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## City Concludes Six-Year Battle Against Emerald Ash Borer Beetle

Rolling Meadows' Department of Public Works has concluded a multi-year campaign to remove Emerald Ash Borer-infested trees from City parkways and public areas, Public Works Director Fred Vogt reported to City Council in January.

The extent of the City's EAB infestation, outlined in a statistical report presented by Vogt, proved costly from both an environmental and financial perspective.

Over the past six years, Public Works oversaw the successful removal of 1,800 ash trees, representing about 20% of all City-owned trees. Approximately 200 ash trees across Rolling Meadows – both on private property and public land – continue to undergo a treatment regimen that has slowed their decay.

The City also planted 2,100 new trees from a broad variety of species to replace those lost to EAB. These new trees will strengthen the local tree population's overall health and minimize the risk of widespread damage that occurred with EAB and, before that, Dutch elm disease.

Vogt's report confirmed that, since 2012, the City spent \$2.84 million in labor, equipment, disposal, and planting costs to combat a tiny metallic green beetle that measures only a half-inch.



The Emerald Ash Borer (pictured) resulted in the removal of 1,800 City trees over the past six years.

City officials allocated funding originally intended for tree pruning and maintenance, and deferred other planned programs, to cover those costs.

Aldermen complimented Public Works employees for their EAB efforts during the presentation.

"This was a big deal when I first got on the Council. The last thing we needed at that time was to spend extra money," 5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger recalled, referencing the City's ...continued on page 3

**TASTE THE TOWN**

FEATURING TASTES FROM...

- Asian Tokyo • Buona Beef
- Chef Ping • Chicago Hickory Roasters
- Fratello's Hot Dogs • Gus' Diner
- HoneyBaked Ham • Papa Saverio's
- Pepe's Mexican Restaurant
- Red Apple Pancake House
- Senior Tacos • Stadium Sports Club

And other hot spots!  
(While supplies last)

## March 3rd 'Taste the Town' to Offer Tour of Popular Rolling Meadows Area Restaurants

Sample mouth-watering menu items prepared by some of Rolling Meadows' most popular restaurants at the City's second annual "Taste the Town," Saturday, March 3rd, 6 – 9 pm, at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

This year's "Taste" will feature tastes from Buona Beef, Chicago Hickory Roasters, Fratello's, Gus' Diner, Papa Saverio's,

Pepe's Mexican Restaurant, and other local hot spots (while supplies last).

Taste the Town will offer much more than just a culinary tour of the City's dynamic restaurant scene: guests will also enjoy a cash bar with craft beer and wine, a 50/50 raffle, and live music performed by local favorite David Paige. Admission is \$15 at the door.

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

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Mayor: *Len Prejna* . . . . . 847-776-9442

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5th Ward Alderman: *Rob Banger, Jr.* . . . . . 224-639-6686

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

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Finance/Utility Billing Questions . . . . . 847-394-8500

Community Development . . . . . 847-506-6030

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ComEd . . . . . 1-800-EDISON-1

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[www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)

## Phase One ERP Conversion to Temporarily Close Cashier's Window

The Finance Department's cashier's window at City Hall will close Wednesday, March 28th through Friday, March 30th, as City officials complete the first phase of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software upgrades.

The closing will temporarily limit customers' ability to pay utility bills or conduct other business in-person, although online payments will be accepted through the City's website. The window will reopen Monday, April 2nd.

While it may pose a minor inconvenience to residents, the closure is necessary to complete the first step in the City's multi-year ERP implementation. When completed in 2020, the new software will vastly improve employee productivity and help deliver more responsive customer service.

"The successful transfer of historical financial data to the new

software system is the most critical element of the project," Finance Director Melissa Gallagher explained. "While that transfer takes place, the City will not process any new in-person payments. We appreciate residents' patience."

The Community Development Department desk, also on City Hall's first floor, will remain open during the process to accept payments (by check only) for permits and licenses.

The late March timeframe was selected primarily to minimize customer inconvenience, Gallagher said. Historically, it is one of the Finance Department's least busy times. It also coincides with local schools' spring break schedules, and the Easter and Passover holidays.

Learn more about ERP in the February issue of *eNews & Views*, which is available on the City's website ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)).



