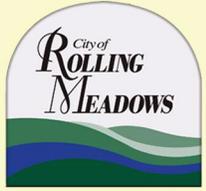




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‘National Night Out’ Community Celebration to Welcome Chicago Blackhawks National Anthem Singer Jim Cornelison, August 4th

Rolling Meadows’ third annual National Night Out celebration will kick off Tuesday, August 4th, with a stirring rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” courtesy of Chicago Blackhawks national anthem singer Jim Cornelison.

The community-wide event, offering games, fireworks, food, and fun, will take place at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive), 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Following Cornelison’s performance to begin the festivities, guests will enjoy performances by the world-famous Jesse White Tumblers, the Chicago Bears Drum Line, and a magician.

The event will also feature law enforcement vehicle displays, a vehicle extrication demonstration by Rolling Meadows firefighters, and a guest appearance by

the Air One Rescue helicopter. Fireworks will end the evening with a “bang.”

Guests will interact with sports mascots “Staley Da Bear” and the Chicago Wolves’ “Skates,” while enjoying games, giveaways, and free snacks (while supplies last).

“National Night Out is an outstanding opportunity for police officers and residents to come together and build stronger relationships that enhance the quality of life we enjoy in Rolling Meadows,” Police Chief Dave Scanlan says. “We hope everyone will come out and join us for what is sure to be a fun-filled evening.”

This marks the third consecutive year that Rolling Meadows has hosted a National Night Out celebration. Police officials report that more than 2,000 people attended last year’s event – double the



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number of attendees from the prior year – and believe this year’s celebration is shaping up to be the most successful yet.

Another measure of National Night Out’s growing success is the support offered by the Rolling Meadows business community. Northrop Grumman gave event planners a

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August 1st Community Bike Ride to Cover 5.1 Miles; Event to Feature ‘Family-Friendly’ 1.8 Mile Circuit

The Police Department’s August 1st Community Bike Ride will feature a family-friendly 1.8-mile route that winds through the north side of Rolling Meadows, and a second 3.3-mile stretch for more experienced riders.



Police Chief Dave Scanlan accompanies residents on last year’s ride.

The ride begins at 7 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Residents are welcome to begin gathering at 6 p.m. The Police Department will distribute a limited supply of free bike helmets beforehand. Riders may also take advantage of complimentary bicycle safety checks.

Following the event, riders will enjoy free ice cream and water, courtesy of Jewel/Osco.

Participants who wish to join the full 5.1-mile circuit will enjoy a scenic view of the City’s cozy residential neighborhoods, expansive bike path system, and natural open spaces, Police Commander Tom Gadomski explains.

“Our goal was to offer two separate routes that would appeal to riders of all ages and

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Updated Fire Department Auto-Aid Agreement Strengthens Emergency Services for Meadows, Arlington Residents

City Council's July 14th approval of amendments to a long-standing automatic aid agreement between the Rolling Meadows and Arlington Heights Fire Departments strengthens each department's ability to deliver effective emergency services to residents of both communities, Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote reports.

The automatic aid agreement, originally approved in 1973, is designed to ensure that responders from the closest geographical fire station location – whether in Rolling Meadows or Arlington Heights – are dispatched to emergency scenes in either town.

In one example of this resource-sharing approach, the agreement calls for Rolling Meadows firefighters to respond first to emergencies at Arlington Park Racetrack and the areas bordered by Northwest Highway, Wilke Road, Rohlwing Road, and Euclid Avenue.

In return, Arlington Heights firefighters serve as first responders to Rolling Meadows' corporate and retail areas in the vicinity of Golf and Algonquin Roads.

The type of emergency, such as a fire or call for medical assistance, determines whether an ambulance or fire engine is dispatched.

"Auto-aid agreements allow local departments to pool their resources and create a more regional response model," Chief Franzgrote explains, adding that the RMFD has auto-aid agreements in place with all of its neighbors.

"As our communities have grown and changed, we've adjusted the agreement to meet new challenges. Our efforts also ensure that the agreement is fair and equitable for taxpayers in both communities," he adds.

The ease with which the amended agreement was approved speaks to the strong



The City's auto-aid agreement with Arlington Heights improves emergency services in both communities.

working relationship between both departments.

"Our auto-aid partnership with Arlington Heights has proven very effective over its 42-year existence because we know each other so well," Chief Franzgrote says. "We enjoy excellent relationships with their personnel and share the same EMS protocols. Most importantly, the agreement helps each department deliver faster, more responsive services to residents.



