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## Holiday ‘Dinner & Show’ to Follow City’s Downtown Tree Lighting, December 1st

Rolling Meadows’ holiday spirit comes alive Thursday, December 1st, when City officials host a merry downtown gathering designed to bring residents together in celebration of seasons’ past, present, and future:

- **Holiday Tree Lighting (6 pm)** – Santa Claus will arrive to help light the City’s holiday tree in front of McDonald’s (3140 Kirchoff Road). Join St. Nick for this beloved annual tradition that also includes carolers, seasonal treats, giveaways, and fireworks displays.
- **Free Spaghetti Dinner (6:30 pm)** – Stop by the Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive) for an old-fashioned spaghetti dinner with family, friends, and neighbors (while supplies last). Remember to get your picture taken with Santa’s elves and reindeer!
- **It’s a Wonderful Life Radio Play Performance (8:10 pm)** – The TesserAct Theatre Ensemble presents a live radio play



Rolling Meadows’ December 1st Tree Lighting will mark the start of another festive holiday season.

performance of Frank Capra’s holiday classic at Trinity Lutheran Church (3201 Meadow Drive). Admission is free.

## File Candidate Papers by December 19th for Local 2017 Election

Rolling Meadows residents who plan to run for municipal office in the April 4th, 2017 Consolidated Election must file completed petitions during the week of December 12th – 19th to be eligible.

Offices on the 2017 ballot are:

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

Candidate informational kits are available at City Hall (weekdays, 8 am – 4 pm) or online at [cookcountyclerk.com](http://cookcountyclerk.com).

For more information, contact Deputy Clerk Ginny Cotugno at 847-870-9007.

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## Ald. Tim Veenbaas Named Acting Mayor; Residents to Elect Successor Next April



Tim Veenbaas

Ward 7 Alderman Tim Veenbaas was “honored and humbled” after his fellow City Council members selected him to serve as Rolling Meadows’ acting mayor on November 22nd. His appointment follows the resignation of Tom Rooney, who was appointed to the Illinois Senate in September.

Alderman Veenbaas will serve as acting mayor/alderman until a new mayor, elected by Rolling Meadows residents in

the April 2017 Consolidated Election, is sworn in next spring.

Following his selection, Alderman Veenbaas thanked Senator Rooney for his service to Rolling Meadows, and looked forward to “working with alderman and City staff to ensure a seamless transition” on behalf of the residents they serve.

Alderman Veenbaas was appointed to City Council in 2014 to fill the vacant 7th Ward seat, then was elected to a four-year term the following year. He is Council liaison to the City’s Ad Hoc Capital Improvement Committee.



“Partner in Peace” Natalia Mercado celebrates the award with her fiancé, Luis.

## PD Social Services Specialist Named ‘Partner in Peace’

Police Department Social Services Outreach Specialist Natalia Mercado was recognized as one of 2016’s “Partners in Peace” by the Elgin-based Community Crisis Center.

The award, presented during an October breakfast reception at Elgin Country Club, recognizes organizations and individuals who provide “outstanding services to victims of domestic violence,” the Center’s [website](#) reports.

Natalia works directly with Rolling Meadows residents in a variety of situations, including crisis intervention, and court advocacy and support. She assists victims of domestic violence, sexually-abused children, and abused seniors.

She coordinates multidisciplinary teams that include police officers, representatives from the state’s attorney’s office, child welfare investigators, and community agencies to ensure that her clients’ needs are met. Natalia also offers individual, family, couples, and group therapy for critical cases.

The Community Crisis Center was founded in 1975 to serve domestic violence victims and their children. Its mission is to “provide safety, hope, advocacy, respite and education for those impacted by crisis and violence.”

## Detective’s Persistence Locates Stolen Rings

Detective Michael Katsenios had been a member of the Rolling Meadows Police Department’s Investigations Unit for less than three months when, in January 2016, a residential burglary case crossed his desk.

The victim, a senior resident who lost her husband more than 10 years before, had been burglarized twice over a period of several months. The thieves even stole her wedding ring and her husband’s class ring – the types of items that prove very difficult to recover.

