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Kirchoff Road business corridor

90-DAY 'DEVELOPMENT PAUSE' TO HELP CITY LEADERS UPDATE PLANS FOR KIRCHOFF ROAD

A 90-day moratorium on new business development along Rolling Meadows' Kirchoff Road business corridor, approved by City Council in September, provides an opportunity to review/revise land use plans for the area in light of two significant market factors: (1) consumer and societal changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and (2) the Chicago Bears' proposed redevelopment of the former Arlington Park property.

Plans call for the Kirchoff Road corridor to become "a vibrant and walkable downtown district that will be an amenity for Rolling Meadows residents and an attraction for visitors to the area," according to a City news release announcing the moratorium.

To that end, City officials are taking a proactive approach to encourage commercial business development along Kirchoff Road that will achieve established goals and also mesh well with any potential Arlington Park redevelopment.

"What happens in the coming months will shape the character of

Rolling Meadows for years to come," explained Mayor Lara Sanoica. "It is important that we act deliberately and strive for future development that our residents can be proud of."

City leaders are also finalizing Rolling Meadows' first ever Business Development Strategic Plan. When completed, the plan will guide economic development efforts along Kirchoff Road and throughout the City over the next three years.

A moratorium is a planning tool used by communities throughout the country to maintain the status quo while preparing a long-term development strategy. Rolling Meadows' 90-day pause applies primarily to new construction along Kirchoff Road. It does not prevent new businesses from opening or prohibit existing businesses from making routine property improvements.

City officials may consider extending the moratorium in order to fully update existing land use plans and regulations.

OCT. 7TH HOMETOWN HOEDOWN: BE THERE OR BE SQUARE (DANCING)

Rolling Meadows is going FULL-BLOWN COUNTRY for this year's Hometown Hoedown (Saturday, October 7th). So, break out your best pair of cowboy/cowgirl boots, gather family and friends, and "walk the line" to Kimball Hill Park for an afternoon/evening of great entertainment!

Highlights of this year's festivities will include:

- **Kids Activities** (2:00 – 5:00 pm). Enjoy crafts, hayrides, petting zoo, face painting, games, and more.
- **Square Dancing Demonstration** (3:00 pm)
- **Line Dancing** (4:00 – 6:00 pm)



- **Live Music** (6:00 – 8:00 pm). [Hillbilly Rockstarz](#) will entertain audience members with a lively performance featuring great songs from a diverse collection of acts – everyone from Luke Combs and Tim McGraw to Whitney Houston and Guns N' Roses.
- **Cowboy Cookout & Bar** (2:00 – 8:00 pm): Food and beverages will be provided by [Rep's Place](#). Guests must present a valid ID for alcohol purchases.

Find the latest event updates on the City's [Facebook page](#).

CITY MOURNS LOSS OF TWO PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Rolling Meadows pays tribute to the following public safety employees who recently passed away:



Michael Spanos

- **Police Commander Michael Spanos** (August 22nd). Cmdr. Spanos joined RMPD in 2000 and was well respected, a mentor to many, and a leader who never wavered in providing exceptional service to the public he so proudly served.



Jacek Brylewski

- **Firefighter/Paramedic Jacek Brylewski** (August 24th). Jacek's legacy as a firefighter/paramedic will forever remain etched in our hearts. We remember his joyous presence and his dedication to helping others.

We thank these lost heroes for their service. Our thoughts are with the families they leave behind.

SAVE THE DATE! FIRE DEPARTMENT TO WELCOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT OCTOBER 14TH OPEN HOUSE

Meet Rolling Meadows firefighters and learn more about the life-saving services they provide Saturday, October 14th, 10 am – 2 pm, when the Fire Department hosts its annual Open House at Station 15 (3201 Algonquin Road).

Highlights will include:

- Live burn/fire sprinkler demonstration
- Fire extinguisher training
- Touch-a-truck
- Vehicle extrication demonstration
- Station tours
- Kids' activities
- Free food and refreshments

Attendees may park their vehicles at LaMirage (3223 Algonquin Rd.),



then walk over to the Open House. Additional parking will be available at 3315 Algonquin Road.

For more information, call 847-397-3352 or visit the Fire Department's [Facebook page](#).

'BE ALARMED' FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE SMOKE DETECTORS TO CITY RESIDENTS

Rolling Meadows has partnered with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance to launch a City-wide fire safety education program that also provides complimentary smoke detectors to homes that need them.



Through the "Be Alarmed!" program, RMFD has received a limited number of concealed battery smoke detectors that are available to residents with outdated devices or those without working smoke alarms in their homes.

These units, which are designed to last a full 10 years when properly maintained, will be installed by Fire Department members at no cost to eligible residents.

