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Downtown Redevelopment Update: New Zoning for Kirchoff Corridor

The new “Town Center” zoning district recently approved by City Council members establishes parameters for future redevelopment along Kirchoff Road and a framework for creating a vibrant, engaging downtown.

The TC district will accommodate new development by supporting a wide range of commercial, residential, and institutional uses between Rohlfing Road and Oriole Lane. It also highlights preferred

development styles and design requirements to ensure pedestrian-friendly access.

The area’s new zoning regulations are based on recommendations presented in Rolling Meadows’ Kirchoff Road Corridor Study that was released earlier this year.

That document, in turn, was guided by community feedback received during an extensive, year-long effort to engage residents,

business owners, and other stakeholders.

Recommended approaches to improve the Corridor are guided by four key elements:

- **Placemaking & Open Space:** Enhancing the corridor’s identity and creating inviting public spaces.
- **Economic Development:** Encouraging business growth and attracting investment.

- **Zoning/Regulatory Framework:** Updating area zoning codes to support a walkable, mixed-use downtown.

- **Transportation & Mobility:** Improving access and connectivity for all visitors. *Note: The new Town Center District does not impact any proposed future reconfiguration of Kirchoff Road.*

Learn more at www.planrollingmeadows.com.

City Seeks Proposals to Redevelop Former Fire Station Site on Meadow Drive

City leaders have issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified firms to purchase and redevelop the property located at 3111 and 3115 Meadow Drive, which includes a vacant two-story building that served as a City fire station for more than 60 years (1958 to 2019).

The site’s future redevelopment ties in with the goal of revitalizing the Kirchoff Road corridor to create a vibrant town center and downtown hub that promotes business growth and improves area walkability and connectivity (see story above).

The RFP offers a sample of “preferred uses” for the site that are consistent with the area’s TC Town Center District zoning guidelines. These include restaurant, bakery/coffee shop, brew pub, indoor retail sales, and micro-breweries/distilleries/wineries.

The City’s preference is for the selected developer to preserve the existing building.

Developer proposals are due Thursday, September 11th. Review the full RFP online at www.cityrm.org/Bids.aspx.

Archive photo of the former Fire Station 15 on Meadow Drive.



October 7th 'Celebration of Hope' Luncheon Provides Vital Opportunity for Local Businesses to Give Back

Local businesses looking for ways to help build a stronger community have an exceptional opportunity to do so this fall, when the Rolling Meadows Department of Human Services hosts its second annual "Celebration of Hope" fundraising luncheon at Meridian Banquets (1701 W. Algonquin Road).

Proceeds from the October 7th event will benefit the City's **Hope Fund**, which provides:

- Relocation support for survivors escaping violence,
- Emergency funding for recovery-related expenses, and
- Financial relief for families navigating trauma and legal processes.



Learn more by visiting www.cityrm.org/948/Hope-Fund-Tab or send an email to hopefund@cityrm.org.

The luncheon will also recognize some of the Human Services Department's

outstanding community partners, including Illinois Senator Mark L. Walker (D-27th).

Tickets on Sale Now

Celebration of Hope attendance is open to all business professionals and members

of the public. Tickets are \$55 each. Scan the QR Code to reserve your seat.



Multi-level Sponsor Benefits

Event sponsorships help tie local business brands to this worthy cause. Sponsor benefits also include multiple opportunities to market your business. For more information and sponsor level-specifics, contact the Human Services Department at 847-870-2695 or hopefund@cityrm.org.

SPONSOR TIERS	
Sapphire	\$10,000
Diamond	\$ 5,000
Platinum	\$ 2,000
Gold	\$ 1,000
Silver	\$ 500
Bronze	\$ 250

BEAR Construction CEO Gains New Professional Credential: 'Hall of Famer'

George Wienold, CEO of Rolling Meadows-based BEAR Construction, was named to the latest annual "Hall of Fame" listing published by *Midwest REnews*, a trade publication that covers the commercial real estate and construction industry.



George Wienold

Magazine editor Dan Rafter identifies commercial real estate Hall of Famers as professionals who "succeed in any market. They study their market and evolve as the industry changes," he wrote.

Building Relationships

"Hall of Famers aren't afraid to use technology to boost their business. But they also understand that it's the old-fashioned formula of building relationships, studying their markets, delivering value to their clients, and putting in the hard work that results in ultimate success," Rafter added.

Midwest REnews called Mr. Wienold "a visionary leader" who has demonstrated "resil-

ience and adaptability (in) guiding BEAR Construction through numerous challenges" over the past 31 years.

"His steady leadership ensured that BEAR not only survived but thrived. His ability to pivot the company into new markets and inspire creative solutions among his team has been instrumental to its enduring success."

30+ Years of Success

Mr. Wienold founded BEAR Construction with his brothers, Nick and Jim, in 1984. Today, BEAR has 200 employees across offices in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Florida. The firm serves a range of commercial markets,

including:

- Interiors,
- Healthcare,
- Industrial,
- Education,
- Municipal,
- Retail/Hospitality,
- New Construction.