Over the next nine months, Det. Katsenios’ dogged pursuit of even the smallest lead that might break the case open helped him track down the missing rings and return them to their rightful owner. *(Editor’s note: due to the ongoing investigation, Police Department officials are unable to comment on how, or where, the rings were located.)*

“The rings held such sentimental value,” Det. Katsenios recalled. “They meant much more to her than anything else that had been stolen. It was very rewarding to be able to bring this resident some peace-of-mind,” he added humbly.

Commander John Sircher, who has served with the RMPD for 25 years, was more vocal in his praise of Det. Katsenios’ efforts.

“Mike used all the available resources at his disposal and cast a wide investigative net. When that didn’t work, he kept pursuing every possible lead – even on his



Detective Michael Katsenios spent months investigating leads that helped him find the missing rings.

own time,” Cmdr. Sircher said. “He was determined to reunite this resident with her stolen property. It was the kind of effort I’d expect from someone with many years of investigative experience – not just three months.”

Det. Katsenios began his career with the Police Department in 2003 as a patrol officer. He also served as a Department gang and tactical officer before becoming a detective in late 2015.

“Det. Katsenios’ outstanding effort in this case is indicative of our organization’s dedication to professional excellence and community service,” Police Chief John Nowacki explained.

“The actions and efforts displayed in this particular case are proof of our members’ compassion and commitment to help those in need.”

## City Announces Holiday Refuse Schedule

Mark your calendar for upcoming holiday refuse and recycling collection changes.

- **Christmas Eve:** Public Works will provide early refuse collection on Friday, December 23rd, with City offices closed in observance of Christmas Eve. *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/recycling collection will be delayed one day all week.*
- **New Year’s:** Public Works will be closed Monday, January 2nd, following New Year’s Day. *Refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day all week.*



Residents will find information on holiday-related refuse scheduling changes for 2017 on the City’s website. Visit [www.cityrm.org/306/Holiday-Schedule](http://www.cityrm.org/306/Holiday-Schedule) for details.

# City Mails 2017 Alarm Permit Renewals to Customers; Applications Due January 31st

Rolling Meadows homeowners and businesses who protect their properties with security alarms will soon receive 2017 permit renewal applications in the mail. Permits may also be renewed online at [www.cityrm.org/146/Pay](http://www.cityrm.org/146/Pay).

Permit fees range from \$10 for senior residents (ages 65 and up) to \$30 for businesses. The renewal deadline is Tuesday, January 31st.

Alarm permit fees help offset operational costs associated with multiple false alarm

responses. Fines may be assessed, based on the number of false alarms experienced by a specific property each calendar year (*see below*). There is no charge for police responses to alarms triggered in emergency situations.

For more information or questions, contact Deb Austerlade at 847-394-8500.

## Alarm Permit Fee Schedule

Business: \$30  
 Residential: \$20  
 Senior Resident: \$10  
 Duress/Panic Button:  
 \$10 (\$5 for seniors)

## False Alarm Fines

1-3 False Alarms: No Fine  
 4 False Alarms: \$100  
 (no fine for seniors)  
 5 False Alarms: \$150  
 (\$50 for seniors)  
 6+ False Alarms: \$200 each  
 (\$75 for seniors)  
 7+ False Alarms:  
 \$100 each (seniors only)

# Toys for Tots Drive Ends December 9th

There's still time to support the United States Marine Corps Reserve's 2016 Toys for Tots program and help make this holiday season brighter for children in need.

Residents may deliver new, unwrapped toys to City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) and the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane) through Friday, December 9th.

For more information on the program, or to make a monetary donation, visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).



## Free Holiday Light Recycling Available at City Hall

Residents may safely and conveniently recycle old holiday lights, electrical cords, and wire through a free program developed by the City of Rolling Meadows, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling.

Use the drop boxes outside City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) to dispose of holiday lights – all colors and lengths – as well as extension cords, household cords and wiring, and computer cords and wire. The recycling drive runs through February 10th, 2017.