## Velofix Mobile Bike Shop Helps Resident Pursue Cycling Passion as Full-Time Career

Rolling Meadows resident Phil Sandler channeled his passion for cycling into a rewarding career when he established Velofix Chicago Northshore, a full-service mobile bike shop, in early 2017.

Velofix's business model is "geared" toward bringing a complete range of services directly to customers' homes and offices – everything from bike repair and sales to customized fittings. The company's motto: "Save Time. Ride More."

"We provide everything customers would find in a traditional brick and mortar bike shop," Sandler explained. "This shop just happens to be on four wheels and can go wherever they need our services."

Sandler's Velofix vehicle, a 24-foot-long Mercedes sprinter van, is fully stocked with parts and accessories. Sandler performs all repairs in the van's "shop" area, which also features free Wi-Fi, coffee, and

ample room to for customers to watch Sandler service their bicycles.

"It's a chance for them to ask questions and learn some tricks of the trade," Sandler said.

Sandler, a former accounting professional, discovered his love of cycling about 10 years ago, after completing a 100-mile "century ride." When the firm he worked for went out of business, he seized the chance to earn a living while sharing his passion with others.

Sandler's Velofix van was a familiar sight at multiple community events last year, including Farmers & Food Trucks markets, the City's community bike ride, and the Police Department's National Night Out celebration. He viewed them as valuable opportunities to market his new business and connect with residents, while also providing onsite services to attendees.



Velofix brings a complete range of bike services directly to customers' doors.

Sandler's operation is one of nearly 100 franchises that have opened across the country since Velofix was founded in 2012, although his is the only franchise in Illinois. His territory encompasses Chicago's northern suburbs, from Evanston to Lake Bluff, and west to Barrington.

Velofix was ranked #263 on Entrepreneur Magazine's 2017 "Franchise 500" list.

To learn more about Velofix Chicago Northshore and to schedule services, visit [www.velofix.com](http://www.velofix.com) or contact Sandler directly ([phil@velofix.com](mailto:phil@velofix.com)).



Place refuse at the curb after 6 p.m. beginning April 2nd.

## Seasonal Refuse Reminders

### Yard Waste Collection Begins April 2nd

City refuse crews will begin seasonal yard waste collection Monday, April 2nd. Place brush, branches, lawn clippings, and other materials in 30-gallon Kraft paper bags (clearly marking each bag containing yard waste with an "X"), and set them at the curb for pick-up.

### Early Refuse Set-Out Ends

Spring's arrival also means the suspension of the City's "early refuse set-out" program. Starting April 2nd, residents should set refuse at the curb after 6 p.m. the night before their scheduled pick-up. For more information, call 847-963-0500 or visit [www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works](http://www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works).

## Kirchoff Road Townhomes Experience Strong Demand, Rapid Build-Out

Demand has been exceptionally strong for new luxury townhomes recently built in the heart of Rolling Meadows' downtown area: 98% of the units have already been sold, and a build-out expected to take up to five years was completed in half that time.

The Lexington Crossing development on Kirchoff Road is comprised of 54 units – a mix of two- and three-bedroom homes.

Construction began in mid-2015, following demolition of the former AMF Bowling Center that stood on the site for more than 50 years.

By January 2018, the development was fully built. Homeowners had already closed on 46 of the units, and another six were under contract, according to a report to City officials from Lexington Homes, the project's Chicago-based developer.



Lexington Crossing brings luxury townhomes to Rolling Meadows' downtown.

By early February, the developer's website ([www.lexingtonchicago.com](http://www.lexingtonchicago.com)) was reporting that only one unit remained available for purchase.

## March 29th Meeting Seeks Residents Interested in Joining 'Growing' Community Garden Project

The public is invited to learn more about the Rolling Meadows' Community Garden project Thursday, March 29th, 6 – 7:30 p.m., when members gather for the season's first meeting and seed swap at the Rolling Meadows Library (3100 Martin Lane).

The event is an opportunity for members to discuss their plans for this year's garden – located on a City-owned parcel of land near Salt Creek in downtown Rolling Meadows – and welcome new residents who might be interested in joining.