Independence Day Parade Celebrates Freedom, City's 60th Birthday

An old-fashioned community parade that wound its way through Rolling Meadows' tree-lined neighborhood streets was the perfect way for residents to celebrate America's independence and the City's 60th Anniversary. The July 4th event featured marching bands and local community organizations, including Rolling Meadows Park District (A) and Rolling Meadows Youth Baseball (B), decorated vehicles and floats (C and D), and much more. The parade's younger spectators took home candy and other sweet treats passed out by participants (E), while the City's Celebrate 60! Committee publicly unveiled its birthday cake float (F) to commemorate Rolling Meadows' 60th anniversary of incorporation.

EAB Infestation Recovery Continues: 500-Plus New Trees to Join City's Urban Forest This Year

The Public Works Department expects to plant more than 500 new trees throughout Rolling Meadows this year, as part of an ongoing program to replace trees destroyed by the Emerald Ash Borer beetle (EAB), Assistant City Forester Graham Strebler reported to City Council in June.

Crews planted 260 new trees during spring, with another 260-275 trees expected to join the City's "urban forest" this fall.

"By the end of 2015, approximately 85% of our Ash trees will have been removed," Strebler said, leaving roughly 300 ash trees for removal in 2016. "The majority of the trees that have been removed were replaced within 10 months."

The City is replacing ash trees with new, 1.5" trunk-diameter trees at no charge to homeowners. Residents whose parkway trees are scheduled to be removed will receive a letter informing them of the



Emerald Ash Borer

City's tree replacement program. The letter includes information on species selection and opportunities for residents to purchase larger trees, if desired.

The City's ash tree removal and replacement efforts have taken place on City-owned public land, such as parkways and easements. Ash trees located on private property, park lands, and wooded lots are also at risk for EAB infestation.

Residents should identify ash trees on their properties and watch for evidence of the non-native beetle's presence, including damage to upper branches, unusual woodpecker damage and "D"-shaped holes on a tree's trunk.

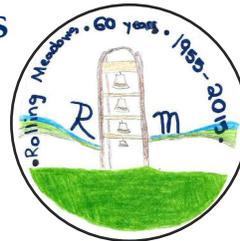
EAB informational brochures are available at the Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street. Additional information is available on the "News Updates" section of the Department's Webpage, www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks.

Purchase 2015-16 Vehicle Stickers to Avoid \$100 Police Citation

Motorists who have not displayed their 2015-16 vehicle stickers and wish to avoid a \$100 ticket should purchase new stickers online at the City's Website, www.cityrm.org, or in person at City Hall.

Sticker costs doubled following this year's June 30th purchase deadline. Late fee prices start at \$60, based on vehicle classification. Per City ordinance, motorists who do not display a current vehicle sticker are subject to a \$100 police citation.

Sticker sales generate approximately \$500,000 annually for Rolling Meadows' street maintenance programs. This year's sticker design (shown), created by Kimball Hill School student Paige Cosico, commemorates the City's 60th Anniversary.



Police to Host Free Prescription Drug 'Take-Back' Event at Old Public Works Building,

Safely dispose of old and unused prescription medications Saturday, September 26th, when the Rolling Meadows Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration host a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event at the Old Public Works Building (3200 Central Road).

Drop off medications anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, call the 24-hour Police Department Help Desk at 847-255-2416.

This Month in Rolling Meadows

August 1st – **CornFest**, 11 am – 7 pm, Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Rd); **Community Bike Ride**, 6 pm, City Hall

August 4th – **National Night Out**, 6 – 8:30 pm, Community Center (3705 Pheasant Dr)

August 6th – **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

August 7th – **Meadows Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd); **8th Annual Duck Derby**, 6:30 pm, Nelson Sports Complex (3900 Owl Dr)

August 10th – **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

August 11th – **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

August 12th – **Urban Affairs Committee**, 5:45 pm, City Hall

August 13th – **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

August 14th – **Meadows Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd)

August 18th – **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

August 20th – **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall, **Water bills due**

August 21st – **Meadows Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd)

August 22nd – **Farmers & Food Trucks**, 10 am – 2 pm, City Hall

August 25th – **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

August 28th – **Meadows Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd)

August 29th – **60th Anniversary Ice Cream Social**, 12 – 1 pm, Waverly Park

New Assistant Public Works Director Rob Horne Credits ‘Incredible Staff’ for Department’s Service Approach



Rob Horne

New Assistant Public Works Director Rob Horne arrived in June with nearly 25 years of public service experience, but freely admits he was “taken aback” by the level of service Department employees provide to Rolling Meadows residents.

“There is a dynamic here that is not found very often in other communities,” he says. “The staff here are incredible. It’s their knowledge of Department’s operations and commitment to customer service that distinguishes them. It’s also what separates Rolling Meadows’ Public Works from other communities.”