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 [www.twitter.com/@CityofRMI](http://www.twitter.com/@CityofRMI)

 Find Us on the Web:  
[www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

December 1st: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall; **Holiday Tree Lighting and Spaghetti Dinner**, 6 pm, downtown

December 2nd: **Yard waste collection ends**

December 6th: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 7 pm; **Plan Commission**, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall

December 7th: **Pearl Harbor Day**

December 12th: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

December 13th: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

December 14th: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm

December 15th: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

December 20th: **Water bills due; City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

December 22nd: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

December 23rd: **City offices closed.** Early refuse/recycling pickup.

December 24th: **Christmas Eve; Hanukkah begins**

December 25th: **Christmas**

December 26th: **Kwanzaa; City offices closed.** Refuse/recycling collection delayed one day all week.

December 27th: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

December 31st: **New Year's Eve**

January 1st, 2017: **New Year's Day**

January 2nd: **City offices closed.** Refuse/recycling collection delayed one day all week.

## City Briefs

### Support December 20th Blood Drive at City Hall

LifeSource will host a winter blood drive on Tuesday, December 20th, 1 – 7 p.m., at City Hall. It's an opportunity for residents to give the most wonderful gift of all – the "gift of life" – to others. To register, contact LifeSource at 877-543-3768 or [lifesource.org](http://lifesource.org). Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the event.

### City Announces January Curbside Tree Pick-Up

Public Works crews will offer curbside Christmas Tree pick-up service to all refuse customers during the first two weeks in January.\* Remove all lights, tinsel, and ornaments, and place trees at the curb (cut side facing the street) on regularly-scheduled refuse days.

*\*City Hall and Public Works will be closed Monday, January 2nd. Refuse collection will be delayed one day for the entire week.*



### Historical Society to Host January 8th Open House

Rolling Meadows Historical Society members invite residents of all ages and all eras to its annual Holiday Open House Sunday, January 8th. The festivities will take place 1 – 4 pm at the City's Historical Museum (3100 Central Road). Guests will enjoy refreshments and the museum's vintage holiday décor. For more information, call 847-577-7086.

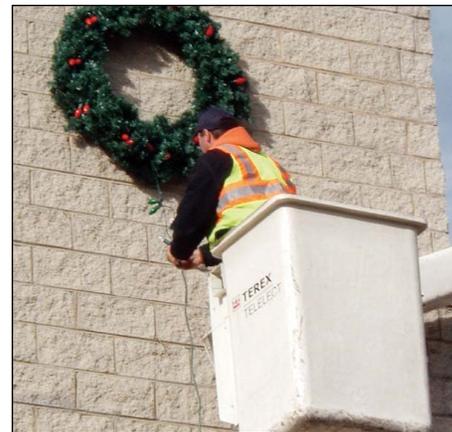
## Fire Department Enlists Residents to Help 'Keep the Wreath Red' for 10th Straight Year

This year's "Keep the Wreath Red" public awareness campaign marks the 10th straight year that the Rolling Meadows Fire Department uses festive seasonal décor to promote holiday fire safety.

### Holiday Hints to Help "Keep the Wreath Red"

- 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.
- Keep live trees in water-holding stands and keep stands full of water.
- Verify that artificial trees are flame retardant.
- 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.



*Fire Department officials hope residents will help "Keep the Wreath Red" once again this holiday season.*

Illuminated wreaths now on display at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road) and Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive) are covered in red bulbs. Firefighters will substitute a white bulb for each fire in Rolling Meadows that is caused by holiday decorations. No such fires have occurred during the past 10 years.

"This program is a subtle reminder to residents that the season offers no holiday from fire dangers," Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote said. "We've been able to keep the white bulbs in storage for almost 10 years. Let's work together to keep that streak going for another 10."

