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## Community Birthday Party to Kick-Off City's 60th Anniversary Celebration, February 26

A historic celebration 60 years in the making will take place Thursday, February 26, when residents of all ages gather to celebrate Rolling Meadows' 60th Anniversary of incorporation with a community-wide birthday party.

Held at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., the party will feature:

- Performances by Carl Sandburg Jr. High School's band and orchestra groups.
- Student art exhibits showcasing Rolling Meadows' community pride.
- Cake and light refreshments.
- Crafts and other activities.



A brief ceremony set to begin at 7 p.m. will honor long-time residents who have called Rolling Meadows home for 60 years or more, and resident veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The event's open house format will allow guests to drop by at their convenience.

"The February 26 birthday party is a great way to bring everyone together to celebrate this important milestone in the City's history," City Manager Barry Krumstok says. "We encourage all residents to stop by for some cake and join us in celebrating 60 years of Rolling Meadows' rich history."

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## Pot of Gold Grand Prize to be Awarded at Rotary Club's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 14

A grand prize "Pot of Gold" worth up to \$2,500 awaits one lucky guest at the Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows' 15th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction, Saturday, March 14.

The event, part of a series of community events recognizing the City's 60th Anniversary, will take place 6 – 10 p.m., at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).



Attendees will enjoy a traditional Irish/American dinner of corned beef, cabbage and chicken; an open bar featuring beer, wine and soft drinks; and Irish music and dancing.

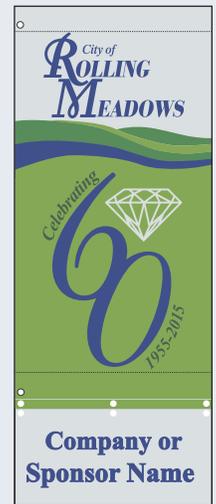
Dinner tickets are \$30 per person and will be available through March 9. Only 100 Pot of Gold raffle tickets will be sold. Proceeds will help Rotary support programs that benefit the Rolling Meadows community. Ticket sales will determine the total worth of the grand prize raffle.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Rolling Meadows Park District Director Amy Charlesworth (a.charlesworth@rmparks.org or 847-818-3220) or Public Works Director Fred Vogt (vogt@cityrm.org or 847-963-0500).

## City to Display Custom Street Banners

Commemorative street banners featuring the City's 60th Anniversary logo will be displayed on Kirchoff Road and along Algonquin Road later this month, as part of Rolling Meadows' diamond anniversary celebration.

Each custom banner includes space to add the names of local residents and businesses, offering a unique way for community members to join in the celebration. Banners are \$125. Order forms are available on the City's Website, [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org). Orders must be placed by February 5.



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# Fire Station Alerting System Upgrades to Improve Response Times

Upgrades to the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's station notification system will further improve the Department's emergency response times and speed delivery of fire and emergency medical services, Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote reports.

The newly expanded fire station alerting system, installed at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road) and Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive), incorporates visual message boards, digital timers and upgraded lighting. These devices provide timely information to help firefighters track how long it takes to prepare themselves for action and leave the station once they have been notified by dispatchers of an emergency.

"The upgrades to our station alerting system equip firefighters with the information they need to continuously improve response times and provide the highest levels of service to Rolling Meadows residents and businesses," Chief Franzgrote explains. "The system will help us perform better when responding to situations

where minutes often determine whether a patient survives or a fire is contained."

Chief Franzgrote says there are three separate measurements that are used to determine overall emergency response times:

- **Alarm Processing Time:** The amount of time it takes dispatchers to receive a 911 call, collect necessary information, and notify appropriate emergency units through computer-aided dispatch (CAD) software.
- **Turn Out Time:** How quickly firefighters are able to "suit up" and leave the station after being dispatched.
- **Travel Time:** How long it takes units to arrive at an emergency scene after leaving the fire station.

