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## Rolling Meadows Police Department Presents Community Service Award to Officer Joe Pistorius for Food Pantry Collection Drive

Officer Joe Pistorius was honored with the Rolling Meadows Police Department's Community Policing Award for his efforts to replenish a local food pantry's shelves during the holidays.

"Officer Pistorius had stopped by the Harvest Bible Chapel food pantry to promote the RMPD's community policing efforts and noticed that the shelves were bare," explained Police Chief John Nowacki, who presented the award at the January 10th City Council meeting.

After food pantry volunteers confirmed that community donations were trending lower than in previous years, Officer Pistorius took action. He and fellow officers organized a collection drive with Jewel/Osco that encouraged residents to donate items for the food pantry.

Community members answered the call by completely filling nine police vehicles with food. The donations helped benefit 85 families in need during the holiday season.

Other Police Department members who donated their time in support of the effort were Commander Tom Gadowski, Detective Marcin Magnuszewski, Sergeant Mike Fior, and Officers Mike Courtney, Jason Everett, and David Kim.

Community leaders' praise for the initiative spoke volumes. Chief Nowacki described Officer Pistorius as "one of the kindest,



*Police Chief John Nowacki (right) and Mayor Tim Veenbaas (left) present Officer Joe Pistorius with the PD's Community Policing Award.*

most compassionate people I've had the honor of working with."

Acting Mayor Tim Veenbaas commented that the effort says a lot about the generosity of Rolling Meadows residents, as well as the officers "who protect and serve our community. Tonight, we celebrate that service," he added.

## March 4th Taste the Town Event to Feature 'Fantastic Fares' from City's Finest Restaurants

Rolling Meadows' restaurants will offer free samples of their best menu items Saturday, March 4th, at the City's inaugural "Taste the Town."

This sample and sip event – offering great tastes and fantastic fares – takes place from

6 to 9 pm at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

Guests will enjoy live entertainment, raffle prizes, and a food and beverage showcase featuring some of the City's finest establishments, including **Grande Jakes**, **Papa Saverio's**, **Stadium Sports Club**, and more. Admission is \$15 per person, which covers all food samples. A cash bar will also be available.

The event is co-sponsored by the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, Park District, and Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).



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## Candidates Announced for Mayor, City Council Seats

Voters on April 4th will choose from three candidates vying to serve as Rolling Meadows' next mayor, and determine who will represent Wards 2, 4, and 6 on City Council.

Following is a listing of candidates for local office, and the order in which they will appear on the ballot:

**Mayor** (*final two years of current term*)

- Dave Whitney
- Len Prejna
- Mike Cannon

**2nd Ward Alderman\*** (*four-year term*)

- Jerome Hill

*\*Current 2nd Ward Alderman Len Prejna is running for mayor and cannot run for re-election.*

**4th Ward Alderman** (*four-year term*)

- Joseph Gallo
- Brad Judd (*incumbent*)

**6th Ward Alderman** (*four-year term*)

- John D'Astice (*incumbent*)
- Tom Trapani

The City will publish brief profiles of the candidates appearing on the April 4th ballot in the March/April print edition of *News & Views*.

For more information on the election, contact Deputy Clerk Ginny Cotugno (847-870-9007) or visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com).

## Central Road Sewer Main 'Bypass' Improves Service Reliability, Minimizes Risk of Excessive Infrastructure Repair Costs

Faced with a growing risk of incurring costly repairs to an aging sanitary sewer line buried far beneath Central Road, City officials last fall approved a plan of action that protects against excessive infrastructure expenditures and improves service reliability to area homeowners.

Phase One of the \$446,000 project, completed last October, essentially "bypassed" the existing sewer line, located at a depth of 23 feet, with a new sanitary sewer that was installed just nine feet below the surface. Crews then reconnected 29 homes, between Jay and Wren Lanes, to the new sewer line with no disruption to affected residents.



*A worker reconnects a home's lateral service line to the newly-installed sewer main.*

The project encapsulates the challenges and opportunities City officials must consider when exploring maintenance options for Rolling Meadows' aging infrastructure – segments of which are more than 60 years-old.

