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Fire Department Expands Resource Sharing with Palatine Rural FPD

An intergovernmental agreement to expand resource sharing between the Rolling Meadows Fire Department and the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District will save taxpayers money and strengthen overall service levels, Acting Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote reports.

The agreement is designed to meet specific needs of each organization and maximize efficiencies. A new Joint Training & Safety Officer, Palatine Rural Assistant Chief Scott Mohr, now oversees training operations for both organizations and saves the City the cost of hiring a new training officer.

Mohr, a 22-year fire service veteran, has been with Palatine Rural Fire Protection District since 1995. His office is located at Rolling Meadows' Neuckranz Fire Station, 2455 Plum Grove Road.



The agreement also calls for an on-duty Rolling Meadows Battalion Chief to serve as incident commander for emergencies within Palatine Rural's jurisdiction – unincorporated areas of Palatine, Schaumburg Township, and sections of Inverness.

“This agreement represents a commitment by both departments to maximize efficiencies and save taxpayers money,” Acting Chief Franzgrote says. “Going forward, both departments are excited about working more closely together and providing the most efficient services to residents and businesses.”

Rolling Meadows Memorial Day Events to Honor Local Veterans

Veterans Dinner (Friday, May 25, 6 p.m.) – Resident veterans and a guest will reconnect with fellow service members at Meridian Banquets, 1701 Algonquin Road. This annual event is hosted by the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee. Space is limited to 200. For reservations, contact City Hall (847-394-8500).

Memorial Day Parade (Saturday, May 26, 11 a.m.) – The parade begins at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive, then marches west to the Carillon Tower. Veterans and their family members are encouraged to participate.

Carillon Observance (Saturday, May 26, 11:30 a.m.) – Following the parade, City officials will lead a solemn ceremony to honor the sacrifices of those who have served.

The **Healthy Family Walk** follows the Carillon ceremony. Register at the Carillon and be entered into a raffle to win front row seats to the City's July 4th fireworks.

Veterans Committee Maintains Local Registry

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans who have taken part in previous Memorial Day Parades. Veterans who wish to participate in this year's parade – and have not registered for the event in previous years – may contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.



Contact City Officials: City Hall Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Tom Rooney	847-392-2254
1st Ward Alderman: Mike Cannon	847-925-8919
2nd Ward Alderman: Jim Allen	847-202-0822
3rd Ward Alderman: Lawrence Buske	847-255-9126
4th Ward Alderman: Brad Judd	847-902-3248
5th Ward Alderman: Rob Banger, Jr.	847-818-1663
6th Ward Alderman: John D'Astice	847-409-9367
7th Ward Alderman: James Larsen	630-244-4228

City Manager: Barry Krumstok

SERVICES

Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Department Non-emergency	847-397-3352
Police Non-emergency	847-255-2416
Public Works	847-963-0500
Finance/Utility Billing Questions	847-394-8500
Community Development	847-506-6030
TDD	847-506-0490
Senior Services	847-394-8500
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1
Curfew	Sun. – Thurs. 11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. Midnight

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Fire Chief Ron Stewart Retires After 26 Years of Service; Deputy Chief Scott Franzgrote Named Acting Chief



Ron Stewart

Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Ron Stewart retired in April, completing more than 26 years of service to the City. Deputy Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote succeeds Stewart as Acting Fire Chief.



Scott Franzgrote

Stewart, who joined the Fire Department in 1985, served his entire career in Rolling Meadows. He held positions as a firefighter/

paramedic, training captain, and deputy chief before earning promotion to fire chief in 2006.

“Throughout my career, I have admired the professionalism and dedication displayed by Rolling Meadows firefighters,” Stewart said. “I am forever grateful for their mentoring, camaraderie, and support over the years. It has been my honor to have served as Fire Chief. I am extremely proud of what we accomplished together.”

City Manager Barry Krumstok praised Stewart for “making the Rolling Meadows Fire Department a better place. He

always had the City’s best interests at heart. His friendship, integrity, sense of humor, professionalism, and honesty will be missed.”

Acting Chief Franzgrote, a Fire Department member since 1990, has served as firefighter/paramedic, lieutenant/EMS Coordinator, Battalion Chief/Shift Commander, and Deputy Chief. He is an adjunct faculty member/instructor with the fire science program at Harper College in Palatine.

Battalion Chief Pete Till has been appointed Acting Deputy Fire Chief.

City Removes 35 Trees Damaged by Emerald Ash Borer Beetle

Thirty-five ash trees damaged by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) were removed from public parkways in April, as the Public Works Department investigates ways to protect the City’s population of nearly 1,700 ash trees.

The non-native beetle arrived in Rolling Meadows last year and is responsible for the deaths of more than 20 million trees in 14 states.

