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Rolling Meadows Library Expansion Project to Add Group Study Rooms, Open Seat ‘Garden Lounge’ Area for Special Events

Rolling Meadows Library’s first facility expansion in 30 years, scheduled to begin next spring, will create two small-group study rooms and a new “Garden Lounge” that offers open seating and additional space for community programs.

The 1,625 feet of new interior space will be built on the building’s southwest side, where an outdoor tree and bush garden is currently located.

The meetings rooms, in particular, will help library staff members provide the resources that patrons now seek. Each space will feature flat-screen monitors and audiovisual equipment for delivering multimedia presentations.

“Patrons are increasingly asking for small group meeting spaces – something we aren’t able to offer with the library’s current configuration,” explains Executive Director David Ruff. “It will be extremely exciting to offer this amenity to residents

and community groups once the expansion is complete.”

Meanwhile, the Garden Lounge will feature a fireplace, abundant natural lighting, and scenic views of Salk Park. Patrons will enjoy a variety of seating options, plenty of charging stations for mobile devices, and an onsite vending area.

Ruff believes the Garden Lounge will also be a community gathering space for book signings and other special events.

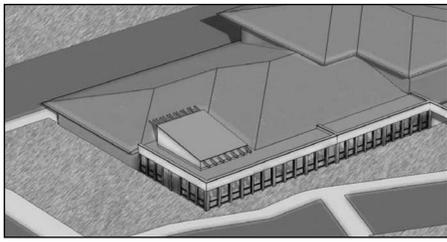
The expansion project will significantly expand the library’s usable space without adding to the building’s overall dimensions. Both meeting rooms and the Garden Lounge have been designed to fall within the structure’s existing footprint.

“We are extending the current architecture outward, while the design concepts minimize the amount of demolition required to complete the project,” Ruff explains.

The Library Board of Trustees approved the approximately \$800,000 modernization at its October meeting. The expansion will be paid for with the library’s capital reserves.

“We’ve been saving up for this project for several years now. The Board’s philosophy is to complete projects without incurring debt,” Ruff adds.

The project is scheduled to begin in May.



Exterior rendering of the library’s 2017 expansion project set to begin in May.

Library officials have tentatively scheduled a ribbon-cutting to dedicate the remodeled facility next fall.



The Garden Lounge and new meeting rooms will fit within the library’s existing “footprint.”

Rolling Meadows Library – At a Glance

3110 Martin Lane
847-259-6050
www.rmlib.org

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am – 9pm;
Sat, 9am – 5pm; Sun, 1-5pm

Collection Size:

- Over 185,000 (books, e-books, magazine subscriptions, CDs, DVDs, and downloadable items)

Usage Summary (2015):

- Circulation: 299,493 items
- Patron visits: 178,163
- Reference questions answered: 49,398
- Internet sessions provided: 31,888
- Program attendance: 17,401

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
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4th Ward Alderman: Brad Judd	847-902-3248
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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
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1
Curfew . . . Sun. – Thurs. 11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. Midnight	



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City Briefs Council Members to Name Acting Mayor at November 22nd Meeting

City Council members will choose one of their own to serve as acting mayor at their November 22nd meeting. The appointment will follow the official resignation of Mayor Tom Rooney, who was sworn-in as Illinois Senator (R-27th) in late September.

Per City statute, the acting mayor will hold the office until May 2017 but retain their voting privileges as an elected alderman. Residents will choose someone to complete the remaining two years of the current mayoral term in next April's consolidated election.

