



Local Businesses Help Raise Over \$20,000 at Inaugural 'Celebration of Hope' Fundraiser

Strong support from area businesses helped raise more than \$20,000 for Rolling Meadows' Hope Fund, which provides financial assistance to victims of domestic violence and other abuse, during an October 11th fundraiser organized by the City's Human Services Department.

The "Celebration of Hope" luncheon at LaMirage (3223 Algonquin Road) welcomed 120 guests for a program that featured a keynote address by the Honorable **Joel L. Greenblatt**, of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Judge Greenblatt was the recipient of the program's "Greatest of All Time" (G.O.A.T.) Award, which recognized his unwavering dedication and impactful rulings that have made him a champion for those seeking support and protection.

The gathering also allowed Human Services Director Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC, to present "Hope Awards" to

two individuals who exhibit "profound dedication" to helping those in need:

- **Laura Hoover**, Executive Director & Supervising Attorney of the Chicago-based Children's Legal Center.

- **John Nowacki**, Rolling Meadows Police Chief.

"The Celebration of Hope Luncheon was a way to honor those who have impacted the lives of people facing violence and difficult circumstances," Dr. Nieves explained.



"We also offer heartfelt gratitude to our generous sponsors, whose unwavering support made the event possible. Their commitment to empowering survivors is truly inspiring and reflects our shared belief in a brighter tomorrow," she added.

Thank You, Sponsors! Special thanks to the following organizations and individuals for sponsoring the event:

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- LaMirage
- Meijer

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- City of Rolling Meadows

Platinum Level

- Walmart

Gold Level

- AAEC Credit Union

Silver Level

- Advance Preschool
- Law Office of RSB
- Storino, Ramello & Durkin
- State Farm Insurance Agency (Linda Antonietti)
- Suburban Accents

- Tufamilia
- Village Bank & Trust
- Senator Mark Walker
- Sue Walton

Bronze Level

- Rolling Meadows Library
- Mary Sue Fidale, MA, LCPC, RNC
- James A. Geocaris
- Kevin Morrison (Cook County Commissioner)



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Quality Workmanship & Community Partnerships: Suburban Accents Celebrates 50 Years of Success

Suburban Accents celebrated its 50th anniversary in August with a community open house at its Rolling Meadows facility that featured food, giveaways, games – axe throwing, anyone? – and more.

The company, founded in 1974 as a provider of pin striping services for Chicago area car dealerships, is an industry leader in fleet lettering, vehicle wraps, digital imaging, and vinyl graphics.

Current customers include more than 100 police and fire departments, colleges and universities, regional health-care systems, and many area businesses.

Suburban Accents' work has also been showcased in blockbuster movies such as *The Dark Knight* and *Contagion*, TV shows (including *Chicago*

PD, Shameless, and Electric Dreams), and countless commercials.

Serving the Community

Closer to home, examples of Suburban Accents' work can be found right here in Rolling Meadows – everything from the graphics on City vehicles to community events banners that hang from the street lamps lining Kirchoff Road.

"Rolling Meadows has been our base of operations for 31 years, and we've always been proud community supporters," explained founder Ric Sisi.

One of Suburban Accents' most recent projects was the Police Department's "Car 182" initiative, which transformed an old 1963 Pontiac Catalina into an almost exact replica of a police cruiser that patrolled City streets more than 60 years



Photo: Suburban Accents

Suburban Accents' Rolling Meadows facility is designed and equipped to provide all services in-house.

ago. Car 182 will be on display at block parties and other community events.

Suburban Accents' 6,500 sq-foot facility on Berdnick Street allows the company to provide in-house design, print, and installation services.

"Vehicle lettering is one of the least expensive and most effective marketing strategies – and it works for businesses in practically every industry," explained Ric's wife and partner, Donna Sisi. "Having all of our operations under one roof ensures that we can provide the quality our customers expect, at prices they can afford."

Award-Winning Service

With 50 years of service and a proven commitment to supporting community initiatives, Suburban Accents has received quite a few accolades. Recent honors from the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association (Illinois Safety Challenge Award) and the Metropolis

Theater in Arlington Heights (Spotlight Award) continue to showcase the company's long-standing dedication to service.