For more information and to determine eligibility, contact RMFD at 847-397-3352 or fd@cityrm.org.

The "Be Alarmed!" program is designed to:

- Educate residents on the dangers of home fires.
- Help prevent home fires from occurring.
- Ensure that residents have properly installed smoke alarms in their residences.

Additional program information is available through the [Illinois Fire Safety Alliance](#) and the [Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal](#).



Working smoke detectors save lives and protect property.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 8TH - 14TH HOME FIRE STATISTICS HIGHLIGHT CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS

Nearly 60% of home fire deaths in the U.S. occur in residences without working smoke detectors, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In honor of National Fire Prevention Week (10/8 – 10/14), the Rolling Meadows Fire Department presents the following life-saving Q&A for residents.

Q. Where should residents install smoke detectors in their homes?

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.

Note: Updates to the Act that took effect January 1st require residents to replace old smoke detectors with new units containing sealed batteries designed to last the life of the

device (10 years.)

Q. What about carbon monoxide detectors?

A. State law requires homeowners, landlords, and building owners to install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors within 15 feet of any room where people sleep. This applies only to dwellings that use fossil fuel 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.

For more information on home fire safety, contact the RMFD at fd@cityrm.org or 847-397-3352.

PUBLIC WORKS TO HOST E-WASTE/SHREDDING EVENT, OCTOBER 7TH

The Public Works Department will host an electronics recycling and document shredding event Saturday, October 7th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, at its 3900 Berdnick Street facility.

The event, Sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is an opportunity for residents of Rolling Meadows and other SWANCC communities to safely recycle TVs, computers, and other electronics equipment. State law prohibits these items from being deposited in landfills.

It will also offer a safe, convenient way to dispose of sensitive documents, including old tax forms, bank statements, medical records, and more (limit six bags or boxes).

Attendees should bring ID to confirm they are SWANCC customers.

For more information, and a full listing of accepted eWaste items, visit www.swancc.org or contact Public Works (pw@cityrm.org or 847-963-0500).

Recycle Outdated Electronics Equipment, including:

- Cell phones
- Computers and monitors
(Desktops, Notebooks, Tablets)
- Fax machines
- Keyboards and mice
- MP3 players
- Printers (multi-function printers)
- Satellite and cable receivers
- Scanners
- Televisions (all types)
- Video Game Consoles
- Video Recorders/Players



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.*

10/2: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

10/3: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 6:30 pm; **Library Board**, 7:00 pm, RM Library (3110 Martin Ln.)

10/7: **Hometown Hoedown**, 2:00 – 8:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park

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

10/10: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

10/11: **Fire Pension Board**, 8:30 am

10/12: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (Red light), 1:00 pm (Code), 2:00 pm (Parking)

10/14: **Fire Dept. Open House**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Station 15 (3201 Algonquin Rd)

10/17: **Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

10/20: **Water bills due**

10/23: **Police Pension Board**, 3:30 pm

10/24: **Veterans Committee**, 6:00 pm; **Capital Projects Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

10/31: **Halloween**, Trick-or-treat hours: 3:00 – 8:00 pm

October 2023						
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View agendas for upcoming City Council meetings – and volunteer board and commission meetings – at www.cityrm.org.



Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner honors those who have proudly defended our freedom with a celebratory evening of multi-generational camaraderie.

FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS TO RECONNECT AT NOVEMBER 10TH VETERANS DINNER

Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner has helped generations of local veterans reconnect with fellow service members since its inception in 2003.

This year's celebration will take place Friday, November 10th, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, at Cotillion Banquets, 360 S. Creekside Drive, in Palatine.

Admission is free for resident veterans and one guest. Attendees will enjoy complimentary appetizers, salad, dinner, dessert, and cash bar. The gathering will also feature a presentation by representatives of Honor Flight Chicago, an organiza-

tion dedicated to recognizing "the bravery, determination, and patriotism of our nation's senior war veterans with a one-of-a-kind journey to Washington, D.C."



Special thanks to Oak Street Health for sponsoring this year's event.

For more information, contact Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak (847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org).



REGISTRY HELPS CITY CONNECT WITH VETERANS; JOIN FELLOW VETERANS FOR ANNUAL PROGRAMS

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans with whom they have previously connected. This list also ensures that registered veterans receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day

ceremony, November Veterans Dinner, and other City events.

Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their names, may contact Lori Ciezak at ciezakl@cityrm.org.



Spectators cheer as the first wave of plastic ducks careens down the waterfall at Kimball Hill Park during the City's September 8th Duck Race.