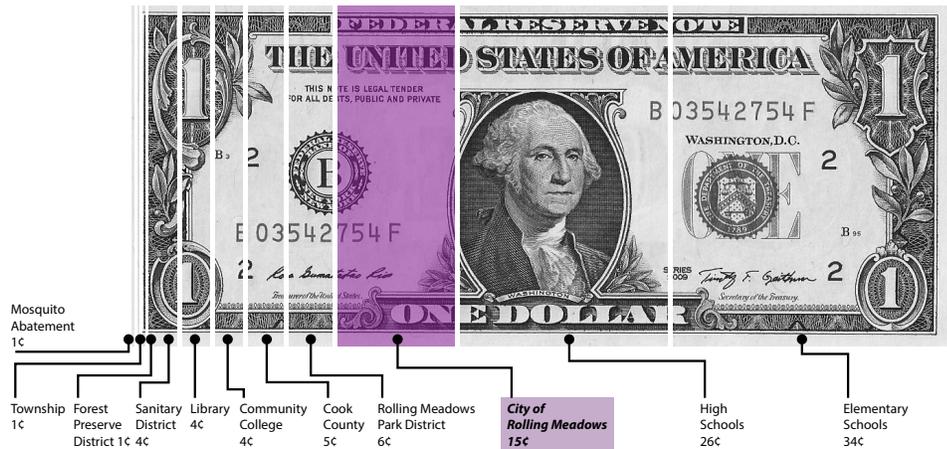
Council on Pace to Approve 2017 Budget in November

Aldermen are expected to adopt the City's Fiscal Year 2017 budget in November, marking the completion of an extensive process that began in earnest last August.

Over the past several months, City officials have hosted multiple public hearings on the proposed 2017 tax levy, and City and library budgets. Council members and City staff have worked closely to ensure the 2017 document, once approved, helps achieve Rolling Meadows' long-term financial goals.

Residents who wish to view the latest draft of the FY2017 budget may access the document on the City's website (www.cityrm.org/233/Financial-Reports).

The budget document may also be viewed at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) and the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane).



The City's share of residents' property tax bills is 15%, or 15 cents per dollar (three township average).
*All figures rounded to the nearest cent.

Property Taxes Fund Essential Services; City's Share Delivers Value for Residents

The 15 cents per dollar residents pay, on average, in property taxes to Rolling Meadows fund vital City services that offer tremendous value, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher explains.

The graphic pictured here represents the average breakdown of residents' property tax bills, which vary slightly by township. Rolling Meadows' 15% of the total covers important services such as:

- Police and fire protection.
- 911 emergency dispatch services.
- Roads and infrastructure maintenance.
- Pensions.

"Property tax revenues help ensure continued delivery of City services we sometimes take for granted – public safety and road maintenance, in particular," Gallagher says. "It's sometimes hard to quantify these types of services, but they deliver considerable value and contribute significantly to the quality of life residents enjoy here."

The remaining 85% of residents' annual property tax bills are collected by Cook County, the township in which they live, area elementary and high schools, park districts, public libraries, and other local taxing bodies.

File Candidate Papers for April 2017 Election During Week of December 12th – 19th

Rolling Meadows residents who are interested in running for municipal office next spring must file completed petitions during the week of December 12th – 19th to be eligible for the April 4th ballot.

Informational kits on becoming a candidate for Rolling Meadows elected office are available at City Hall or online at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Qualified candidates must be City residents for at least one year and, if running for City Council, live in the ward they

seek to represent.

Offices on the 2017 ballot are:

- Mayor – completing the final two years of the current four-year term.
- Ward 2 Alderman – 4-year term.
- Ward 4 Alderman – 4-year term.
- Ward 6 Alderman – 4-year term.

For more information on the April 4th consolidated election, call City Hall at 847-394-8500.

Vote in November 8th Election!

Polling places will be open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Election Day.

City Snow Removal Teams Prepared for Another Chicago Area Winter

The calendar may only read November, but the Public Works Department is already fully prepared for another Chicago area winter. Crews have completed their annual training, inspected snow fighting equipment, installed plows on the City's fleet of snow removal trucks, and conducted "dry runs" on their designated routes.

This advance preparation ensures that the Department is ready to completely clear the streets of ice and snow – and help residents travel safely – as soon as the first snowfall arrives.

