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April 25th Business & Community Showcase is almost here!

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Make Your Voice Heard! Vote in April 2nd Consolidated Election

Residents head to the polls on Tuesday, April 2nd to choose Rolling Meadows' next Mayor, as well as City Council members who will represent residents in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th Wards.

Multiple Contested Races

This year's Consolidated Election features contested races for Mayor and City

Council seats in the 3rd, 5th, and 7th Wards. Current 5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger is not running for

re-election, which ensures the new Council that will be seated in May will feature at least one new member.



Following is an alphabetical listing of the candidates appearing on the ballot:

Mayor

- John D'Astice
- Joe Gallo
- Len Prejna (incumbent)
- Dave Whitney

Ward 1 Alderman

- Mike Cannon (incumbent)

Ward 2 Alderman

- Nick Budmats (incumbent)

Ward 3 Alderman

- Deb Banach
- Laura Majikes (incumbent)
- Kevin O'Brien

Ward 5 Alderman

- Glenn Adams
- John Bisesi
- Joseph Szafran

Ward 7 Alderman

- Lara Sanoica
- Rob Williams (incumbent)

Candidate Bios Posted Online

Before casting your ballot, take some time to learn more about those running for office. Find detailed profiles of all candidates by clicking the "Vote" icon on the [City's homepage](#).

For more information on the April 2nd Election – including polling place locations – please visit the [Cook County Clerk's website](#).

Motorists Prepare for Kirchoff Road Resurfacing Work

Kirchoff Road, a critical east/west arterial route through Rolling Meadows that is used by more than 12,000 vehicles each day, is being readied for its first major upgrade in nearly 20 years.

The multi-million dollar project – the majority of which is being funded by federal grants – will include 1.75 miles of resurfacing work between Hicks and New Wilke Roads over the next several months.

Construction crews will also perform other Kirchoff Road infrastructure

improvements, including:

- Reconfiguring the medians located near Route 53.
- Upgrading the bridge that spans Salt Creek in the City's downtown area.
- Replacing below-ground signal loops that regulate traffic flows at intersections.

Funding provided through the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) will cover 80% of the nearly \$2 million

project. Under the grant terms, the City is responsible for the remaining 20%.

Portions of Kirchoff Road were last resurfaced in 1996 and 2001. Current timetables anticipate the project's completion by mid-summer.



More than 12,000 vehicles travel Kirchoff Road each day.



"Signs" of spring have started to appear.

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Shop Local

April 25th Business Showcase to Highlight Local Products & Services

Interested in learning more about the types of goods and services available from Rolling Meadows-based businesses? Then mark your calendar for Thursday, April 25th, 5 – 8 pm, when the City hosts its second annual Business & Community Showcase at Meridian Banquets (1701 West Algonquin Road).

This year's event will feature an impressive roster of companies in multiple market segments. Meet and mingle with local business owners and witness first-hand the benefits of shopping locally.



Thursday, April 25th

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Meridian Banquets

1701 W. Algonquin Road

Free Admission



Meet with local business owners and operators – and learn more about their products and services – at the City's April 25th Business Showcase.

Admission is free to the general public – part of Rolling Meadows' continuing efforts to increase residents' awareness of area businesses, Business Advocate Martha Corner reports.

"The 2019 Showcase will offer residents a prime opportunity to learn more about

what is available from local vendors, while fostering connections between businesses and the community they serve," she explained.

There will also be live entertainment, courtesy of the Northwest Concert Band, from 5:30 – 7 pm.

Environmental Committee to Host Annual Salt Creek Cleanup, April 27th

Join members of the City's Environmental Committee Saturday, April 27th, 9 am – 12 pm, for the City's 15th annual Earth Day-inspired Salt Creek Cleanup.

Items on this year's "to do" list include picking up trash along the banks of Salt Creek, removing invasive plants that have taken root in the area, and putting down woodchips for local pathways.

Residents, businesses, and community groups interested in joining should contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.



Volunteers remove invasive species and perform other stream bank stabilization work during the Environmental Committee's 2018 cleanup.

All participants must complete a waiver before being allowed to join the cleanup. Forms are available at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road), [online](#), and on the day of the event.

Participants will report to the Old Public Works facility (3200 Central Road) at 9 am that morning to receive their assignments.

Volunteers should bring their own gloves, boots, and clippers. Public Works will provide bags for collecting trash and other materials.



