



National Night Out (pictured) and other community events held throughout the year draw thousands of attendees, offering sponsoring organizations access to a large, engaged audience.

## Event Sponsorships Help Position Local Businesses for Success

Strengthen your connections to customers and community! Local businesses that sponsor upcoming City events enjoy an outstanding - and cost-effective - advantage in building brand equity at the local level.

"Community event sponsorships are a great way for companies to join the fun and generate positive word-of-mouth in the

process," explained Lori Ciezak, Community Events Foundation Liaison. "They are also tax deductible, with all donations supporting the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization."

For more information, contact Ciezak at [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org) or call 847-870-9005.

### EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- **Remembering Our Fallen Memorial** (5/16, 5/17, 5/18)  
\*See story on page 4.
  - **Bites & Beats on Kirchoff** (5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/27, 9/24)
  - **Community Block Party** (6/6)
  - **July 4th Parade** (7/4)
  - **Fridays ROCK! Concerts** (7/18, 8/15, 9/12)
  - **National Night Out** (8/5)
  - **Meadows Fest – NEW!** (9/12, 9/13, 9/14)
- Visit [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) for further details.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES & BENEFITS	MAJOR \$1,750	GOLD \$1,000	SILVER \$500
Company name featured on all event flyers and City website	✓		
Company name featured on City's digital signs	✓	✓	
Event-day canopy with table and chairs	✓	✓	✓
Event-day sign with business name and logo	✓	✓	✓
Pre-event social media promotion	✓	✓	✓

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## Feels Like Home

# Café on the Grove Serves Up Warm, Welcoming Family Atmosphere

Mother/daughter business partners Sue Luisi and Dena Maldonado knew they had a tough act to follow when opening their Café on the Grove restaurant in May 2024. The new breakfast/brunch/lunch spot at 2160 Plum Grove Road is located at the former site of Gus' Diner, a long-time community favorite that closed its doors just a few years earlier.

"We were regulars at Gus' Diner and loved it," Dena recalled. "When we learned it was closing, mom and I began thinking of ways we could bring something fresh and new to the area."



### Business Partners

Many have probably wondered what operating a successful family-owned restaurant might entail, but Dena and Sue possessed some key insights: they were already co-owners of an area pre-school and childcare center. In addition, Dena had previously amassed more than a decade of restaurant experience.

That knowledge and experience helped them develop

the foundational concept of Café on the Grove: a business built not just on food, but family. Dena and Sue envisioned a gathering spot that blends fresh, locally sourced ingredients with warm hospitality and cozy comfort.

"Our goal was to create a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere where customers could enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch with family and friends," Dena explained.

### A Taste for Any Taste

Café on the Grove offers a range of breakfast and lunch dishes - everything from pancakes, skillet, and omelets to burgers, sandwiches, and tacos. Some of the more popular items currently on the menu include:

- **Chilaquiles** (*eggs, fried tortilla chips, black beans, avocado, la crema and Cotija cheese with choice of sauce*),
- **Crepes** (*original, berry Nutella, banana cinnamon, vanilla caramel, and signature Monte Cristo*),
- **Bacon Avocado Toast**, and,
- **Signature Bloody Mary** (*with grilled cheese, bacon, and pickle spear*).



Café on the Grove features a warm, inviting ambiance and an extensive range of breakfast, lunch, and brunch dishes.

Meanwhile, a rotating menu of seasonal specials brings new tastes and flavors to even the most loyal customers on a regular basis. There is also a bar that features assorted cocktails, wine, and beer.

### Extended Family

Dena and Sue are very proud of the "family feel" of their restaurant. Dena's husband, Steven, and close friend, Navi, joined the operations team as restaurant managers, but their customers and staff members have also become part of the Grove's extended family.

"We have a growing number of 'regulars' who we see on a pretty consistent basis,

and our servers have been with us since we opened our doors," Dena said. "They are all important parts of our success."

### Serving the Community

As they celebrate their restaurant's first anniversary, Dena and Sue remain focused on becoming an integral part of the greater Rolling Meadows community.

Café on the Grove is a proud sponsor of the Rolling Meadows High School basketball team, and a member of the City's Chamber of Commerce.

"We are thrilled to be part of the community, and we plan to be here for the long haul," Dena added.

**Café on the Grove**  
2160 Plum Grove Road  
Rolling Meadows  
[cafeonthegrove.com](http://cafeonthegrove.com)  
847-306-9095

## City's Independence Day Parade Helps Businesses Connect with Community Members



Rolling Meadows' annual July 4th Parade offers an unmatched opportunity for businesses to connect with literally thousands of community members and potential customers.

Join the celebration by building amazing floats and

specialty vehicles; decorating bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers; or finding other ways to display your organization's patriotic pride!

Don't miss out! Free online registration for the 2025 parade is available at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).

Submit completed applications by Friday, June 20th to reserve your spot!

For more information, contact Dave Whitney at [dcwhitney103@gmail.com](mailto:dcwhitney103@gmail.com) or 847-528-6542.

Next Level Northwest (NLNW) is a regional business accelerator that helps small companies solve challenging business issues and increase productivity. Learn more about how your business can benefit from NLNW support by contacting Martha Corner, Rolling Meadows Business Development Manager (847-870-9004 or [cornerm@cityrm.org](mailto:cornerm@cityrm.org)).

## Spotlight: Local Business Property Re-Envisioned Continental Towers Offers 'A New Work Day, Every Day'

Continental Towers features 910,000 sq. ft. of Class A office space in three, 12-story buildings and over an acre of outdoor live-work-play space – the largest in the Chicago suburbs.

