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Survey Results Reinforce City's Reputation As 'Business-Friendly' Community

Rolling Meadows business and property owners express high levels of satisfaction when asked about their experiences with various City departments, according to the results of a wide-ranging survey conducted earlier this year.

Those results, presented at City Council's October 17th Committee of the Whole, found that more than 80% percent of survey respondents rated City services and responsiveness as "excellent or good," on average.

Highest marks went to the Rolling Meadows Police Department (91%), followed by the Department of Public Works (85%) and City Administration (82%).

Confirms Business-Friendly Reputation

Specific responses from local business owners praised the City's:

- "Excellent cooperation and assistance (on) development issues,"
- "Exceptional help and support in our day-to-day operations," and,



- "Receptive(ness) and responsive(ness) to any inquiries."

The findings also confirmed that local companies view Rolling Meadows' location as an ideal place to do business: 72% complimented the City's convenient proximity to O'Hare International Airport and major expressways, as well as to their clients and customers.

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Tree Lighting, Fireworks, Spaghetti Dinner to Welcome Holiday Season, December 7th

Welcome the holiday season to Rolling Meadows Thursday, December 7th, with the lighting of the City's Holiday Tree, followed by a winter's eve fireworks display and free spaghetti dinner at the Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive).

Tree Lighting & Fireworks (6 p.m.)

Festivities begin downtown, in front of McDonald's (3240 Kirchoff Road), where residents will join with family, friends, and neighbors to sing songs, share memories, and enjoy refreshments.



A special visit from Santa makes the City's Holiday Tree Lighting event extra special.

The celebration concludes with a special visit from the North Pole's most famous resident, who will "flip the switch" to light the City's beautiful Holiday Tree. A short, yet thundering fireworks display high above the downtown area will follow.

Spaghetti Dinner (6:30 p.m.)

All Rolling Meadows residents are invited to the City's third annual holiday dinner at

the Fogarty Fire Station. Guests will enjoy a buffet-style meal with spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and soft drinks, provided by Stadium Sports Club (while supplies last). Families may also visit with Santa's elves and reindeer, who will remain in Rolling Meadows after he heads back to the North Pole to continue holiday preparations.



The Holiday Tree lights up the downtown area.



Guests enjoy dinner at the fire station.

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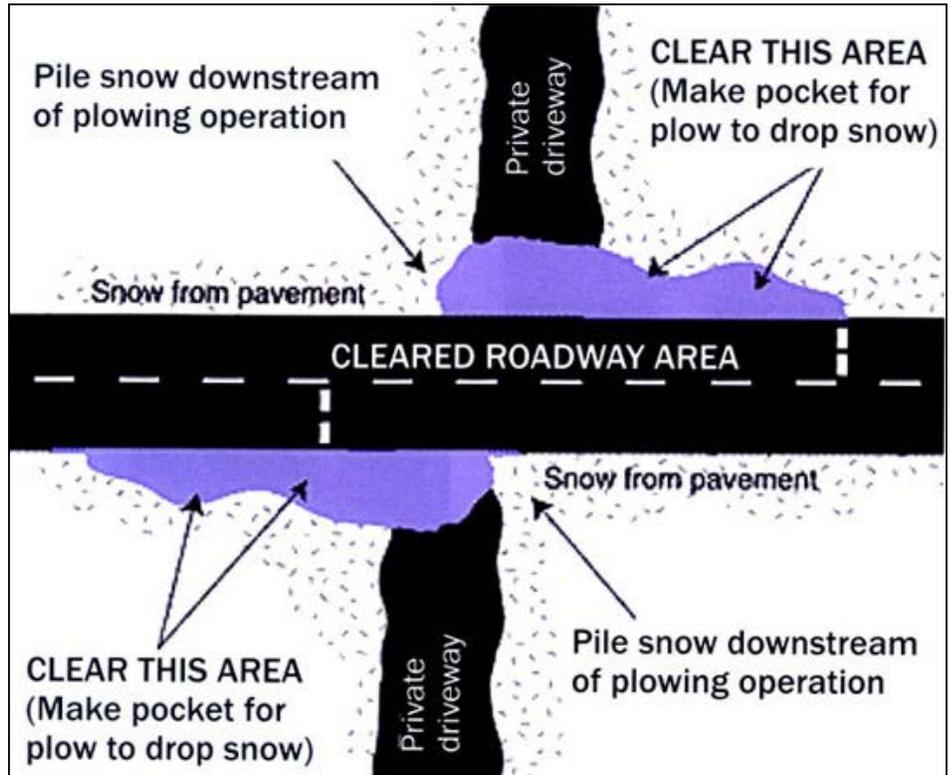
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This diagram shows how to minimize the amount of snow pushed back onto freshly-cleared driveways by passing plows.

