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Community Development Department Report: City Construction Activity Continues at ‘Unprecedented Pace’

Construction activity in Rolling Meadows continues at an unprecedented pace, according to a mid-year report by the Community Development Department that tallies the number of permits issued, inspections performed, and the overall

valuation of improvements made by area businesses and homeowners.

Between January 1st and May 31st, permit valuation – the monetary value of all construction, remodeling, and other property improvements – exceeded \$35 million. That’s more than quadruple the \$8.4 million established in the first five months of 2015.



Downtown’s Lexington Crossing is one of several major development projects underway in Rolling Meadows.

Major construction projects – including the Lexington Crossing townhomes on Kirchoff Road, buildout of Arthur J. Gallagher’s new headquarters at the Golf Road corporate campus, and ongoing property improvements at Continental Towers – helped set multiple records in 2015. The trend has accelerated in 2016, CDD Director Valerie Dehner reports.

Meanwhile, permit fees collected by the City during the same period totaled \$503,844, an increase of \$326,686 over the same time period last year.

“The number of permits issued, and the volume of work performed by City inspectors, has grown tremendously in 2016,” she says. “We’ve also seen a vast increase in overall construction value and permit fees.”

CDD staff members also issued 1,039 permits and conducted 3,413 inspections – an increase of nearly 25% and 15%, respectively, compared to the prior year.

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Police Chief ‘Humbled’ by Community Support After Murders of Dallas, Baton Rouge Officers



John Nowacki

The tremendous outpouring of community support witnessed by Rolling Meadows police officers, following the tragic deaths of eight law enforcement professionals in Dallas, TX and Baton Rouge, LA are indicative of the RMPD’s success in building strong partnerships with the residents it serves, Police Chief John Nowacki reports.

Throughout July, residents delivered cakes, cookies, candy bags, crafts, and personal notes to the Department, offering gratitude for the services police officers provide. One resident even bought lunch for an officer who had stopped by a local restaurant to pick up a bite to eat.

“We have been humbled these past several weeks by the generosity of our residents

and businesses,” Chief Nowacki explains. “When tragedies such as the ones in Dallas and Baton Rouge occur, it only reinforces our commitment to protect the community we are sworn to serve. The support we have received demonstrates our success in forging strong ties to City residents. That, in and of itself, is a tremendous source of Department pride.”

One clever gift delivered to the Police Department was a bag of candy – a “Law Enforcement Officer Survival Kit” – that featured an assortment of goodies and an accompanying list of its contents:

- **Starburst** – “for the burst of energy you may need for the late shift.”
- **Peppermint Patty** – “to help you keep your cool.”
- **Gum** – “to help everyone stick together.”
- **Lifesaver** – “to remind you of the many times you have been one.”

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Upcoming Community Events – Summer 2016

August

- **National Night Out**, Tuesday, August 2nd, 6 – 8:30 pm, Community Center
- **Wine Down by the Creek**, Friday, August 5th, 6 – 10 pm, Kimball Hill Park
- **Cornfest**, Saturday, August 6th, 11 am – 7 pm, Community Church
- **Friday Farmers & Food Trucks**, Friday, August 12th, 4 – 8:30 pm, Community Church
- **Annual Duck Derby**, Friday, August 12th, 7 pm, Nelson Sports Complex
- **Farmer's & Food Trucks City Market**, Saturday, August 27th, 10 am – 2 pm, City Hall

September

- **Friday Farmers & Food Trucks**, Friday, September 9th, 4 – 8:30 pm, Community Church
- **Farmers & Food Trucks City Market**, Saturday, September 24th, 10 am – 2 pm, City Hall

Residents who would like to help the Community Events Foundation organize and run these events may contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.

Duck Race to Raise \$\$\$ for Conservation Efforts

The 9th annual Duck Race to raise money for environmental conservation efforts throughout Rolling Meadows will take place Friday, August 12th, 7 p.m., at the Nelson Sports Complex (3900 Owl Drive). Residents may purchase plastic ducks for a chance to win a variety of prizes – including a \$500 grand prize.

Purchase ducks at the Park District Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) and City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) for \$5 each, or a “Quack Pack” of five ducks for \$20. For more information, contact the Park District at 847-818-3220 or visit rmparks.org.

National Night Out to Feature Hawks' Anthem Singer, Jesse White Tumblers

Rolling Meadows' annual National Night Out celebration has earned national recognition for its success in bringing public safety officers and residents together to heighten awareness of local crime prevention efforts. And this year's expanded event promises to be the largest yet!

Join the community celebration Tuesday, August 2nd, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Rolling Meadows Community Center.