So, too, does the Bryan Anderson Good Samaritan Award, recently presented to Ric by Rolling Meadows

Police Chief John Nowacki. The award recognizes Suburban Accents' "service and commitment to this community, generosity, and partnership with the Rolling Meadows Police Department."

"Accepting that award from Chief Nowacki was a very nice and humbling surprise. We have worked with him for many years, even before he came to Rolling Meadows," Ric recalled. "It's nice to be recognized for our work. That is what we want to be remembered for."

Congratulations to Ric and Donna – and everyone at Suburban Accents – for 50 years of success!



'Car 182' (above) is a replica of a patrol car that served with the Rolling Meadows Police Department in the 1960s (top photo).

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Incentive Programs Help Boost Local Businesses

Learn more about Rolling Meadows' restaurant and retail incentive programs designed to support the City's growing business community. Visit www.cityrm.org/858/Restaurant-Retail-Incentives.

Welcome to Rolling Meadows! Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies Officially Open New Hair Salon & Sushi Restaurant

Community and local business leaders proudly joined recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies to mark the opening of two new businesses and chart the continued growth of the City's business community. Rolling Meadows is pleased to welcome:



Eleven11 Hair Studio
1910 W. Central Road
www.eleven11hair.com

Full-service salon offering luxury services and a world-class experience. Book appointments online.



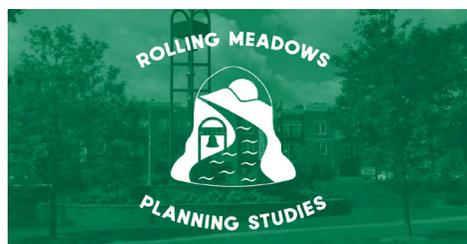
Sushi Edo
1673 Algonquin Road
www.sushiedoil.com
224-248-9410

Authentic Japanese cuisine made with the freshest, highest-quality ingredients.

Visit www.cityrm.org/706/New-Businesses for a complete listing of businesses that have opened in Rolling Meadows in recent years.



'Plan Rolling Meadows' Website Offers Updates on Downtown Redevelopment Efforts



Find the latest information on plans to redevelop the Kirchoff Road business corridor in downtown Rolling Meadows at www.planrollingmeadows.com.

The site features:

- Planning studies and documentation,
- New development updates,

- "Existing Conditions" report detailing Kirchoff Road's current status,
- Community surveys – including a brand new "visual preferences" questionnaire.

Site visitors may also subscribe to automatically receive updates via email.

Business License Renewals Due 12/31

Business license renewal applications for calendar year 2025 were sent to all Rolling Meadows-based businesses in October. Submit completed forms with payment by December 31st.

Applications and payments postmarked after 12/31 will be assessed a late fee that doubles the cost of the annual license. Fees are based on business type and square footage.

For more information, visit www.cityrm.org/176/Business-Licenses.





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Regional Accelerator Launches Free Periodic Workshops To Help Businesses Achieve 'Next Level' Operations & Profits

Next Level Northwest (NLNW), a regional business accelerator that helps small companies increase productivity and profitability, has begun hosting periodic workshops that are open to all business owners.



owner education and expand awareness of NLNW coaching services.

October's debut event delivered an overview of legal, HR, marketing, and growth essentials.

Future workshops will be announced as they are scheduled.

These free presentations are designed to promote business

How It Works

NLNW matches participants with an approved professional business coach who provides tools, support, and guidance to help:

- Break down growth barriers,
- Build an actionable plan for their business,
- Update marketing strategy,
- Define a budget,
- Expand supplier and lead networks,

- Assess new risks, and
- Gain access to a regional mentor network.

Learn More

Discover how your business can benefit by visiting www.nextlevelnorthwest.org.

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'Distinguished Budget' Award Highlights City's Commitment to Financial Transparency

Rolling Meadows' latest "Distinguished Budget Award" for Fiscal Year 2024, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), reflects the City's "commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," according to a GFOA news release announcing the award.

To earn GFOA recognition, the City met or exceeded a series of nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

Rolling Meadows' budget was rated proficient in 14 mandatory criteria that measured the document's success in serving as a(n):

- Policy document,
- Financial plan,
- Operations guide, and,
- Communications device.

GFOA credits Rolling Meadows and other award recipients as pioneers in their efforts to improve the quality of the budget process, which serves as an example for other



governments throughout North America.

For more information, visit www.gfoa.org.