Community Events Foundation Helps Businesses Expand Local Appeal

Rolling Meadows' Community Events Foundation is a proven resource for helping local businesses increase visibility for their products/services and expand overall awareness of their brands.

From tax-deductible donations to individual event sponsorships, businesses have played a vital role in the ongoing success of Rolling Meadows' wide-ranging calendar of activities.

This type of support also benefits area businesses looking for an edge in a highly-competitive economic environment.

Learn more at www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events.

Police Dept. Conducts ‘Active Shooter’ Training for City Employees



John Nowacki

While the odds of being involved in an “active shooter” situation are minimal, these horrific incidents continue to occur and one must be prepared.

That was the thinking behind an initiative by the Rolling Meadows Police Department to train all City employees on ways to minimize their risk if they ever find themselves facing a situation involving an active shooter.

As it turned out, the training sessions were quite timely. They had already been scheduled prior to a February workplace shooting in Aurora, IL that caused the deaths of six people. Just a few weeks later, an armed intruder’s attack on a

mosque in New Zealand took 50 lives.

‘Situational Awareness’

Tragically, those mass murders underscored the importance of the Police Department’s efforts and emphasized the need for people to always be aware of their situation, Police Chief John Nowacki reports. “The Aurora and New Zealand attacks demonstrated that this type of senseless violence, while uncommon, can happen anywhere,” he explained. “Rolling Meadows police officers complete extensive active shooter response training, but our focus for employees in other departments is on personal safety and avoidance.”

For residents who may one day find themselves in an unimaginable situation, the Rolling Meadows Police Department

offers a three-step safety strategy endorsed by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

1. **Run** – Have an escape plan in mind and leave personal belongings behind.
2. **Hide** – If you can’t run, hide. Stay out of the shooter’s view and block entry to your hiding place in any way possible.
3. **Fight** – Use physical aggression to try and incapacitate an attacker **only as a last resort and if your life is in imminent danger.**

Resources Available Online

For members of the public, the Police Department offers access to a wide variety of online safety resources. Visit the [RMPD’s webpage](#) to learn more.

City Presents Second Annual Business Appreciation Awards

City officials presented awards of appreciation to 66 local businesses, thanking them for supporting Rolling Meadows’ 2018 roster of community events. Representatives from 14 recipients accepted the award from Mayor Len Prejna and Business Advocate Martha Corner at a brief ceremony held during City Council’s February 26th meeting.



Local business support helps transform Rolling Meadows events, such as City Markets (left) and the annual Independence Day parade, into can’t-miss community celebrations.

Congratulations to the 2018 recipients:

Aerex Pest Control
 A.H. Management Group, Inc.
 Anna’s Red Apple
 Arlington Lakes Golf Course
 BEAR Construction
 Ben Franklin Bank of Illinois
 Body Builders Automotive
 Brokerage & Transportation Sales, Inc.
 Buona Beef
 Chef Ping
 Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
 Comet
 Community Church of Rolling Meadows
 Costco
 Divine Design & Marketing, Inc.
 Dynegy Administrative Services
 Fratellos2
 Fujifilm Hunt Chemicals USA
 Gus’ Diner
 Habana Cigar House
 Haymarket Pub & Brewery
 Hickory Roasters

Honey Baked Ham
 JC Restoration
 Jewel-Osco
 JML Overhead Door
 Lakeshore Title Company
 Leaky Keg Brewery
 LPR Services, Inc.
 McDonald’s
 Meadows Christian Fellowship Church
 Meadows Dental Care
 Meadows Funeral Home
 Megleo’s School of Dance, Inc.
 Meijer
 Michael Errico, DDS
 Molly Maid of NW Cook County
 Moloney Companies
 Montoya Group LLC
 Nature’s Care
 Northrop Grumman Company
 Northwest Suburban College
 Nothing Bundt Cakes-Mount Prospect
 Olsen Brothers, Inc.

Oriental Foot Massage
 Papa Saverio’s Pizza
 Papparazzi Jewelry
 Pepe’s Mexican Restaurant
 Platinum Home Mortgage Corp.
 Plum Creek Supportive Living
 Proofing Technologies, Ltd.
 Rep’s Place
 Rolling Meadows Park District
 Rolling Meadows Library
 RTC Industries, Inc.
 Scenter of the Mind
 Schweinebraten Insurance
 Senor Taco
 Simply Nails
 Stadium Sports Club & Pizza
 Star Waves Spa
 Suburban Accents, Inc.
 US Waterproofing
 Village Bank & Trust
 We Wash Express

GFOA Award Continues City's 32-Year Track Record of Financial Excellence

Rolling Meadows collected its 32nd consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The award demonstrates the City's commitment to budgetary transparency and the highest accounting standards, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher reports.