"Turn out time is the one area where we can have the greatest impact on improving response times," he adds. "We can't control how long it takes for callers to provide information to dispatchers. We can't control the traffic we encounter while en route to an emergency. We can



Improving "turn out time" will help firefighters provide more effective emergency services.

find ways to be faster and more efficient once we receive the call."

The \$49,639 system upgrade, approved by City Council last fall, meets national standards of excellence established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA).

It replaces technology that is decades old: The Neuckranz Station's previous alerting system was installed in 1986. The Fogarty Station's original system dates to the 1950s. Periodic upgrades kept those systems functioning into the 21st Century.

# City Launches New Broadcast Network with January 13 Council Meeting



Justin Chiappetta

Cable TV Channel 6's broadcast of City Council's January 13 meeting marked the launch of the new and improved Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network, following upgrades to City

Hall's audio and visual broadcasting equipment.

New high-definition (HD) cameras and advanced computer systems replaced equipment that was more than 20 years old.

"We literally replaced VHS-era machines with high-definition systems that are capable of delivering residents expanded, high-quality programming," explains Justin Chiappetta, the City's Information Technology (IT) Coordinator.

Chiappetta says the new equipment is among an ongoing series of improvements that will enable the City to produce a wider range of diverse

programming options, and broadcast content produced by local schools and community groups.



Rolling Meadows Broadcasting Network

The \$170,000 investment in the City's A/V capabilities is part of a broader IT program that will introduce a

redesigned City Website later this year. The updated Website will eventually allow residents to stream City Council meetings online from their computers, tablets and other mobile devices.

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City officials will also announce the winner of a community art competition, in which school-aged children submitted original designs for a commemorative 60th Anniversary vehicle sticker that will be available later this year.

The February 26 party is being organized by the City's "Celebrate 60!" Committee, whose members are organizing more activities and events to commemorate the City's diamond anniversary. Proposed events now in the planning stages

include a spring ice cream social, window painting contest, community tailgate, and senior luncheon.

Committee members meet regularly to discuss additional ways to celebrate the City's 60th birthday. Residents who would like to support the committee's efforts, offer ideas, or volunteer their time and talents may contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 x 1002 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

# Police Department Earns 'Rookie of the Year' Award for National Night Out Celebration

The Rolling Meadows Police Department was named "Rookie of the Year" by the National Organization of Town Watch (NATW) for its outstanding 2014 National Night Out celebration.

The Department was recognized for its "outstanding first-year participation in the 31st Annual National Night Out," said Matt A. Peskin, NATW's National Project Coordinator, in a letter to Rolling Meadows Police Commander Tom Gadomski. "We congratulate you and your community for a job well-done."

"National Night Out is the ultimate family-friendly event that helps highlight awareness of local crime prevention efforts," Cmdr. Gadomski explains. "It's an opportunity to reach out to families and provide valuable safety information in a setting where everyone can enjoy themselves."



...family-friendly games and activities for all ages...

Last year's National Night Out took place August 5 at the Rolling Meadows Community Center. The celebration drew a record-setting crowd of nearly 2,000 people, who enjoyed a stunning aerial performance by the Jessie White Tumblers, a thundering fireworks display, games, giveaways and free snacks.

Cmdr. Gadomski gives much of the credit for the success of last year's program to members of Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers.

"Crime Stoppers spent months planning our National Night Out celebration. It was very gratifying to see their efforts prove so successful," he says. "Now the

pressure's on to make this year's event even better!" he adds with a laugh.

Residents should mark their calendars now: 2015's National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 4.



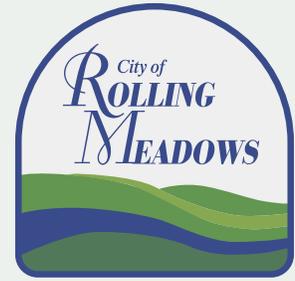
Last year's National Night Out featured a high-flying performance by the Jesse White Tumblers...