Case in point: Horne remembers an event that occurred during an underground utility dig on one of his first days on the

job. Department vehicles inadvertently blocked the driveway of a resident who had just returned from the grocery store and parked a bit further down the street.

“I watched one of our seasonal employees – without being asked – walk over and help this resident carry her groceries into the house,” Horne recalls with amazement. “It was confirmation that I had joined a very special department.”

Rob brings a diverse background in municipal service to his new position. He spent the past 21 years in the Village of Lincolnshire, where he served as a utility worker, Building & Engineering Inspector, and Engineering Supervisor. He began his career in Hawthorn Woods’

Streets Department, where he was its first full-time employee.

“My heart has always been in public works. There is a pride that comes from working together to solve all kinds of problems at all-hours of the day,” Rob explains. “It’s a great experience being able to help people for a living. I’m thrilled to be here and look forward to being part of such a great team.”

Away from work, Rob enjoys running, cycling, and coaching his 10-year-old son’s baseball team. He and his wife, Diane, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary later this year.

Harvest Party to Celebrate Expanded Community Garden’s Second Season

The Rolling Meadows Community Garden’s second successful growing season will culminate later this month with an end-of-season harvest party for members, 5th Ward Alderman and project organizer Rob Banger reports.

“The harvest party will give our members an opportunity to share the fruits – or, more specifically, the vegetables – of their labor,” Alderman Banger explains. “We’ve had a good season with a lot of new faces.”

The Garden, created last year on a City-owned parcel of land along Salt Creek in downtown Rolling Meadows, features 4’ x 8’ parcels for use by residents to cultivate fresh vegetables, flowers or other plants.

To accommodate “growing” interest, the garden expanded this spring to feature 24 individual parcels.

Alderman Banger says that several members turned this most recent growing season into a family affair by bringing their grandchildren along to garden with them. Meanwhile, two teenagers, both of whom he calls “green-thumbed enthusiasts,” have each been tending their own parcels.

Garden members are already looking forward to next season, with plans underway to host a mid-winter seed exchange. They also look forward to welcoming “anyone who wants to get involved and learn more about plants and how they



The Community Garden expanded this year to accommodate additional participants.

grow,” Alderman Banger adds.

For more information, visit www.rmcommunitygarden.com or contact Alderman Banger at jrbanger@att.net.



The 1.8 mile stretch of this year’s Bike Ride is aimed at families with younger riders.

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skill levels,” he says. “Families with younger children may prefer to complete the 1.8-mile route, while those who bike more frequently are welcome to travel the entire course.”

The first leg will travel through the north end of town, then bring riders back to City Hall. Participants who continue the ride will journey into Rolling Meadows’ southern sections.

“We are very excited to once again host this type of community outreach program and hope everyone will join us,” Cmdr. Gadomski adds. “These events are a great opportunity for us to interact with residents in a relaxed, friendly setting.”

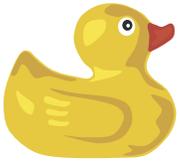
For more information, contact the Police Department’s 24-hour service desk at 847-255-2416. View a video of last year’s Community Bike Ride on the Department’s YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/user/rollingmeadowspolice>.

City Briefs: Community Events Edition

Community Church CornFest (August 1st)

A community event staple since 1957, CornFest offers a day of “food, fun and fellowship,” Saturday, August 1st, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Guests will enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, watermelon, and all you can eat sweet corn at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road). The event will also feature an arts and crafts fair, held 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$5 for children. A \$1 surcharge will be added to tickets purchased on the day of the event. For more information, call 847-255-5510 or visit www.community-churchrm.com.



Duck Derby and Cotton Candy Social (August 7th)

The 8th annual Duck Derby to raise money for environmental conservation efforts throughout Rolling Meadows will take place Friday, August 7th, 6:30 p.m., at the Nelson Sports Complex (3900 Owl Drive). Residents may purchase plastic ducks for a chance to win a variety of prizes – including a \$500 grand prize.

Purchase ducks at the Park District Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) and City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) for \$5

each, or a “Quack Pack” of five ducks for \$20. For more information, contact the Park District at 847-818-3220 or visit www.rmparks.org.

Farmers & Food Trucks (August 22nd)

Shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, sample freshly-made foods prepared by onsite food trucks, and choose from a variety of hand-made jewelry and other crafts Saturday, August 22nd, when the City hosts its next Farmers & Food Trucks event at City Hall, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This year’s program features an expanded variety of food truck menu items, a rotating roster of live entertainment, and raffle prizes.



Area vendors who are interested in participating will find additional information and registration forms on the City’s Web-



More vendors, expanded menus, live entertainment and raffle prizes draw guests to the City’s monthly Farmers and Food Trucks events.

site (www.cityrm.org). Residents who wish to volunteer for this year’s program may contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.