Snow Removal Q&A

Q. What streets get plowed first? Why?

A. Snow plows are assigned to eight designated routes throughout the City. Crews tackle primary roads, such as Kirchoff Road and Rohlwing Road, first. This helps guarantee open roads for emergency vehicles to get to any location in the City or in surrounding areas. Once these routes are open, plows begin to clear residential streets on their assigned routes.

Other roadways, such as Golf and Algonquin Roads, and Euclid Avenue, are plowed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) or the Cook County Highway Department.

Q. Why can't I shovel or blow snow into the street and let the plows remove it when they come by?

A. Blowing snow into streets can cause



icy hazards for motorists. Snow should be placed to the sides of the driveway and into yards whenever possible. Otherwise, the snow you've shoveled into the street is likely to land back on your driveway when plows return.

Residents should also clear snow away from nearby fire hydrants so they are easily accessible to firefighters in cases of emergency.

Q. How do I prevent plows from pushing snow onto the driveway after I've already cleared it?

A. Shovel snow to the right side of the driveway (while facing the street) whenever possible. This will limit the amount of snow that is pushed onto the driveway. Due to the plow's angle, snow piled to the left side or into the street is likely to be pushed back into the driveway.

Q. What happens if my mailbox is damaged during a snow event?

A. Mailboxes that have been maintained and are in good condition should withstand the rigors of a typical snow

season. Public Works employees conduct visual inspections of residents' mailboxes during initial practice runs, and contact customers whose mailboxes need new posts or other repairs.

The City will install a standard replacement mailbox for those hit during snow removal operations. It does not offer reimbursement for the interruption of mail service if a mailbox becomes inaccessible or is damaged, knocked over, or buried by accumulated snow.



Treated Salt Improves Snow Removal Efforts, Driver Safety

A key component of Public Works' annual snow clearing efforts is the use of road salt that has been pre-treated with environmentally-friendly "de-icing" materials.

Treated salt sticks to the pavement better and is more effective for a longer period of time. This helps the City reduce its salt usage during heavy storms and improves motorists' safety along local streets.

Refuse Reminders

Early Refuse Set-out Times Underway

Residents may now place refuse at the curb after 3 p.m. (instead of 6 p.m.) the day prior to their scheduled pick-up, as part of the City's "early refuse set-out" program. The program was initiated several years ago as a way to help residents put their refuse out before it gets dark. Per City ordinance, the early set-out times run through March 2017. Regular set-out times remain in effect during the months of April – October.

Yard Waste Collection Ends December 2nd

The City's yard waste collection service will conclude for the year Friday, December 2nd. Residents should place yard waste in craft paper bags at the curb – separate from household waste – for pickup on their regular collection date. Public Works will begin collecting yard waste again next spring.

City Announces Holiday Refuse Schedule

- **Thanksgiving**
Rolling Meadows' Public Works Department will be closed Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th, for the Thanksgiving holiday. *Regular Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling collection will be delayed one day.*
- **Christmas Eve**
Public Works will be closed Friday, December 23rd, in observance of Christmas Eve (which falls on Saturday), although City crews will provide early refuse collection that morning. *Place all refuse at the curb no later than 6 a.m.*
- **Christmas**
Public Works will be closed Monday, December 26th, in observance of Christmas. *Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed one day all week.*

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><i>Early refuse set-out begins Monday, October 31st. Residents may place refuse at curb after 3 pm the evening prior to scheduled pickup.</i></p>		<p>Economic Development 1 Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm, both at City Hall</p>	2	<p>Adjudication Hearing 3 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall</p>	4	5	
<p>Daylight Saving Time ends. Clocks fall back one hour. Replace batteries in all smoke and CO detectors.</p>	6	7	<p>City Council Meeting, 8 7:30 pm, City Hall</p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p>Crime Stoppers, 9 5:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>Adjudication Hearing, 10 1 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>City Hall and Public Works 11 closed. Regular refuse pickup.</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>	12
13	<p>Board of Fire & Police 14 Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall</p>	<p>City Council 15 Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	16	<p>Adjudication Hearing 17 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall</p>	18	19	
20	<p>Water bills due 21 Police Pension Board, 3:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>City Council Meeting, 22 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	23	<p>City Hall and Public Works 24 closed. Refuse/recycling collection delayed one day on Thursday and Friday.</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>City Hall and Public Works 25 closed. Refuse/recycling collection delayed one day on Thursday and Friday.</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday</p>	26	
27	28	29	30				