Rob Banger

"This meeting is open to anyone who might be interested in learning more about gardening and taking part in what has become a very rewarding project," explained 5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger, who led the effort to create the Community Garden in 2014.



Public interest in the Community Garden has "grown" since it was founded in 2014.

The Garden features 32 plots – each measuring 4'x8' – that allow residents to cultivate fresh vegetables, flowers, and other types of plants. Plots are available for a small annual fee.

Residents who are interested in attending the March 29th meeting may RSVP to Alderman Banger at [robbangerjr@gmail.com](mailto:robbangerjr@gmail.com). More information on Rolling Meadows' Community Garden is available at [www.rmcommunitygarden.com](http://www.rmcommunitygarden.com) and [www.facebook.com/rmcommunitygarden](http://www.facebook.com/rmcommunitygarden).

## City Concludes Emerald Ash Borer Battle...continued from page 1

weakened financial position as it emerged from the Great Recession. "Your sense of urgency convinced us to act. It was painful but necessary."

Coincidentally, the decision to save money by purchasing smaller, one-inch trunk diameter replacement trees instead of two-inch saplings offered an additional benefit:

the smaller trees have grown faster (to-date) than the larger ones would have.

As the City's forestry efforts shift from EAB containment, Public Works will direct more attention to regular trimming, pruning, and other maintenance work – activities that were routinely deferred over the past six years.

## Win \$2,500 Prize at Rotary's March 10th St. Patrick's Dinner

Purchase tickets to the Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows' annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Raffle and claim your chance to win a grand prize raffle worth up to \$2,500. This year's celebration will take place Saturday, March 10th, 6 – 10 p.m., at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

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 \$35 per person (\$30 if purchased before March 2nd). Raffle tickets are \$50 each.

For tickets, contact Rolling Meadows Park District Director Amy Charlesworth ([acharlesworth@rm-parks.org](mailto:acharlesworth@rm-parks.org)) or Public Works Director Fred Vogt ([vogt@cityrm.org](mailto:vogt@cityrm.org)).



# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Visit the Friends of the Library's Spring Book Sale, held Thursday, March 8th through Sunday, March 11th, at 3110 Martin Lane. Visit <a href="http://www.rmlib.org">www.rmlib.org</a> for times and details.				Adjudication Hearing 1 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	2	Taste the Town, 6-9 pm, 3 Community Center
4	5	Economic Development 6 Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	7	8	9	Rotary Club of Rolling 10 Meadows St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6 pm, Community Center
				FRIENDS' USED BOOK SALE, Rolling Meadows Library		
Daylight Saving Time 11 Begins. Clocks "spring" forward one hour. Replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.	Board of Fire & Police 12 Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall	Crime Stoppers, 13 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	14	Adjudication Hearing, 15 1 pm, City Hall	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	First Day of Spring 20 Water bills due Election Day City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm, City Hall	21	Adjudication Hearing 22 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	23	24
25	26	City Council Meeting, 27 7:30 pm, City Hall	28	Community Garden 29 Seed Swap, 6 pm, Rolling Meadows Library	Early Refuse set-out 30 ends Good Friday Passover begins	31
Palm Sunday			FINANCE DEPT. CASHIER'S WINDOW CLOSED 3/28-3/30			

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	Yard waste collection 2 begins	Economic Development 3 Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	4	Adjudication Hearing 5 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	6	7
8	Board of Fire & Police 9 Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall	Crime Stoppers, 10 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	11	Adjudication Hearing, 12 1 pm, City Hall	13	14
15	16	City Council Committee 17 of the Whole, 7:30 pm, City Hall	18	Adjudication Hearing 19 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	Water bills due 20	Salt Creek Clean-up, 21 9am-noon, Old Public Works Building (3200 Central Road)
22 Earth Day	23	City Council Meeting, 24 7:30 pm, City Hall	25	26	27	Business & Community 28 Showcase, 10-11am (business networking); 11am-3pm (general public), Rolling Meadows High School
29	30				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, <a href="http://www.cityrm.org">www.cityrm.org</a> .	

