

NEWS & VIEWS

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Community members cheer as plastic ducks race down the waterfall at Kimball Hill Park.

SEPT. 13TH DUCK RACE WILL AWARD \$300 GRAND PRIZE TO WINNING CONTESTANT

Rolling Meadows' 2024 Duck Race on Friday, September 13th, is a chance to raise money for local conservation projects and win a variety of prizes – including a \$300 grand prize (\$200 and \$100 prizes for second and third places). But you can't win unless you enter!

This year's race will coincide with the City's free Friday's ROCK! concert at Kimball Hill Park. It will begin at approximately 7:30 pm, between sets by that evening's live performers (see story on page 3).

HOW TO ENTER: Purchase \$5 plastic ducks at the event or in advance at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive), City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road – Sundays only).

Want to increase your chances for victory? Purchase a "Quack Pack" of five ducks for just \$20.



Proceeds from the event will support initiatives of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee, Rolling Meadows Historical Society, and Rolling Meadows Park District.

FRIENDS, FOOD, & FUN ON TAP AT SEPT. 10TH SENIOR LUNCHEON

Residents ages 50 and up will enjoy an Italian lunch buffet, live musical entertainment, raffles, and lively conversation at this year's Senior Luncheon.

City of Rolling Meadows Presents
SENIOR LUNCH

ITALIAN FOOD PROVIDED BY FRATELLOS 2

MUSIC BY SKIP GRIPARIS

FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN FOR 50-ERS!
MUST BE 50 YEARS+, A RM RESIDENT OR A MEMBER OF THE ROLLING MEADOWS SENIOR CENTER.

TUESDAY SEPT. 10 12:30 - 2:30 PM
RM PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTER
3705 PHEASANT DR.

REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE RM PARK DISTRICT 3705 PHEASANT DRIVE

REGISTER BY PHONE 847-818-3200

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT LORI AT 847-870-9005 OR CIJZAKL@CITYRM.ORG

The gathering will take place Tuesday, September 10th, 12:30 – 2:30 pm, at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Lunch is being provided by Fratellos 2.

Attendees will witness a performance by Illinois Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member Skip Griparis (www.skipgriparis.com).

The event is open to all Rolling Meadows seniors and Adult Activity Center members. Admission is \$8 per person.

For reservations, call 847-818-3200 or register in-person at the Community Center.

PUBLIC WORKS TO HOST OCT 5TH E-WASTE/ SHREDDING EVENT

The Public Works Department will host an electronics recycling and document shredding event Saturday, October 5th, 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 (limit of seven items per household). 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 (limit six bags or boxes).

Attendees should 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.

ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE

- Cell phones
- Computers & Computer monitors (Desktops, Notebooks, Tablets)
- Converter Boxes
- Fax machines
- Keyboards & Mice
- MP3 players
- Printers and Scanners
- Televisions (all types)
- Video Game Consoles
- Video Recorders & Players

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Celebration of Hope

HUMAN SERVICES DEPT. INVITES COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO OCTOBER 10TH 'CELEBRATION OF HOPE' LUNCHEON

An October 10th fundraiser luncheon hosted by Rolling Meadows' Human Services Department will raise money for the City's non-profit Hope Fund, which helps provide emergency financial assistance to victims of domestic violence and other abuse.

The "Celebration of Hope" event at Lamirage (3223 Algonquin Rd) is open to the public. Tickets are \$55 each. For more information and to reserve your seat, simply scan the QR code.



"So often, residents facing dire circumstances – whether it be fire

or floods, or more personal tragedies such as domestic violence and child abuse – have nowhere to turn," explained Human Services Department Director Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC, AMFT. "The Hope Fund helps the City provide timely emergency assistance to those who need it most."

The event will feature a keynote presentation by the Honorable Joel Greenblatt, Associate Judge, Third Municipal District – Rolling Meadows, Domestic Violence Division.

For more information on the Rolling Meadows Hope Fund or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit <https://cityrm.org/948/Hope-Fund>.

CELEBRATION OF HOPE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Human Services is offering high-profile sponsorship opportunities for local businesses that are interested in supporting the Celebration of Hope luncheon and the Hope Fund:

Diamond Level	\$3,000
Platinum Level	\$2,000
Gold Level	\$1,000
Silver Level	\$500
Bronze Level	\$250

Sponsor benefits vary by level and include multiple opportunities for marketing local businesses. For more information, contact Marisol Gonzalez (gonzalezm@cityrm.org or 847-870-2695).



