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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS HELP ROLLING MEADOWS WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES & RESTAURANTS

Rolling Meadows' ongoing economic development program continues to draw new restaurants and businesses to the City, with more than 30 new employers opening their doors so far in 2022.

Residents will find updated listings of new companies now calling Rolling Meadows home at www.cityrm.org/706/New-Businesses.

The City has welcomed nearly 250 new businesses in a variety of fields over the past five years, including industry leaders in healthcare, publishing, information technology (IT), automotive repair, technology consulting, and more.

"Rolling Meadows' well-established reputation as a business-friendly

community helps attract new companies that expand shopping, dining, and service options for residents," Business Advocate Martha Corner explained.

Although new business openings are determined by a number of external factors, such as economic conditions and available vacancies, City officials pride themselves on their commitment to working closely with business owners.

"Our business development and retention program is designed to promote success," Corner added. "City staff members have a variety of resources and information available to help companies understand the many benefits of doing business here in Rolling Meadows."

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COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE TO ABOLISH CITY'S ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

A recent update to Rolling Meadows' code of ordinances, approved by aldermen at the September 13th City Council meeting, has eliminated the Electrical Commission, a volunteer board that is "no longer required or necessary," City Manager Rob Sabo reports.

The Illinois Municipal Code allows for creation of a local electrical commission when a municipality operates an electrical inspection department.

All electrical work performed in Rolling Meadows is overseen by the Community Development Department, which issues permits and performs inspections to ensure that the work is completed in accordance with current safety codes. Therefore, a standing Electrical Commission is not required.

"The commission has not met in several years, so its elimination removes redundancies and streamlines City operations," Sabo explained.

Learn more about Rolling Meadows' volunteer boards and commissions at www.cityrm.org/349/Boards-Commissions.



PUBLIC WORKS TO HOST OCTOBER 1ST E-WASTE & DOC DESTRUCTION EVENT

The Public Works Department will host an electronics recycling and document destruction event at its 3900 Berdnick Street facility from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Saturday, October 1st.



The event, sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will allow residents of Rolling Meadows and other SWANCC communities to safely recycle TVs, computers, and other old or outdated electronics equipment. State law prohibits these items from being deposited in landfills.

It will also offer a safe, tamper-resistant way to dispose of sensitive documents – including old tax forms, bank statements, medical records, and more. Residents may bring up to six (6) paper grocery bags filled with documents for safe shredding.



Attendees should also bring ID to confirm they are SWANCC customers.

For more information, and a listing of accepted eWaste items, visit www.swancc.org or call Public Works at 847-963-0500.



Line dancing (pictured), square dancing, and other country & western-themed activities await at this year's Hoedown.

OCTOBER 1ST HOMETOWN HOEDOWN EVENT PROMISES A STOMPIN' GOOD TIME

It's fall, y'all...which means it's time to "giddy up" to Kimball Hill Park for Rolling Meadows' 2022 Hometown Hoedown! This year's event will take place Saturday, October 1st, 12:00 – 4:00 pm.

Wear your favorite Western gear and enjoy a range of FREE activities/attractions, including:

- Horse-drawn hayrides.

- Square dancing lessons.
- Pony rides and petting zoo.
- Kids crafts and games.
- Country DJ and line dancing.
- "Miss Jamie's Farm" show.

Guests will also be able to "rustle up some vittles" with the Hoedown's \$5 Cowboy Cookout, which includes a hot dog or hamburger, chips, cookie, and a drink (*while supplies last*).

CUSTOMER SURVEY TO HELP PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. ENSURE DRINKING WATER QUALITY & SAFETY

A link to a residential survey that was distributed to all Rolling Meadows water customers with September's utility bills will help Public Works employees protect the integrity of the City's water supply and satisfy requirements of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

Access the brief seven-question survey by visiting www.cityrm.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=393 or by scanning the QR Code below. Survey answers should be submitted by Friday, October 14th.



The survey is intended to help Public Works identify potential situations involving cross connections, which occur when a water supply pipe connects to a source that could poten-

tially "back feed" into the main water system and negatively affect water quality. Examples include swimming pools, boilers, and underground sprinkler systems.



Answers from this survey will help Utilities Division employees identify potential cross connection risks in customers' homes. The IEPA requires municipalities to conduct a survey every three years to monitor their ongoing cross connection control efforts.

