

# eNEWS

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## BLOCK PARTY

**JUNE 6 6:00 – 9:30PM**

**ON CENTRAL ROAD  
IN FRONT OF ROLLING MEADOWS HIGH SCHOOL**

Featuring live performances by:



### DON'T MISS OUT! INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 20TH

Act now to reserve your spot in Rolling Meadows' most popular community event: the City's annual Independence Day Parade!

Free online registration for the 2025 parade is available on the [City's website](#). Submit completed applications by Friday, June 20th.

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind chance to showcase your American spirit! It's a unique opportunity for families and friends, businesses and community groups, and schools and other local organizations to:

- Build amazing floats and specialty vehicles;
- Decorate bikes, trikes, wagons & strollers;
- Showcase their creativity;
- Celebrate our freedom;
- And more!

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

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**6–8:30pm**

- Public safety vehicle show
- Kiddie train rides
- Face painting, balloon art, caricatures

**6–7:30pm**

- Esso Funk performs

**7pm**

- Police K9 demonstration

**8–9:30pm**

- Oh Yes! performs



## ATTEND JUNE 14TH FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AT KIMBALL HILL PARK

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee invites community members to take part in a retirement ceremony for worn American flags at Kimball Hill Park on Flag Day (Saturday, June 14th).

The ceremony will begin at noon. Residents are welcome to bring old or damaged American flags for proper, respectful disposal.

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



The 'Remembering Our Fallen' traveling war memorial stood proudly along Salt Creek, just steps from the City's Veterans Monument.

## THANK YOU, MEMORIAL SPONSORS

City leaders salute the following companies, organizations, and individuals who helped make it possible to bring the "Remembering Our Fallen" traveling war memorial to Rolling Meadows, May 16th - 18th.



## VETERANS REGISTRY FOSTERS ENGAGEMENT AMONG FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS

The City's Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans to ensure these former service members receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day ceremony, November Veterans Dinner, and other City events throughout the year.

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

### MEMORIAL TOWER SPONSORS

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- Meet Chicago Northwest
- Midwest Aeronautique
- The Molinelli Family
- Mt. Prospect American Legion #525
- Mount Prospect VFW #1337
- Northwest Concert Band
- Northwest Suburban Marine Corps League
- Chuck & Carol Ohrn
- The Powers Family
- Bob & Kathy Rein
- Rep's Place
- Rolling Meadows Garden Club
- Rolling Meadows Historical Museum
- Rolling Meadows Library
- Rolling Meadows Park District
- Solidyn Controls
- St. Clare of Assisi Parish
- The Santos Family
- The Swierad Family
- VFW Post 1337 (Mount Prospect)

### DONATIONS IN KIND

- Aloft Hotel
- Central Road School Kindness Crew with teachers Tracie Fior & Sue Brinkman
- Chicago Highlanders Pipes & Drums
- City of Rolling Meadows
- Community Consolidated School District 15
- Floods Royal Flush
- JA Frate
- Jim Davis Photography
- Lamar Billboards
- Meadows Christian Fellowship Church
- Northrop Grumman
- Northwest Concert Band
- Greg Padovani (Arlington Heights Veterans Committee)
- Pillars of Freedom
- Phillips Edison
- Rolling Meadows Park District
- Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee
- Rolling Thunder Chicago Chapter 2
- Suburban Accents



## HERE'S HOW TO IDENTIFY INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES OFTEN FOUND THROUGHOUT ROLLING MEADOWS

By the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee

Invasive plant species limit the ability of native vegetation to grow and thrive by monopolizing available water, sunlight, and nutrients. And the threat does not stop there.

Many of these non-native plants are toxic to birds, people, and pets. They also attract nuisance pests such as aphids, spider mites, and fungi that can damage or destroy other plants.

That's why the most effective way to preserve natural vegetation growth is to identify and remove invasive plant species before they cause long-term harm.

### Identify Common Culprits

**Buckthorn** is one of the plants that grows quickly throughout the City and undermines the health and integrity of our parks and gardens. It releases a toxic compound that kills other plants and insects in the soil around it. Female Buckthorn plants feature large black berries (also toxic) and broad flat leaves.

Smaller plants can be removed by pulling them out at the root. For larg-



Buckthorn with berries

er woody plants, cut them off at the trunk with a saw and then paint the stump with herbicide.

Other invasive species commonly found in Rolling Meadows are pictured below.

### Need Help? Send a Photo

Residents who would like help identifying suspected invasive species – and receive tips for removing them – are welcome to send a photo of the plant to [savager@cityrm.org](mailto:savager@cityrm.org).

Additional information on native and invasive plants can also be found on the [University of Illinois Extension website](#).



Burdo



Giant Hogweed



Canada thistle



Garlic mustard

## 11 RESIDENTIAL SIDE STREETS SCHEDULED FOR RECONSTRUCTION OR RESURFACING THIS SUMMER

Four of Rolling Meadows' neighborhood side streets will undergo full reconstruction this summer as part of the City's annual Road Rehabilitation Program, while another seven will be patched and resurfaced.

