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## Five Guys, Noodles & Company Restaurants Announce Plans to Come to Rolling Meadows

Mouths are watering across Rolling Meadows, following news that two popular restaurant chains have announced plans to open here in 2011.

Five Guys, a growing franchise that has won numerous awards for its burgers, hot dogs and fries, has submitted building plans to the Community Development Department for a new location at the southwest corner of Golf and Algonquin Roads.

Noodles & Company has also expressed interest in adding Rolling Meadows to its more than 240 locations nationwide. The restaurant offers noodles, sandwiches

and salads inspired by "the best dishes from Asia, the Mediterranean and America," according to its Website.

"In spite of the lingering effects of the Great Recession, businesses continue to view Rolling Meadows as a good investment," Community Development Director Valerie Dehner says. "Five

Guys and Noodles & Company are just the latest examples of respected companies that are drawn to this City because of its business-friendly environment."



Those policies helped convince another respected company, Honey Baked Ham, to keep its Rolling Meadows

roots. It will be moving to a new location on Algonquin Road, at the Marketplace of Rolling Meadows, early this year. Rolling Meadows was the company's first Illinois location.

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## Police Department Secures Nearly \$300,000 in Grants

An aggressive approach to identifying grant opportunities that support law enforcement operations helped the Rolling Meadows Police Department collect nearly \$300,000 in federal grants in 2010, Police Chief Dave Scanlan reports.

The Department was able to secure grants that provided funding for equipment such as in-car cameras and specialized radios. Other grants helped support tactical operations, such as DUI, seatbelt and speed enforcement, as well as officer training.

"Our success in securing more than a quarter million dollars has helped fund important police operations while lessening the burden on taxpayers," Chief Scanlan explains. "The weak economy has significantly affected the City's ability to fund police operations. We made seeking out federal grant funding to make up for the shortfall one of our top priorities."

Examples of grants received by the Police Department in 2010 include:

- **\$15,000 for STARCOM 21 Radios** that allow Rolling Meadows Police to communicate with law enforcement agencies across Illinois on a dedicated system.
- **\$43,500 for 11 patrol car-mounted cameras.**
- **\$43,000 in training grants.**
- **\$70,000 for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) equipment.**

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# Volunteer Program Helps Police Focus On Law Enforcement, Crime Prevention

Rolling Meadows Police have launched the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program that trains residents to assist with more routine administrative activities, giving police officers more time to focus on law enforcement and crime prevention.

Officer Mark Mrozek, the program's Volunteer Coordinator, will assign Volunteer Police Assistants to specific duties, manage schedules and ensure that all volunteers receive the appropriate training.



Fourteen residents with previous volunteer experience or who have completed disaster preparedness training

through the Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) have expressed interest in serving. The response far exceeded the Department's expectations.

"The public's response to this program underscores the strong relationships we have built with those we serve," Officer Mrozek explains. "With today's budgetary constraints, everyone is doing more with less. By handling more time consuming and routine tasks, dedicated

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VIPS volunteers will allow police officers to focus on the more complex aspects of law enforcement."

Volunteer responsibilities will include:

- Handicapped parking enforcement.
- Front desk staffing support.
- Investigating animal violations.
- Enforcing the City's business license ordinance.
- Speed enforcement.
- Traffic control assistance.
- Clerical duties in support of the Department's Patrol Division and Records Management System.

Volunteers will **not** respond to crimes in progress, conduct investigations, or carry a firearm or any other weapon while performing their duties.

## WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone To Launch Service in Rolling Meadows

Rolling Meadows residents will soon have expanded choices for cable television, phone and high-speed Internet services.

WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone will begin offering a range of options to residents in select neighborhoods this spring, and throughout the entire City by year's end. Services include digital cable, high definition television (HDTV), digital video recorder (DVR) service, local and long distance telephone service, and a variety of Internet connection speeds.

AT&T and Comcast continue to offer these kinds of services in Rolling Meadows as well.

The company has served communities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio since 1996. Local municipalities currently receiving WOW! services include Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge and Schaumburg.

"As one of the nation's leading providers of high-speed Internet, cable TV and phone, we believe in providing our

customers with simple choices in bundled services, offering those bundles at a fair price that's guaranteed, and backing up our bundles with the type of quality service that each customer deserves," says WOW! Senior Vice President and General Manager Kelvin Fee.