## Dine Where You Live: Restaurants Satisfy Any Taste

City officials have embraced Rolling Meadows' growing reputation as a food-lover's Mecca that offers a diverse roster of restaurants catering to virtually any taste. Here's a sampling:

### Big Box Retail District (Golf & Algonquin Roads)

Arby's  
1331 Golf Road  
847-228-0790  
[arbys.com](http://arbys.com)

Asian Tokyo  
1655 W. Algonquin Road  
847-439-3380  
[asiantokyorollingmeadows.com](http://asiantokyorollingmeadows.com)



*Buona Beef*

Buona Beef  
1420 Golf Road  
847-437-2333  
[buona.com](http://buona.com)

Bulldog Ale House  
1480 Golf Road  
847-427-1333  
[bulldogalehouse.com](http://bulldogalehouse.com)

Chef Ping  
1775 W. Algonquin Road  
847-981-8888  
[chefping.com](http://chefping.com)

Chicago Hickory Roasters  
5440 New Wilke Road  
847-290-8530  
[hickoryroasters.com](http://hickoryroasters.com)

Chipotle Mexican Grill  
1211 Golf Road  
847-439-2530  
[chipotle.com](http://chipotle.com)

Five Guys Burgers & Fries  
1323 Golf Road  
847-354-7529  
[fiveguys.com](http://fiveguys.com)

Gabutto Burger  
1410 Golf Road  
224-552-0007  
[gabuttoburger.com](http://gabuttoburger.com)

Grande Jake's Fresh  
Mexican Grill  
5500 New Wilke Road  
847-483-9200  
[grandejakes.com](http://grandejakes.com)

HoneyBaked Ham Company  
1685 Algonquin Road  
847-981-9790  
[myhoneybakedstore.com](http://myhoneybakedstore.com)

Jimmy John's  
1317 Golf Road  
847-734-3434  
[jimmyjohns.com](http://jimmyjohns.com)

MingHin Cuisine  
1440 Golf Road  
847-640-7999  
[minghincuisine.com](http://minghincuisine.com)

Noodles & Company  
1327 Algonquin Road  
847-981-1175  
[noodles.com](http://noodles.com)

Panera Bread  
1321 Golf Road  
847-596-3601  
[panerabread.com](http://panerabread.com)

Panda Express  
1454 Golf Road  
847-427-9716  
[pandaexpress.com](http://pandaexpress.com)

Portillo's  
1900 Golf Road  
847-228-0777  
[portillos.com](http://portillos.com)

Potbelly Sandwich Shop  
1402 Golf Road  
847-593-3080  
[potbelly.com](http://potbelly.com)

Spice Grill  
5540 New Wilke Road  
847-258-3421  
[spicegrillrm.com](http://spicegrillrm.com)

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ROLLING MEADOWS

Stadium Sports Club  
4015 W. Algonquin Road  
847-397-2440  
[stadiumsportsclub.com](http://stadiumsportsclub.com)

Steak n' Shake  
1501 W. Algonquin Road  
847-228-6657  
[steaknshake.com](http://steaknshake.com)

Sushi Station  
1641 W. Algonquin Road  
847-593-2450  
[sushistation.us](http://sushistation.us)

Umacamon Japanese Kitchen  
1673 W. Algonquin Road  
224-318-2489  
[umacamon.com](http://umacamon.com)

### Downtown Rolling Meadows

Fratello's Hot Dogs  
3301 Kirchoff Road  
847-253-3401  
[fratellos2.com](http://fratellos2.com)

Great American Bagel  
3240 Kirchoff Road  
847-797-8686  
[greatamericanbagel.com](http://greatamericanbagel.com)

Little Caesar's Pizza  
3106 Kirchoff Road  
847-255-6688  
[littlecaesars.com](http://littlecaesars.com)

Senior Taco's  
2643 Kirchoff Road  
847-342-1338

Subway  
3206 Kirchoff Road  
847-590-5342  
[subway.com](http://subway.com)

### Plum Grove Road Retail District

Absolutely Chinese  
2140 Plum Grove Road  
847-963-8068  
[eatabsolutelychinese.com](http://eatabsolutelychinese.com)

Nic's Organic Fast Food  
2101 Plum Grove Road  
847-907-4477  
[nicsorganicfastfood.com](http://nicsorganicfastfood.com)

