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April 4th Election to Determine Mayor, Aldermen in Wards 2, 4, and 6

Rolling Meadows residents on April 4th will elect a new mayor, and cast ballots for aldermen representing Wards 2, 4, and 6. This issue of *News & Views* features brief profiles of each candidate running for office (see pages 2 and 3).

Candidates for each office, listed in the order they appear on the ballot, are:

Mayor: Final two years of current term

- David Whitney
- Len Prejna
- Mike Cannon

Ward 2: Four-year term

- Jerry Hill

Ward 4: Four-year term

- Joe Gallo
- Brad Judd (incumbent)

Ward 6: Four-year term

- John D'Astice (incumbent)
- Tom Trapani

Polling Places will be open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

For more information on the April 4th Consolidated Election – including polling places – visit the Cook County Clerk's website (www.cookcountyclerk.com) or contact Rolling Meadows' Deputy Clerk Ginny Cotugno (cotugnog@cityrm.org or 847-870-9007).



This special "election" edition of *News & Views* features profiles of all candidates appearing on the April 4th ballot. Turn to pages 2 and 3 to learn more about those running for Rolling Meadows Mayor, and City Council candidates seeking to represent residents of the 2nd, 4th, and 6th Wards.

City Officials Honor Public Safety Personnel at January Council Meeting

Acting Mayor Tim Veenbaas administered service oaths to newly-promoted Fire Department Battalion Chiefs Colin Finlay and Pete Sutter, and Lieutenants



Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote (l. to r.), Battalion Chiefs Colin Finlay and Pete Sutter, Acting Mayor Tim Veenbaas, Lieutenants Adam Taylor and Ben Dwyer, and probationary firefighter Daniel Cheval pose for a photo.

Ben Dwyer and Adam Taylor, during City Council's January 24th meeting.

It was a busy evening for honoring veteran public safety professionals and welcoming new ones. Mayor Veenbaas also swore-in probationary firefighter Daniel Cheval, and new Rolling Meadows Police Officer Nick Kamick.

Battalion Chiefs Finlay and Sutter have served with the RMFD for 26 years and 15 years, respectively. Lts. Dwyer and Taylor bring a combined 20 years of service to Rolling Meadows residents.

Officer Kamick, hired by the Police De-



Police Officer Nick Kamick (second from left) and his wife, Maxine, accept congratulations from Police Chief John Nowacki (right) and Acting Mayor Tim Veenbaas.

partment last fall, graduated from the Chicago Police Academy in early January.

Firefighter Cheval joined the Fire Department's ranks on January 9th.

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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City Council Candidate Profiles: Mayor



David Whitney

David Whitney

Occupation: Telecom Expense and Analytics Management for US Cellular

Education: Northwestern University

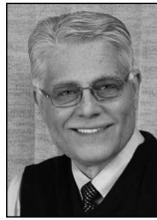
City resident for...38 Years.

Family members: Wife, Sally; two sons and four grandchildren

Past/current public offices held: None

Volunteer service: Zoning Board of Appeals (18 years and current Chairman); Community Events Committee; Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers; Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (10 years); Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT); 4th of July Parade (18 Years); Rolling Meadows Police Department (prisoner watch, handicapped parking enforcement, National Night Out); Rolling Meadows Park District 5K; Teen Center; RM Youth Baseball (president, board member, and coach); AYSO Soccer (coach); RM Park District Basketball (coach); Plum Tree Homeowners Association (president and board member); graduate of Fire, Police and Public Works Citizen Academies.

- **My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...**Kimball Hill Park.
- **Three words that best describe me are...**passionate, dedicated, ethical.
- **In my spare time, I like to...**spend time at a lake with my family, volunteer, golf, and bike ride.
- **My favorite quotation is...**“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.”
- **My hero is...**anyone who puts themselves at risk to help others.



Len Prejna

Len Prejna

Occupation: Educational support at Rolling Meadows High School

Education: Western Michigan University (Bachelor of Science in Business); William Rainey Harper College (Associate Degree); Forest View High School, Arlington Heights

City resident for...33 years.

Family members: Wife, Pat; three daughters (Melissa, Jenna, Jill); two grandchildren

Past/current public offices held: Current 2nd Ward Alderman.

Volunteer Service: Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers (president); Community Events Committee (chairman); Vehicle Replacement Committee (member); City's 60th Anniversary Committee (co-chair); Board of Fire & Police Commissioners (12 years); Coached AYSO soccer for 10 years, and girls' softball and basketball for 5 years; graduate of Fire, Police, and Public Works Citizen Academies.

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is... the many beautiful parks where I can walk, bike ride, and spend time with friends and family.