60th Anniversary Ice Cream Social (August 29th)

Cool down with a cold summer treat Saturday, August 29th, 12 – 1 p.m., during a special 60th Anniversary Ice Cream Social at Waverly Park. It’s the latest in a series of events commemorating Rolling Meadows’ 60th birthday.



Cruise Night takes place every Friday in downtown Rolling Meadows through September 4th.

Cruise Nights in Downtown Rolling Meadows (Friday Nights)

Experience a variety of classic muscle cars and other vintage automobiles every Friday night in August during Cruise Nights at Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road). The free family event also offers plenty of “activities for young children and the young at heart,” according to the event’s Website. To learn more, visit www.meadowscruisenights.com.



Eco-Friendly ‘eBilling’ Saves Taxpayers Money

eBilling, Rolling Meadows’ Web-based utility billing program, helps save taxpayers thousands of dollars each year in printing and mailing costs.

Rather than receiving a printed bill in the

mail, eBilling customers receive a monthly email with a link to their utility billing statement. Balances may be paid through online banking, the City’s Web-based Utility Bill Management System, by mail, or in person at City Hall.

The service – currently used by more than

15% of the City’s utility customers – lets users review a two-year billing history for their account and provides a link to the City’s newsletter, *News & Views*.

Register for eBilling at www.cityrm.org/finance. For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500.

eLockbox Service Streamlines Utility Payment Processing

The City’s electronic check processing service improves customer service and streamlines Finance Department operations.

The “eLockbox” service caters to the increasing number of residents using online banking to pay their City utility

bills. It electronically processes customer payments in just one or two days. Before, payment processing would often take anywhere from 7 – 10 days.

“Electronic payment processing significantly improves the Finance Department’s operational efficiencies,” explains Finance

Department Director Melissa Gallagher. “It also helps customers keep better track their available balances because payments are debited from their accounts much faster.”

For more information on eLockbox and other services, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500.

Mayor Rooney Sworn-in as NWMC President



Tom Rooney

Mayor Tom Rooney was sworn-in as the 57th President of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) during an inauguration ceremony held at the organization's Annual Gala in June.

The NWMC is comprised of 44 municipalities and one township, representing a

population of over 1.3 million Illinois residents. Its mission is to "strengthen local government and enhance intergovernmental cooperation in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago," according to a news release announcing Mayor Rooney's inauguration.

Mayor Rooney is the fourth Rolling Meadows mayor to serve as NWMC President.

Commemorative Wine and Beer Tumblers Now Available to Celebrate City's 60th Anniversary

Plastic wine and beer tumblers adorned with Rolling Meadows' official 60th Anniversary logo are now among the commemorative items available for purchase by residents celebrating the City's year-long 60th Birthday. The \$3 tumblers may be purchased at City Hall and at upcoming 60th Anniversary events.



Commemorative beer mugs (left) and wine "glasses" feature the City's 60th Anniversary logo.

Other items for sale include garden flags (\$10), garden flag posts (\$5), beverage mugs (\$3 or two for \$5) and commemorative coasters (\$2).

The City has also produced a variety of commemorative giveaway items that will be passed out at upcoming City events. For more information, visit www.cityrm.org and click the "60th Birthday Celebration" icon.

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community grant, while Meijer and other local businesses provided assorted levels of financial and material support.

For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Police Department's non-emergency number (847-255-2416).

National Night Out was established in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting crime prevention in local communities. Today, National Night Out is celebrated by more than 38 million people in over 16,000



Chicago Bears mascot Staley Da Bear will "bear-down" at this year's National Night Out celebration.

communities in the United States and around the world.

Welcome New Businesses

Advanced Electrical Supply Co, LLC – Electrical products distributor
5420 Newport Dr #53 (224-324-3022)

Alexian Brothers Medical Group – Primary care clinic
1669 Algonquin Rd (847-818-7600)



Aldermen Tim Veenbaas (far left), Laura Majikes (3rd from left) and Len Prejna (far right) join Mayor Tom Rooney (with scissors) for Alexian Brothers Medical Group's official ribbon-cutting.

JNL Asphalt – Asphalt company office
4611 Kirchoff Rd #11 (847-502-4306)

Law Office of Sang Shim – Attorney
3501 Algonquin Rd #600
(847-427-0033)

MaxHealth Rehab & Wellness – Physical therapy
1500 Hicks Rd #300 (847-227-7930)

MrktServ – Online data services
1701 Golf Rd T3 #201 (260-418-5116)

Pizza Ready – Restaurant
2222 Algonquin Rd (224-301-9050)

ROK Roofing & Siding – Contractor
1831 Hicks Rd Ste A (847-221-8262)

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