MIKE & JOE TO HEADLINE SEASON'S FINAL 'FRIDAY'S ROCK!' CONCERT, SEPT. 13TH

The 2024 edition of Rolling Meadows' insanely popular Friday's ROCK! concert series concludes September 13th with performances by:

- **The All My Brothers Band** (*Allman Brothers tribute*): 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **Mike & Joe** (*pop rock*): 8:00 – 10:00 pm

Grab a blanket or lawn chairs, pack a picnic dinner or sample fare from

onsite food trucks, and – for the final time this summer – enjoy some great live music with family and friends!

For the latest information and event updates, visit <https://www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events> and follow Rolling Meadows on Facebook.

About Mike & Joe

Mike & Joe's setlist includes popular rock from the 90's through today,

as well as occasional tunes from the 70's and 80's. Artists covered include Blink 182, Maroon 5, U2, Fall Out Boy, Fleetwood Mac, Justin Timberlake, Third Eye Blind, Mumford and Sons, Sublime, Dave Matthews Band, Weezer, Train, Keith Urban, Ed Sheeran, The Eagles, Jimmy Eat World, Goo Goo Dolls, Foo Fighters, Florida Georgia Line, OAR, The Cure, Pearl Jam and many more.



SEASONAL BITES & BEATS EVENT SERIES CONCLUDES SEPTEMBER 25TH

Don't miss the season's final Bites & Beats event – an ideal way to bid farewell to summer – on Wednesday, September 25th, 4:30 – 8:30 pm, at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road).

Guests will be able to sample tasty food truck fare and enjoy live music as the sun sets on "Summer in the Meadows." Adults 21 years-old and up will be able to purchase alcoholic beverages (valid ID required).

September 25th Live Music Line-Up:

- **Rolling Meadows High School Jazz Band**: 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- **The Bourbon Aristocracy** (*Bluegrass*): 6:30 – 8:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 2024

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 LABOR DAY City offices closed; refuse & recycling collection delayed one day all week	3 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	4	5 Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm	6	7
8	9 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30 am	10 Senior Luncheon, 12:30 pm (3705 Pheasant Drive); Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm; City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	11 PATRIOT DAY Library Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Lane)	12 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (<i>Red Light</i>); 1:00 pm (<i>Code</i>); 2:00 pm (<i>Parking</i>)	13 Duck Race & Friday's ROCK!, 6:00 – 10:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park	14
15	16	17 Community Events Volunteer Meeting, 6:00 pm; City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:00 pm	18	19	20 WATER BILLS DUE	21
22 FIRST DAY OF FALL	23	24 Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm; Capital Projects Committee, 6:30 pm; City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	25 Bites & Beats on Kirchoff, 4:30 – 8:30 pm (2720 Kirchoff Rd)	26	27	28
29	30	VIEW UPCOMING MEETING AGENDAS Find agendas for upcoming City Council meetings, and minutes of past meetings, at www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter .				

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		1 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	2 ROSH HASHANAH <i>begins at sunset</i>	3 Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm	4	5 eWaste/Doc Shred Event, 9:00 am – noon (3900 Berdnick St); Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest 2:00 – 8:00 pm, (Kimball Hill Park)
6	7 Economic Development Committee, 6:00 pm	8 City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	9 Library Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (3110 Martin Lane)	10 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (<i>Red Light</i>); 1:00 pm (<i>Code</i>); 2:00 pm (<i>Parking</i>)	11 YOM KIPPUR <i>begins at sunset</i>	12 Fire Dept. Open House, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, (Station 15, 3201 W. Algonquin Road)
13	14 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30 am	15 Community Events Volunteer Meeting, 6:00 pm; City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 WATER BILLS DUE	22 Veterans Committee, 6:00 pm; Capital Projects Committee, 6:30 pm; City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	23	24 Blood Drive, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	25	26
27	28 Police Pension Board, 3:30 pm	29 Firefighters Pension Board, 8:30 am	30	31 HALLOWEEN		



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS IDENTIFY THREE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT

This summer, the City has been building a new vision for the future of Kirchoff Road. Through focus groups, pop-up events, and online tools, over 300 community members helped create an Existing Conditions Report that describes Kirchoff Road today. You can view a full copy of the report at the QR Code below.