Three words that best describe me are...integrity, compassionate, involved.

In my spare time, I like to...walk, golf, go camping, read, volunteer, and spend time with family.

My favorite quotation is...“The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.” – Vince Lombardi

My hero is...my wife, for her courage.



Mike Cannon

Michael J. Cannon (Mike)

Occupation: Retired sales and sales management executive

Education: B.A., Business Administration, from St. Mary's University of Minnesota

City resident for...25 years.

Family members: Wife, Sally; three children (Mick, Katie, and Kelly)

Past/current public offices held: 1st Ward Alderman for six years (2011 – present)

Volunteer service: Palatine Park District – coached 29 teams in four sports over the course of 13 years; served as president of Fremd Music Association.

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...Community Park during National Night Out.

Three words that best describe me are...caring, change agent, reasonable.

In my spare time, I like to...garden and golf.

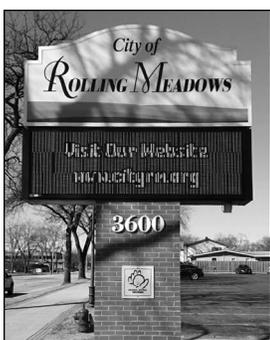
My favorite quotation is...“Get it done.”

My heroes are...my parents and my wife.

Important Dates: April 4th Election

Residents must be registered to vote in order to make their voices heard on April 4th. Important dates to keep in mind as the election approaches include:

- **March 7th:** Deadline to register to vote (in-person).
- **March 19th:** Deadline to register online.
- **March 20th – April 3rd:** Early voting available at select polling places.
- **March 30th:** Last day to request a mail ballot (including military and overseas voters).
- **April 4th:** Election Day. Last day mail ballots may be postmarked.



A 'Sign' of What's to Come

City Hall's new electronic message sign features a full-color LED display and an expanded set of available graphics to help keep residents updated on upcoming community events. The system's improved functionality also makes it simple and convenient for City officials to post public safety notifications, such as inclement weather warnings, and other important information.

City Council Candidate Profiles: Aldermen



Jerry Hill

Jerry Hill – Ward 2

Occupation: Retired. Worked at ComEd for 33 years.

Education: Bachelor of Business Administration – Accounting, from Loyola University (Chicago)

City resident for...over 55 years.

Family members: Wife, Nancy; two daughters (Stacey and Kim); three grandchildren (Caitlin, Colin and Cadence)

Past/current public offices held: former chairman, Rolling Meadows Zoning Board of Appeals

Volunteer service: Served on the City's Diamond Fest Committee, and as a youth coach for Rolling Meadows boys baseball and football

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows... was the Rolling Meadows Bowl where I worked during high school/college. I met a vast number of residents there – many of whom remain my friends today.

Three words that best describe me are...integrity, honest, candid.

In my spare time, I like to...bowl and golf. I'm also a co-owner of thoroughbred racehorses.

My favorite quotation is... "I never scored a goal on a shot I never took." – Wayne Gretzky

My hero is...my father, Harold Hill, Jr. We lost him some 30 years ago, but I still draw inspiration from him every day.



Joe Gallo

Joe Gallo – Ward 4

Occupation: Technology engineering industry consultant

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Columbia College, Chicago

City resident for...36 years, since birth.

Family members: Parents, Domenic and Cheryl; wife, Danielle; children, Luca (5) and Marco (3); brothers, Tony and Michael.

Past/current public offices held: None

Volunteer service: Polycystic Kidney

Disease (PKD) Foundation and Leukemia Lymphoma Society

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...riding along the city's bicycle paths.

Three words that best describe me are...efficient, organized, logical.

In my spare time, I like...woodworking projects of all kinds (furniture, ornate, decorative pieces, detailed trim work).

My favorite quotation is..."It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." – Frederick Douglass

My hero is...my wife. She's a teacher who tirelessly enlightens, inspires and motivates classrooms of children, and a devoted mother with boundless energy. She fulfills the demands of being an involved mother and a balanced partner.



Brad Judd

Brad Judd – Ward 4

Occupation: Commodities Trader

Education: BSGS from Northwestern University

City resident for...21 years.

Family: Married

Past/current public offices held: 4th Ward Alderman (2009 – present)

Volunteer service: Zoning Board of Appeals

My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...my neighborhood.

Three words that best describe me are...fiscally conservative, numbers-oriented, honest and straightforward.

In my spare time, I like to...read about and watch the markets, and golf.

My hero is...my grandfather.

Tom Trapani – Ward 6

Occupation: Retired

Education: Two years of college

City resident for...45 years.