## MWRD Discontinues Free Rain Barrel Program; Place Orders with Public Works by Dec. 27th

Rolling Meadows residents who would like to receive free rain barrels through



Public Works Department by Tuesday, December 27th. The free rain barrel program is being discontinued at year's end.

a program offered by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) must place their orders with the

Residents may call Public Works at 847-963-0500 to request up to four barrels. Department staff members will submit all orders to MWRD on customers' behalf. Delivery may take up to 12 weeks, according to the [MWRD website](http://mwrdd.com).

The 55-gallon rain barrels help homeowners conserve water and reduce storm water runoff by capturing rain water from a home's roof and gutters. The stored water is then available when needed for watering lawns and gardens, washing cars, and other uses.

Beginning January 1st, residents may order rain barrels online directly from MWRD at a cost of \$47 each.



Five Guys Burgers & Fries  
1323 Golf Road



Chipotle Mexican Grill  
1211 Golf Road



Rolling Meadows' new AT&T store at 1155 Golf Road signifies the growing diversification of the City's retail business community.

## Shop Rolling Meadows for Holiday Value, Variety and Convenience

“Shop Rolling Meadows” this holiday season and take advantage of great values, variety, and convenience offered by the City’s business community.

### Support Local Merchants

Fill your sleigh with the latest electronics, toys, and apparel from local “Big Box” retailers; find the perfect stocking-stuffer at any of the City’s independent merchants;

support local restaurants by purchasing gift cards for loved ones. No matter what you’re looking for, it’s a good bet that Rolling Meadows’ business community has something for everyone on your list.

Shopping locally also makes “cents” by boosting sales tax revenues that reduce the City’s reliance on property taxes to fund essential services.

### Shop First, Then Dine!

Want another reason to Shop Rolling Meadows? Take time to explore the City’s bustling restaurant scene – offering a savory menu of flavors that will suit any taste.

Some recent newcomers and long-time favorites include:

### Golf/Algonquin Retail District

Asian Tokyo . . . . .	1655 Algonquin Road . . . . .	847-439-3380. . . . .	<a href="http://asiantokyorollingmeadows.com">asiantokyorollingmeadows.com</a>
Bulldog Ale House . . . . .	1480 Golf Road . . . . .	847-427-1333. . . . .	<a href="http://bulldogalehouse.com">bulldogalehouse.com</a>
Buona Beef . . . . .	1420 Golf Road . . . . .	847-437-2333. . . . .	<a href="http://buona.com">buona.com</a>
Chipotle Mexican Grill . . . . .	1211 Golf Road . . . . .	847-439-2530. . . . .	<a href="http://chipotle.com">chipotle.com</a>
Five Guys Burgers & Fries . . . . .	1323 Golf Road . . . . .	847-354-7529. . . . .	<a href="http://fiveguys.com">fiveguys.com</a>
Gabutto Burger . . . . .	1410 Golf Road . . . . .	224-552-0007. . . . .	<a href="http://gabuttoburger.com">gabuttoburger.com</a>
Grande Jake’s . . . . .	5500 New Wilke Road . . . . .	847-483-9200. . . . .	<a href="http://grandejakes.com">grandejakes.com</a>
Hickory Roasters . . . . .	5440 New Wilke Road . . . . .	847-290-8530. . . . .	<a href="http://hickoryroasters.com">hickoryroasters.com</a>
Honey Baked Ham . . . . .	1685 Algonquin Road . . . . .	847-981-9790. . . . .	<a href="http://honeybaked.com">honeybaked.com</a>
MingHin Cuisine . . . . .	1440 Golf Road . . . . .	847-640-7999. . . . .	<a href="http://minghincuisine.com">minghincuisine.com</a>
Noodles & Company . . . . .	1327 Algonquin Road . . . . .	847-981-1175. . . . .	<a href="http://noodles.com">noodles.com</a>
Pie Five Pizza . . . . .	1290 Golf Road . . . . .	847-378-8055. . . . .	<a href="http://piefivepizza.com">piefivepizza.com</a>
Potbelly Sandwich Shop . . . . .	1402 Golf Road . . . . .	847-593-3080. . . . .	<a href="http://potbelly.com">potbelly.com</a>
Spice Grill . . . . .	5540 New Wilke Road . . . . .	847-258-3421. . . . .	<a href="http://spicegrillrm.com">spicegrillrm.com</a>

