



# NEWS

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for Mayor &  
City Council

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## 3rd Annual 'Taste' to Kick off Events Schedule Hundreds Expected at March 2nd Culinary Showcase

Event season gets underway in Rolling Meadows at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2nd, when hundreds of residents will gather at the Community Center for the third annual *Taste the Town* restaurant showcase.

This year's *Taste* will feature live entertainment, courtesy of HOWL2GO Dueling Pianos



([www.howl2go.com](http://www.howl2go.com)) and tasty menu samples from many of the City's finest restaurants (while supplies last). Tickets are \$15 at the door.

*Taste the Town* is only the beginning of a fun-filled 2019. View a complete listing of up-

coming events at [www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events](http://www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events).

## March 13th Rep's Place Fundraiser to Support City's Community Events Foundation

**Rep's PLACE**  
Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation

Enjoy great food and support the Community Events Foundation at the same time!  
Bring in this flyer and 15% of the proceeds will benefit the City of Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation!

You can dine in or take out!

When:  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Time:  
11:00 am - midnight

Where:  
Rep's Place  
3200 Kirchoff Rd.  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

We look forward to seeing you there!  
Note: Coupons cannot be used during the event.

Please present this flyer or display it on your phone!

Enjoy a hometown meal with family and friends while raising money for the City's Community Events Foundation, during a day-long fundraising event at Rep's Place (3200 Kirchoff Road).

From 11:00 a.m. – midnight on Wednesday March 13th, Rep's Place will donate 15% of all dine-in and takeout purchases to the Foundation, which supports City-sponsored community events.

Simply bring a fundraising flyer – available on the City's Website ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)) or at City Hall. Or, snap a photo of the flyer at left. "Point, click, and share" with others to spread the word!

View Rep's Place's menu at [www.reps-place.com](http://www.reps-place.com).



## Kirchoff Road Upgrades Set to Begin Late March

Kirchoff Road's long-anticipated resurfacing will begin in late March or early April (weather permitting), with federal grants covering 80% of the \$2 million upgrade. Current timetables anticipate the project's completion by mid-summer.

Crews will completely resurface 1.75 miles of road between Hicks and Wilke Roads, reconfigure the medians located near Route 53, upgrade the bridge that spans Salt Creek in the City's downtown area, and replace below-ground signal loops that regulate traffic flows at intersections.

## Contact City Officials: City Hall Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

### MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: *Len Prejna* . . . . . 847-776-9442  
 1st Ward Alderman: *Mike Cannon* . . . . . 847-687-3276  
 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: *Robert Williams* . . . . . 847-303-0482  
 City Manager: *Barry Krumstok* . . . . . 847-394-8500

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 Community Development Division . . . . . 847-506-6030  
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 Senior Handyman Program . . . . . 847-506-6030  
 Crime Stoppers . . . . . 847-590-7867  
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# City Council Candidate Profiles: Mayor

## John D'Astice



John D'Astice

**Occupation:** Director of Sales & Marketing, Embassy Suites Hotels

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree (Marketing) from DePaul University; minor in Accounting

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**31 years.

**Family:** My wife of 38 years, MaryLou; four children (Nicole, Michelle, Dominic, and Angela)

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

**Volunteer service:** Co-chair of the Rolling Meadows 60th Anniversary Committee; member of the City's Ad Hoc Capital Improvements Review, Economic Development, Street Light Improvement, City Signage Improvement, and Ad-Hoc Directional Signage Committees; former member of the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce. I've also served on the Lisle Convention & Visitors Bureau Marketing Committee, the Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, and as an Indian Princess/Indian Guides leader for 17 years.

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...**the Stadium Club to watch a game.

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

### Early Voting Begins March 18th; Request Mail-in Ballots Online

Early voting begins Monday, March 18th, at the Rolling Meadows Courthouse (2121 Euclid Avenue) for registered voters planning to cast ballots before the April 2nd Consolidated Election. Voters may also cast ballots by mail. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked no later than April 2nd.

For additional Election information, visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com).

## Joe Gallo



Joe Gallo

**Occupation:** Management analyst - Process & Operations

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree (Communications) from Columbia College, Chicago

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**38 years (since birth).

**Family members:** Parents, Domenic & Cheryl; wife, Danielle; two children (Luca & Marco); brothers, Tony (Christine) and Michael (Arzoo)

**Past/current public offices held:** 4th Ward Alderman (2017 – present)

**Volunteer service:** PKD Foundation (Polycystic Kidney Disease), Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Illinois Autonomous Vehicles Association, Illinois Smart City & Regions Association

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

**Three words that best describe me are...**forward-thinking, passionate, leader.

## Len Prejna, incumbent



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

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**34 years.