Family members: Three sons, one daughter, and eight grandchildren

Past/current public offices held: 32 years on the Rolling Meadows Park District Board; 13 years on the Rolling Meadows Plan Commission



John D'Astice

John D'Astice – Ward 6

Occupation: Director of Sales and Marketing, Embassy Suites Hotels

Education: Bachelor's of Science in Marketing, with a minor in Accounting, from DePaul University

City resident for...29 years this July.

Family members: Happily married for 36 years to my wife, Mary Lou. We have four children – Nicole, Michelle, Dominic, and Angela – who attended Central Road Elementary, Carl Sandburg Junior High, and Rolling Meadows High School.

Past/current public offices held: 6th Ward Alderman (1993 – 2005 and 2009 – present)

Volunteer service: Rolling Meadows Economic Development Committee; Ad hoc Capital Improvements Committee; 60th Anniversary Committee (co-chair); Street Light Committee; Street Sign Committee; past member of the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce; Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau; Lisle Convention and Visitors Bureau; Indian Guides and Indian Princess program with my children for 17 years.

My favorite places in Rolling Meadows are...the car show on Friday nights; Bulldog Ale House for dinner; Stadium Sports Club to watch a game; Bigby's Pour House for a craft beer; and Habana Cigar House for a good cigar.

Three words that best describe me are...honest, devoted, open-minded.

In my spare time, I like to...entertain family and friends, go hunting and fishing, spend time outdoors, and drive my Stingray.

My favorite quotation is... "What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do."

My hero is...my father. He immigrated to the United States, became a U.S. citizen, learned a new language, got married, raised a family, and is now enjoying his grandchildren in retirement.

Editor's Note: Tom Trapani submitted an abbreviated candidate questionnaire and did not provide a photo.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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.			1	Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	3	Mayoral Candidate Forum, 10:30 am-12 pm Taste the Town, 6-9 pm, both at the Community Center		
5	6	Economic Development Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Plan Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	8	9	10	Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows' St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Raffle, 6 pm, Community Center		
Daylight Saving Time begins. Clocks "spring" forward one hour. Replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.	12	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall	14	15	Adjudication Hearing, 16 1 pm, City Hall	17	18	
19	Water bills due	20	21	22	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	23	24	25
26	27	City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	28	29	Rolling Meadows Garden Club Seed Swap, 6-7:30 pm, Library	30	Early refuse set-out ends.	31
								

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
April 4th is Election Day. Don't forget to vote!						1	
2	Yard waste collection begins.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Easter					Good Friday		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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Medication Kits to Help Police Reduce Risk of Drug-Related Deaths



Tom Gadomski

Fighting back against a surge in drug-related fatalities that have occurred throughout Illinois over the past several years, the Rolling Meadows Police Department has equipped its officers with a life-saving tool that treats victims of opioid overdoses and helps reduce their risk of death.

All Rolling Meadows police officers are now certified to carry specialized emergency kits for administering Naloxone to victims of heroin or prescription drug overdoses. Naloxone is “an opioid antagonist that can reverse respiratory depression, restore breathing, and save the lives of those who are in a state of opioid overdose,” according to the Cook County Sheriff’s website.

“Training police officers to use this type of life-saving medication is an important step in reducing drug-related deaths that have been occurring with increasing frequency throughout the state,” Commander Tom Gadomski explained. “Stabilizing a patient with

Naloxone on-scene improves their odds of survival while paramedics administer emergency medical services.”

RMPD received 10 injector kits – each valued at approximately \$2,000 – through the Cook County Overdose Prevention Program, which provides kits at no charge to area police departments.

The county also provided hands-on training in the proper use of Naloxone to Cmdr. Gadomski, Sergeant Mike Fior and Officer Kurt Herman. They, in turn, organized a Department-wide training program to certify their fellow officers.

To-date, the Department has not responded to a situation where use of the Naloxone kits was required, Cmdr. Gadomski added.



Share Your ‘VIEWS’

It’s simple and convenient to contact Rolling Meadows’ elected officials and staff members. Call 847-394-8500, visit the “contact” page on the City’s Website (www.cityrm.org), or complete the form below and mail to: City of Rolling Meadows, 3600 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

Forms may also be placed in the City Hall drop box.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Comments _____

Community Garden Prepares for Season Four; Members to Host March 30th ‘Seed Swap’

Community Garden members will welcome residents interested in joining their “growing” ranks during a March 30th introductory meeting and seed swap at the Rolling Meadows Library.

The Thursday evening event will be held from 6 – 7:30 p.m., giving members an opportunity to discuss plans for this year’s garden – a City-owned parcel of land along Salt Creek in Rolling Meadows.

“We welcome anyone interested in learning more about gardening, and strengthening their community bonds,” explained 5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger, who led the effort to create the Community Garden in 2014. “Current members should bring family members, friends, and neighbors who may want to join us.”