"Due to the original sewer main's excessive depth, repairs in that specific area would have cost the City anywhere from \$40,000 - \$50,000 per instance," Public Works Director Fred Vogt explained. "It was far more cost-effective in the long-run to invest in new underground infrastructure that would significantly reduce residents' risk of service interruption."

Vogt said that the new sewer main will also reduce storm water infiltration. This occurs when groundwater enters the sewer lines through cracks or failed joints. That, in turn, increases storm water treatment costs.

Sidewalk installation and area landscaping restoration will be completed this spring.



*Crews begin excavation to install the new sanitary sewer main.*

## Rolling Meadows' New Business Openings Increase 31% over Prior Year

Rolling Meadows welcomed 76 new businesses to the community in 2016, underscoring the City's continued growth and underlying strength of its economic development efforts.



*Comet, 3001 Kirchoff Road*

While it may not garner the attention levels of America's bicentennial more than 40 years ago, this new "Spirit of 76" represents a 31% increase in the number of new companies opening in Rolling Meadows over the prior year.

The influx of new businesses included Fortune 500 companies (*Verizon*), financial service providers (*Meadows Credit Union*), restaurants and food service (*Bulldog Ale House*, *Comet*, *Gabutto Burger*, *Ming Hin Cuisine*), and more.



*Bulldog Ale House, 1480 Golf Road*

2017 promises more good news for Rolling Meadows' economic development efforts: Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. will relocate nearly 2,000 employees to its newly-upgraded Golf Road headquarters this spring.

# Rolling Meadows Police Department Honors 2016 'Holiday House' Contest Winners

Police Chief John Nowacki and Sergeant John Manfredi presented awards and prizes to five Rolling Meadows families chosen as finalists in the Police Department's 2016 Holiday House contest.

The annual contest encourages residents to submit photos of their homes' exterior



The Aviles family took first place in the Police Department's 2016 'Holiday House' contest.



The Delporte family won 2nd place.



Taking 3rd place was the Allegra family.

holiday décor for posting on the Police Department's Facebook page. Photos that receive the most "likes" advance to the final round, where Chief Nowacki ranks them and selects the winner.

As first place winners, the Aviles family received a \$100 Walmart gift card and a gift card to Papa Saverio's Pizza.

Chief Nowacki and Sgt. Manfredi also presented Walmart gift cards to the Delporte family (\$50 for 2nd place), and the Allegra family (\$25 for 3rd place).

All finalists, including the Cavanaugh and Sajpel families (runners-up) received a Papa Saverio's pizza gift card, and a Rolling Meadows Police Department patch and coffee mug.

The Police Department thanks Walmart and Papa Saverio's for providing prizes to this year's contest winners.

View a brief video of the awards presentations, and holiday house photos, at [facebook.com/rollingmeadowspolice](https://www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowspolice).



The Cavanaugh family (above) and Sajpels (below) were named runners-up in the 2016 contest.



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

February 2: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

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

February 12: *Abraham Lincoln's Birthday*

February 13: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

February 14 (*Valentine's Day*): **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

February 16: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

February 20 (*President's Day*): Water bills due

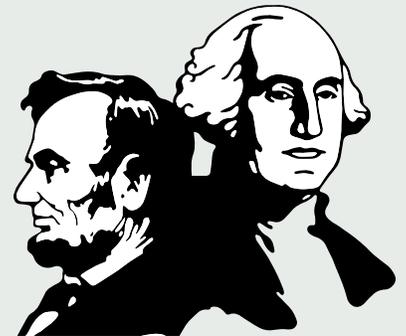
February 21: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

February 22: *George Washington's Birthday*

February 23: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

February 24: **Fire Department Blood Drive**, Neuckranz Fire Station, 12 – 6 pm.

February 28: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall



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## 50% Vehicle Sticker Discount Offered to New City Residents, New Car Buyers

New Rolling Meadows residents, and motorists who have recently purchased a new vehicle, are eligible to purchase current-year vehicle stickers at 50% off the regular price.

Discounted stickers, starting at \$10 for senior residents and \$15 for passenger vehicles, are available for purchase at City Hall.

The City will send 2017-18 vehicle sticker renewal applications to all motorists in early June.

Sticker sales generate approximately \$500,000 each year for street maintenance and infrastructure improvement projects. These help keep City roads in good condition and help prevent excessive wear and tear on residents' vehicles.