**Family members:** Pat (wife), Melissa, Jenna, and Jill (daughters), four grandchildren

**Past/current public offices held:** Mayor (2017 – present); 2nd Ward Alderman (2013 – 2017); Board of Fire & Police Commissioners (12 years – 11 as chair).

**Volunteer service:** Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers (president); Community Events Committee (chairman); Vehicle

Replacement Committee (member); 60th Anniversary Committee (co-chair); coached AYSO Soccer for 10 years, and girls' softball & basketball for five years; graduate of the City's Police, Fire, and Public Works Academies.

**My favorite places in Rolling Meadows are...**our parks, where I enjoy spending time with friends and family – especially when concerts or events are taking place during the summer months.

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

## Dave Whitney



Dave Whitney

**Occupation:** Telecommunications & finance management (retired)

**Education:** Northwestern University; multiple technical and management courses

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**40 years.

**Family members:** Wife, Sally; two married sons; four grandkids.

**Past/current public offices held:** Vice-chair, Planning and Zoning Commission (current) & Zoning Board of Appeals (19 years)

**Volunteer service:** *Current:* Planning and Zoning Commission (vice chairman), Comprehensive Plan Ad Hoc Committee, Community Events Foundation, Crime Stoppers (president), Citizens Emergency Response Team, Senior Center Board of Directors, Bring Back the Post Office Campaign, 4th of July Parade (staging manager). *Past:* Zoning Board of Appeals (chairman), Plum Tree Homeowners Association (president), Rolling Meadows Youth Baseball (president and coach), Rolling Meadows Basketball and Soccer (coach), Emergency Services and Disaster Agency, Police Handicapped Parking, and Prisoner Watch

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...**Kimball Hill Park, with the entire community enjoying themselves.

**Three words that best describe me are...**passionate, dedicated, experienced.

## City Council Candidate Profiles: Aldermen

### Mike Cannon, incumbent (1st Ward)



Mike Cannon

**Occupation:** Sales and sales management (retired)

**Education:** Brother Rice High School, Chicago; St. Mary's University of Minnesota-Winona (B.A. in Business Administration)

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**27 years.

**Family:** Wife, Sally; three grown children: Mick (Jira), Katie, & Kelly.

**Past/current public offices held:** 1st Ward Alderman (2011- present), Vehicle Replacement Committee (four years), O'Hare Noise Reduction Committee (two years).

**Volunteer service:** Past president, Fremd Music Association (2010-12); coached 29 Palatine Park District house teams (baseball, softball, soccer, & basketball) over 13 years.

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...**my home.

**Three words that best describe me are...**caring, honest, hard-working.

### Nick Budmats, incumbent (2nd Ward)



Nick Budmats

**Occupation:** Elevator repairman

**Education:** Elevator repair trade school

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**24 years.

**Family:** Wife, Theresa; two daughters (Lara & Lisa)

**Past/current public offices held:** 2nd Ward Alderman (2017 – present)

**Volunteer service:** My church (compassion & justice issues)

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...**my back yard.

**Three words that best describe me are...**honest, straightforward, introvert.

Access expanded candidate profiles at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).

### Deborah Banach (3rd Ward)



Deborah Banach

**Occupation:** Retired

**Education:** High school

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**60 years.

**Family:** Herbert (husband). My three children (Tiffany Ferguson, Matthew Banach, Megan Evans) live in Rolling Meadows with their families.

**Past/current public offices held:** None

**Volunteer service:** CCD classes at St. Collette Church, Kinder gym Mom at Kimball Hill School, secretary for the Rolling Meadows High School Debate Team, chaperone for the RMHS Marching Mustangs, and president of the Rolling Meadows High School Music Boosters. I also served in numerous positions while working for the Rolling Meadows Police Department.

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...**Kimball Hill Pond. I remember viewing the fireworks from there and watching my children participate in the fishing derby. It's a nice place to reflect.

**Three words that best describe me are...**honest, diligent, determined.

### Laura Majikes, incumbent (3rd Ward)



Laura Majikes

**Occupation:** Realtor

**Education:** Graduate of Sacred Heart of Mary; attended Harper College

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**29 years.

**Family members:** John Majikes (husband)

**Past/current public offices held:** 3rd Ward Alderman (2013 – present); Economic Development Committee member

**Volunteer service:** City Markets, Taste the Town, Community Events Foundation, Ad-hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee

**My favorite places in Rolling Meadows are...**our parks and Rolling Meadows Library.

**Three words that best describe me are...**honest, listener, motivated.

### Kevin Thomas O'Brien (3rd Ward)



Kevin T. O'Brien

**Occupation:** Director, Plan Education – Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

**Education:** Concordia University, River Forest, IL (Bachelor of Arts, Business Management,

& Master of Arts, Teaching/Secondary Education); DePaul University, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, Chicago, IL (Master of Business Administration, Marketing Management)