'Pocket' Helps Limit Amount of Snow Pushed On to Driveway by Passing Plows

Frustrated by passing snow plows pushing snow back onto your newly-shoveled driveway? Try shoveling snow to the right side of the driveway (as you face the street), and carve out a collection pocket on the opposite side (*see illustration*).

Snow that accumulates on the plow will be pushed into the pocket as the vehicle passes, helping to reduce the amount of snow that ends up back on the driveway.

Learn more about the Public Works Department's snow and ice removal

program at www.cityrm.org/316/Snow-Ice-Removal-Program.

By the Numbers

- Snowfall incidents per year (on average): **22-25**
- Vehicles used to clear City streets: **18** (nine large trucks, one small dump truck, eight pickup trucks).
- Amount of de-icing salt used each winter: **1,500 tons**

Survey Results Reinforce City's 'Business-Friendly' Reputation...from page 1

The most telling statistic reinforced the City's long-standing reputation as a business-friendly community: over 80% of respondents stated they would still base their operations in Rolling Meadows if "they could do it all over again."

The survey, authorized by City Council earlier this year, was created to help City officials gain a better understanding of business owners' experiences, and identify opportunities to improve local

business support. The online Q&A was complemented by a series of focus groups in which business owners and leaders expressed their views on topics affecting their operations.

"The survey represents the next step in our efforts to nurture an environment that encourages economic growth and development," City Manager Barry Krumstok explained. "We will take these findings and use them as a guide to fur-

ther strengthen the City's local business outreach."

2018 Business Expo Plans Underway
Looking ahead to 2018, City officials are planning a spring local business expo to encourage business-to-business networking and help residents learn more about companies doing business in Rolling Meadows. The City is also planning to publish a quarterly business newsletter.

'Keep the Wreath Red' Initiative Helps RMFD Highlight Fire Safety for 11th Consecutive Year

This holiday season marks the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's 11th straight year as a participant in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program, a public awareness initiative designed to "illuminate" the importance of holiday fire safety.

Festive wreaths on display at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road) and Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive) begin the season covered in red light bulbs. Firefighters will substitute a white bulb for each fire in Rolling Meadows found to have been caused by seasonal decorations.



"Keep the Wreath Red" encourages residents to be careful when using candles and other holiday-themed decor.

Fire Department leaders are proud to report no such fires have occurred since at least 2007, when the City began participating in the program. Fire Chief Terry Valentino said that the wreaths offer a helpful visual reminder that the season offers no holiday from fire danger.

"Participating departments across the state have observed that residents are very interested in seeing whether their community has experienced a fire caused by holiday decorations," he explained. "It's a unique approach to remind everyone to keep their families safe. We want residents to help us keep the wreath red for yet another season."

To that end, the RMFD offers the following home safety tips:

Christmas Trees

- Select only fresh trees that are deep green in color and have a strong scent of pine.
- Water trees regularly.
- Verify that artificial trees are flame retardant.

- Keep all trees away from fireplaces or heating vents.

Lights

- Buy and use only UL-listed lights.
- Discard any lights with frayed or worn cords, broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, bare wires, or ones that operate intermittently.
- Never use indoor lights outdoors.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Use a maximum of three sets of lights per single extension.
- Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug lights when you leave home and before going to bed.

Candles

The top three days for home candle fires are New Year's Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve. RMFD discourages use of traditional open-flame candles. Residents who decide to use them should:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, such as clothing, books and curtains.
- Use candleholders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from materials that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.
- Avoid using candles for light during power outages. Use flashlights instead.

Cooking

- Remain in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- Clean up food or grease that may accumulate on burners and stovetops.
- Turn off stovetop burners when leaving the room – even for a short period of time.
- Use a timer when simmering, baking, or roasting food.
- Wear clothes with tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.

For more information on holiday safety, call the RMFD at 847-397-3352.