"We are proud to come to Rolling Meadows and plan to offer more exciting services in the future."



**It's that kind of experience.**

Construction teams will soon be working to install the utility lines that will bring WOW! services to neighborhoods throughout Rolling Meadows.

For more information about WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone services, call 866-202-0872, or visit [www.wowway.com/comingsoon](http://www.wowway.com/comingsoon).

## 2011 Budget Maintains Existing Service Levels

City Council passed a 2011 budget that maintains existing service levels and ensures that the City meets its pension obligations.

Reductions in employee expenditures, union concessions and an increase in the City's property tax levy helped close a projected deficit.

"The 2011 budget maintains existing service levels for residents and begins the process of rebuilding depleted reserves," Acting City Manager Barry Krumstok says. "It also ensures that the City meets its pension fund obligations."

Customers will also pay an additional 62 cents per month (\$7.44 per year) for refuse services. However, the budget contains no increases in water, sewer and storm water fees, or funding for 911 services. The City newsletter will be published in two colors to save on production costs.

# Police Officer David Kim Deploys to Afghanistan

Rolling Meadows Police Officer David Kim, who three years ago served on the personal security detail of General David Petraeus in Iraq, is preparing to deploy for a one-year tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Officer Kim grew up in Arlington Heights and graduated from Rolling Meadows High School in 2001. He enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 2004 and will resume his studies at Northwestern University upon his return from Afghanistan.

A Staff Sergeant in the Reserve and Bronze Star recipient, Officer Kim recalls his tour in Iraq as a life-changing experience. General Petraeus is Commander of the International



*General David Petraeus awards Staff Sergeant David Kim the Bronze Star Medal (above). Kim is pictured at left during a previous tour of duty in Iraq.*

Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Commander, U.S. Forces, in Afghanistan. He previously served as Commanding General of Multi-National Forces in Iraq.

"General Petraeus is a great motivator. He was able to explain our mission in Iraq to the troops more effectively than anyone else I've heard, and the soldiers really appreciated that," Officer Kim recalls.

As a member of Gen. Petraeus' detail, Officer Kim met several VIPs, including South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. He also met actress Angelina Jolie, who was in Iraq on a goodwill tour in support of the troops.

"I've served in Iraq, and now it's time for me to serve in Afghanistan,"

he says when asked his thoughts on his deployment. "I feel proud to play a small role in finishing up our mission over there."

## Incentive Plan Offers Employees \$20,000 to Leave City Service

Seeking to reduce expenditures in the wake of a sluggish economy, City officials have offered full-time staff members with at least eight years of employment a one-time payment of \$20,000 to leave City service.

The voluntary separation incentive (VSI) program was offered to 110 employees in December. Staff members who accept the agreement will leave City employment by July 31, Acting City

Manager Barry Krumstok explains.

Employee salaries and benefits comprise more than 80% of the City's General Fund. Rolling Meadows currently employs around 170 people, including part-time and seasonal employees.

The ongoing economic downturn has significantly affected the City's ability to fund services. The VSI program was among many cost-cutting options discus-

sed by City Council members and staff.

"City employees are not required to accept the VSI program. It is completely voluntary," Krumstok says. "As the program unfolds, we should see opportunities to lower personnel costs by hiring new employees at lower pay scales to replace those who leave. We will also adopt operational efficiencies and adjust the City's future staffing plans where appropriate," he adds.

### [Economic Development: By the Numbers](#)

## Research in Motion Expands Local Office to 280 Employees

Research in Motion (RIM), maker of the Blackberry™ smartphone, has increased the number of employees at its Rolling Meadows location to 280, the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce reports.

RIM, based in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, was named one of the fastest growing companies in the world by *Fortune* Magazine.

"RIM is an integral member of the Rolling Meadows business community, and we congratulate them on their continued growth and future success," Chamber Executive Director Linda Ballantine says.

## New Residents, New Car Purchasers Eligible for Half-Price Vehicle Stickers

The City has reduced the price of its 2010-11 vehicle stickers by 50% for new residents and those who have purchased a new vehicle.

Discounted stickers start at \$11 and are available at City Hall. Discounted stickers cannot be purchased online.

The City will send 2011-12 vehicle sticker applications to all motorists in early June. Sticker costs will remain at \$22 for most cars and trucks.