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<p>Keep updated on City news with Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, E-News & Views, published in February, April, June, August, October and December. Each newsletter is archived on the City's website, www.cityrm.org.</p>				<p>Adjudication Hearing 1 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall</p> <p>Holiday Tree Lighting and Spaghetti Dinner, 6 pm, downtown McDonald's</p>	<p>Seasonal yard waste 2 collection ends</p>	3
4	5	<p>Economic Development 6 Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Plan Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall</p>	<p>Zoning Board of 7 Appeals, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	8	9	10
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25	<p>City Hall and Public Works 26 closed. Refuse/recycling collection delayed one day all week.</p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p>City Council Meeting, 27 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	28	29	30	<p>Hanukkah begins Christmas Eve</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>

Shop *and* Dine in Rolling Meadows This Holiday Season

Rolling Meadows' business community – a unique blend of independently-owned shops, “Big Box” retailers, and service providers – offers unmatched convenience, value, and variety for busy shoppers this holiday season. Supporting local business also makes “cents” by boosting sales tax revenues that reduce reliance on property taxes to fund City services.

Need another reason to Shop Rolling Meadows for the holidays? How about great dining experiences! The City's restaurant community celebrated three high-profile openings in the past few months – a reflection of the City's growing reputation for culinary variety:



Bulldog Ale House

1480 Golf Road, 847-427-1333
www.bulldogalehouse.com

Bulldog Ale House offers guests a menu featuring appetizers, salads, wraps, burgers and sandwiches, pizza, and signature dishes – everything from chicken and waffles and ribs to tacos and pot pie. The bar offers 40 beers on tap, cocktails and wine.



Pie Five Pizza Co.

1290 Golf Road, 847-378-8055
www.piefivepizza.com

Pie Five Pizza's “artisan, chef-inspired pizzas” are made from scratch with the finest ingredients and made-to-order in only five minutes. Choose from signature menu recipes – including grain thin and gluten-free crusts – or create your own!



MingHin Cuisine

1440 Golf Road, 847-640-7999
www.minghincuisine.com

MingHin Cuisine features authentic Cantonese food, the “best dim sum in Chicago,” according to Eater Chicago, signature cocktails and Chinese wines. The newly-opened Rolling Meadows location is the fourth in the Chicago area.

There's also ample opportunity to enjoy many other “tastes.” Here are just a few options available.

Donati's Pizza

1925 Plum Grove Road
847-359-7900
www.donatispizza.com

Fratello's Hot Dogs

3301 Kirchoff Road
847-253-3401
www.fratellos2.com

Gabutto Burger

1410 Golf Road
224-552-0007
www.gabuttoburger.com

Grande Jake's

5500 New Wilke Road
847-483-9200
www.grandejakes.com

Stadium Sports Club

4015 W. Algonquin Road
847-397-2440
www.stadiumsportsclub.com

Free Discount Card Helps Rolling Meadows Residents Reduce Rx Prescription Costs



Rolling Meadows residents are able to save an average of 23% off prescription medication purchases through a free program developed by the National League of Cities (NLC).

NLC's Prescription Discount Card program offers residents of NLC-member communities the chance to reduce the retail price of prescriptions not covered by insurance.

Benefits include:

- **Convenience:** Nine out of 10 pharmacies nationwide participate in the program, according to the NLC – including many in Rolling Meadows.

- **No Restrictions:** Residents may use their discount cards anytime prescriptions are not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times the card may be used.
- **Extra Savings:** Program participants are eligible for higher discounts on select medications.

The Prescription Discount Card program is not a substitute for health insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. Residents may access additional information and print out their free discount cards at www.caremark.com/nlc or call 888-620-1749.