This Month in Rolling Meadows

December 5: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall

December 7: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall; **Holiday Tree Lighting**, 6 pm, McDonald's (3140 Kirchoff Rd); **Community Spaghetti Dinner**, 6:30 pm, Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Dr)

December 9: **RMPD Holiday Food Drive**, 10 am–2pm, Jewel/Osco (3000 Kirchoff Rd)

December 11: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

December 12: **Hanukkah begins; Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

December 14: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

December 19: **Blood Drive**, 1–7 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

December 20: **Water bills due; Planning & Zoning Commission** (special meeting), 7:30 pm, City Hall

December 21: **First Day of Winter; Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

December 22: City offices closed for Christmas Eve observance. Early refuse pick-up.

December 24: **Christmas Eve**

December 25: **Christmas**. City offices closed. Refuse collection delayed one day all week.

December 26: **Kwanzaa**

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

January 1, 2018: **New Year's Day**. City offices closed. Refuse collection delayed one day all week.



Children gather around the crafting tables during the City's second annual Hometown Hoedown this past October.

Local Business Support Helps Drive Success of Rolling Meadows' 2017 Community Events

Local businesses in 2017 have contributed over \$21,000 to Rolling Meadows' Community Events Foundation, which helps offset the cost of staging City-sponsored events throughout the year.

Businesses' support for City events this past year has taken many forms: event sponsorships, general donations and grants, funding for Rolling Meadows' award-winning National Night Out celebration, and more.



Kimball Hill Park becomes Rolling Meadows' local vineyard each summer during "Wine-Down by the Creek."

"The success of Rolling Meadows' community events is due in large part to the wonderfully generous support of our local business community," explained Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager and Community Events Foundation liaison. "We are extremely grateful for their contributions, which help us develop a wider range of event programs that appeal to residents of all ages."

By seizing upon the momentum that has been building steadily over the past several years, City officials are fostering an

atmosphere that presents a valuable marketing opportunity for area companies.

"The City's expanding roster of community events programming is a great way for businesses to connect with residents and build relationships with customers," Ciezak added. "Event sponsors, in particular, are included in all of the City's promotional and marketing efforts."

Contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org to learn more about opportunities to support Rolling Meadows' community events.

Business leaders who would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Community Events Foundation may visit www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation.

Supporters may also make checks payable to Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation and send them to the *City of Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation*, 3600 Kirchoff Road.



Local businesses are big supporters of National Night Out, one of the City's most popular events.

Thanks to the Following Businesses for Supporting 2017 Community Events:

EVENT SPONSORS

- Ben Franklin Bank – *Wine-Down by the Creek*
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering – *4th of July*
- Constellation Energy – *Hometown Hoedown*
- Holiday Inn – *FRIDAYS ROCK! and Roll in Meadows*

DONATIONS/GRANTS

- Beyond Beauty & Healthy Co.
- Harris Architects, Inc.
- Meadows Funeral Home
- Meijer
- Northrop Grumman
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Scenter of the Mind
- Smile Nails
- Stadium Sports Club
- U.S. Waterproofing & Construction Co.
- Village Bank & Trust

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

- A.H. Management Group
- Alliant Credit Union
- Bear Construction
- Ben Franklin Bank
- Brokerage & Transportation Sales, Inc.
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Clifford-Wald Company
- ComEd
- Cometes, LLC
- Divine Design & Marketing, Inc.
- JML Overhead Door, Inc.
- LPR Services, Inc.
- Meadows Credit Union
- Olsen Brothers
- Platinum Home Mortgage Corp.
- Plum Creek of Rolling Meadows
- RTC
- Stadium Sports Club
- Suburban Accents, Inc.
- Total Marketing Associates, Inc.
- Velofix Chicago Northshore

FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

- Portillo's Hot Dogs

PD's 'Cop Shop' Program to Help Local Children Experience Holiday Joy

The Police Department's second annual "Shop with a Rolling Meadows Cop" event will help 20 local children experience the joy of giving, as they take part in a holiday shopping spree to purchase gifts for their families.

RMPD has again partnered with Meijer for this year's event, which will take place Thursday, December 14th. Each participating child – selected ahead of time



Police Chief John Nowacki puts on his Santa hat and prepares to shop!



Police Department members join local children for 2016's "Shop with a Rolling Meadows Cop" event at Meijer.

through their involvement in the Police Department's social services outreach programs – will receive a Meijer gift card to buy presents for their family members. They will also be partnered with police officers who have volunteered to take them shopping.