Based on this feedback, the City is evaluating three potential policies to guide the future of Kirchoff Road:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

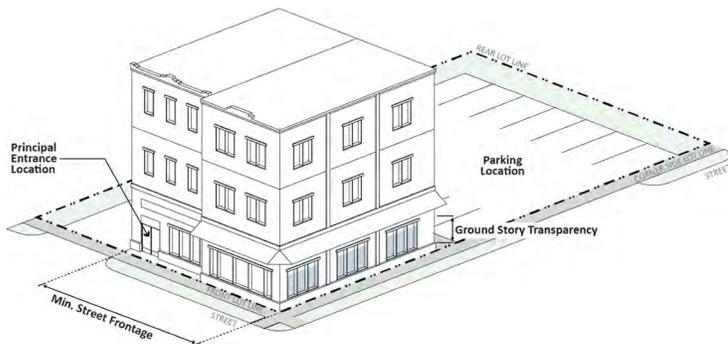
Status: Rolling Meadows has the potential to support additional restaurant and retail development.

Suggestions:

- Differentiate the Kirchoff Road business corridor from neighboring communities by adding businesses and service providers that are open on nights and weekends.
- Attract experience-based businesses (indoor golf, rock climbing, etc.).
- Encourage the arrival of companies in growth-based market segments such as mid-scale franchises, natural foods, fitness, beauty, and wellness.



ZONING



Status: Kirchoff Road zoning prohibits mixed-use buildings and has excessive setbacks that inhibit development.

Suggestions:

The City should:

- Create a new district specific to Kirchoff Road.
- Introduce design requirements to improve the quality of new buildings.
- Employ land use controls to facilitate active and diverse uses – including restaurants, retail, entertainment, and recreation.

MOBILITY

Status: Kirchoff Road accommodates roughly 10,000 vehicles per day but can handle three times that number as currently configured. The road’s width is a primary cause of excessive speeding in the area. Traffic enforcement alone will not solve this problem.

Suggestion: Reconfigure Kirchoff Road into three lanes, which will accommodate existing and future traffic. This will create additional space for pedestrians, cyclists, landscaping, and on-street parking. This would also reduce crossing widths and driver speeds.

ROAD DIET TYPOLGY 2 - ON STREET PARKING



NEXT STEPS

Community engagement efforts will continue, in an effort to help Rolling Meadows create a downtown district for everyone. Project teams are also developing concepts for three specific “opportunity sites” that are positioned for development in the near-term.

For more information and to sign up for the latest project updates, visit www.PlanRollingMeadows.com.





ISAWWA Outreach Specialist Laura Morgan (far left), Mayor Lara Sanoica, Public Works Director Aaron Grosskopf, and Utilities Supervisor Ryan Rivard celebrate the City's 2024 Water Ambassador 'Gold' certification.

THREE-PEAT! CITY EARNS THIRD CONSECUTIVE WATER AMBASSADOR 'GOLD' ACCREDITATION

For the third year in a row, Rolling Meadows has achieved "Gold" level accreditation through the "Water Ambassador" program established by the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association (ISAWWA).

Rolling Meadows is one of only 21 communities in Illinois to earn "Gold" accreditation in 2024, and was among the "Original 10" when the program was first established.

ISAWWA Outreach Specialist Laura Morgan was on-hand to present the 2024 Water Ambassador credentials at City Council's July 16th meeting. The ini-

tiative is designed to help elevate public perception, knowledge, and consumer education of the water industry, according to the ISAWWA.



The program's elite Gold certification signifies that Rolling Meadows successfully completed all educational outreach standards designed to engage multiple audiences, including consumers, elected officials, and industry.

Learn more about the Water Ambassador program and access related informational content by visiting www.isawwa.org.

Forward to Fall HOMETOWN HOEDOWN RETURNS OCTOBER 5TH

Mark your calendars for the City's annual Hometown Hoedown!

Giddy-up to Kimball Hill Park on Saturday, October 5th, 2:00 – 8:00 pm, for an afternoon of family fun, followed by a raucous evening of live entertainment, courtesy of **Hillbilly Rockstarz!**



Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows) and in the October edition of eNews.

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8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday



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