Funds generated from vehicle sticker sales support Rolling Meadows' ongoing street maintenance activities, which keep City streets in good condition and prevent excessive wear and tear on residents' vehicles.

# January 2011

	<p>January 4: Economic Development Committee, 6 p.m., Environmental Committee, 7 p.m., Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m., all at City Hall</p>					<p>Public Works Crews will pick up Christmas trees for disposal January 3 – 14. Strip trees of lights, tinsel and ornaments and place them at the curb (cut end facing the street) on regular refuse day.</p>	<p>1 NEW YEAR'S DAY</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP							
<p>9 Historical Museum Open House, 1 – 4 p.m., 3100 Central Road.</p>	<p>10 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, 9 a.m., City Hall</p>	<p>11 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall</p>	12	<p>13 Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall</p>	14	15	
CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP							
16	<p>17 Dr. Martin Luther King Day. City Hall closed, regular refuse pickup.</p>	<p>18 City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 p.m., City Hall</p>	19	<p>20 Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 p.m., City Hall</p> <p>Water bills due</p>	21	22	
23	24	<p>25 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall</p>	26	27	<p>28 Holiday light recycling program ends. Drop off box at City Hall.</p>	29	
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6	<p>7 Police Pension Board, 3:30 p.m., City Hall</p>	<p>8 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall</p>	<p>9 Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., City Hall</p>	10	<p>11 Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall</p>	12
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## In Memoriam

# Former Alderman Suzanne Jungmann Enjoyed ‘Being Involved and Working with People’

Longtime Rolling Meadows resident, former 3rd Ward Alderman and community volunteer Suzanne Jungmann died November 28. She was 85 years old.

Mayor Ken Nelson described Jungmann as a conscientious member of City Council who always wanted what was best for the City.

“She always studied the issues and talked to people and ultimately formed her decision based on what was best for the city,” he said in a *Daily Herald* article.

After retiring from S & C Electric Company in 1991 after 26 years of employment, Jungmann made volunteering her full-time career. A two-term alderman, she served on the City’s Zoning Board of Appeals, the Commission for Residents with Disabilities, the Veterans Committee and the Comprehensive Code Updating Committee.

Jungmann also chaired the ad hoc Historical



Committee, which preceded the Rolling Meadows Historical Society. The committee planned and executed the vision for the award-winning Rolling Meadows Historical Museum.

A graduate of the Citizens Police and Fire Academies, she also logged countless volunteer hours with the Rolling Meadows Police Department.

“I enjoy being involved and working with people,”

Jungmann told *News & Views* several years back. “Rolling Meadows is such a special place because its people honestly believe in helping their neighbors. All I want is to give something back.”

Jungmann is survived by her husband, Dick, daughters Beverly and Marilee, and two grandchildren.



*Suzanne Jungmann joins “Abe Lincoln” at the unveiling of the City’s Veterans Memorial in 1999.*

## Residents Play Key Role in City’s Snow Removal Plans

Homeowners and businesses throughout Rolling Meadows play an important role in helping the City’s snow plowing efforts, according to Public Works Director Fred Vogt.

It may seem like common sense to shovel or blow snow from driveways and sidewalks out into the street and let the plows take it away. However, this ends up creating more work for residents and inadvertently causes hazardous conditions for motorists.

“We recommend that residents shovel snow to the right side of the driveway when facing the street, and into yard areas whenever possible,” Vogt explained. “Otherwise, the plows will push the snow right back onto the driveway. More importantly, snow that is

pushed onto a recently plowed street can be dangerous for drivers,” he adds.

Homeowners are also encouraged to clear the sidewalks of snow for the safety of school children and other pedestrians.

Other ways to help Public Works’ snow removal efforts include:

- **Observe winter parking bans** –

Parking on City streets is prohibited for eight hours following a snowfall of at least one inch. This allows plows to access streets without having to avoid parked cars.

- **Keep fire hydrants clear of snow**

– Shoveling snow around fire hydrants may save lives. In emergency situations where seconds count, firefighters depend

on their ability to easily reach nearby hydrants.

- **Check mailboxes for needed repairs** – Snow and ice plowed from streets can be heavy and cause damage to weakly supported mailboxes.

Mailboxes that have been maintained and are in good condition should withstand the rigors of a typical snow season. The City will only pay for repairs to mailboxes hit by plows during snow removal operations. It does not offer reimbursement for the interruption of mail service if a mailbox becomes inaccessible, damaged, knocked over or buried by accumulated snow.