### Reconstruction Program includes:

- **Fox Lane** (between Groveside Lane and Hartung Road)
- **Groveside Lane** (between Pebblebrook and Fox Lanes)
- **Pebblebrook Lane** (between Silent Brook and Groveside Lanes)
- **Quail Lane** (between Oriole Lane and Dove Street)

Vehicle access to these roads may be limited at certain times during construction. City officials will keep area residents updated throughout the course of the project in order to help minimize any inconvenience.

### Resurfacing Program includes:

- **Carnegie Street** (from Rohlwing Road to terminus)
- **Edison Place** (from Carnegie Street to Rohlwing Road)
- **Oriole Lane** (from Kirchoff Road to Campbell Street)
- **Quail Court** (from Quail Lane to terminus)
- **Sigwalt Street** (from Meadow Drive to Dove Street)
- **Tall Trees Court** (from California Avenue to terminus)
- **Walnut Court** (from West Frontage Road to terminus)

Construction is scheduled for completion this fall (weather permitting).

Rolling Meadows' annual street improvements are funded primarily by Illinois' Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), with the remainder budgeted in the City's Local Road and Utility Funds.



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

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

6/3: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7pm

6/5: **Environmental Committee**, 6pm

**BLOCK PARTY**  
JUNE 6 6:00 – 9:30PM

6/6: **Community Block Party**, 6–9:30pm, (2901 Central Rd)

6/9: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30am

6/11: **RM Garden Club**, 6pm (3705 Pheasant Dr); **Library Board**, 7pm (3110 Martin Ln)

6/12: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11am (Red light), 1pm (Code), 2pm (Parking)

6/14: **Flag Retirement Ceremony**, 12pm, Kimball Hill Park

6/17: **CEF Volunteer Committee**, 6pm

6/20: **Water bills due**

6/24: **Veteran’s Committee**, 6pm; **Capital Projects Committee**, 6pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 6:30pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7pm

THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS PRESENTS  
**BITES & BEATS**  
On Kirchoff

6/25: **Bites & Beats on Kirchoff**, 5–9pm (2720 Kirchoff Rd)

| June 2025 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun       | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1         | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8         | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15        | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22        | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 29        | 30  |     |     |     |     |     |



See Karla & the Phat Cats live at the City's June 25th edition of 'Bites & Beats.'

**KARLA & THE PHAT CATS TO HEADLINE JUNE 25TH 'BITES & BEATS' EVENT NEAR DOWNTOWN**

*Lombard-based Band Specializes in Contemporary Pop & Rock Covers*



Karla & the Phat Cats will provide a soulful soundtrack for the next installment of the City's Bites & Beats on Kirchoff program set for Wednesday June 25th.

These events, featuring tasty food truck fare and live music on the fourth Wednesday of each month through September, take place on the grounds of Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road).

Guests will also be able to purchase adult beverages, courtesy of Sayulita

THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS PRESENTS  
**BITES & BEATS**  
On Kirchoff  
**FOOD TRUCKS & LIVE MUSIC**

**Mexican Restaurant** (ages 21 and up with valid ID). No outside food or drinks are permitted.

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).

**UPCOMING CITY EVENTS IN ROLLING MEADOWS**

| JUNE – JULY |   |
|-------------|---|
| June 6th    | <b>Block Party on Central Road</b><br>6–9:30pm          |
| June 25th   | <b>Bites &amp; Beats</b><br>5:30–8:30pm                 |
| July 4th    | <b>July 4th Parade</b><br>11:30am<br>(Meadow Dr. Route) |
| July 4th    | <b>July 4th Fireworks</b><br>9:30pm or Dusk             |
| July 18th   | <b>FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert</b><br>6–10pm                  |
| July 23rd   | <b>Bites &amp; Beats</b><br>5:30–8:30pm                 |

| AUGUST – SEPTEMBER |  |
|--------------------|--|
| August 5th         | <b>National Night Out</b><br>6–8:30pm            |
| August 15th        | <b>FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert</b> , 6–10pm            |
| August 27th        | <b>Bites &amp; Beats</b><br>5:30–8:30pm          |
| Sept. 12th         | <b>FRIDAYS ROCK! Concert/Duck Race</b><br>6–10pm |
| Sept. 13th         | <b>Meadows Fest</b> , 2-8pm                      |
| Sept. 14th         | <b>Meadows Fest</b><br>12–6pm                    |
| Sept. 24th         | <b>Bites &amp; Beats</b><br>5:30–8:30pm          |

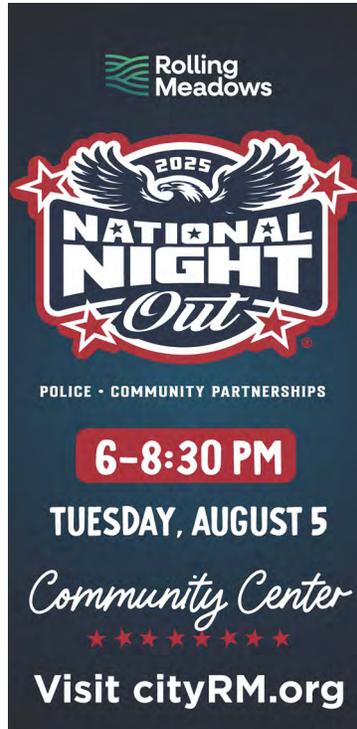
## STREET BANNER PROGRAM PROMOTES BUSINESSES, SUPPORTS CITY'S COMMUNITY EVENTS FOUNDATION

Special thanks to the businesses and community groups that signed on as partners for Rolling Meadows' 2025 street banner promotional initiative.