“The Forestry Division is carefully monitoring the EAB’s effect on City-owned ash trees and will cut down any tree that becomes a public safety hazard,” explains City Forester Jim McFeggan. “We are researching possible treatments to save as many trees as possible, but their effectiveness has not



Emerald Ash Borer

been proven and does not yet justify the costs to the City.”

Also at risk are ash trees on private property, park lands, and wooded lots. McFeggan encourages homeowners to identify ash trees on their properties and watch for evidence of the EAB’s presence, including damage to upper branches, unusual woodpecker damage, and “D”-shaped holes on a tree’s trunk.

EAB informational brochures are available at the Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street. Additional information is also available on the “News Updates” section of the Department’s Webpage, www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks.

2012 Street/Sidewalk Programs Underway

Planning for the 2012 Street Program is underway. The Public Works Department is planning for the resurfacing of up to six residential streets this summer:

- Willow Lane (*Linden to Carr*)
- Pheasant Drive (*Starling to Hawk*)
- Algonquin Parkway (*first 400 ft. from Algonquin Road*)
- Fairfax Avenue (*Benton to California*)
- Library Lane (*Kirchoff to library parking lot*)
- Peacock Court (*Alternate*)

Street Maintenance Division staff members have also conducted curb and sidewalk inspections in the area of Pheasant Drive and Hawk Lane, Fulle Street, the Waverly Park area, and Elizabeth Place, as part of the City’s Sidewalk Program. The annual program also includes annual inspections of sidewalks near local schools and in the City’s commercial/retail areas.

Residents who notice additional areas where the sidewalk presents a potential hazard should contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.

Tax-Deductible Contributions Support Community Events Foundation

Rolling Meadows’ Community Events Foundation gives residents an opportunity to support City-sponsored activities held throughout the year.

Tax-deductible donations to the Foundation help offset the costs of staging community events such as Rolling Meadows’ Memorial Day Parade, annual veterans’ dinner, Independence Day celebrations, and holiday tree lighting.

Residents and businesses interested in contributing should make checks payable to *City of Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation*.

Submit donations to:
City of Rolling Meadows
Community Events Foundation
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.



Vehicle Stickers, Dog Licenses On Sale June 1



2012-13 vehicle stickers and dog licenses will go on sale June 1. Vehicle stickers start at \$26, while dog licenses are \$10 (\$5 for

neutered/spayed animals). All dogs must be licensed and have rabies shots.

The City will mail out pre-printed applications in early June that residents may use for online purchases. To purchase online, visit www.cityrm.org, select "Online Payments" at the left side of the page, then click "Purchase Vehicle Stickers/Dog Tags."

Residents without Internet access may use a pre-addressed envelope included in

the June mailing to order stickers and dog licenses from home. Vehicle stickers will also be sold at retail locations throughout the City.

All drivers with cars registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase and display the 2012-13 vehicle stickers by June 30. Stickers purchased after the deadline will double in price. Motorists who fail to display the new sticker by July 1 will be subject to a \$100 police citation.

Funds generated from vehicle sticker sales support Rolling Meadows' ongoing street maintenance activities (see page 2), which keep City streets in good condition and help prevent excessive wear and tear on residents' cars and trucks.

City Reviews Refuse Collection Proposals

The City is reviewing six proposals from private contractors for curbside refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection services. The goal is to determine any potential cost savings while maintaining high-quality service levels.

Rolling Meadows' Public Works Department currently operates its own refuse and yard waste collection, while Veolia Environmental Services handles recycling.

Further discussion on the issue is planned for the coming months.



Phone in, Email Water Meter Readings

Residents who prefer to pay for the exact amount of water they use on a monthly basis may contact the Finance Department to provide their homes' current meter reading during months when they are scheduled to receive an estimated bill. Actual readings are taken every other month.

Send your utility bill account number and address, along with the current reading, to ub@cityrm.org between the 12th and 20th of each estimated billing month. Residents may also call 847-394-8500. Information may be left by voicemail during or after business hours.

Rolling Meadows Welcomes New Businesses

Advocate Health Partners – *Support center*
1701 Golf Road (T2), #1100
(847-699-4300)

Air Ductor Solution, Inc. – *Air duct cleaning*
5105 Tollview #195
(855-300-9208)

ISC Services – *General contractor*
5420 Newport Drive #57
(847-590-1088)

Revolution Technologies LLC – *Staffing services*
3501 Algonquin Road #150
(321-409-4949)

S&P Health Solutions – *Medical/rejuvenation*
3501 Algonquin Road #170
(847-457-4378)

Varsity Publications – *Athletic fundraising*
3501 Algonquin Road #170
(847-457-4378)

Warehouse Work & Services – *Warehouse maintenance*
4770 Calvert Drive #C1
(847-870-1570)

Winters Comfort Services – *HVAC contracting*
3855 Industrial
(847-394-9591)

York Risk Services Group Inc. – *Insurance claims*
3601 Algonquin Road #325
(847-704-1715)

Community Briefs

Police to Launch Crime Stoppers Tip Program

A new Crime Stoppers program set to launch in late summer will let residents provide anonymous tips to police and receive a reward if the information helps law enforcement solve crimes. Program updates will be featured in upcoming issues of *News & Views* and on the City's Website, www.cityrm.org.