**Rolling Meadows resident for...**13 years.

**Family:** Wife, Kim; daughter, Sabrina (18); son, Adam (16)

**Past/current public offices held:** Planning and Zoning Commission secretary (June 2013-present); Park District Board president (October 2015 – present)

**Volunteer service:** Special Olympics (1999-present), Rolling Meadows High School Boy's Feeder Basketball Program (2013-present), RM Youth Football and Cheer Board (2006-2013), RM Park District Baseball Board (2007-2018), RM Baseball Coach (2007-2016), School District 15 Life Safety Study Committee member (2015), RM Park District Basketball Board (2008-2018), RM Park District Basketball Coach (2008-2013), American Youth Soccer Organization – RM (2007-2009)

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...**Kimball Hill Park, which is such a beautiful place with the pond and the athletic fields. My wife and I got married there! I love seeing residents enjoying the playground; it's one of my favorite places to run.

**Three words that best describe me are...**approachable, determined, logical.



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## City Council Candidate Profiles: Aldermen

### Glenn Adams (5th Ward)



Glenn Adams

**Occupation:** Government Bid Manager for a small company that sells water conditioning salt and ice melt salt products.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science (Business Management), University of Wisconsin-Stout

**Rolling Meadows resident for...** 51 Years.

**Family:** Wife, Carol; daughter, Amie (fiancé, Matt); sons Mike (Stephanie), and AJ (Melissa).

**Past/current public offices held:** 5th Ward Alderman (1997 to 2011)

**Volunteer service:** *Current:* Economic Development Committee (chairman), Illinois Route 66 Preservation Committee (member). *Past:* various humane societies, Park District swimming official, soccer referee, 50th Anniversary Committee (chairman), 60th Anniversary Committee (member).

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...** the 5th Ward. My family moved here when I was four years old. We lived on Cedar Street. I played in Waverly Park before it was a park. My wife and I lived in another community for seven years when we were first married but realized that Rolling Meadows was a special place. We moved back in 1990 and lived on Willow Lane, then moved to our current home on Oak Lane.

**Three words that best describe me are...** dedicated, quiet, objective.

### Jon Bisesi (5th Ward)



Jon Bisesi

**Occupation:** Supply chain & inventory management

**Education:** Bachelor of Science (Business Management) from Roosevelt University

**Rolling Meadows resident for...** 28 Years.

**Family members:** Wife, Donna; two sons (Joey and Dominick).

**Past/current public offices held:** Planning & Zoning Commission chair

(2017-present); Plan/Planning & Zoning Commission member since 2003

**Volunteer service:** Former president of the Rolling Meadows Jaycees; former region and district director for the Illinois Jaycees (North Region); member of the Jaycee International Senate; chairman of several 4th of July Parades; volunteer for Clearbrook Center, Special Olympics, Cystic Fibrosis, Relay for Life, and JDRF fundraising events

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...** Kimball Hill Park in the summer.

**Three words that best describe me are...** thoughtful, generous, dedicated.

### Joseph "Joe" Szafran (5th Ward)



Joe Szafran

**Occupation:** Building maintenance, Rolling Meadows Park District

**Education:** Rolling Meadows High School (class of 1984); Lincoln Technical Institute – Certified Auto/Diesel Mechanic

**Rolling Meadows resident for...** 50 years

**Family:** Annette & Dennis (parents)

**Past/Current public offices held:** None

**Volunteer Service:** Kirkland Fire Department (volunteer firefighter/mechanic)

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...** the intersection of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive. To me, that is still the heart of the city. You can see the unchanged past and the future of Rolling Meadows.

**Three words that best describes me are...** loyal, dedicated, helpful.

### Lara Sanoica (7th Ward)



Lara Sanoica

**Occupation:** Financial Investigator

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Studies and Spanish Linguistics (cum laude) from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Alumnus of St. Colette School and William Fremd High School

**Rolling Meadows resident for...** 25 years.

**Family members:** I'm the oldest sister in a family of four.

**Past/current public offices held:** None, but I have kept a critical eye on Rolling Meadows' projects and services.

**Volunteer service:** Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee, which primarily focuses on actions that improve solid waste management, air quality, water quality, transportation, land use, and energy.

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...** the Rolling Meadows Library. I love having a quiet place to work where I don't have to buy coffee. Whenever I need help, knowledgeable staff are always ready to assist!

**Three words that best describe me are...** collaborative, committed, thorough.

### Robert Williams, incumbent (7th Ward)



Robert Williams

**Occupation:** Retired

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree from Midland University, Fremont, NE

**Rolling Meadows resident for...** 43 years.

**Family members:** Two sons, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

**Past/current public offices held:** 7th Ward Alderman (2018-present); Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce (past president); Fairfax Village Association (president).