The property offers a modern work environment with wide open spaces for collaborating and connecting – a new work day...every day. Highlights include:

- ✓ **The Deck & The Meadows**  
Comfortable, vibrant outdoor spaces that support work and social gatherings.
- ✓ **CT Social Club**  
A place to meet, eat, connect, and network.
- ✓ **Game Room**  
Pool, ping-pong, foosball, shuffleboard, boardgames, and more.



The Meadows features lounge chairs, farm tables, and an abundance of fresh air.



The Deck offers outdoor fire pits, stadium seating, a barbeque area, and outdoor games.

- ✓ **CT Fitness**  
Offers state-of-the-art equipment and new locker rooms for tenant use.

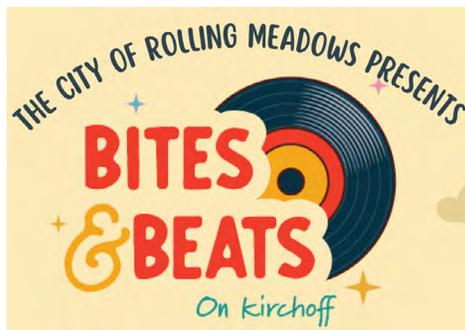
[transwestern.com](http://transwestern.com) or 847-840-8743) or Steve Degodny ([steve.degodny@transwestern.com](mailto:steve.degodny@transwestern.com) or 847-354-4247).

- ✓ **Conference Center/ Town Hall**  
Features up to 4,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space across four rooms, with capacity for groups of up to 224 people.

For leasing inquiries, contact Joe Stevens ([joe.stevens@](mailto:joe.stevens@)

**Continental Towers**  
1701 Golf Road  
Rolling Meadows  
[continental-towers.com](http://continental-towers.com)

## Back for Year Two: Downtown 'Bites & Beats' Series to Feature Food Trucks & Live Music



Looking for a mid-week diversion to unwind with colleagues? Rolling Meadows' Bites & Beats on Kirchoff program is back for another summer season of tasty food truck fare and live musical entertainment!

Events will take place in the heart of the City's downtown business district – on the grounds of Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road) – on the fourth Wednesday of May, June, July, August, and September.

Join the fun and bring your team – or your customers – for an evening of exceptional entertainment! Guests will also be able to purchase alcohol, courtesy of **Sayulita Mexican Restaurant** (ages 21 and up with valid ID). No outside food or drinks are permitted at these events.

For more information, visit [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) or contact Martha Corner ([cornerm@cityrm.org](mailto:cornerm@cityrm.org) or 847-870-9004).

<b>MAY 28</b>	5:00 PM <b>DJ RICO</b> 7:00 PM <b>UR MOM</b> (Alternative Pop)	<b>5-9 PM</b>
<b>JUNE 25</b>	5:00 PM <b>DJ RICO</b> 7:00 PM <b>PHAT CATS</b> (Pop & Rock)	<b>5-9 PM</b>
<b>JULY 23</b>	5:00 PM <b>DJ RICO</b> 7:00 PM <b>BIG DOG MERCER</b> (Blues & Rock)	<b>5-9 PM</b>
<b>AUG 27</b>	5:00 PM <b>DJ RICO</b> 7:00 PM <b>GENR8R BAND</b> (Multi-genre)	<b>5-9 PM</b>
<b>SEPT 24</b>	6:00 PM <b>JUDSON BROWN BAND</b> (Multi-genre)	<b>5-7 PM</b>

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 Police Department (non-emergency) . . . . . 847-255-2416  
 Public Works Department . . . . . 847-963-0500

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## Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies Highlight Recent Additions to Local Business Community

Community and local company leaders proudly joined recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies to celebrate new business openings that play a vital role in the City's continued economic growth. Rolling Meadows is pleased to welcome:

**ATI Physical Therapy**  
 1406 Golf Road  
[www.atipt.com](http://www.atipt.com)  
 847-253-2944  
*Physical therapy and sports medicine.*

**Pay 4 Less Appliances**  
 1950 Central Road  
[www.pay4lessappliances.com](http://www.pay4lessappliances.com)  
 224-615-9150  
*Home appliance retailer.*

**UrgentVet**  
 1327 Golf Road  
[www.urgentvet.com](http://www.urgentvet.com)  
 847-929-4700  
*Urgent care for cats and dogs.*

Visit [www.cityrm.org/706/New-Businesses](http://www.cityrm.org/706/New-Businesses) for a complete listing of businesses that have recently opened in Rolling Meadows.



Mayor Lara Sanoica (third from left) and former Mayor Len Prejna (far right) welcome UrgentVet to Rolling Meadows.

## 'Remembering Our Fallen' War Memorial Comes to Rolling Meadows May 16th–18th

"Remembering Our Fallen," a traveling photographic war memorial honoring service members lost in the Global War on Terror, will arrive in Rolling Meadows on Friday, May 16th, for a three-day exhibition.

The exhibit's 34 "tribute towers," featuring images of fallen American soldiers who served in Afghanistan and

Iraq, will be located in the shadow of the City's Carillon Tower along the banks of Salt Creek.

Visitor parking is available at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) and at nearby retail centers.

The Memorial is a project of Patriotic Productions, Inc. ([patrioticproductions.org](http://patrioticproductions.org)).

Special thanks goes to members of the City's Veterans Committee for their role in bringing this exhibit to Rolling Meadows.

### EXHIBIT HOURS

- **Friday, May 16th**  
(4–7pm)
- **Saturday, May 17th**  
(7am–7pm)
- **Sunday, May 18th**  
(7am–4pm)

**SPONSOR A TRIBUTE TOWER!**

Contact Lori Ciezak ([ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org)) for details.