Highlights include:

- Special performance of *The Star Spangled Banner* by Jim Cornelison, the Chicago Blackhawks' national anthem singer.
- Aerial acrobatics by the Jesse White Tumblers.
- Up-close views of the “Flight for Life” medical transport helicopter and other emergency vehicles.



National Night Out will feature spectacular performances by the Jesse White Tumblers.

- Demonstrations by performers from Medieval Times.
- Performance by the official Chicago Bears Drum Line.
- Appearances by Chicago sports mascots.
- Free snacks and refreshments (while supplies last).



Madhouse in Meadows: Chicago Blackhawks national anthem singer Jim Cornelison offers a powerful performance at last year's event.



Professional sports mascots, including Staley Da Bear, mingle with National Night Out guests.

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“It has been an exciting couple of years here in Rolling Meadows, as businesses and homeowners continue to invest in their futures,” Dehner explains. “This kind of robust activity bodes well for the local economy.”

The Community Development Department takes an active role in the City's overall economic development efforts to facilitate the development of a healthy, prosperous community. It offers a range of services that help new businesses put down roots in Rolling Meadows while providing expert inspection services to

homeowners. To learn more, call 847-506-6030 or visit www.cityrm.org/148/Community-Development.



The AT&T Store at 1155 Golf Road is among the newest members of the City's growing business community.

American Spirit Soars at Rolling Meadows' Independence Day Parade

Rolling Meadows' American spirit was on full display at the City's 2016 Independence Day Parade. With thousands of cheering residents lining the parade route, this year's event featured a fleet of stunning floats (A, B and C), musical acts (D), patriotic pooches (E), and decorated bikes (F). Community groups also got in on the action, offering dance troupe demonstrations (G), classic hot rods (H), mascots (I), and Rolling Meadows High School's famous Marching Mustangs (J).



This Month in Rolling Meadows

Aug. 2nd: **National Night Out**, 6–8:30 pm, Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Dr)

Aug. 3rd: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm, City Hall

Aug. 4th: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

Aug. 5th: **Wine Down by the Creek**, 6–10 pm, Kimball Hill Park; **Cruise Night**, 5–8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd)

Aug. 6 – **Cornfest**, 11 am–7 pm, Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Rd)

Aug. 8th: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

Aug. 9th: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

Aug. 11th: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

Aug. 12th: **Farmers & Food Trucks**, 4–8:30 pm, Community Church; **Cruise Night**, 5–8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship; **Annual Duck Race**, 7 pm, Nelson Sports Complex (3900 Owl Dr)

Aug. 16th: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

Aug. 17th: **First day of school for grades 1–8 (District 15)**

Aug. 18th: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall; **Kindergarten and early childhood classes begin (District 15)**

Aug. 19th: **Cruise Night**, 5–8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship

Aug. 22nd: **Water bills due**

Aug. 23rd: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

Aug. 24th: **Health, Wealth & Fitness Fest**, 10 am–2 pm, Senior Center

Aug. 26th: **Cruise Night**, 5–8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship

Aug. 27th: **Farmers & Food Trucks**, 10 am–2 pm, City Hall



Kimball Hill Park

Craft Beer & Fine Wine to Highlight August 5th 'Wine Down' by Salt Creek

Fine wine, craft beer, food, and live music are the main attractions for Rolling Meadows' second annual Wine Down by the Creek, Friday, August 5th, at Kimball Hill Park. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Guests at this year's event will experience an event with a distinct "summer festival" vibe:

- **Sip** beer and wine by the glass (21 years-and-up only).
- **Savor** pizza, gourmet sandwiches, snacks, and deserts prepared by onsite food trucks.
- **Enjoy** live musical performances by the Northwest Concert Band and Field Day, which delivers high-energy rock favorites from the '60s to the present.

Admission is free. The first 500 guests will receive a commemorative cup (while supplies last). Beer and wine may be purchased for \$5 a glass.

"Residents of all ages are welcome to join us for a late summer evening of food, family, friends, and music," explains Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak. "Despite an abundance of wines and craft brews, we're hoping for a much 'drier' event than last year," she adds, referencing the fact that last year's Wine Down was held amid torrential downpours.

Wine Down 2016 is sponsored by Ben Franklin Bank, which provided a generous \$2,500 donation to support the event. Other sponsors include Bigby's Pour House, Divine Design Marketing, Lynfred Winery, Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, and Rolling Meadows Park District.

Farmers & Food Trucks' 2016 Market Season Reaches 'Final Four' in August, September

An immensely successful Farmers & Food Trucks market season is winding down, with the "final four" market dates schedule for August and September.