GFOA officials presented the award after a thorough review of Rolling Meadows' financial and accounting processes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. That review confirmed that the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) "met the highest standards of accounting and financial reporting," according to the GFOA.



Finance Director Melissa Gallagher (left) accepts the Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting Excellence from GFOA member Rita Cruz.

Reviews Strengthen Operations

Gallagher says these annual reviews provide continuing opportunities for Finance Department professionals to identify strategies that strengthen Rolling Meadows' financial operations.

"The audit process helps facilitate a commitment to financial transparency. That, in turn, offers opportunities to further improve our processes," she explains. "Everyone in the Finance Department is very proud to continue Rolling Meadows' well-established tradition of accounting excellence."

View Financial Reports Online

Residents may view Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs) dating back to 2009 by visiting the [Financial Reports page](#) of the City's website.

S&P Affirms City's AA+ Rating

S&P Global Ratings (formerly Standard & Poor's) affirmed Rolling Meadows' strong AA+ credit rating, following an extensive review of the City's budgetary performance and financial policies/practices, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher reports.

S&P's report cites Rolling Meadows' exemplary budgetary flexibility and liquidity (available cash), strong management, and strong economy as compelling reasons for maintaining Rolling Meadows' AA+ rating, which was first issued nearly five years ago.

Strong ratings offer City officials the financial flexibility to raise money for economic

development initiatives or other purposes by issuing general obligation bonds at more attractive (lower) rates. This helps save taxpayers money – potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest – when paying off those bonds.

"The S&P report confirms that the agency views Rolling Meadows as a community with strong credit and the capacity to meet its financial obligations," Gallagher explained. "More importantly, it reinforces the the City's well-deserved reputation as a great place to do business."

For more information on the credit ratings, visit the City's [Financial Reports page](#).



Give blood; save lives.

Fire Department Drive Boosts Supply of Life-Saving Blood

Rolling Meadows Fire Department's February blood drive collected enough blood to help nearly 40 patients in need. Thanks to everyone who took the time to donate!

Vital to Public Health

Now, more than ever, community blood drives play a vital public health role. Did you know?

- Someone in the U.S. requires blood every two seconds.
- Every day, U.S. healthcare facilities need approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells, 10,000 units of plasma, and 7,000 units of platelets.
- Daily personal emergencies and ongoing medical needs require a constant and readily-available blood supply. It's the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives.

Rising Needs & Declining Supply

Ensuring an adequate blood supply is among the most critical challenges facing U.S. hospitals, surgical centers, and emergency treatment facilities. Donations are on a decade-long decline, despite the growing need for blood and blood products.

According to Vitalant (formerly known as LifeSource), almost 7 million volunteers give blood on an annual basis – a 26% decline since 2010 that results in nearly 4.2 million fewer donations each year.

Learn more about blood donation and view upcoming blood drives by visiting [Vitalant's website](#).

Welcome New Businesses

Pepe's Mexican Restaurant*

5153 New Wilke Rd. (847-577-7373)

Sherpa Massage therapist

1853 Hicks Rd. Ste A (847-409-6569)

ToothStars Pediatric dentistry

2251 Plum Grove Rd. (847-818-0088)

Zee Vaper & Tobacco Vape shop

2641 Kirchoff Rd. (847-749-3055)

*New owner



City Honors Newly-Promoted RMFD Personnel

Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Terry Valentino (*far right*) and Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Moxley (*far left*) honored two Fire Department veterans and welcomed its newest firefighter/paramedics at a swearing-in ceremony held before City Council's February 12th meeting.

Congratulations to recently-promoted Battalion Chief Rick Acosta (*second from right*) and Lieutenant Ryan Harding (*third from left*), and new firefighters Jacek Brylewski (*second from left*) and Charles Myers (*third from right*).

17-Year Veteran Succeeds Police Sergeant

Philip Barrile began the next phase of his service to Rolling Meadows in February, after being sworn-in as the Police Department's newest sergeant. He succeeds John Freese, who retired after 34 years of service.



Sgt. Philip Barrile (*center*) and his children accept congratulations from Mayor Len Prejna and Police Chief John Nowacki.

