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PR2 Graphics President Takshal Mehta (left) and Bob Deschner, Vice President of Production, prepare a client a sign order.

PR2 Graphics Leaves Lasting Impressions In Digital Blueprint/Large Format Market Segments

PR2 Graphics, a 30-year member of the Rolling Meadows business community, has left a “lasting impression” in the digital blueprinting and construction services field. Meanwhile, investments in new technology, combined with an unwavering commitment to customer service, have helped the company reach new heights.

The year was 2008, and Takshal Mehta was at a professional crossroads. He had spent the past decade working in hospitality sales and marketing but was looking for new opportunities.

“I was burned out and needed a change of pace,” Mr. Mehta recalled. “Some family friends

of ours owned a blueprint company in Oak Park and that seemed interesting from a business perspective.”

Despite knowing nothing about blueprints or the printing field, Mr. Mehta began exploring the marketplace. He soon learned about Rolling Meadows-based PR2

Graphics – which was about to go up for sale – through an industry connection. He bought the business in 2008.

Growing Pains

They say timing is everything. Despite the exhilaration of embarking on a new challenge, Mr. Mehta found

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Spain-Based Manufacturing Companies Celebrate New Joint Rolling Meadows-Based Headquarters

Two companies from the Basque region of Spain – now Rolling Meadows neighbors – held their joint ribbon-cutting ceremonies on June 20th.

Precision grinding and hard turning machine manufacturer **Danobat Inc.** (4080 Winnetka Avenue) and CNC manufacturer **Fagor Automation** (4020 Winnetka Avenue)

inaugurated their new Rolling Meadows headquarters with a celebration that welcomed



customers, media representatives, and overseas and local leaders.

It was an opportunity to showcase both companies’ Technology Centers, which offered attendees an up-close view of innovative technology and customized solutions on display.

Learn more by visiting www.danobat.com/en-us and www.fagorautomation.com/en-us.

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New Rolling Meadows Commerce Center to Feature 600,000 ft. of Industrial Space Along Golf Road Corridor

Chicago-based Brennan Investment Group's acquisition of the former Atrium Corporate Center at 3800 Golf Road is the first step in the company's plans to transform the site into the Rolling Meadows Commerce Center (RMC²), a major industrial development project that will feature 600,000 square feet of space for companies in the manufacturing, distribution, and data center fields.

The property's location, where Illinois Route 53, Interstate 90, and Interstate 290 converge, "is unmatched in terms of

its logistical advantages via the confluence of interstate systems, its access to a large and diverse workforce, and its proximity to best-in-class amenities, including restaurants, hotels, and shopping," said Managing Principal Kevin Brennan in a news release.

The project is expected to create hundreds of new jobs and millions of dollars of investment in the community. Construction timelines have yet to be confirmed.

Learn more by visiting www.brennanllc.com.



This design rendering showcases Brennan Investment Group's plans for the new Rolling Meadows Commerce Center on Golf Road.

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himself doing so in the midst of a global financial crisis that helped cause the Great Recession of 2008-09.

"We had a massive client base of architects and home-builders that suddenly weren't building anything when the economy bottomed out," he explained.

Looking back, Mr. Mehta readily admits the first few years of his new endeavor were challenging. PR2 Graphics stayed above water by providing blueprinting services for a variety of infrastructure projects being funded at that time through state and federal grant programs.

Invest in New Tech

As a business owner, Mr. Mehta made the conscious

decision to invest in the latest printing technologies to improve industry practices. These included an innovative "Online Plan Room" where digital drawings could be posted and accessed by clients – quite similar to file-sharing platforms such as Microsoft OneDrive or Dropbox that would debut several years later.

These investments, combined with structural changes in the construction industry that were taking place simultaneously, helped Mr. Mehta and his team expand PR2's client base.

The company also retooled its shop with state-of-the-art wide format digital printers, which offer vibrant colors and sharp graphics with much faster turnaround times.

Branching Out

PR2 Graphics initially focused on providing digital blueprinting services for the building and construction industry. However, as the company explored growth strategies, Mr. Mehta and his team made strategic investments in new equipment to expand their service offerings and cater to a wider range of client needs, particularly in the signage area.

Today, PR2 Graphics is a comprehensive "one-stop-shop" for all printing and sign needs. The ability to offer large signage for both indoor and outdoor purposes – as well as window, wall, and floor graphics – "felt like a natural extension of the business that has helped us meet changing client expectations," Mr. Mehta added.