SEPTEMBER DUCK RACE RAISES \$4,000 FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS

Nearly 1,000 plastic ducks "sprinted" down the waterfall at Kimball Hill Park into Salt Creek on the evening of September 8th and, in the process, raised almost \$4,000 for local environmental restoration efforts. Kudos to everyone who purchased ducks to race in this year's event!

Organizers thank the Rolling Meadows Parks Foundation, Rolling Meadows Historical Society, and Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee for sponsoring the 2023 race. Proceeds from the event will help fund upcoming initiatives of these community organizations.

Special thanks to:

- **Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.** for donating this year's grand prize money (1st Place: \$300; 2nd

Place: \$200; 3rd Place: \$100).

- **Mayor Lara Sanoica** and **Sue Walton** for serving as honorary event starters.
- **Public Works staff members** for their help running/staffing the event.



ACCESS PROPERTY INFORMATION THROUGH GIS/COMMUNITY PORTAL

Access a wealth of information on your property – the township and school district in which you reside, your regular refuse collection days, your voting precinct and polling location, and more – with the City's "Community Portal," available on its [homepage](http://www.cityrm.org/545/GIS) or at www.cityrm.org/545/GIS.



Learn more about your community and services around your property.

Enter an address to start:



Simply type your home address into the search box to find information on property attributes, local services, zoning classifications, and more.

Community Portal is made possible by Rolling Meadows' participation in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Consortium, which improves collaboration among City departments and streamlines the delivery of information to residents. To learn more, visit www.public.gisconsortium.org.



HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS
Tuesday, October 31st
3:00 – 8:00 pm
Have Fun! Stay Safe!

Rolling Meadows
3600 KIRCHOFF RD

ZONING INFORMATION MAP GALLERY PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

<p>LOCAL SERVICES</p> <p><small>The address you entered is associated with more than 1 search result for: 1 or more data.</small></p> <p>GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY WEDNESDAY</p> <p>GARBAGE COLLECTION PROVIDER City of Rolling Meadows (847-963-0500)</p> <p>RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY WEDNESDAY</p> <p>RECYCLING COLLECTION PROVIDER Flood Brothers (630) 261-0400</p> <p>CITY SERVICE INFORMATION Click here for more information</p> <p>PARK DISTRICT NAME ROLLING MEADOWS PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>PARK DISTRICT INFORMATION Click Here For More Information</p>	<p>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</p> <p><small>The address you entered is associated with more than 1 search result for: 1 or more data.</small></p> <p>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 13</p> <p>SECONDARY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 214</p>
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Driver awareness is critical for ensuring school zone safety.

SHARE THE ROAD: SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY TIPS

According to research by the [National Safety Council](#), the majority of children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old – and they’re walking. These losses are unnecessary and preventable.

With Rolling Meadows schools serving thousands of K-12 students on a daily basis, driver awareness is critical for ensuring that local children stay safe while heading to, and home from, school.

Dropping Off?

If driving your child(ren) to school, make sure you’re aware of the school’s drop-off procedures. Avoid double-parking – it may block children’s visibility – and carpool whenever possible to reduce traffic congestion.

Share the Road

Never block crosswalks when

stopped at a red light. Observe 20 mile-per-hour speeds during school hours. Stop and yield to pedestrians – they always have the right-of-way.

Give Buses a ‘Brake’

State law prohibits drivers on two-lane roads from passing a stopped school bus when its lights are flashing, and its stop signal arm is extended. Motorists found guilty of illegally passing a stopped school bus will have their drivers’ licenses revoked for three months and face fines starting at \$300.

Drivers on roads with four or more lanes are not required to stop when approaching a bus that is stopped on the opposite side of the street but should always use caution. However, motorists who are behind a stopped bus on a four-lane street are not allowed to pass.

RISING: PHOENIX FLAME RESTAURANT OPENS ON KIRCHOFF ROAD

Word is spreading like wild-fire: Phoenix Flame, one of Rolling Meadows’ newest restaurants, is getting rave reviews from community members who have tried the establishment’s impressive Latin-Mediterranean fusion menu.



tizers, wraps, soups, salads, sandwiches, and “From the Flame” specials such as spicy pork, Canadian grilled salmon, and Argentinian-style steak.

View a complete menu [here](#).

Phoenix Flame

3240 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
224-735-2351
www.phoenixflame.net

Phoenix Flame offers a lively dining experience that blends top quality ingredients with a welcoming atmosphere. Menu options include appe-

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



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5th Ward Alderman Stefanie Boucher	224-200-9015
6th Ward Alderman Mandy Reyez	847-209-5435
7th Ward Alderman Mike Koehler	847-912-8750
City Manager Rob Sabo	847-394-8500

SERVICES

Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Non-emergency	847-397-3352
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
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1

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Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

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Finance Department

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Fire Department

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