According to the company's website (www.bearcc.com), BEAR's success – 30,000 completed projects valued at \$3 Billion – is driven by "uncompromising attention to quality, the highest levels of client satisfaction, and a code of company ethics that pays homage to the firm's family roots."

Congratulations to George Wienold and the entire BEAR Construction family!

Businesses that sponsor Rolling Meadows' community events enjoy an outstanding (and cost-effective) opportunity to strengthen local brand awareness. To learn more, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-870-9005.

Chamber of Commerce Update Chamber Honors 'Circle of Success' Winners During Annual State of the City Breakfast

The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce was proud to host the 2025 "State of the City" breakfast in May, with Mayor Lara Sanoica and City Manager Rob Sabo serving as the event's featured speakers.

This annual event provides local business professionals with a front row seat to learn more about important City initiatives, economic development plans, policy changes, and upcoming construction projects that may temporarily affect area business operations.

It was also an opportunity for Chamber leaders to present "Circle of Success" awards that recognize outstanding businesses and individuals for their significant contributions to the greater Rolling Meadows community.

This year's winners are:

- **Arthur J. Gallagher** – *Large Business of the Year*
- **Rep's Place** – *Small Business of the Year*
- **Peter Stephenson** (Founder, Innleadair, LLC) – *Community Leader of the Year*

program is hosted by the Rolling Meadows Chamber, in partnership with Community Consolidated School District 15 and the Palatine Chamber of Commerce. It is the only Chamber-led YEA! Program in Illinois that helps young innovators:

Now Accepting YEA! Applications for 2025-26 School Year

Do you know a middle- or high school student who dreams of being a business owner? YEA! applications are now available for students in grades 7 – 12 on the Chamber's website (www.rmchamber.org/young-entrepreneurs-academy).

YEA! meets weekly from November through May. Students will take part in a student-led trade show and investor panel with startup funding opportunities. YEA! members will also have the chance to present their ideas at regional and national levels.

Submit applications by Monday, September 15th. For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Chamber at office@rmchamber.org or 847-398-3730.



This year's Circle of Success also included Young Entrepreneur of the Year **Aditi Murali**, who emerged from the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!).

Proud YEA! Sponsor

This dynamic after-school

- Brainstorm business ideas,
- Develop a full business plan,
- Pitch their idea to real investors,
- File legal paperwork to launch their business, and,
- Operate their company or social movement for a period of one year.

Local Dining Spotlight: Casa di Luigi

Local restaurants are a key component of Rolling Meadows' dynamic business community. That's why our periodic 'Local Dining' feature shines a spotlight on an area establishment that can help facilitate your success: from entertaining clients and colleagues to celebrating your company's latest success with team members.

Casa di Luigi: Classic Cuisine Fused with Culinary Innovation

Classic Italian cuisine – pastas, fish, meats, desserts, and homemade limoncello – is the heart and soul of Casa di Luigi, which aims to deliver a high-level culinary and service experience for all its customers.

The restaurant, which opened in 2023, also features a full bar and catering services for your next business function.

View the full menu online: casadiluigirestaurant.com.

Follow on Instagram at [instagram.com/casadiluigirestaurant](https://www.instagram.com/casadiluigirestaurant).

Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday: 3–9pm
Friday & Saturday: 12–10pm
Closed Sundays



Casa di Luigi
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Rolling Meadows
224-735-2338

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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Welcomes Meetch's Wings & Things to Rolling Meadows



City leaders joined co-owners Marina and Demetri Kontogiannis to celebrate the official grand opening of their new restaurant, Meetch's Wings & Things, in July.

Meetch's offers a menu where "the wings are wild, the burgers are smashed, and the dogs come with a Chicago accent."

Meetch's Wings & Things
 1911 W. Algonquin Rd
www.meetchswings.com
 224.248.9620

Generate Business Buzz
 Ribbon cutting ceremonies provide high-profile opportunities for generating buzz about new local businesses.

To learn more, contact Business Development Manager Martha Corner (cornerm@cityrm.org) or 847-870-9004.

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

Work & Play: Wednesday Night 'Bites & Beats' Events Feature Food, Music, & More

Looking for a mid-week diversion to unwind with colleagues? Rolling Meadows' *Bites & Beats on Kirchoff* program offers Wednesday evenings filled with tasty food truck fare and live musical entertainment!

Events begin at 5pm at Community Church of Rolling



Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road) on the fourth Wednesday of each month (through September).

AUG 27	5:00 PM DJ RICO 7:00 PM GENR8R BAND (Multi-genre)	5-9 PM
SEPT 24	6:00 PM JUDSON BROWN BAND (Multi-genre)	5-7 PM

Join the fun and bring your team – or your customers – for an evening filled with food, music, and good-time vibes!

Guests ages 21+ will also be able to purchase alcohol, courtesy of **Sayulita Mexican Restaurant**. No outside food or drinks are permitted at these events.

For more information, visit www.cityrm.org or contact Martha Corner (cornerm@cityrm.org) or 847-870-9004.