## December Blood Drive Collects 26 Pints; Helps Replenish Area Hospitals' Supply

A December blood drive at City Hall helped LifeSource collect 26 pints of blood – enough to help up to 78 people in need.

Rolling Meadows residents who answered the call during the holidays did so at a time when, traditionally, LifeSource finds it difficult to schedule these types of live-saving events.



“LifeSource was very grateful for the City’s willingness to step up and help replenish the local blood supply during a very hectic time of year,” explained Joyce DeLeon, the City’s HR Specialist. “Thanks to our residents who took the time out of their busy schedules to give the ultimate gift: the gift of life.”

Residents who were unable to support the December blood drive will have another chance to donate in February:

the Rolling Meadows Fire Department will host a February 24th blood drive at the Neuckranz Fire Station on Plum Grove Road (see below).

### RMFD to Host Fire Station Blood Drive, February 24th



Stop by the Rolling Meadows Fire Department’s Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove

Road) and support a combined RMFD/LifeSource blood drive. The event will take place Friday, February 24th, noon – 6 pm.

Schedule appointments in advance online at [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org) or by calling the Fire Department at 847-397-3352. Walk-ins are always welcome.

## Donations, Volunteers Help Drive Events Foundation Momentum

Tax-deductible donations to the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation help offset the costs of staging annual City events, including summer’s Farmers & Food Trucks markets, and the annual Memorial Day Parade and Observance. But there’s another way residents can support Foundation efforts: by volunteering their time and talents.

### ‘Thank You’ to 2016 Events Foundation Volunteers

City officials thank the following community members who played an integral role in the success of last year’s events:

Kathy Brush	Jerry & Karen Inselberger	Ryan & Lisa Stoltenberg
Brenda Buske	Tony Mele	Dennis and Annette Szafran
Carolyn Carramusa	Jan Nowotarski	Nick Troy
Emily Haeger	Len Prejna	Pat Wright
Jen Hengels	Kathy Rein	Dave & Sally Whitney
Lois Hutchison	Tricia, Scott & Maggie Snell	



Residents tour a law enforcement vehicle display at last summer’s Community Block Party.



### Online Donations Now Accepted

Residents and businesses who would prefer to support the City of Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation with a tax-deductible financial donation may visit [www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation](http://www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation). Supporters may also make checks payable to *Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation* and send them to:

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

# City Code Limits Homeowner Responsibility for Costly Sewer Repairs

Rolling Meadows is one of only a few communities in the Chicago metropolitan area that limits homeowner responsibility for sanitary sewer maintenance, potentially saving residents thousands of dollars in repair costs, Public Works Director Fred Vogt reported during the City's January 17th Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Per City code, Public Works is responsible for repair work to underground service pipes – called laterals – that are located beneath City-owned parkways and streets. These laterals connect each home to the larger sanitary sewer system.

That's a distinct difference from many other municipalities, which require homeowners to pay for all lateral line repairs out of their own pockets.

"Rolling Meadows is pretty unique, in the sense that it protects homeowners from potentially costly repairs to major portions of the City's lateral sewer lines,"



Street patching identifies the location of an underground sewer line repair.

Vogt explained. "We have encountered 16 such repairs over the past two years, with costs ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per instance."

Residents' responsibility for lateral line repairs is limited to sections that run from their homes to the parkway's edge. Homeowners are also responsible for regular maintenance activities – such as sewer rodding to clear blockages – along the line's entire length.

## Sewer Back-Up Warning Signs

Signs of potential trouble include:

- Water bubbling from the ground.
- Standing water in an otherwise dry area.
- Water gurgling in the toilet or bathtub while doing laundry.
- Water above ground level at a home's cleanout.

### Signs of Trouble? Call Public Works

Homeowners experiencing clogged, slow-draining, or backed-up sanitary sewers are encouraged to contact Public Works before calling a plumbing contractor. Department employees will first check the City sewer main for problems.

If none are found, Public Works crews are often able to insert a special camera into a home's "cleanout" (if available) to check the lines for blockages, defects, or other problems, such as a collapsed pipe. City officials estimate that 80-85% of homes in Rolling Meadows have cleanouts, and



Homeowners bear no responsibility for lateral service line repairs beneath City-owned parkways and streets.

encourage residents to install them in homes that do not.