The Garden features 25 4’ x 8’ plots where residents can cultivate fresh vegetables,



The March 30th meeting marks the beginning of the Community Garden’s fourth growing season.

flowers and other types of plants. Plots are available for an annual fee of \$25 each.

Residents who are interested in attending the March 30th meeting should contact Alderman Banger at robbangerjr@gmail.com.

More information is available online at www.rmcommunitygarden.com or www.facebook.com/rmcommunitygarden.

Rotary Club to Award Grand Prize Raffle at March 11th St. Patrick’s Day Dinner



Attend the Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows’ 17th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner for a chance to win a grand prize worth up to \$2,500. The event takes place Saturday, March 11th,

6 – 10 p.m., at the Community Center.

Dinner tickets are \$30 per person (\$35 after March 4th). Raffle tickets are \$50 each. To purchase tickets, contact Park District Director Amy Charlesworth (847-818-3220) or Public Works Director Fred Vogt (847-963-0500).



April Election to Build on City's History of Excellence

by Acting Mayor Tim Veenbaas

Serving as Rolling Meadows' Acting Mayor these past several months has been busy, yet incredibly rewarding. As a community, we came together to celebrate the holidays with another spectacular Tree Lighting ceremony. As elected leaders, we came together in the wake of (now) Senator Tom Rooney's departure to ensure a seamless transition.

I humbly thank my fellow Council members and all City employees – especially City Manager Barry Krumstok – for their help in making sure that the business of Rolling Meadows was taken care of during this transitional time. The City is in good hands.

Yet another transition will take place later this spring: On April 4th, residents will elect a new mayor and City Council members representing Wards 2, 4, and 6. I urge all my fellow residents to exercise their right to vote and determine who will lead our City for the next several years.

Once the new mayor and council members are sworn-in, I will return to my seat as 7th Ward Alderman to complete the final two years of my current term. I look forward to working with City Council and staff to continue building on the City's history of excellence, and ensure that Rolling Meadows will always be a "Great Place to Call Home."

Inaugural 'Taste the Town' to Debut March 4th at Community Center

Sample savory menu items from some of the City's finest restaurants – a blend of long-time favorites and new sensations – at the first annual "Taste the Town" event, which debuts Saturday, March 4th, 6 – 9 p.m., at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

The event will offer a variety of delicious culinary options and free samples (while supplies last) from Buona Beef, Chicago Hickory Roasters, Gabutto Burger, and other area establishments.

Attendees will be able to purchase beer and margaritas separately, courtesy of The Stadium and Grande Jake's. The evening

will also feature live entertainment and raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$15 each, and available in advance at the Rolling Meadows Community Center. Residents may also purchase tickets at the door on the night of the event.

Taste the Town is hosted by the Rolling Meadows Park District, City of Rolling Meadows, Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, and Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.



A SAMPLE & SIP EVENT IN ROLLING MEADOWS

Taste the Town Vendors

- Buona Beef
- Chicago Hickory Roasters
- Chopstick • Comet
- Fratello's Hot Dogs
- Gabutto Burger • Grande Jake's
- Gus' Diner • Papa Saverio's
- Spice Grill • The Stadium
- (Confirmed as of February 13th)

Public Works to Begin Seasonal Yard Waste Collection April 3rd

Public Works will begin annual yard waste collection services on Monday, April 3rd. Residents should place yard waste in 30-gallon kraft paper bags (available at a variety of local stores) and place them at the curb the evening before their scheduled pick-up.

Mark Yard Waste Bags with an 'X'

All yard waste collected by Public Works is delivered to an environmentally-friendly composting facility to processing. To minimize the risk of cross-contamination with household refuse,



Mark each yard waste bag with an "X" and place at the opposite side of the driveway from regular refuse to avoid potential cross-contamination.

homeowners are encouraged place yard waste on the opposite side of the driveway, and mark each bag containing brush, grass clippings, or other yard waste with an "X."

"Many residents use kraft paper bags for both yard waste and household refuse. That can make it difficult for our employees to identify the type of waste each bag contains unless they stop to look," Public Works Director Fred Vogt explained. "Separating yard waste from other household refuse at the curb helps collection crews complete their routes more quickly and efficiently."

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 or visit www.cityrm.org/314/Yard-Waste.

Yard Waste Collection Begins as Early Refuse Set-Out Ends Friday, March 31st is the final day of early refuse set-out, which is allowed by City ordinance between November 1st and March 31st. Beginning in April, residents should place refuse and recyclables at the curb **after** 6 p.m. the evening prior to their scheduled pick-up.