Voters Approve Electricity Aggregation Measure

By a margin of 63% to 37%, Rolling Meadows voters approved a March 20 aggregation referendum allowing the City to seek lower electricity rates on behalf of the community. City leaders will develop aggregation plans, hold public hearings on May 8 and 15, and solicit and approve competitive bids from suppliers. Bids that

come in higher than current prices will not be considered.

City to Host June 28 Blood Drive

A LifeSource-sponsored blood drive will take place Thursday, June 28, 1 – 7 p.m., at City Hall. To schedule an appointment, visit www.lifefsource.org, or call 877-543-3768. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Website Lets Residents Opt-Out of Yellow Pages Delivery

The Local Search Association (formerly the Yellow Pages Association) has established a Website that lets residents limit the number of unsolicited publications they receive by opting-out of the Yellow Pages' automatic home delivery service. Visit www.yellowpagesoptout.com.

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
		Adjudication Hearing 1 (Traffic Violations), 2 p.m. Economic Development Committee , 6 p.m. Environmental Committee , 7 p.m., all at City Hall	2	3	May 4 – 6 42nd Annual Spring Ice Show , West Meadows Ice Arena (Park District Program).	5					
6	Board of Fire and Police Commissioners , 9 a.m., City Hall	City Council Meeting/Electricity Aggregation Public Hearing , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	8	Rolling Meadows Historical Society hosts the ArlingTones , 6:30 p.m., Rolling Meadows Library.	9	Adjudication Hearing , 1 p.m. Electricity Aggregation Informational Meeting , 7:30 p.m., both at City Hall	10	11	12		
13	14	City Council Committee of the Whole/Electricity Aggregation Public Hearing , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	15	16	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light) , 2 p.m.	17	18	Garden Club Plant & Craft Sale , 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., 3200 Central Road.	19		
Mother's Day								Armed Forces Day			
May 20 – 26: National Public Works Week	20	Water bills due	21	City Council Meeting , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	22	23	24	Veterans Dinner , 6 p.m., Meridian Banquets	25	Memorial Day Parade, Observance , 11 a.m. Healthy Family Walk , noon	26
27	City Hall and Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day all week. Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	Sprinkling Ban Begins May 15 To conserve water throughout the community, lawn sprinkling is prohibited between noon and 6 p.m. daily.					

June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
					Vehicle stickers, dog licenses on sale	1	2				
Community Day at Arlington Park	3	4	Adjudication Hearing 5 (Traffic Violations), 2 p.m. Econ. Dev. Cte. , 6 p.m. Environmental Cte. , 7 p.m. Plan Commission , 7:30 p.m., all at City Hall	Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	6	7	8	Dance Company Recital , 7 p.m., Rolling Meadows High School Auditorium (Park District program)	9		
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17	18	City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	19	Water bills due	20	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light) , 2 p.m., City Hall	21	Movies in the Park , 8:30 p.m., Community Center Park (Park District program)	22	23	
Father's Day						First Day of Summer					
Garden Walk (Garden Club Event) Kick Off to Summer , 12 – 2 p.m., Community Center Park (Park District program)	24	25	City Council Meeting , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	26	27	Blood Drive , 1 – 7 p.m., City Hall	28	29	30	Deadline to purchase and display vehicle stickers, dog licenses	

Police Dept. 'Street of the Week' Program to Encourage Safe Driving

Responding to residents' complaints of reckless driving in their neighborhoods, the Police Department's "Street of the Week" program encourages compliance with posted speed limits and traffic signs throughout the City.

Police officers will focus their enforcement efforts each week on a specific section of Rolling Meadows. The goal, according to Commander Tom Calcagno, is to enhance residents' safety by raising driver awareness.

"Residents have every right to be concerned about drivers who speed through their neighborhood and ignore traffic signs. The Street of the Week program will place patrol officers in locations where residents have observed a prolonged pattern of unsafe driving," Calcagno explains.

Residents – and drivers – may check the Police Department's Webpage (cityrm.org/rmpd) to learn where enforcement operations will take place each week. To report areas of traffic safety concern, contact the Police Department Service Desk at 847-255-2416.



Neighborhood speed limit enforcement is a focus of the Street of the Week program.