### Downtown Rolling Meadows

Fratello’s Hot Dogs . . . . .	3301 Kirchoff Road . . . . .	847-253-3401. . . . .	<a href="http://fratellos2.com">fratellos2.com</a>
Great American Bagel . . . . .	3240 Kirchoff Road . . . . .	847-797-8686. . . . .	<a href="http://greatamericanbagel.com">greatamericanbagel.com</a>
Little Caesar’s Pizza . . . . .	3106 Kirchoff Road . . . . .	847-255-6688. . . . .	<a href="http://littlecaesars.com">littlecaesars.com</a>
Subway . . . . .	3206 Kirchoff Road . . . . .	847-590-5342. . . . .	<a href="http://subway.com">subway.com</a>

### Plum Grove Road Retail District

Absolutely Chinese . . . . .	2140 Plum Grove Road . . . . .	847-963-8068. . . . .	<a href="http://eatabsolutelychinese.com">eatabsolutelychinese.com</a>
Donati’s Pizza . . . . .	1925 Plum Grove Road . . . . .	847-359-7900. . . . .	<a href="http://donatispizza.com">donatispizza.com</a>
Gus’ Diner . . . . .	2160 Plum Grove Road . . . . .	847-963-4485. . . . .	<a href="http://gus-diner.com">gus-diner.com</a>
Ramen Shinchan . . . . .	1939 Plum Grove Road . . . . .	847-496-4189. . . . .	<a href="http://ramen-shinchan.com">ramen-shinchan.com</a>

## “Open for Business” Ribbon-Cuttings Welcome Businesses

New business openings throughout Rolling Meadows continued at a brisk pace in the final months of 2016.

Several new retail service companies, financial institutions, and restaurants officially joined the City’s thriving, dynamic business community with a series of ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

These events offered local leaders an opportunity to remind business owners and managers that Rolling Meadows is proud to be “open for business.”



Yonan Carpet One, 1400 Hicks Road



Bulldog Ale House, 1480 Golf Road



Meadows Credit Union, 2401 Plum Grove Road



Gabutto Burger, 1410 Golf Road



Pie Five Pizza, 1219 Golf Road

## Welcome New Businesses

**Advocate Physician Partners**  
Support office  
1701 Golf Rd T1 #1000  
(847-699-4300)

**CME Development**  
Fleet installation management  
5105 Tollview Dr #210  
(224-800-1545)

**Gabutto Burger**  
Fast food restaurant  
1410 Golf Rd  
(847-496-4660)

**Luminita Alexe, N.D.**  
Health and nutrition consultant  
1600 Golf Rd #1200  
(224-387-8992)

**MingHin Cuisine**  
Chinese restaurant  
1440 Golf Rd  
(312-929-6299)

**Meadows Credit Union**  
Financial institution  
2401 Plum Grove Rd  
(847-342-9600)

**Northshore Holdings**  
Internet auto sales  
3701 Berdnick St #F  
(847-912-7000)

**Pie Five Pizza**  
Restaurant  
1219 Golf Rd  
(847-378-8055)

**Raytheon Professional Services LLC**  
Technician training  
4110 Winnetka Ave  
(972-344-9386)

**Ultimate Beauty LLC**  
Internet retail perfume sales  
5105 Tollview Dr #210  
(302-213-6987)

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

### MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

#### Acting Mayor/7th Ward Alderman:

Tim Veenbaas .....847-385-1425  
1st Ward Alderman: Mike Cannon .....847-925-8919  
2nd Ward Alderman: Len Prejna .....847-776-9442  
3rd Ward Alderman: Laura Majikes. ....847-577-3746  
4th Ward Alderman: Brad Judd .....847-902-3248  
5th Ward Alderman: Rob Banger, Jr. ....224-639-6686  
6th Ward Alderman: John D’Astice. ....847-409-9367  
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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