Ramen Shinchan  
1939 Plum Grove Road  
847-496-4189  
[ramen-shinchan.com](http://ramen-shinchan.com)

Subway  
1921 Plum Grove Road  
847-934-7007  
[subway.com](http://subway.com)

Gus' Diner  
2160 Plum Grove Road  
847-963-4485  
[gus-diner.com](http://gus-diner.com)

Papa Saverio's Pizza  
2158 Plum Grove Road  
847-963-0088  
[papasaverios.com](http://papasaverios.com)

Red Apple Pancake House  
2121 Plum Grove Road  
847-925-8048  
[redappleofpalatine.com](http://redappleofpalatine.com)

## Keeping Sight of Business Growth and Community Events

by Mayor Len Prejna

With spring's arrival, the City turns its focus to the growth of our business community. I hope all residents and local businesses will join us

Saturday, April 28th, for our first-ever Business & Community Showcase at Rolling Meadows High School. This event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., giving businesses an opportunity to present their products and services, and network with residents.

Meanwhile, upcoming Rolling Meadows community events include Taste the Town (March 3rd at the Community Center) and City Markets (formerly Farmers & Food Trucks), which kick off Saturday, May 26th, at Community Church. Don't forget the City's annual Memorial Day Parade and Observance, which will also take place that day.

Looking ahead a bit further, I'm very pleased to announce the return of a favorite community tradition: Rolling Meadows Community Day at Arlington International Racecourse will take place July 29th. This is sure to be an activity that will delight every age group in your family.

In past columns I have stressed the importance of volunteers in making the City of Rolling Meadows a great place to live and raise a family. One such organization, the Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers (RMCS), leads many activities throughout the year, and plays a key role in the City's National Night Out celebration in August. I hope you'll consider volunteering to support this group. For more information, contact Dave Whitney, RMCS President, at [dwhitney4@aol.com](mailto:dwhitney4@aol.com).

## City 'Showcase' to Promote Local Businesses

Rolling Meadows will host a Business & Community Showcase for local business leaders to network with other professionals and connect with customers. This first-of-its-kind City event will take place Saturday, April 28th, at Rolling Meadows High School. It is open to all City-based businesses.

The Showcase will consist of two separate events:

**Private Business Networking** (10 – 11 a.m.) – Local professionals will forge new contacts and nurture potential business-to-business (B2B) relationships in a relaxed professional atmosphere that

supports new business connections and strengthens existing ones.

**Community Showcase** (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.) – Showcase products and services at a Community Showcase that is open to the public.



**BUSINESS  
& COMMUNITY  
SHOWCASE**  
Connect 2018 Network

Registration is \$40, with a \$30 refund upon full event participation. Businesses will be provided with a six-foot-

long draped display table for their use during the event.

For more information, contact Rolling Meadows Business Advocate Martha Corner at [cornerm@cityrm.org](mailto:cornerm@cityrm.org) or 847-394-8500.

## e-Newsletters Provide Enhanced City Coverage

*e-News & Views*, Rolling Meadows' bi-monthly electronic newsletter, is published in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Readers may access the electronic newsletter at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) (select *Monthly City Newsletters* from the "Our Community" pull-down menu).

The e-newsletter, along with the City's printed *News & Views* publication, keeps residents and other stakeholders up-to-date on important City initiatives.

## Rolling Meadows Welcomes 55 New Businesses in 2017

Rolling Meadows welcomed 55 new businesses to the City in 2017, City Manager Barry Krumstok reported at the Economic Development Committee's February 6th meeting.

Key additions to the City's business base last year included:

- **Arthur J. Gallagher** (2850 Golf Road)
- **Anytime Fitness** (3256 Kirchoff Road)
- **Illinois Institute of Foot and Ankle** (4215 Kirchoff Road)
- **CareerBuilder Employment Screening, LLC** (3800 Golf Road)
- **Village Bank & Trust** (1635 Algonquin Road)

"The City's well-established reputation as a business-friendly community helps attract new businesses that expand opportunities for residents," Krumstok explained. "Continued diversification of the City's tax base minimizes the burden on residents to fund essential City services and reduces our risk in the event of an economic downturn."



Arthur J. Gallagher relocated its headquarters (2850 Golf Road) to Rolling Meadows in 2017.