'Street of the Week' Schedule

Week of	Location
April 30	Campbell Street (2300 block)
May 7	Owl Drive (at Bobwhite Lane)
May 14	Fulle Street
May 21	Wren Lane
May 28	Campbell Street (at School Drive)
June 4	Jay Lane
June 11	Silent Brook Lane (at Pebblebrook Lane)
June 18	Meadow Lane (from School Drive to Campbell Street)
June 25	Central Road (near Owl Lane)
July 2	Quentin Road
July 9	Plum Grove Drive



City Makes Changes to Chipper Service

After budget cuts for 2012 eliminated the City's spring Chipper service, Public Works will provide a fee-based alternative for residents who wish to schedule pickups with the Department this summer.

Department staff will provide on-site estimates (minimum \$75) to provide curbside brush pick up through July. To schedule

an appointment, call 847-963-0500. Residents may also contact area landscaping companies that provide these services.

Public Works will perform City-wide pickups of brush and branches following major storms, as needed. For more information, visit www.cityrm.org or watch Cable TV Channel 6.

Web-based Utility Billing Program Improves Customer Convenience, Lowers Costs



The City's Web-based utility billing program improves customer convenience by sending monthly email statements and streamlines City billing operations. Register for the eBilling program on the City's Website, www.cityrm.org.

Customers receive an email each month with a link to their utility billing statement. The program lets residents review a two-year billing history for their account and includes a link to the City's newsletter, *News & Views*.

Contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500 for more information.



Officer David Kim Welcomed Home from Afghanistan

Deputy Police Chief Mark Hogan (left) presents an official commendation to Officer David Kim after his return from a one-year deployment to Afghanistan. Officer Kim, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve, previously served in Iraq, where he received the Bronze Star.

Open House to Celebrate Museum's First Decade

Residents and their extended families will enjoy refreshments, giveaways, and much more during the 10th anniversary celebration of the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum, Sunday, July 1, noon – 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Historical Society at 847-577-7086.



Creating an Independence Day Parade with Water and Stone

by Mayor Tom Rooney

You may be familiar with the story “Stone Soup.” It involves a traveler who convinces a miser that he can make a delicious soup with only water and a stone. Figuring that water and a stone can easily be spared, the miser tells the traveler to go ahead and make the soup.

The traveler starts to boil water and puts in the stone, but keeps hinting at extra ingredients that would make the soup even better. Since each ingredient, by itself, doesn't seem like much of a sacrifice, the miser relents each time. In the end, they have a wonderful soup.

You may also be familiar with the fact that money for the City's Independence Day parade was cut from this year's

budget. Some folks have expressed an interest in helping out, but no one has yet come forward to take the lead.

Since the events foundation we established to fund future parades and events is just gearing up (see page 2), I'm getting out my kettle of water: I volunteer to be this year's Independence Day Parade coordinator. I'm going to throw in my stone by assembling a kazoo marching band – just a group of people willing to provide a little fun for the parade.

There WILL be a “fund-less” parade Wednesday, July 4. How good will it be? That depends on how many others might be willing to help. Email ideas and entries for the “Stone Parade” (or volunteer for the kazoo band) at mayor@cityrm.org.

Chamber Releases List of Top 12 Employers



The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce has released its annual “Top 12 Rolling Meadows Employers” list.

1. Northrop Grumman Corp. – 2,400 employees
2. Riverside Publishing Co. – 410
3. Komatsu – 310
4. BMO Harris N.A. – 305
5. Cook County 3rd Municipal Courthouse – 300+
6. A.H. Management Group – 268
7. Wal-Mart – 267
8. Research in Motion (RIM) – 250
9. Panasonic – 250
10. Meijer – 245
11. Methode – 226
12. RTC Industries – 221

Visit the Chamber online at www.rmchamber.org.

June 6 Public Workshop to Help Identify Future Housing Needs

A public workshop at City Hall scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 7 p.m., will allow residents to voice their opinions on current and future housing needs in the community.



Valerie Dehner City officials are soliciting public opinion as part of its participation in Homes for a Changing Region, a program designed to help Rolling Meadows and other member communities of the North West Suburban Housing Collaborative – including Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, and Palatine – identify strategies to guide future housing development.

The resulting plan, estimated at \$30,000, will be developed by Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. It is funded entirely by grants.

“The plan will serve as a marketing tool for potential developers and offer a blueprint for future development,” explains Community Development Director Valerie Dehner. “We want to ensure that the City is well-positioned to meet the housing needs of all our residents, no matter what stage of life they are in.”

For more information, call Community Development at 847-506-6030.

Commemorative Banners Honor Cancer Patients

Commemorative banners lining Kirchoff Road honor cancer survivors and residents who are battling, or have died from, the disease. The banners, purchased by residents, benefit the American Cancer Society and will hang in downtown Rolling Meadows until October. This is the program's final year.