Evening markets will be held Fridays, August 12th and September 9th, from 4 – 8:30 p.m. at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road). Saturday morning events will take place August 27th and September 24th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at City Hall.

The markets continue to offer an expanding – and increasingly popular – lineup of vendors. They're the only events in the northwest suburbs offering locally-grown produce and other high-quality foods; a wide-ranging menu of items provided by onsite food trucks; and a variety of hand-made jewelry, clothing, and home goods created by local craftspeople.



Local food trucks offer fresh tastes and variety for market guests.



City Hall's parking lot transforms into a bustling marketplace at Farmers & Food Trucks' Saturday events.

Other family-friendly activities available at Farmers & Food Trucks include:

- **Live music** provided by a rotating roster of local talent.
- **Family & pet photo booth.**
- **Mini-golf** (Friday's only).
- **Free raffle prizes** (Saturday markets only).

Community members who would like to help set up and organize upcoming market dates may contact Lori Ciezak at ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500.

Local businesses and vendors interested in joining future events should complete the online application, available at www.cityrm.org/379/Farmers-Market-Food-Trucks.

Welcome New Businesses

AT&T Store –

Cellular phones, accessories & services
1155 Golf Rd (847-806-1300)

Avenue Mortgage –

Mortgage loan/origination
1895 Rohlwing Rd Ste D (217-762-3700)

Billba Flooring –

Flooring contractor
3636 Berdnick St (847-962-4000)

Bulldog Ale House –

Food and brews
1480 Golf Rd (847-427-1333)

Ecustom Memory LLC –

Promotional product sales
5105 Tollview Dr #208 (224-234-5686)

eyebrow Threading & Beyond –

Personal grooming
3112 Kirchoff Rd (773-716-4170)

HUGS Resale –

Resale shop
2655 Kirchoff Rd (847-378-8120)

LOZAR, Inc. –

Transportation company offices
5105 Tollview Dr #295 (847-665-8009)

MasTec North America –

Electronic security alarm systems
5410 Newport Dr #44 (305-447-6477)

Property Tax Reduction Group –

Property tax appeals
1811 Hicks Rd Suite A (844-829-4453)

New Golf Road Sidewalk to Help Connect Pedestrians with Area Restaurants, Retail

Nearly one mile of new sidewalk built along the north side of Golf Road vastly improves pedestrian access to nearby retail shops and restaurants by employees who work in the area's high-rise commercial properties.

The sidewalk installation, between Ring Road and New Wilke Road, is part of a \$1.2 million infrastructure improvement project to improve pedestrian safety along the busy Golf Road corporate corridor. The City secured \$975,000 in funding for the project through a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant, and an additional \$243,000 in matching funds from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

“One of the most pressing concerns among Golf Road businesses has been the

area's lack of non-vehicular accessibility. It wasn't really suited for pedestrians,” Public Works Director Vogt explains. “New sidewalks help connect employees at the corporate campus to the stores and restaurants near the intersection of Golf and Algonquin Roads.”

New pedestrian crosswalks and crossing signals are also being installed east of Apollo Drive and at Ring Road. These will help employees who work at Atrium Corporate Center, Meadows Corporate Center, and other commercial properties in the area safely access Pace buses that connect Rolling Meadows to the regional transportation system.

Public transportation and pedestrian accessibility are important components of the City's economic development plans.



Sidewalks improve pedestrian mobility between area restaurants and retail, and commercial properties such as Meadows Corporate Center.

They improve access to Golf Road businesses and help area companies attract and retain younger employees – many of whom prefer public transportation

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

Historical Society Seeks ‘Generations’ to Help Build Bridges Between Present & Past



The Rolling Meadows Historical Museum is the centerpiece of Society efforts to preserve City history.

The Rolling Meadows Historical Society is seeking residents of all ages to join its ranks and carry on its proud tradition of preserving the City's rich history.

“The story of Rolling Meadows has been written over the course of generations. We believe those responsible for protecting its history should represent the multiple generations of residents who have called the City home since its 1955 founding,” Historical Society President and Public Works Director Fred Vogt explains. “Our members want to develop a broad base of support that allows everyone to contribute ideas and energies on how to best move the Society forward.”

Historical Society members play an important role in the ongoing success of the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum at 3100

Central Road – a replica of an original Kimball Hill home from the 1950s.

They staff the museum during business hours, maintain its displays, organize fundraisers that help offset operational costs, and host annual holiday open houses that help guests revisit holidays' past.