"Our goal is to help homeowners save money by helping them identify what is causing a sanitary sewer backup," Underground Utilities Supervisor Dan Seveska added. "This information may help residents make an informed decision if they need to hire a plumbing contractor to make repairs or clear the line."

Public Works will not offer recommendations for plumbers to perform the required work.

Residents who believe they may have sanitary sewer backups may contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 during regular business hours (weekdays 8am – 4pm). Call the Police Department's non-emergency number (847-255 2416) after-hours and on weekends.

More information about services offered by Public Works' Underground Utilities Division is available at [cityrm.org/320/Underground-Utilities](http://cityrm.org/320/Underground-Utilities).

## Rotary Club's St. Patrick's Day Dinner to Award \$2,500 Grand Prize

Irish (and non-Irish) eyes will be smiling when the Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows hosts its 17th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Raffle, where a lucky guest could take home a \$2,500 grand prize.



This year's festivities take place Saturday, March 11th, 6 – 10 p.m., at the Rolling Meadows Community Center. Guests will enjoy a traditional Irish-American menu of corned beef, cabbage, and chicken; an open bar featuring beer, wine,

and soft drinks; and festive Irish music and dancing.

Dinner tickets are \$30 per person (\$35 after March 4th), and raffle tickets are \$50 each. Proceeds from the event will help Rotary support programs that benefit the Rolling Meadows community. Total ticket sales will determine the amount of the grand prize raffle.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Rolling Meadows Park District Director Amy Charlesworth ([acharlesworth@rmparks.org](mailto:acharlesworth@rmparks.org)) or Public Works Director Fred Vogt ([vogt@cityrm.org](mailto:vogt@cityrm.org)).

# City's Free Holiday Light Recycling Program Ends February 10th

Rolling Meadows' holiday light recycling program – offering residents a convenient (and FREE) way to safely dispose of old holiday lights – ends February 10th.

Drop boxes located at City Hall are available to accept the following materials:

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

Garland, live greens, wreaths, and other non-recyclables are not accepted.

The City's annual holiday light recycling program is made possible through a partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of



Bring holiday lights to the City Hall drop box for recycling through February 10th.

Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling. For more information, visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) or [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com).

## Welcome New Businesses

### Anomaly, Inc.

Mattress sales  
5400 Newport Dr #22  
(630-338-9328)

### Autocar Parts

Heavy duty truck parts (service office)  
3501 Algonquin Rd #850  
(630-877-4286)

### Bulko.com

E-commerce distribution  
5420 Newport Dr #46  
(773-349-0063)

### Dickinson's Vaudeville

Kids' vaudeville lessons  
3705 Pheasant Dr  
(847-528-3942)

### Falcon Tile

Tile/carpet installation office  
3604 Falcon Ct N  
(847-489-1760)

### Hubbell Lighting, Inc.

Offices  
2100 Golf Rd #460  
(800-544-4848)

### K&B International, Inc.

Online retail/travel accessories  
2601 Deerfield Lane  
(847-312-7802)

### Prime Logistics Corp.

Offices  
3501 Algonquin Rd #650  
(888-919-8181)

### Superior Talent Resources Inc.

Staffing/administration  
3701 Algonquin Rd  
(716-631-8310)

### Tennis Corporation of America

Fitness center  
1701 Golf Rd  
(847-981-7777)

## Channel 6 Introduces 'Community Video' Broadcasts of Popular City Events

Video highlights of fun-filled community events that took place over the past several months have made their way into the schedule of programming available on the Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network (Channel 6). Tune in to:

- Re-live the City's Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony and spaghetti dinner.
- Enjoy a performance by the Northwest Concert Band at St. Colette Church.
- Sample last summer's 'Wine Down by the Creek' event organized by the Community Events Committee.

Other videos recap the City's popular Farmers & Food Trucks market events, and last fall's Senior Luncheon at the Community Center.

Check Channel 6's on-screen program listings for scheduled broadcast times. Residents may also stream Channel 6 programming by visiting [www.cityrm.org/520/Rolling-Meadows-Broadcasting-Network](http://www.cityrm.org/520/Rolling-Meadows-Broadcasting-Network).



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

### MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Acting Mayor/7th Ward Alderman:

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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

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