Despite receiving "Rookie of the Year" recognition, most Rolling Meadows residents will recall that 2014 was not the first time the City had hosted a National Night Out event. Cmdr. Gadomski says that last year was the first time the Police Department submitted a full report of the event to NATW for their consideration.



...face painting, crafts and more.

"National Night Out is an important community awareness program that has met with great success in Rolling Meadows and throughout the country," Cmdr. Gadomski adds, noting that last year's event involved nearly 40 million people in more than 16,000 communities in all 50 states and around the world. "It helps strengthen the bonds between police officers and the residents we serve."



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

February 3 – **Environmental Committee**, 7 pm; **Plan Commission**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

February 5 – **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

February 9 – **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

February 10 – **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

February 12 – **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday; Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

February 14 – **Valentine's Day**

February 16 – **President's Day**

February 17 – **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

February 19 – **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall.

February 20 – **Water bills due; Park District's Daddy Daughter Dance**, 6 – 8 pm, Park Central Banquet Hall, 3000 Central Road

February 22 – **George Washington's Birthday**

February 24 – **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

February 26 – **Rolling Meadows' 60th Birthday Celebration**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROLLING MEADOWS!**

February 27 – **Blood Drive**, 12 – 6 pm, Neuckranz Fire Station, 2455 Plum Grove Road. *Call 847-397-3352 to donate.*

## Mark Your Calendar

# Expanded Farmers & Food Trucks Program Series to Return May 23



The City's popular Farmers & Food Trucks program will return May 23 for another season of food and community fun, featuring an expanded roster of vendors and a special Friday evening event.

The monthly program series will again take place the fourth Saturday of each month (May – September), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the City Hall parking lot. Organizers have added a Friday, June 19 evening event to the schedule. It will be held 5 – 8 p.m. at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road).

At each event, guests will enjoy a variety of fresh, locally-grown produce, savory

dishes prepared by onsite food trucks, handmade crafts for sale by local artisans, and much more. Additional information on each event will be featured in upcoming issues of *NEWS & VIEWS*.

Residents who wish to volunteer for this year's program may contact Lori Ciezak,

Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

Vendors who are interested in joining this year's Farmers & Food Trucks roster will find additional information and registration forms on the City's Website, [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).



Select from a variety of fresh, locally-grown produce (above left) and enjoy savory dishes prepared by onsite food vendors this spring and summer, when Farmers & Food Trucks returns for a third consecutive season.

## Farmers & Food Trucks – 2015 Schedule\*

Saturday, May 23

Saturday, June 27

Saturday, August 22

Friday, June 19\*\*

Saturday, July 25

Saturday, September 26

\*Saturday events to be held 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the City Hall parking lot (3600 Kirchoff Road)

\*\*Friday program will take place 5 – 8 p.m., at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road)



Neuckranz Fire Station, 2455 Plum Grove Rd.

## Give 'Gift of Life' at Fire Department Blood Drive, Feb. 27

Rolling Meadows firefighters will partner with LifeSource to host a community blood drive Friday, February 27, at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road).

The drive will take place from 12 – 6 p.m., making it convenient for residents to give "the gift of life" by supporting LifeSource's efforts to keep area hospitals stocked with blood products.

To register, contact the Fire Department at 847-397-3352. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## GFOA Award Continues City's 28-Year Track Record of Recognized Financial Excellence

Rolling Meadows collected its 28th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), demonstrating the City's commitment to budgetary transparency and the highest accounting standards, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher reports.

The award followed a review of Rolling Meadows' financial and accounting processes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 that was completed by independent auditors and financial professionals from around the country. The review confirmed that the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report once again meets the highest standards of accounting and finan-

cial reporting, according to a news release by the GFOA.

The audit for last year's budget (FY2014) will be released this summer.



Gallagher says these annual reviews provide continuing opportunities for Finance Department professionals to identify strategies that strengthen Rolling Meadows' financial operations.

"The audit process helps facilitate a commitment to financial transparency. That,

in turn, offers opportunities to further improve our processes," she explains. "Everyone in the Finance Department is very proud to continue Rolling Meadows' well-established tradition of accounting excellence."