**My favorite place in Rolling Meadows is...** Fairfax Village with all my friends.

**Three words that best describe me are...** honest, trustworthy, caring.

### Courthouse Early Voting Hours

- March 18th – 22nd & April 1st (weekdays): 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- March 23rd & 30th (Saturday): 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- March 25th – 29th (weekdays): 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- March 24th & 31st (Sunday): 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Just a reminder: Sunday – Thursday curfew is 11 pm (Midnight on Friday & Saturday).					1	Taste the Town, 6-9 pm, Community Center
3	4	5 Economic Development Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	6	7 Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	8	9 Rotary St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6-10 pm, Community Center
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins. Clocks "spring" forward one hour. Replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.	11 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall	12 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	13 Community Events Foundation Fundraiser, 11 am-midnight, Rep's Place (3200 Kirchoff Rd.)	14 Adjudication Hearing, 1 pm, City Hall	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm, City Hall	20 First Day of Spring Water bills due	21 Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	22	23
24	25	26 City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	27	28	29 Early Refuse set-out ends	30
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# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yard waste collection begins	2 Election Day Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	3	4 Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	5	6
7	8 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall	9 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	10	11 Adjudication Hearing, 1 pm, City Hall	12	13
14 Palm Sunday	15	16 City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm, City Hall	17	18 Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	19	20
21 Easter	22 Earth Day	23 City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	24	25 Business & Community Showcase, 4-5 pm (B2B networking); 5-8 pm (free to general public), Meridian Banquets	26	27 Salt Creek Clean-up, 9am-noon, Old Public Works Building (3200 Central Road)
28	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> .	

## Everyone's Irish at Rotary's March 9th St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Raffle

Residents are invited to enjoy a traditional Irish-American menu of corned beef, cabbage, and chicken; festive Irish music and dancing; and a grand prize raffle worth up to \$1,500, when the Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows hosts its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Raffle.

This year's celebration will take place Saturday, March 9th, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).



Dinner tickets are \$30 per person (\$35 after March 2nd). Raffle tickets are \$30 each. Proceeds from the event help Rotary support programs that benefit the Rolling Meadows community. Ticket sales will determine the amount of the grand prize raffle.

To purchase dinner or raffle tickets, 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)).

## Residents 'Free' to Attend April 25th Business & Community Showcase

Admission to the City's April 25th Business & Community Showcase will be free to the general public – part of Rolling Meadows' ongoing efforts to increase residents' awareness of area businesses and encourage them to "shop locally" whenever possible, Business Advocate Martha Corner reports.



Learn more about products and services offered by local companies at the City's April 25th Business & Community Showcase.



This year's Showcase will take place at Meridian Banquets (1701 West Algonquin Road). Guests will be able to learn more about available goods and services offered by local businesses between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. It is an approach that has already proven successful: more than 500 community members attended last year's event.

The Showcase will also feature a private business-to-business networking hour, scheduled from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"The format for this year's Showcase builds on last year's event and should

prove appealing to both businesses and their customers," Corner explained. "Residents have a prime opportunity to learn more about what is available from local vendors. The businesses, meanwhile, are able to develop inter-personal connections with the community they serve."

Businesses may register for this year's expo through the "Business Showcase" link on the City's homepage ([www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)). Cost is \$25. Registrants will be provided with a display table to showcase marketing materials and be listed in the event's exhibitor guide.

For more information on the 2019 Showcase, contact Martha Corner at [cornerm@cityrm.org](mailto:cornerm@cityrm.org) or 847-870-9004.

## Seasonal Refuse Reminders

**Yard Waste Collection Begins April 1st**  
City refuse crews will begin seasonal yard waste collection Monday, April 1st.

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 1st, residents should set refuse at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the night before their scheduled pick-up.

For more information on City refuse collection guidelines, visit [www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works](http://www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works) or call 847-963-0500.



## Garden Members To Meet March 21st

Community Garden members will welcome residents interested in joining their "growing" ranks during a March 21st introductory meeting and seed swap at the Rolling Meadows Library. The Thursday evening event will be held from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The Garden, a City-owned parcel of land along Salt Creek in downtown Rolling Meadows, features 25 4' x 8' plots where residents can cultivate fresh vegetables, flowers and other types of plants. Plots are available for an annual fee of \$25 each.

"We welcome anyone who would like to learn more about gardening and work cooperatively with other community members," explained 5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger, who led the effort to create the Community Garden in 2014. "Current members are welcome to bring family members, friends, and neighbors who may want to join us."

Residents who are interested in attending the meeting should contact Alderman Banger at [robbangerjr@gmail.com](mailto:robbangerjr@gmail.com). More information is available online at [www.rmcommunitygarden.com](http://www.rmcommunitygarden.com) or [www.facebook.com/rmcommunitygarden](https://www.facebook.com/rmcommunitygarden).