“The museum is the centerpiece of the Society's ongoing efforts to document Rolling Meadows' humble beginnings and its transformation into a thriving community,” adds Historical Society member Alice Fitzgerald. “Visitors come away with a better understanding of the City's past, and an appreciation for how we have grown as a community. It's a wonderful opportunity to build bridges between the past and present.”

Historical Society annual memberships are \$5 for seniors, \$10 for individuals, and \$15 for families. The Society also offers lifetime memberships for \$100 and corporate memberships for \$250 per year.

Society meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, 2 p.m., at the museum. For details, contact the Historical Society at 847-577-7086 or Society President Fred Vogt at vogt@cityrm.org.



‘Brake’ for Buses

Illinois state law prohibits drivers on *two-lane roads* from passing a stopped school bus when its lights are flashing and its stop signal arm is extended. Motorists found guilty of illegally passing a stopped school bus will have their drivers licenses revoked for three months and face fines starting at \$150.

Drivers on roads with *four or more lanes* are **not** required to stop when **approaching** a bus that is stopped on the opposite side of the street, but should always use caution. However, motorists who are **behind** a stopped bus on a four-lane street are not allowed to pass.

For more information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Financial Reports Posted on City's Website

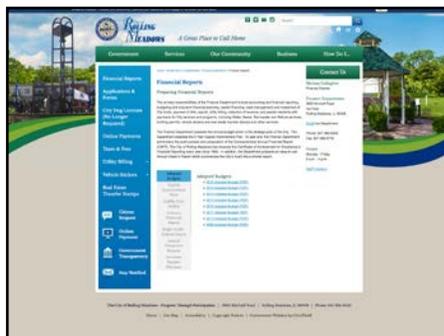
An 11-page "Citizen's Financial Report" now posted online offers a snapshot of the City's overall financial health and an overview of major economic development projects currently underway.

The report, prepared each year by the Finance Department, is based on Rolling Meadows' 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That document was reviewed by independent auditors as part of the City's commitment to financial transparency and fiscal accountability.

"The Citizens Financial Report provides residents with a brief analysis of where City revenue comes from and how it is spent," Finance Director Melissa Gallagher

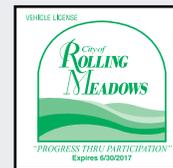
explains. "It also tracks trends in the local economy that may affect future revenues used to fund residential services."

To access the Citizen's Financial Report, visit cityrm.org/233/Financial-Reports.



Vehicle Sticker Price Increases After Purchase Deadline

Rolling Meadows motorists who missed the June 30th deadline to purchase their 2016-17 vehicle stickers will now have to dig deeper into their pockets to cover the costs.



Beginning July 1st, the price of individual stickers doubled to \$60 for most passenger vehicles. Discounted stickers for senior citizens ages 65 and up are now \$40. Residents who do not buy the new sticker may face additional costs: police officers are authorized to issue \$100 citations to owners of vehicles that do not display the current sticker.

2016-17 vehicle stickers may be purchased online at www.tmainc.us/XSaLTWebs/tmaXapp/online?MUN=RM or in person at City Hall.

The City is mailing overdue notices in September to residents who have not purchased current year stickers. All vehicles registered in Rolling Meadows – including those owned by residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must display them.

New residents, and those who acquire a new vehicle between July 1st, 2016 and May 1, 2017, have 60 days to purchase new stickers without incurring late fees.

Vehicle sticker sales generate around \$500,000 annually for ongoing street maintenance.

Resident Letter Praises Public Works Department for Outstanding Services, Value

A "grateful resident" took the time to send an email to the Public Works Department that commended its services and credited employees for their commitment to delivering exceptional value.

"Having lived in Rolling Meadows for the past 35 years, it is high time I said thanks," wrote Andy Erbach. "Every aspect of (the Department's) work is accomplished with

courtesy and professionalism," he added, citing refuse pick-up, snow removal, and water services for particular praise.

Mr. Erbach admitted that he is not very fond of paying taxes, but added that "when a community gets the kind of value for their tax dollar that we do (here in Rolling Meadows), the taxes we pay for Public Works are not a burden."

Public Works Offers Safe, Convenient Disposal of Old Batteries, CFL Bulbs

Rolling Meadows offers a convenient way for residents to safely dispose of spent compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and household batteries.

Bring old batteries and light bulbs to the Public Works Department (3900 Berdnick Street) for proper recycling.

Drop-off hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday drop-offs are also offered Saturdays, August 27th, and September 24th, at the City's Farmers & Food Trucks market events. For more information, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.

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

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 Fire Non-emergency847-397-3352
 Police Non-emergency847-255-2416
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 Community Development847-506-6030
 Senior Handyman Program847-506-6030
 ComEd1-800-EDISON-1
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