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## Federal Grant Funds to Cover 80% of Kirchoff Road Resurfacing Costs City Leaders Expand Project's Scope to Seek More Favorable Pricing

A 1.75-mile stretch of Kirchoff Road, between Hicks and New Wilke Roads, will be completely resurfaced next spring with the help of federal and state grant funding that covers 80% of the project's costs.

Kirchoff Road is a critical east/west arterial route for commuters traveling through Rolling Meadows. It is used by more than 12,000 vehicles per day and serves as the primary gateway to the downtown area.

Separate sections of the road were last resurfaced in 1996 and 2001.

### Seek Competitive Pricing

Based on initial project estimates, funding provided through the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) will cover over \$1.5 million of the project's cost, leaving Rolling Meadows responsible for the remaining 20% (approximately \$811,000).

Similarly, 80% of pre-construction engineering work will be paid by the state of Illinois under an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).



Kirchoff Road resurfacing in 2019 will benefit downtown businesses and thousands of motorists who travel the route daily.

City officials, however, believe the project's actual costs will be lower than current estimates. Bids submitted by contractors will be opened in November – a time when vendors are more willing to offer competitive pricing in order to lock in projects for the following year.

### Expand Project's Scope

City leaders also combined separate infrastructure initiatives already in the

planning stages into one larger project to help drive down costs even further: In addition to resurfacing all lanes, construction crews will reconfigure the medians located directly under, and on either side of, Route 53; upgrade the bridge spanning Salt Creek in the City's downtown area; and replace below ground signal loops that regulate traffic flow at intersections.

The project is slated to begin next March.

## October 6th Hometown Hoedown to Feature Live Music, Cowboy Cookout, and Hayrides



Fall crafts are a big hit at the Hometown Hoedown.

Put on your "Western best" and mosey over to Kimball Hill Park Saturday, October 6th, for Rolling Meadows' 3rd annual Hometown Hoedown & Fall Fest.

This year's Hoedown promises all-ages family fun from 12 – 5 pm. Attractions and activities include:

- Horse-drawn hayrides (12 – 4 pm).
- Farms songs by popular children's performer Miss Jamie (1:30 pm).
- Bubble Show (12:45 – 1:30 pm).

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## Fire Department's October 13th Open House to Showcase Life-Saving Services, Capabilities

Catch an exciting, up-close view of sophisticated fire service equipment – and learn more about firefighter training, tactics, and life-saving services – when the Rolling Meadows Fire Department welcomes community members to its 2018 Open House.

This year's event will be held Saturday, October 13th, 10 am – 2 pm, at the Department's Neuckranz Fire Station



Firefighters extinguish a controlled burn that demonstrates how quickly fire can spread.

(2455 Plum Grove Road). It coincides with RMFD's observance of National Fire Prevention Week (*see story below*).

"We welcome all Rolling Meadows residents to climb aboard our fire engines and meet with the firefighters who protect our community 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Fire Chief Terry Valentino said. "The Open House is a great way for the public to catch a glimpse of life in the fire service and for firefighters to better connect with those we serve."

Attractions will include:

- "Live burn" demonstrations that show the effectiveness of home fire sprinklers.
- Automobile extrication exercises performed by Rolling Meadows firefighters.
- Free food and refreshments (*while supplies last*).
- Children's games.



Crews conduct an automobile extrication exercise.

- Bounce house (*weather permitting*).
- Northwest Community Care therapy dogs.
- Community art show showcasing the works of Plum Grove Junior High School students.

Residents will also have the chance to speak with representatives from Northwest Central Dispatch Services and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance to learn more about fire and emergency safety.

For more information and updates, follow the Fire Department on Facebook (@rollingmeadowsfire), Twitter (@meadowsfire) or call 847-397-3352.

## Fire Safety Will Take Center Stage During Fire Prevention Week, October 7th – 13th

Fire Department officials want Rolling Meadows residents to be aware of potential fire dangers, as they join fire service members across the country in support of National Fire Prevention Week (October 7th – 13th).

This year's theme, developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire Can Happen Anywhere."

Visit the [NFPA's Fire Prevention Week](#)

[website](#) to find safety tip sheets designed to protect your family; videos, games, and apps promoting fire safety; Fire Prevention Week background and history; and much more.

For fire safety information that hits closer to home, visit the [Rolling Meadows Fire Department webpage](#); follow the Department on Facebook (@rollingmeadowsfire) or Twitter (@meadowsfire); or call 847-397-3352.