## In Memoriam Police Commander Thomas Calcagno 'Built Relationships with Those He Served'



Thomas Calcagno

A distinguished career in law enforcement and public service was cut short last December, when Rolling Meadows Police Department Commander Thomas Calcagno passed away following a battle with cancer. He was 54 years-old.

Cmdr. Calcagno, a 22-year Police Department veteran, was "well-known in the community for building relationships with those he served," said Police Chief Dave Scanlan. "He distinguished himself throughout the law enforcement community and set an example as a loyal, honorable and courageous police officer."

During his long career serving Rolling Meadows residents and businesses, Cmdr. Calcagno served as patrol officer, juvenile

specialist, community involvement officer, detective, sergeant, and training director. He earned promotion to commander in 2005.

Chief Scanlan credited Cmdr. Calcagno's approach as instrumental in helping the RMPD earn the Community Policing Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"His passion for providing high-quality, personal services in an empathetic manner will be his legacy," Chief Scanlan added.

Cmdr. Calcagno began his career with the Mount Prospect Police Department in 1987 and joined the Rolling Meadows Police Department in 1992. He was a 2007 graduate of the National Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Cmdr. Calcagno is survived by his wife, Susan, and their four children.

## City's Social Media Following Surpasses 1,300

Over 1,300 people now follow the City of Rolling Meadows and the Rolling Meadows Police Department on Facebook and Twitter – popular social media platforms that strengthen the City's overall communications program.

Social media makes it simple and convenient for City officials to announce upcoming community events, holiday service schedule changes, periodic road closures, and other news that may affect residents on a daily basis.

Likewise, the Police Department often uses its Facebook page and Twitter feed to post information on community policing efforts, the Department's history, staff promotions, and much more.

"Social media is a powerful tool for delivering 'real-time' information to users," says Deb Austerlade, who oversees the City's social media operations. "It improves our

ability to serve residents more effectively by providing accurate, up-to-date information on a variety of topics."



Rolling Meadows' social media efforts complement more established methods of providing information to residents,

including its Website and monthly newsletter.

"Our job is to deliver the information in a variety of ways, so residents are able to access it in their preferred format," Austerlade adds.

For more information, visit:

- [www.facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows](http://www.facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows)
- [www.twitter.com/@cityofRM1](http://www.twitter.com/@cityofRM1)
- [www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowspolice](http://www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowspolice)
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## Welcome New Businesses

AA Dollar Shop – *Dollar store*  
2224 Algonquin Rd (847-397-1450)

BNSF Logistics LLC  
*Freight forwarding*  
2775 Algonquin Rd #350  
(855-268-2210)

Caring Community Home Health Inc.  
*Home health care agency*  
5410 Newport Dr #36  
(847-364-6640)

Conrads Renovations Corp.  
*Painting contractor*  
2305 Flicker Ln (847-371-1424)

Donati's Pizza – *Pizzeria*  
1925 Plum Grove Rd  
(847-735-8900)

Elzay Inc. – *E-commerce business*  
5584 Lavender Ct (714-624-4881)

Far Insights Group  
*Technological solutions*  
3501 Algonquin Rd (847-917-5126)

International Traders  
*Real Estate consulting*  
3215 Algonquin Rd (847-255-1000)

K&G Customs Service Inc.  
*Customs broker*  
2775 Algonquin Rd #100  
(847-956-0700)

Kyodo Yushi USA Inc.  
*Distribution office*  
1701 Golf Rd #1108  
(847-364-2020)

Problend-Eurogerm LLC  
*Food products/Test kitchen*  
1801 Hicks Rd Suite H  
(847-207-0594)

Service King Paint & Body\*  
*Automotive body shop*  
2785 Algonquin Rd (845-356-8391)  
\*Formerly Sterling Automotive

Staley Pharmacy LLC  
*Community pharmacy*  
5410 Newport Dr #43  
(847-637-0564)

Supra Mart, Inc.\* – *Gas station*  
1300 Hicks Rd (804-920-5029)  
\*New owner – Rolling Meadows Marathon

## Recycle Old Batteries, CFLs at Public Works

Residents may drop off batteries and spent compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) at the Public Works Department for proper recycling, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Batteries:** Public Works will accept alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt) and rechargeable batteries (NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion, and lithium polymer). The battery collection is part of an ongoing program sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Skokie-based Interstate Batteries.



