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25N Coworking delivers a productive, inspirational, shared office environment with outstanding amenities and member networking opportunities.

'Let's Meet at 25N' Coworking Platform Offers Flexibility for Entrepreneurs & Businesses

25N Coworking's new space in Rolling Meadows' Continental Towers (1701 Golf Road, Tower 3) offers a welcoming, stimulating environment where individual businesses and entrepreneurs enjoy the benefits of flexible suburban office space without excessive overhead costs or long-term lease agreements.

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that are not commonly available to companies that operate without a large corporate footprint.

"Our mission is to create a productive, inspirational, shared office environment that fits all our members' needs," explained Mara Hauser, CEO and Founder.

Amenities That Build Businesses & Networks

25N Rolling Meadows members enjoy a third-floor, 24,000 sq. ft. suite packed with

a full amenity set, including:

- Fast, secure WiFi,
- Meeting rooms,
- Private phone booths,
- Printing,
- 24/7 secure access,
- Virtual mail services,
- Complimentary coffee & tea,
- Break room & kitchenette,
- Lunch ordering service,
- Day lockers and storage.

25N also hosts a variety of social and educational networking events to help build a stronger sense of community among companies that share the space.

In addition, 25N members have full access to Continental

Towers' onsite amenities, such as the property's fitness center, game room, social club, and dry cleaner.

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City Limits Collection of Cash Bonds for Building Permits & Zoning Applications Eliminates Bonds Entirely for Projects Under \$200,000

An ordinance approved by City Council in March reduces upfront costs incurred by customers who apply for building permits or zoning changes, Community Development Department Deputy Director Elizabeth Kwandras reports.



The ordinance modifies the approach Community

Development takes when processing proposed property development projects or upgrades. Previously, the City required applicants to post a cash deposit equaling 0.5% of the construction value (minimum \$100, maximum \$5,000) for permit applications. For zoning applications, customers paid a fee of \$100 per sign.

The new ordinance's language eliminates this fee schedule entirely. Going forward, the City will instead collect a \$1,000 cash bond for building permits valued over \$200,000. Zoning application customers, meanwhile, will only incur fees for lost or unreturned signs.

"Updating the cash bond fee structure achieves several goals: it reduces customers' up-front permit costs, eliminates the post-permit refund wait period, and avoids confusion over who paid the bond and to whom the refund should be sent," Kwandras explained.

"It also helps further streamline CDD operations - no more filling out and filing bond forms, for example - and simplifies the process of closing out permit applications," she added.

City officials are in the process of refunding any bond payments under \$1,000 that were previously paid by customers with current/active projects.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department (cd@cityrm.org or 847-506-6030).

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"Our niche is hospitality: we take care of the daily office operations so members can focus on doing great work and growing their businesses," Ms. Hauser added.

'How do People Work Best?'

It was a question that Ms. Hauser was asking herself even before launching 25N Coworking in 2014. As a licensed interior designer tasked with helping a large corporate client consolidate multiple operations into one dynamic space, she soon realized the "shared space" blueprint could also work for individual companies, entrepreneurs, home-based businesses, and other enterprises - especially those based in suburban markets.

"I took what I learned from working with large corporations and applied it to this concept," Ms. Hauser recalled. "25N is a platform that allows

professionals to apply their energies and talents to building their brands, find a better life/work balance, and become part of a supportive, collaborative member network."

The model has proven successful. Since opening 25N's first space in Geneva, Ms. Hauser has opened six other coworking spaces in Illinois, Texas, and Virginia. Her approach has been deliberate: each new office serves as a case study for experimenting with new ideas and approaches. She then sees what works and what doesn't, and applies those takeaways to other sites.

Destination Meadows

When searching for a location for 25N Coworking's latest site, Rolling Meadows and Continental Towers proved an appealing destination. As its website states, 25N sits "at



25N meeting rooms offer state-of-the-art A/V equipment and comfortable space for members.

the sweet spot where I-90 and I-290 meet" in the heart of the bustling northwest suburban market.

"When you're trying to recreate an urban corporate environment in a suburban campus setting, it's essential to have accessibility, ample parking, and excellent amenities," Ms. Hauser explained. "Rolling Meadows' geographic location offers exceptional value and

convenience for our member businesses. It was a key driver in our decision to come here."

'Let's Meet!'

Ms. Hauser invites Rolling Meadows business professionals to see for themselves how 25N Coworking can serve them. To schedule a 30-minute tour or book a day pass, visit www.25ncoworking.com/locations/rolling-meadows-il or call 847-881-3876.