## Police K9 Unit Earns 'Olympic' Bronze

Rolling Meadows Officer Chris Don and his four-legged partner, Scar (*at left*),



earned 3rd place honors at the 2018 "K9 Olympics" held this summer at Von Liche Kennels in Denver, IN.

This year's event, which also provides a venue for teams to complete annual recertification training, drew K9 competitors from around the world, including law enforcement agencies in South America and Australia.

Congratulations, Officer Don and Scar!

## 2018 Duck Race Raises \$3,000 for Local Conservation Efforts

Over 800 plastic ducks navigated the “roaring rapids” of Kimball Hill Park’s picturesque waterfall during the City’s 11th annual Duck Race on September 7th and, in the process, raised \$3,000 for environmental preservation efforts throughout Rolling Meadows.

The race was held in tandem with the season’s final Fridays ROCK! and Roll in Meadows concert, which featured a live performance by Centerfold, one of the Chicago area’s most popular bands.



Attendees had a “quack-tastic” time at this year’s event.



Crowds gather to cheer as their ducks “race” down the Kimball Hill Park waterfall.

“Hosting the annual duck race at Kimball Hill Park, alongside the free concert, really added a new dimension to this year’s event and helped expand people’s interest,” Rolling Meadows Park District Executive Director Amy Charlesworth said. “We sold over 100 additional ducks that night from people who were there to see the band.”

The first 25 ducks to cross the finish line “won” an assortment of great prizes donated by local businesses, including Chicago Cubs, White Sox, and Wolves

tickets; gift cards to local stores and restaurants; and a \$500 grand prize donated by Christopher B. Burke Engineering.

“A lot of people made this year’s Duck Race a wonderful success,” Environmental Committee member Karen Gill said. “Special thanks to members of the Environmental Committee, Rotary Club, and Park District Foundation; City staff members and the Community Events Foundation; the Public Works Department for running the event; and all those who donated prizes.”

## Public Works to Host October 6th eWaste, Document Destruction Event

Rolling Meadows and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will host an electronics recycling/document destruction event Saturday, October 6th, 9 am – noon, at the Public Works Department (3900 Berdnick Street).

Residents of Rolling Meadows and other SWANCC-member communities may drop off old computer equipment, TVs, fax machines, cell phones, and other outdated home electronics equipment for recycling (see sidebar for an expanded list). Business

waste will not be accepted.

The event will also offer a safe, secure way for residents to dispose of old tax forms, bank statements, medical records, and other personal documents.



Residents may bring up to six banker-sized boxes of documents for onsite shredding.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 or visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org).

### Recycle Outdated Electronics Equipment, including:

- Answering machines.
- Camcorders.
- Cameras.
- Converter boxes.
- Microwave ovens.
- Portable digital assistants (PDAs).
- Scanners.
- Toasters (and other home appliances).
- Typewriters.
- Hard drives.

A complete listing of accepted items is available on [SWANCC’s website](http://www.swancc.org).



## Election Preview: Important Dates

The November 6th mid-term election will be the culmination of months-long races for elected office at the state and national level.

Candidates on this year's ballot are running for Illinois governor, state senator, state representative, U.S. Congress, and other governmental positions.

More importantly, the election offers Rolling Meadows residents and their counterparts across Illinois and the United States an opportunity to embrace a cornerstone of American democracy: casting ballots to decide who their elected officials will be. Make your voice heard!

Polling places will be open 6 am – 7 pm on Election Day.

To learn more about the 2018 Election, including your polling place location, visit [www.cookcounty-clerk.com](http://www.cookcounty-clerk.com).

### Important Dates for November 6th Mid-term Election

- Oct. 9th: Deadline to register to vote by paper application
- Oct. 10th: First day of grace period registration & voting
- Oct. 21st: Deadline to register to vote by online application
- Oct. 22nd: First day of early voting
- Nov. 1: Deadline to request mail ballots, including military and overseas voters
- Nov. 5: Final day of early voting; end of grace period registration & voting
- Nov. 6: **Election Day** (*Last day for mail ballots to be postmarked*)



## Share the Road: School Zone Safety Tips

By Police Chief John Nowacki



Chief John Nowacki

More children are hit by cars near school zones than any other location, according to statistics compiled by the nonprofit National Safety Council. With Rolling Meadows schools serving thousands of K-12 students on a daily basis, driver awareness is critical for ensuring that local kids stay safe while heading to, and home from, school.