### Register to Vote in April Election by March 8

The deadline to register to vote in the April 5 Consolidated Election – where Rolling Meadows voters will cast ballots for mayor, city clerk, and alderman in Wards 1, 3, 5 and 7 – is March 8. Voters may register in person at City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road, or the Cook County Clerk’s Office at the Rolling Meadows Courthouse, 2121 Euclid Avenue. For more information on the April election, contact the Cook County Clerk’s office at 312-603-0906 or visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com).

## 2011 to Bring Change in Leadership At State, Local Levels

By Mayor Ken Nelson

Happy New Year and welcome to 2011! The upcoming year will bring change in the elected leadership of our area. While our three state senators each return, three new state representatives will be sworn in on January 10.

Most of Rolling Meadows will be represented by Republican Tom Morrison, who defeated long-time incumbent Suzi Bassi in last year's primary election. Residents in the southeast quadrant of the city will now be represented by Republican David Harris, replacing incumbent Mark Walker. And the far western reaches of our city will be represented by Democrat Michelle Mussman, who succeeds retiring Paul Froehlich.

Our city has had a wonderful working relationship with all three of the representatives who will be leaving office, and I will miss each of them. But I've also met and talked with all three of the incoming folks and am comfortable they'll be keeping the best interests of our citizens at heart during what are sure to be tough decisions in the coming year. It's important we have a strong relationship with our state delegation, since what's done in Springfield has a major impact on us.

And, on the local level, there will be at least three new faces on the City Council dais after April. 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Glenn Adams and I have reached the end of our term limits, and 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman John Pitzaferra has chosen not to seek reelection. I hope you'll all study each candidate in the April 5<sup>th</sup> election and be sure to get out and vote.

## Museum Open House Recreates 1950s Holiday Decor

Take a stroll down memory lane and recall holidays of yesteryear Sunday, January 9, 1 – 4 p.m., when the Rolling Meadows Historical Society hosts its annual community open house.

Residents of all ages are invited to the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum, 3100

### Support the Museum

Tax-deductible donations help support ongoing programs and cover museum expenses. Submit donations to:

Rolling Meadows Historical Society  
3100 Central Road  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008



The Museum's aluminum Christmas tree.

Central Road, for guided tours and refreshments. Historical Society members have "decked the halls" with a variety of vintage decorations that will amuse younger generations and offer sweet nostalgia to their parents and grandparents.

The museum's regular winter hours are Sundays, 1 – 4 p.m. For more information on Historical Society activities and events, call 847-577-

7086 or visit [www.cityrm.org/HTML/historical\\_museum.htm](http://www.cityrm.org/HTML/historical_museum.htm).

## More Than 500 Homeowners Register for City's Electronic Utility Billing System

More than 500 homeowners have signed up for a Web-based utility billing service that is helping to save Rolling Meadows taxpayers thousands of dollars per year in processing, printing and mailing costs.

Customers who register for the program receive a monthly email with a link to their utility billing statement. This "electronic" utility bill replaces the printed bills that are mailed monthly to residents. The email also contains a link to the City's newsletter, *News & Views*.

"Electronic billing continues the Finance Department's efforts to "go green" by reducing the number of printed bills and newsletters we mail each month," explains Senior Accountant Diana Schoeneck. "We are very pleased

by the number of residents who have registered so far."

The e-billing system was launched last summer as a way to enhance customer service and streamline operations. It is fully compatible with the City's online payment options.

City officials predicted residential response to the program would be strong because nearly 25% of utility customers pay their bills either online or by direct debit. E-billing customers may also print bills out and pay by mail or in person at City Hall.

To register for e-billing, visit the City's Website, [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org), and click the "Sign Up for eBilling" icon on the homepage. For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500.

## Police Department Secures Nearly \$300,000

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- \$69,000 to upgrade the Police Department's Records Management System.

- \$15,000 to fund the Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

- \$20,000 for gang enforcement.

The Department is also applying for a grant that, if approved, would cover the purchase of a new police car later this year.

"Until the economy rebounds and revenues bounce back, we must continue to be creative when it comes to funding law enforcement operations. We will pursue grants wherever and whenever they are available," Chief Scanlan adds.