school – high school, that is.

Catalano began his career with the Rolling Meadows Police Department in 1981 as a patrol officer, and spent the next 25 years serving the community. He was a detective with the Investigations Unit for six years before earning promotion to sergeant, commander, and deputy chief. He retired in early 2007.

"I really had no plans to go back to work, but Rolling Meadows High School administrators contacted me a couple months after I retired because they were looking for part-time security officers," recalls Catalano, who, coincidentally, served as the Police Department's high school liaison officer in the late 1980s. "It turned out to be a great opportunity; one that has allowed me to remain

involved in the community I served my entire professional career."

Working part-time at the high school has been a perfect fit for Catalano: he's always enjoyed working with kids, and his current position allows him to work closely with the Police Department's current liaison officer, Scott McCormack.

His "post-retirement" resume also includes six years as coach of the school's freshman and junior varsity softball teams.

"Coaching those girls was a lot of fun," Catalano says. "I had coached my kids' park district sports teams when they were younger, but it was a real thrill doing it at the high school level. It was a situation where I just happened to be in the right place at the right time."

It turns out that Catalano has been in a lot of the right "places" since he retired. He and Stella have visited Hawaii, Italy, and Greece since he turned in his badge almost a decade ago. He is also an avid



Former Deputy Chief Joe Catalano and his wife, Stella, with their grandson, Nino.

runner who has completed 15 half marathons. But the most fulfilling aspects of life since retirement have been times spent with family.

"We've been able to watch our children grow up to become amazing adults, and we enjoy spending time with our grandson, Nino," he adds.

Apparently, Joe Catalano's original retirement plan came to fruition after all.

## 'Keep the Wreath Red' Program Raises Awareness of Holiday Fire Dangers



The "Keep the Wreath Red" program reminds residents that candles and other seasonal décor are potential fire hazards if not used properly.

Festive wreaths on display at Rolling Meadows fire stations are centerpieces of the "Keep the Wreath Red" program, a public awareness initiative that encourages residents to protect their families by preventing fires caused by seasonal decorations.

The wreaths hanging at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road) and Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive) begin the season illuminated with red bulbs. Any fire in Rolling Meadows caused by holiday decorations will be represented by a white bulb.

"The wreaths help remind residents that the season offers no holiday from fire-related accidents," says Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote. "Let's all work together to keep our families safe from fire this holiday season."

Residents have successfully kept the wreaths red for the past eight years. Since RMFD began participating in the program in 2007, there has not been a single fire caused by holiday decorations. To keep that streak alive, 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.
- Prevent live trees from drying out by keeping stands full of water.
- Place trees away from heat sources and a safe distance from exits.

For more information on holiday fire safety, call the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352.

# City Awarded \$1.2 Million for Golf Road Corridor Upgrades; New Sidewalks, Crossing Signals to be Installed Next Spring

Rolling Meadows has been awarded \$1.2 million in grant funding to improve pedestrian safety along the busy Golf Road corporate corridor and expand access to businesses in the area.

A \$975,000 federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant, and an additional \$243,000 in matching funds from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), will completely cover the installation of nearly one mile of sidewalk along Golf Road's north side, and two pedestrian crosswalks with crossing signals that will be located east of Apollo Drive and at Ring Road. Construction is slated to begin next spring.

When completed, the new sidewalks will help connect employees at Atrium Corporate Center, Meadows Corporate Center, and other commercial properties in the area – including Arthur J. Gallagher's new headquarters – to area restaurants and retail businesses.

Meanwhile, the crosswalks will allow employees based at those properties to safely access Pace buses that connect Rolling Meadows to the regional transportation system.



Grant funding will provide employees at Atrium Corporate Center (above) greater access to public transportation.



Sidewalks will connect corporate campus businesses, including Arthur J. Gallagher, to the City's bustling retail stores and restaurants.

“One of the most pressing concerns among Golf Road businesses has been the area's lack of non-vehicular accessibility. It's not really suited for pedestrians in its current configuration,” Public Works Director Fred Vogt explains. “Adding new sidewalks will help connect employees at the corporate campus to nearby stores and restaurants.”

Public transportation and pedestrian accessibility are important components of the City's economic development plans. Besides improving access to Golf Road businesses, new sidewalks and crosswalks will also help companies attract and retain younger employees – many of whom prefer to use public transportation.

According to RTA estimates, increased use of public transportation by area employees will reduce traffic congestion along Golf Road, reduce vehicle emission levels, and improve the City's air quality.

## Welcome New Businesses

**Advent Global Solutions** – Information technology  
3601 Algonquin Rd #702 (847-865-7967)

**CLEC Enterprises, Inc.** – Electric, plumbing & IEC study group  
5105 Tollview Dr #270 (630-546-5933)

**KRP Dance Academy** – Dance instruction  
2637 Kirchoff Rd (630-337-5319)

**Contractors Flooring Outlet** – Flooring consultants  
1875 Rohlwing Rd Ste D (847-695-9988)

**EK Micro** – Office space/manufacturers' representatives  
1831 Hicks Rd Ste A&B (847-776-1758)

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Community Development . . . . . 847-506-6030  
Senior Handyman Program . . . . . 847-506-6030  
ComEd . . . . . 1-800-EDISON-1  
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