Client-Focused

While technological innovation has played an essential

role in PR2 Graphics' growth, a more "vintage" commitment to service has also been essential. The company's core customer values, as stated on its website, are (1) Service, (2) Quality, (3) Speed, and (4) Affordability.

"Customer service is the lifeblood of our business, and meeting production deadlines is how we ensure our long-term success," explained Bob Deschner, Vice President of Production. "We work closely with our clients to understand their needs, determine when they need the job completed, and then figure out a way to get it done quickly and affordably."

Mr. Mehta credits the entire team for PR2's continued success. In fact, all staff members have been cross-trained, so "even our marketing coordinator can run the machines, if necessary," he added.

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Cook County's 2023 Source Grant program will provide \$40 million in grants to help small businesses stabilize operations, foster post-Covid recovery and resiliency, and advance equity. Companies with fewer than 20 full-time employees are invited to apply for grants of \$10,000 or \$20,000. Submit applications to www.cookcountysmallbiz.org/sourcegrant by **Friday, August 18th**.

City Approves Updates to Tree Preservation Guidelines; Permits Now Required for Removal of 'Protected Trees'

Updates to Rolling Meadows' Tree Preservation guidelines recently approved by City Council are designed to ensure the preservation of a vital natural resource that promotes commercial and residential property values and enhances the City's overall quality of life.

The new guidelines require property owners to acquire a permit before removing trees from commercial, office, industrial, or multi-family properties.

Approved permits will be issued at no charge to applicants by the Community Development Department, with input provided by the

Public Works Department's Forestry Division.

"Similar to how zoning laws help local governments protect the community's interest, the newly revised tree guidelines ensure the preservation of an important natural resource," explained Jo Ellen Charlton, Assistant Public Works Director. "They also ensure that property owners plant new trees when existing trees are removed."

In certain situations, property owners may be able to pay a replacement fee instead of planting new trees. Fees are determined by a formula based on the size and number



of trees being removed.

Exemptions Provided

The guidelines exempt certain "nuisance tree" species from the protected list, meaning they may be removed without a permit.

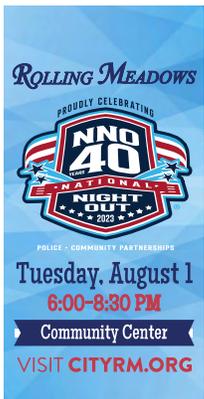
Diseased trees, or those that

pose a public safety hazard, are also waived from these requirements.

Applications Available Online

Visit www.cityrm.org to learn more about program specifics and to access a tree removal permit application.

Street Banner Program Finds Partners Among Local Businesses & Community Groups



Nearly 30 local businesses and community organizations signed on as partners in Rolling Meadows' 2023 street banner promotional initiative.

The annual program offers local groups a unique opportunity to market themselves to local audiences by purchasing customized panels (featuring an organization's name or logo) that hang beneath decorative street banners displayed along Kirchoff Road and other high-traffic areas around town.

Proceeds from each sale helps offset the program's costs while also benefiting the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity that provides financial support to Rolling Meadows' community events. It relies solely on tax-deductible contributions and gifts from donors.

Learn more at www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation.

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Finance Dept. Accepts GFOA 'Triple Crown' for Third Straight Year

For the third year in a row, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded its Triple Crown designation to Rolling Meadows in recognition of the City's commitment to financial/budgetary reporting excellence.

For Budgeting/Financial Transparency

The Triple Crown designation certifies that Rolling Meadows earned all three of the GFOA's budgeting and financial transparency awards for fiscal year (FY) 2021. They include the:

- **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting:** demonstrates a commitment to budgetary transparency and the highest accounting standards.

- **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award:** certifies that an organization meets or exceeds all nationally accepted guidelines for effective budget presentation.
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR):** recognizes governmental entities for their commitment to financial transparency and public education on budget-related manners.

Communities that earn the Triple Crown are committed to "producing annual reports that evidence the spirit of full disclosure and transparency," according to a GFOA press release.

Longstanding Reputation for Excellence
 The 2021 Triple Crown is the latest municipal accounting accolade presented to Rolling Meadows and reflects a decades-long reputation for financial reporting excellence: it has earned the GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" every year since 1985 and is a seven-time recipient of the association's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award."

For more information on Rolling Meadows Finance Department operations, visit www.cityrm.org/221/Finance-Department.