For more information on Rolling Meadows' Cross Connection Control Program, or the residential survey, please contact Public Works Utilities Supervisor Ryan Rivard at 847-963-0500.



RMFD's 2022 Open House will feature fire engines, station tours, training demonstrations, and more to provide a guests with a glimpse of life in the fire service.

OCT. 8TH OPEN HOUSE TO SHOWCASE RMFD'S LIFE-SAVING SERVICES & PROFESSIONAL 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 first Open House held at one of its new stations.

Residents of all ages are welcome to drop by the event on Saturday, October 8th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, at Station 15 (3201 Algonquin Road).



"Our annual Open House has always been a great way for the public to gain a 'behind-the-scenes' glimpse of life in the fire service, but the Covid-19 pandemic has made it difficult for us to host the event these past few years," Fire Chief Pete Sutter explained.

"On behalf of the men and women of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department, I invite community members to climb aboard our fire

engines, tour the station, and meet with the firefighters who protect our community. From our perspective, it's an opportunity to better connect with those we serve," he added.

Highlights will include a live burn/ fire sprinkler system demonstration, a vehicle extrication exercise performed by RMFD firefighters, fire extinguisher training, station tours, touch-a-truck, kids' games/activities, and complimentary food and refreshments (*while supplies last*).

Fire Department leaders ask that Open House attendees park their vehicles at LaMirage (3223 Algonquin Rd), then walk over to the Open House. Additional parking is available at 3315 Algonquin Road and 5005 Newport Drive.

For the latest event and parking updates, follow RMFD on Facebook (www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowsfire) or call 847-397-3352.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...continued from page 1

From independent merchants to Fortune 500 corporations, Rolling Meadows is home to many of the world's leading companies, including Arthur J. Gallagher (insurance brokerage/risk management), Northrop Grumman (aerospace and defense), Panasonic (technolo-

gy), Verizon Wireless (cell phones), and Weichai America (diesel engine manufacturing).

Learn more about the City's business development and retention program by visiting www.cityrm.org/35/Business.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK THEME HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING

A home fire can double in size every 30 seconds, and residents often have just minutes to evacuate safely, according to data compiled by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

In honor of Fire Prevention Week (October 9th – 15th), the Rolling Meadows Fire Department is proud to partner with the NFPA to focus public attention on the importance of home fire escape planning. The theme of this year's campaign is, *Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape.*™



Learn more about how to create (and practice) a home fire escape plan and access a variety of home fire safety information by visiting www.fpw.org.

About Fire Prevention Week

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the country's longest-running public health observance.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

10/1: **Electronics Recycling/Document Destruction Event**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Public Works Dept.; **Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest**, 12:00 - 4:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park

10/3: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

8/2: **National Night Out**, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Community Center

10/4: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

10/6: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2:00 pm

10/8: **Fire Department Open House**, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Station 15

10/10: **Columbus Day; Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am

10/11: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

10/13: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1:00 pm

10/18: **Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

10/20: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2:00 pm; **Water bills due**

10/24: **Police Pension Board**, 3:30 pm

10/25: **Veterans Committee**, 6:00 pm; **Capital Projects Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

10/27: **Fire Pension Board**, 8:30 am

10/29: **Halloween Fest**, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Community Center

10/31: **Halloween**
Trick-or-Treat hours: 3:00 - 8:00 pm

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CITY CELEBRATES NEWLY PROMOTED RMFD LEADERS

Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Pete Sutter (center) congratulates newly promoted Battalion Chief Ryan Harding (left) and Lieutenant Mike Mullaney, following their swearing-in at City Hall.

Battalion Chief Harding has served with RMFD for 14 years (the past four as Lieutenant), while Lt. Mullaney is a 15-year Department veteran. Their promotions follow Chief Sutter's elevation to Fire Chief in August, following the retirement of his predecessor, Jeff Moxley.

These three Department leaders bring a combined 50 years of service to Rolling Meadows residents and businesses.

HALLOWEEN FEST TO FEATURE SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS, OCTOBER 29TH

The City's second annual Halloween Fest will guarantee a "goblin" good time for residents of all ages!

RAIN OR SHINE: Plans call for all activities to take place outside. The event will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather.