"This program is made possible by the generosity of Meijer and the police officers

who donate their time," explained RMPD Social Services Outreach Specialist Natalia Nieves (née Mercado). "There is a surprisingly large number of children in Rolling Meadows whose families are financially strained – and they feel that burden.

"Shop with a Rolling Meadows Cop" is one way to help make this season a memorable one for them and their loved ones."

Family-Friendly Open House, Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Mark 'Eventful' First Month for Newly Opened Village Bank & Trust

It was a busy first month for the new Village Bank & Trust, located at 1635 West Algonquin Road, in the Marketplace of Rolling Meadows.

The bank, which began serving customers on October 2nd, celebrated its grand opening with a family-friendly community festival on Saturday, October 14th. Bank officials then hosted a more formal ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate its "official" opening on October 19th.



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customers get to know us on a personal level. Building relationships based on understanding and trust allows us to provide more responsive services."

Village Bank & Trust, a Wintrust Community Bank, prides itself on offering "solutions and technology like the big banks, but paired with exceptional service, understanding, and focus," its website states. Customers have access to a full range of financial products and services tailored toward

their specific needs.

"We offer the friendly, personalized service of a local community bank, backed by the extensive capabilities of the Wintrust Financial network," Aguilera added.



Bank employees and City officials cut the ribbon at Village Bank & Trust's October 19th event.

"Come visit us! My team and I look forward to providing the services that help our customers achieve their dreams."

Seasonal Collection Program Lets Residents Conveniently Recycle Holiday Lights and Cords

Rolling Meadows' seasonal recycling program lets residents safely and conveniently dispose of old holiday lights, electrical cords, and wire.



Simply drop off materials for recycling at the collection box outside City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). The program runs through **Friday, February 16th, 2018**.

Acceptable items include incandescent and LED lights (all sizes and colors); extension cords; household wire; and computer wires and cords.

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

The City offers this program through a partnership with the **Solid Waste Agency of Cook County (SWANCC)**, and **Elgin Recycling**.

Help Police Department 'Fill the Hummer' and Fight Holiday Hunger, December 9th

Help load the Rolling Meadows Police Hummer with non-perishable food items on Saturday, December 9th, when the Department hosts a holiday food drive in front of Jewel/Osco (3000 Kirchoff Road).

Police officers will accept donations from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. It's an opportunity to team up with police and "Fill the Hummer to Haul Away Hunger!"

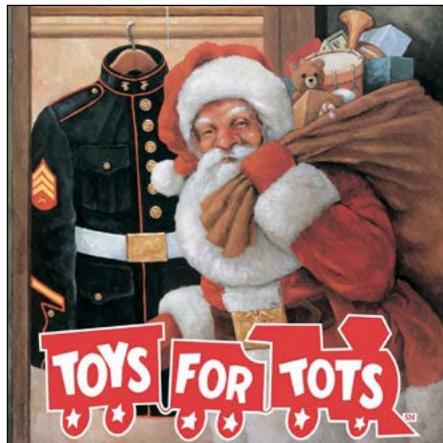
For more information, contact Joe Pistorij at pistorij@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500 x 3327.

Support Annual USMC 'Toys for Tots' Drive; Donations Accepted through December 8th

There's still time to support the City's 2017 Toys for Tots collection drive and bring a smile to a child's face this holiday season.

Bring new, unwrapped toys to City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Donations will be accepted through Friday, December 8th.

Toys for Tots is organized by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. For more information, or to make a monetary donation, visit www.toysfortots.org.



Holiday Blood Drive at City Hall, December 19th

LifeSource will host a holiday blood drive on Tuesday, December 19th, 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. Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the event.

Public Works Announces Seasonal Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule



Christmas Eve: Public Works will be closed Friday, December 22nd, in observance of Christmas Eve. Crews will provide early refuse/recycling collection. *Place all refuse at the curb no later than 6 a.m.*

Christmas: Public Works will be closed Monday, December 25th, for the Christmas holiday. *Refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day all week.*

New Year's: Public Works will be closed Monday, January 1st, for New Year's Day. *Refuse/recycling collection will be delayed one day all week.*

Yard Waste Collection Ends December 1st

Weekly curbside yard waste collection concludes for the year on Friday, December 1st. Public Works will begin collecting yard waste again next spring.

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

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 Senior Handyman Program 847-506-6030
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