### Dropping Off?

If driving your child to school, make sure you're aware of the school's drop-off procedures. Avoid double-parking – it may block children's visibility – and carpool whenever possible to reduce traffic congestion.

### Share the Road

Never block crosswalks when stopped

at a red light. Observe 20 mile-per-hour speeds during school hours. Stop and yield to pedestrians – they always have the right-of-way.

### Give Buses a 'Brake'

State law prohibits drivers on two-lane roads from passing a stopped school bus when its lights are flashing and its stop signal arm is extended. Motorists found guilty of illegally passing a stopped school bus will have their drivers' licenses revoked for three months and face fines starting at \$150.

Drivers on roads with four or more lanes are not required to stop when approaching a bus that is stopped on the opposite side of the street but should always use caution. However, motorists who are behind a stopped bus on a four-lane street are not allowed to pass.

## Solicitors Required to Register with City Hall; City-issued ID Cards Promote Residents' Safety

Door-to-door solicitors operating in Rolling Meadows must register with the Community Development Division of Public Works and obtain approval before ringing residents' doorbells.

During the registration process, all applicants undergo background checks and fingerprinting before being issued a photo ID that allows them to do business within City limits.

"Registering solicitors helps give residents peace-of-mind in situations when someone knocks on their door," Police Chief John Nowacki explained.

"It has proven to be an effective strategy for reducing the risk of con artists gaining access to residents' homes by posing as salespeople or municipal workers."

Soliciting hours are from 10 am – 9 pm daily.

Residents should always ask for identification from any solicitor who comes to their home – without opening the door. Report any visitors unable to produce a City-issued ID card to the Police Department.

"It's always best to be cautious. Residents with any concerns whatsoever about a person who knocks on their door should call 911," Chief Nowacki added. "Officers will respond immediately and investigate the situation."

Residents with questions about the City's solicitor registration program or Police Department services may contact RMPD's 24-hour non-emergency number (847-255-2416).

## Keep Dogs Leashed in Public Spaces

City ordinance requires that dog owners keep their four-legged family members on leashes while in public spaces, such as parks and neighborhood sidewalks.

Residents with non-leashed dogs are subject to a \$20 citation, with escalating penalties for dangerous or aggressive dogs, Police Chief John Nowacki explained.

There are plenty of other compelling reasons to keep your dog on a leash: According to [iheartdogs.com](http://iheartdogs.com), leashed dogs are less likely to be hit by a car or stolen, are easier to clean up after, tend not to bother



others, and are involved in fewer property damage incidents.

## Did You Know? U.S. Flag Code Guides Proper Display of Stars & Stripes

The U.S. Flag Code, approved by Congress in 1942, offers guidelines for the proper, respectful display of the American flag. The Code states that the flag:



- Should be properly illuminated if flown past sunset.
- Should be hung vertically with the union (stars) to the north or east when displayed over a street.
- Should never touch anything beneath it.
- Should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- Should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

To review the Flag Code, visit [www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/4/chapter-1](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/4/chapter-1).



Experience the sights and sounds of Kimball Hill Park on a horse-drawn hayride.

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- \$5 Cowboy Cookout\* with hamburger or hot dog, chips, and drink (12:30 – 2:30 pm). \*While supplies last
- “Killing Bottles” country/folk band (2:30 – 4:30 pm).

Attendees will also enjoy kids’ crafts, games, face-painting, a bounce house, and more (weather permitting).

Hometown Hoedown is made possible by lead event sponsor **Dynegy Energy**, the Rolling Meadows Park District, City of Rolling Meadows, and the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.

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



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

October 1: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

October 2: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall

October 4: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

October 6: **Hometown Hoedown**, 12-5 pm, Kimball Hill Park

October 7–13: **National Fire Prevention Week**

October 8: **Columbus Day**

October 9: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

October 11: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

October 13: **Fire Department Open House**, 10 am-2 pm, Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Rd.)

October 16: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

October 18: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

October 22: **Water bills due**

October 23: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

October 31: **Halloween (Trick-or-Treat Hours 3-8 pm)**



## Filing Deadline Looms for April 2019 Election

Rolling Meadows residents who are considering running for municipal office next spring should mark their calendar for December 17th. That's the deadline for candidates to file completed petitions in order to be eligible to run in the April 2nd, 2019 Consolidated Election.