The annual program offers local organizations a "soaring" opportunity to market themselves to local audiences. Sponsors purchase customized panels featuring their name or logo that hang beneath decorative street banners displayed along Kirchoff Road and other high-traffic areas around town.

Proceeds from each sale help offset the program's costs while also benefitting the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity whose mission is to provide financial support to the City's community events. It relies solely on tax-deductible contributions and gifts from donors.

Learn more by visiting the [Community Events Foundation webpage](#).



### 2025 PROGRAM SPONSORS

- Aerex Pest Control
- Café on the Grove
- Cardinal Color Group
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Complete Lawn & Snow Services
- Eleven Hair Studio
- Gasior Law Office, LLC
- Flood Brothers Disposal Co.
- JML Overhead Door
- Lulu's
- Marc Realty
- Meridian Banquets
- Northwest Concert Band
- RTC Industries
- Suburban Accents
- The Pearl
- We Wash \$3 Express

## 'CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS' WEBPAGE FEATURES UPDATES ON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Works Department's [Construction Projects page](#) makes it easy to stay informed about the status of local road, bike path, and underground utility construction taking place around the area.

Users may click on each project listed on the left side of the page or scroll down and select the "Notify Me" link to sign up for email and/or text updates.



Residents may also receive periodic construction updates on the City's [Facebook page](#).

To learn more, visit [www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works](http://www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works) or call 847-963-0500.

## ANNUAL REPORT CONFIRMS CITY WATER MEETS ALL EPA HEALTH & SAFETY STANDARDS

Rolling Meadows' drinking water in 2024 met all quality and safety standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency, as confirmed by the City's new Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that details the source and quality of the water used by residents and businesses.

The full 2024 report will be posted on the City's website by July 1st at [www.cityrm.org/Archive.aspx?A-DID=11073](http://www.cityrm.org/Archive.aspx?A-DID=11073).

The annual CCR provides basic facts about the City's water system, so customers have the information necessary to make water consumption decisions based on their personal health. It provides a general overview of water quality and water system operations.

The report also details where the water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to regulating agency standards.

Most of the information and statements contained in the report are required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for public knowledge.

Customers who would like to receive a printed version of the report by mail, once it is complete, should contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.

For more information on the CCR or the City's water system, contact Utilities Superintendent Mark Kilarski ([kilarskim@cityrm.org](mailto:kilarskim@cityrm.org) or 847-963-0500 ext. 7022).



**'Neighbors Helping Neighbors'  
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC STEVE ZUREK  
APPRECIATES CITY'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

Steve Zurek and his fellow firefighters usually engage with the residents they serve in the wake of potentially distressing emergency events. That's the reality of the job.

However, Zurek believes these encounters also help shine a spotlight on one of Rolling Meadows' most appealing traits: the City's unwavering community spirit.



Steve Zurek

**'Helping People'**

"We help residents on their worst days," he said pointedly. "It could be a devastating home fire or a dire medical emergency, but what has always impressed me about Rolling Meadows is the shared belief that we are all in this together.

"As firefighter/paramedics, we see neighbors helping neighbors on a daily basis in times of crisis. We are there for them, and they are there for us," he added.

Zurek's desire to help others drove him to pursue a career in the fire service. He began as a part-time firefighter in Mundelein before joining RMFD as a full-time firefighter/paramedic in 2012.

**Leads Department PubEd Program**

Today, Zurek oversees the Fire Department's Public Education Program – including its monthly CPR classes – and is assistant leader of the Hazardous Materials Team.

He is also a member of a state-wide team of HazMat professionals who can be deployed to disaster scenes across Illinois, when necessary.

"Each member of our department possesses specific skills that, combined, offer an exceptional level of service to local residents and businesses," Zurek explained. "We all want the same thing: to be the best we can be at our job and deliver outstanding services."

**Grew Up Locally**

Zurek grew up in Arlington Heights and attended Rolling Meadows High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in General Studies from Northern Illinois University and has completed multiple training courses through the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

Off-duty, Zurek enjoys spending time with his wife, Erin, and their three children. His hobbies include physical fitness training and "attending all of my kids' sporting events."



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COMING SOON!

SEPTEMBER  
12TH –14TH IN  
KIMBALL HILL PARK

STAY TUNED FOR  
DETAILS!

MEADOWS  
*Fest*

THE TAYLOR EXPERIENCE  
HI INFIDELITY + 7TH HEAVEN  
HOW RUDE (90'S) & IN THE STIX (COUNTRY)  
BEVERAGES PROVIDED BY REP'S PLACE, MILLER & PEPSI

NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINK ALLOWED