Congratulations, Sgt. Barrile

Sgt. Barrile began his law enforcement career in Cary, before coming to Rolling Meadows in 2002. He has served as patrol officer, evidence technician, detective, Gang Unit officer, NIPAS EST/SWAT Team member, Police Honor Guard member, and more over the past 17 years. Sgt. Barrile has also worked with multiple outside agencies and held several long-term task force positions, including a spot on the regional Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT).



Sgt. John Freese

Thank you, Sgt. Freese

His predecessor, Sgt. John Freese, had a reputation for traffic/DUI enforcement that earned accolades from peers and the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. He also served as a field training officer and shift supervisor – positions from which he proved a capable mentor to younger officers.

Congratulations, Sgt. Barrile, and thank you to Sgt. Freese for 34 years of dedicated service.



This Month in Rolling Meadows

April 2: **Election Day**

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

April 8: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

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

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

April 14: **Palm Sunday**

April 16: **Community Events Foundation**, 6 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm; all at City Hall

April 17: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

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

April 19: **Good Friday; Passover begins**

April 21: **Easter**

April 22: **Earth Day; Water bills due**

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

April 25: **Business & Community Showcase**, 4-5 pm (B2B networking); 5-8 pm (free to general public), Meridian Banquets

April 26: **Arbor Day**

April 27: **Salt Creek Clean-up**, 9 am – noon, Old Public Works Building

May 1:

Community Events Foundation Fundraiser
Pita Pita Mediterranean Grill
(1219 Golf Road)
Stay tuned for details!

Resolution ‘Paves’ Way for Streets Program Approved Bid Comes in \$135,000 Under Budget

Spring has arrived...and road construction season is not far behind.

City Council has approved an \$865,000 contract with Mount Prospect-based Arrow Road Construction to resurface seven residential side streets this spring and summer, as part of the City’s 2019 Streets Program:

- **Wren Lane**
(from Hawk Lane to Central Road)
- **Hawk Lane**
(from Meadow Drive to Hawk Court)
- **Wren Court**
- **Oriole Lane**
(from Grouse Lane to Hawk Lane)
- **Cyndi Court**

- **Eleanore Court**
- **Thrush Court**

Assistant Public Works Director Rob Horne said that Arrow’s bid was selected from among six that were submitted for this year’s program – and came in nearly \$135,000 below what had been allocated in the City’s 2019 budget.

“Arrow has been the City’s contractor for multiple street resurfacing programs in prior years, and their performance has always met or exceeded our expectations,” he explained.

Resurfacing work is slated to begin in May (weather permitting), with project completion/final restoration by late August.



400+ Gather to Enjoy a ‘Taste’ of City’s Restaurant Scene

Taste the Town 2019 certainly lived up to its reputation as a “howling” good time, as more than 400 attendees gathered at the Community Center to enjoy savory fare from 17 local restaurants, beer and wine, and live music courtesy of HOWL2GO Dueling Pianos.

Recycling ‘Do’s & Don’ts’: Can I Recycle This?



Not sure whether a particular piece of disposable waste should be placed in your recycling cart or thrown in the garbage can? In honor of Earth Day (April 22nd), we offer this handy “at-a-glance” checklist to help you avoid confusion while protecting Mother Nature.

Learn more about recycling – and Rolling Meadows’ refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection program – by visiting the City website’s [Refuse & Recycling page](#).

YES

The following household waste can be recycled

Co-mingled Materials

Aluminum & steel cans; Plastic soup containers; Bi-metal cans; Plastic water/soda/ juice bottles; Liquid detergent bottles; Microwave trays; Milk jugs; Plastics (#s 1 – 5 & 7); Glass.

Fiber Materials

Bond paper (white/colored); Computer paper; Calculator tape; Envelopes; Junk mail; Legal pad/notebook paper; Letterhead; Magazines; Newspaper; Cardboard.

NO

Place these items into a garbage can

Non-recyclable Materials

Food & beverage waste; Candy & snack wrappers; Non-paper packing material; Plastic strapping; Rubber bands; Stickers or labels; Plastic/latex/rubber gloves; K-cups; Plastic #6; Styro-foam; Plastic grocery bags; Paper coffee cups & lids; Tissue products & napkins; Shrink wrap & food packaging.



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	847-687-3276
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

SERVICES

Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Non-emergency	847-397-3352
Police Non-emergency	847-255-2416
Public Works	847-963-0500
Community Development Division	847-506-6030
Finance/Utility Billing Questions	847-394-8500
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	847-590-7867
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1



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