City's Social Media Platforms Help 'Spread the Word'

Rolling Meadows' Twitter handle (@CityofRM1) and Facebook page ([facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows](https://www.facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows)) offer convenient real-time delivery of City news, updates on local events, and other information that impacts residents' lives.

Community groups that would like to promote upcoming events on the City's social media platforms are welcome to complete the “Community Sign Request Form,” available online at www.cityrm.org/documentcenter/view/714.

Submit completed forms via fax to Deputy Clerk Ginny Cotugno at 847-483-0364. The City Manager's Office reserves the right to edit or reject submitted materials. Call 847-394-8500 to learn more.



New Beginnings & Reflections on Rolling Meadows' Shared Bonds

by Senator/Mayor Tom Rooney

In this space over the past five-and-a-half years, I've tried to keep you updated on some of the periodic challenges facing the

City, but there's also been plenty of opportunity to talk about our bonds as Rolling Meadows residents.

Rolling Meadows has always been a town built on the dreams of its people. Our founder, Kimball Hill, dreamt about building a community for returning World War II and Korean War veterans.

The first pioneering residents who settled here dreamt of making a better life for themselves and their families. Successive generations dreamt of creating a thriving 21st Century community that is home to Fortune 500 companies, yet still retains its small-town charm.

It has been my privilege to serve Rolling Meadows residents for almost 15 years as both your mayor and as 4th Ward Alderman. We've achieved some important goals together – I'm tremendously pleased, in particular, with our success in strengthening the City's credit ratings. We've also had our share of setbacks, but the common bond that always united us was a dream to make our community a better place in which to live and work.



This City has been the backdrop and the inspiration for me to achieve my own dreams: raising a family of which I'm extremely proud, and now being able to serve you as a member of the Illinois General Assembly. Rolling Meadows has made both possible.

My term as mayor will officially end November 22nd, but I'm heartened by the fact that I'm not really going anywhere. The 27th Senate District covers almost all of Rolling Meadows, so I'll continue to represent your voice in Springfield. And, of course, this City is my home... a great place to call home, I'm proud to add.

Thank you, Rolling Meadows. Here's to new beginnings!

“Home for the Holidays” in Rolling Meadows

Welcome Holidays with Downtown Tree Lighting, Fire House Spaghetti Dinner



The holiday season arrives in Rolling Meadows Thursday, December 1st, with the lighting of the City's holiday tree. Join family, friends, and neighbors at 6 p.m. at the downtown McDonald's (3140 Kirchoff Road) to enjoy songs, cheer, refreshments, and a special visit from the North Pole's most famous resident.

Following the ceremony, the City will host a free spaghetti dinner at the Fogarty Fire Station (Station 15) on Meadow Drive. All Rolling Meadows residents are welcome.

RMFD Supports Heart of a Marine Foundation's Winter Scarf Drive

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department is proud to partner with The Heart of a Marine Foundation to host a winter scarf drive to benefit military service members, veterans, and their families.

Bring new or gently-used scarves to the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road) or the Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive) by November 12th.

Support Toys for Tots Collection Drive, November 7th – December 9th

Rolling Meadows and the United States Marine Corps Reserve have partnered to collect toys for children in need this holiday season through the Marine's Toys for Tots program.

Beginning Monday, November 7th, residents may deliver new, unwrapped toys to drop boxes at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) and the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Toy donations will be accepted through Friday, December 9th.

For more information on the program, or to make a monetary donation, visit www.toysfortots.org.

City Hall Drop Box to Collect Holiday Lights for Recycling Through February 10th, 2017

A recycling program organized by Rolling Meadows, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling lets City residents safely dispose of old holiday lights, electrical cords, and wire at no charge.

Bring holiday lights (all colors and lengths), extension cords, household cords and wiring, and computer cords and wires to City Hall, where a drop box is located on the west side of the building. Items will be accepted November 1st – February 10th, 2017.