Local offices that will be contested on the 2019 ballot are:

- **Mayor** (4-year term).
- **1st Ward Alderman** (4-year term).
- **2nd Ward Alderman** (final two years of the current 4-year term).
- **3rd Ward Alderman** (4-year term).
- **5th Ward Alderman** (4-year term).

- **7th Ward Alderman** (4-year term).
- **City Clerk** (4-year term).

Qualified candidates must be City residents for at least one year and, if running for City Council, live in the ward they seek to represent.

Candidate packets will be available at City Hall in mid-October. Filing will begin Monday, December 10th, 8 am, and conclude at 5 pm on Monday, December 17th. Learn more about becoming a candidate for Rolling Meadows elected office by visiting the [Cook County Clerk's website](#). For more information, call City Hall at 847-394-8500.

## Shop Locally for Halloween Tricks & Treats

American households, on average, spend over \$200 per year on Halloween, according to statistics compiled by the National Retail Federation. As you get ready for another seasonal fright fest, remember to "shop locally" here in Rolling Meadows for incredible variety and unmatched convenience.

Need the perfect costume or spooky décor to decorate your home and yard? What about candy to share with trick-

or-treaters? Point your hearse in the direction of **Walmart** (1460 Golf Road), **Meijer** (1301 Meijer Drive), **Jewel-Osco** (3000 Kirchoff Road), **Dollar Tree** (3208 Kirchoff Road), **Joelle's Hallmark** (3118 Kirchoff Road), and many other retail shops located throughout the City.

Dollars spent here at home boost City sales tax revenues and reduce reliance on homeowners' property taxes to fund essential services.

## Welcome New Businesses

**Brookdale Hospice** – *Hospice office*  
3701 Algonquin Rd. #100 (847-635-6199)

**Fast Times Motorworks** –  
*Automotive engine shop*  
3701 Berdnick St. Suite D (847-312-3102)

**IT America** – *IT consulting/training*  
4300 Lincoln Ave. Suite R (630-622-3571)

**Jersey Mike's** – *Sandwiches*  
1450 Golf Rd (224-404-6952)

**NCH Medical Group** – *Healthcare office*  
1941 Rohlwing Rd (847-618-0850)

**Oriental Foot Spa** – *Massage therapist*  
1665 Algonquin Rd (773-934-8911)

**Rep's Place** – *Restaurant/sports bar*  
3200 Kirchoff Rd (224-347-2916)

**Rugtop, LLC** –  
*Area rug wholesale/online sales*  
5410 Newport Dr. #33 (847-216-6810)



## Take Online Survey to Share Views on City's Future Development

Learn more about efforts to update Rolling Meadows' Comprehensive Plan and offer your own ideas for the City's future development by visiting [www.plan4rollingmeadows.org](http://www.plan4rollingmeadows.org).

The website, developed in collaboration with Teska Associates, an urban planning consulting firm, is one of multiple outreach strategies to generate public input on proposed modifications to the City's current Comprehensive Plan – last updated in 2006.

The site offers an online survey, a form where residents can share their own views, periodic news updates, relevant project documents, and more. Users may also sign up to receive notifications whenever new information is posted.

The Comprehensive Plan provides a blueprint for development and land use in Rolling Meadows. It serves as a guide when considering new development proposals, strengthens leaders' ability to pursue federal and state grant funding, and helps market City's advantages to developers and businesses.

Plans call for City Council to approve an updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code next spring.

## Contact City Officials: City Hall Hours: 8 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday

### MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: *Len Prejna* . . . . . 847-776-9442  
1st Ward Alderman: *Mike Cannon* . . . . . 847-925-8919  
2nd Ward Alderman: *Nick Budmats* . . . . . 847-202-0855  
3rd Ward Alderman: *Laura Majikes* . . . . . 847-577-3746  
4th Ward Alderman: *Joseph Gallo* . . . . . 847-814-9271  
5th Ward Alderman: *Rob Banger, Jr.* . . . . . 224-639-6686  
6th Ward Alderman: *John D'Astice* . . . . . 847-409-9367  
7th Ward Alderman: *Rob Williams* . . . . . 847-303-0482  
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 (PW) . . . . . 847-963-0500  
PW Community Development Division . . . . . 847-506-6030  
Finance/Utility Billing Questions . . . . . 847-394-8500  
Senior Handyman Program . . . . . 847-506-6030  
ComEd . . . . . 1-800-EDISON-1  
Curfew Sun. – Thurs. 11 pm; Fri. & Sat. Midnight



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