**CFLs:** SWANCC Customers, including Rolling Meadows residents, may drop off CFLs and fluorescent tubes (up to 4 feet-long) for proper recycling. CFLs contain trace amounts of Mercury and should not be thrown out with household refuse.

Collection boxes will also be available at this year's Farmers & Food Trucks events.

For more information, visit the Public Works Department Webpage, [www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks](http://www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks) or call 847-963-0500.

## News from the Rolling Meadows Park District

### Daddy Daughter Dance

Friday, February 20, 6 – 8 p.m.  
Park Central Banquet Hall  
(3000 Central Road)

Fathers across Rolling Meadows and their favorite girls will enjoy an elegant evening of music, dancing and food, during the Park District's annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Wear your finest attire and join us at the Park Central Banquet Hall – transformed for one night into a lively carnival. Tickets are \$18 for fathers and daughters (\$9 for additional daughters). Register by February 16.

### Lunch with the Bunny

Saturday, March 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Park Central Banquet Hall  
(3000 Central Road)

The Easter Bunny is hopping into town and hopes you will join him for a special lunch featuring pizza, veggies, lemonade and sweet treats. Children will enjoy outdoor games and an egg hunt that will start around 12:30 p.m. Bring your

favorite basket and don't forget the camera. Check in begins 15 minutes prior to the event. Register by Wednesday, March 25 to reserve a spot. Children ages 13+: \$9 (\$14 non-resident); ages 3 – 12: \$7 (\$9). Guests under 3 are free.

### Creating your Own Legacy and Loes

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Rolling Meadows Community Center  
(3705 Pheasant Drive)

Published author Joann Dobbie will lead this interactive workshop that focuses on the importance of capturing family memories and stories in print – and how to go about doing it. Much more than a genealogy report, which details “who, when and where,” this workshop will help participants capture a thorough and descriptive narrative, including the “what, why and how.” This event is free for Rolling Meadows residents ages 16 and up (\$1 for non-residents).

To register for Park District programs, call 847-818-3200 or visit [www.rmparks.org](http://www.rmparks.org).



A “new” vintage washing machine is a perfect match for the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum's authentic 1950s decor.

## Historical Society Locates 1950s Washing Machine

Following nearly a year-long search, the Rolling Meadows Historical Society has located a vintage, 1950s-era washing machine, which is now on display at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum.

The museum, a replica of an original Kimball Hill Home, is located at 3100 Central Road

Step back in time by visiting the museum Sundays, 1 – 4 p.m., during its regular winter hours.

For information on museum tours or Historical Society activities, call 847-577-7086 or visit [www.cityrm.org/html/historical\\_museum.htm](http://www.cityrm.org/html/historical_museum.htm).

### Support the Museum

Tax-deductible contributions to the Rolling Meadows Historical Society support ongoing educational programs and help cover Museum expenses. Submit donations to:

Rolling Meadows Historical Society  
3100 Central Road  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

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

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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: Tim Veenbaas . . . . . 847-385-1425  
City Manager: Barry Krumstok . . . . . 847-394-8500

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Fire Non-emergency . . . . . 847-397-3352  
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Public Works . . . . . 847-963-0500  
Finance/Utility Billing Questions . . . . . 847-394-8500  
Community Development . . . . . 847-506-6030  
Senior Handyman Program . . . . . 847-506-6030  
ComEd . . . . . 1-800-EDISON-1  
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