Wear your favorite costume and join the fun Saturday, October 29th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). This free event will feature plenty of spooktacular family-friendly activities, including:

- Trick-or-treating.
- Costume contests (for kids, families, and pets).
- Pony rides.
- Petting zoo.
- Balloon artist.
- Caricatures.
- Goodie bags.



CITY SCHEDULES OCTOBER 11TH PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET

Rolling Meadows officials will host a public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 during City Council's October 11th meeting. It will begin at 7:30 pm at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road).

The hearing will offer residents an opportunity to participate in the process of crafting next year's budget by sharing their thoughts and views.

A preliminary draft of the proposed 2023 budget was presented to City Council members in September. The latest version of the budget draft is posted on the City's website (www.cityrm.org).

A printed version of the document is also available for public review at City Hall and the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane).

Plans call for the 2023 budget to be approved in November.

ASK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: FIRE SAFETY

Ask Community Development is a periodic feature that provides answers to common questions customers may have about home improvement projects, and Community Development operations and services.

Q. Where should I install smoke detectors in my home?

- A.** The Illinois Smoke Detector Act requires all single-family homes to have smoke detectors installed in the following locations:
- In each sleeping room.
 - Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom.
 - On each story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics. **Not required in crawl spaces and storage attics.*
 - Not less than 3 feet from the door or opening of a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower.

The law also offers guidelines for installing smoke detectors in multi-unit dwellings, such as apartment buildings and hotels.

Updates to the Act that take effect January 1st, 2023 require residents to replace old smoke detectors with new units containing sealed batteries designed to last the life of the device (10 years.)

Learn more by visiting www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1640&ChapterID=38.

For more information on Community Development services, please visit www.cityrm.org/148/Community-Development.

Q. What about carbon monoxide detectors?

- A.** Homeowners, landlords, and building owners are required by the State of Illinois to install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors within 15 feet of any room where people sleep. This applies only to dwellings that use fossil fuels to cook, heat, or produce hot water, or are connected to an enclosed garage.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. It is produced when any fossil fuel, including natural gas, is burned. When fossil fuels do not burn properly, CO can build up and cause sickness or even death.

Symptoms of CO poisoning include:

- Dizziness, nausea, headache, and coughing.
- Irregular heartbeat.
- Pale skin with cherry red lips and ear tips.

What to do if you suspect CO poisoning:

- Get out of the house and stay outside in fresh air.
- Call 911.



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTION



The November 8th election will be the culmination of political races across the country for elected office at the state and national levels. Here at home, candidates on the 2022 ballot are running for Illinois governor, state senator, state representative, U.S. Congress, and other offices. Make your voice heard!

Ways to Vote:

- **Early Voting.** Early voting will be available Monday, October 24th – Monday, November 7th. A list of early voting sites is available at www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/early-voting/early-voting-locations.
- **Vote by Mail.** Registered voters with a driver's license, state ID, or social security number on file may request a mail-in ballot. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted. Visit

www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail for details.

- **In-person.** Polling places will be open 6 am – 7 pm on Election Day.

To learn more about the 2022 election, and to confirm the location of your polling place, visit the website of the Cook County Clerk's Office (www.cookcountyclerkil.gov).

Important Dates: 2022 Election

Oct. 23rd – Last day to register to vote by online application.

Oct. 24th – Early voting begins.

Nov. 3rd – Last day to request a mail-in ballot (including military and overseas voters).

Nov. 7th – Early voting ends.

Nov. 8th – Election Day. Last day mail-in ballots can be post-marked.

DUCK RACE RAISES NEARLY \$4,000 FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION INITIATIVES

Nearly 1,000 plastic ducks careened down the waterfall at Kimball Hill Park on September 9th, raising \$3,905 for



local environmental/sustainability efforts and making this year's Duck Race one of the most successful in the annual event's history.

Contributing to the race's success were Christopher B. Burke Engineering (for donating the \$300, \$200, and \$100 grand prizes presented to owners of the three "winning" ducks); community members and organizations who generously donated \$1,345 in other prizes; and members of the Public Works Department, who prepared the race-course and ran the event.

Proceeds from this year's race will benefit initiatives of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee, Rolling Meadows Historical Society, and Rolling Meadows Park District.

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City Hall Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday - Friday



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Police Non-emergency	847-255-2416
Community Development	847-506-6030
Finance/Utility Billing	847-394-8500
Public Works	847-963-0500
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	847-590-7867
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