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City Bans Coal Tar Sealants; Ordinance Took Effect January 1st

Rolling Meadows has joined a growing number of communities throughout Illinois and across the country that ban cancer-causing coal tar sealants commonly used to maintain asphalt parking lots, driveways, and walking paths.

The City Council-approved ordinance, which took effect January 1st:

- Prohibits the use of coal tar pavement sealants on public and private commercial property,
- Prohibits the sale of coal tar sealant products in Rolling Meadows,

- Requires contractors performing pavement sealant services in the City to obtain an annual license, and,
- Establishes fines ranging from \$100 - \$500 per offense.

"Coal tar sealants contain extremely high levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which are a known carcinogen and toxic to humans, pets, and aquatic life," explained Public Works Supervisor Ryan Rivard. "Eliminating their use will help safeguard community health, protect our waterways, and improve the



Asphalt-based seal coats are a safer alternative to coal tar sealants.

City's quality of life."

Safer alternatives to coal tar sealants include asphalt-based seal coats, and products containing gilsonite or acrylic.

Other communities that ban the use of coal tar sealants include Deerfield, Evanston,

Glenview, Hoffman Estates, Highland Park, and Mount Prospect.

Elsewhere, California, Minnesota, and Washington have instituted state-wide bans on coal tar sealants. Currently, there is no state law on the books in Illinois.

2023 Capital Projects Represent Investments in Rolling Meadows' Future

Rolling Meadows' long-term Capital Projects program ensures that aging infrastructure assets, such as streets and underground utility lines, are continually upgraded and enhanced to meet 21st Century demands.

A Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) developed by City staff and approved by Council members each year helps guide the planning,

funding, and implementation of these projects to meet the changing needs of Rolling Meadows' business community and the residents who live, work, and shop here.

Major projects taking place in 2023 include:



Capital project investments help City leaders meet the needs of local businesses.

Park Street Storm Sewer (Phase I) – Installation of

approximately 675 linear feet of storm sewer lines that will help alleviate flooding near

Rolling Meadows' downtown corridor and Kimball Hill Elementary School.

Sunset/Brookview Sanitary Sewer (Phase II) – Installation of approximately 600 linear feet of sanitary sewer main along Sunset Drive.

Street Resurfacing – Milling and overlaying streets with hot mix asphalt, and spot curb and sidewalk removal/replacement. Roads being repaved this year include South Street, South Court, Brookmeade Drive, Plum Grove Drive, and Magnolia Drive.

Street Reconstruction – Asphalt removal and replacement, reclamation of pozzolanic base course, and spot

curb and sidewalk removal/replacement. Roads being rebuilt this year include Old Mill Lane, Deerfield Lane, and Millstone Lane.

Bike Path Expansion – Expands the City's system with a new bike path on Quentin Road (from Euclid to Hartung Road) and Hartung Road (from Quentin Road to Old Plum Grove Road). Project elements include tree removal, existing sidewalk removal, and installation of a 10-foot-wide path.

Get updates on local construction projects by visiting www.cityrm.org/643/Construction-Projects. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at pw@cityrm.org or 847-963-0500.



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City Posts Fourth of July Parade Applications Register by June 23rd to Ensure Your Participation

Rolling Meadows' annual Fourth of July Parade is a "star-spangled" opportunity for local businesses to build amazing floats, decorate vehicles, and join in one of the City's most treasured celebrations.

Savvy professionals also recognize it as a high-profile invitation to get their brands and services in front of thousands of potential customers.

Applications for this year's parade are available online at www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8IILTzKSIPAKHh1pXEYD_0F4iD-QvenSr2j9m2VL3Xqe3Jw/viewform. Submit completed applications by June 23rd to confirm participation.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 x 1002 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.



Taking Care of Business May 17th Chamber Luncheon to Feature 'State of the City' Address

Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce's 2023 "Taking Care of Business" Luncheon will feature a "State of the City" presentation that highlights the status of current and upcoming economic/business development projects taking place throughout the City.

Registration fees (Executive member \$25; Partner member \$30; Classic/Associate member \$35; non-member \$50) include networking, lunch, and program. Visit www.rmchamber.org to reserve your spot.



The luncheon, open to all business professionals and community members, will be held Wednesday, May 17th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, at Meridian Banquets (1701 West Algonquin Road).

Sponsorship Opportunities

- **Event Sponsor (\$500):** Includes four tickets; display table; four-minute self-introduction; logo in all marketing materials; name on website, social media post, and e-blast.
- **Table Sponsor (\$250):** Includes two tickets; display table; two-minute self-introduction; logo in marketing materials; name on website. *Note: Five sponsor maximum*
- **Lunch Sponsor (\$100):** Includes one ticket; recognition during program; name in marketing materials.