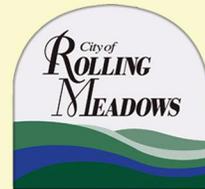




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## Tree Plantings Stem Losses Caused by EAB

The Public Works Department planted more than 500 new trees on City parkways in 2014, and announced plans for several hundred more plantings this year, as Rolling Meadows recovers from the devastation caused by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on the City's ash tree population.



*Emerald Ash Borer*

Over the past two years, the City has cut down nearly 900 ash trees. Streets Division Superintendent Bill Suchecki expects the removal of Rolling Meadows' approximately 1,200 remaining ash trees to accelerate further.

"As we expected since confirming the presence of EAB in Rolling Meadows a few years ago, many of the City's ash trees have declined to such an extent that they will need to be removed at a faster rate," Suchecki says. "Our goal is to replace the trees we lose within one year with a variety of new species."

The City is replacing ash trees with new,

1.5" trunk-diameter trees at no charge to homeowners. Residents whose parkway trees are being removed will receive a letter informing them of the City's tree replacement program. The letter will include information on species selection and opportunities for residents to purchase larger trees, if desired.

Suchecki warns that 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](http://www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks)) or by calling 847-963-0500.



*Fresh tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables are grown at the City's Community Garden.*

## Community Garden Members 'Dig In' for Second Growing Season

Rolling Meadows' Community Garden members are "planting the seeds" for another successful growing season by partnering with local schools to promote kids' interest in growing healthy, natural foods.

The Garden, created last year on a City-owned parcel of land along Salt

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## Flashback: Community Dedicates New Structure Where Farmhouse Once Stood

The building shown here was officially dedicated on April 15, 1961, after a "White House Committee" appointed by the City Council voted to build an all-new municipal structure to better serve

Rolling Meadows' growing needs, rather than convert the old white farmhouse that once stood on the site.

*What does this site look like today?  
Turn to page 2 to find out.*

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## Fire Department's 'Safe Seniors' Program Provides Free Smoke Detectors, CO Alarms



All Rolling Meadows seniors ages 65 and up are eligible to receive a free smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector for their homes, through the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's "Safe Seniors" program.

The free detectors – purchased with a \$45,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency – are part of a

wide-ranging public safety program in which firefighters will visit seniors' homes to install the detectors and conduct an onsite safety survey to identify potential injury risks.

"We hope to install these smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in as many senior homes as we can," explains Fire Department Lieutenant Jim Marvin. "Our 'Safe Seniors' program offers an opportunity to meet face-to-face with our residents, and provide potentially life-saving information about fire safety and injury prevention."

### Flash Forward!



City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) has morphed from a quaint, one-story building to a modern, three-story service hub that houses the City's Administrative, Community Development, Finance and Police Departments.

## 'Street of the Week' Program Uses Radar Enforcement to Improve Public Safety in Residential Areas, Reduce Reckless Driving Incidents

The Police Department's Street of the Week program helps "curb" unsafe driving throughout Rolling Meadows by applying speed limit and traffic sign compliance strategies, Commander Tom Gadomski reports.

The program, now in its fourth year, continues to provide relief to concerned residents by reducing the number of speeding and other reckless driving incidents in their neighborhoods.

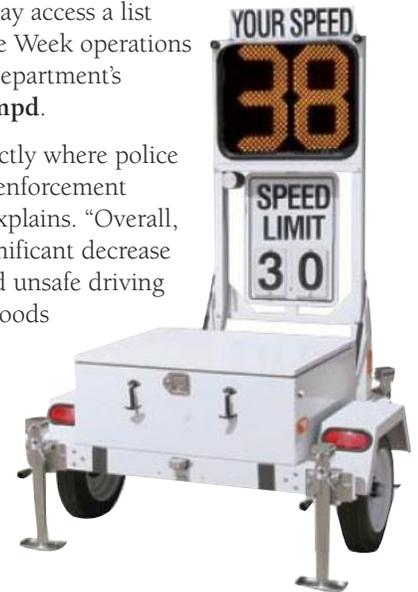
Each week, patrol officers focus enforcement efforts on a particular area where residents have observed a prolonged pattern of unsafe driving. Using a combination of stationary RADAR trailers and police officer patrols, the program improves public safety by rais-

ing awareness, educating drivers and encouraging compliance.

Residents – and motorists – may access a list of locations where Street of the Week operations will take place on the Police Department's Webpage, [www.cityrm.org/rmpd](http://www.cityrm.org/rmpd).

"We want drivers to know exactly where police officers are conducting speed enforcement activities," Cmdr. Gadomski explains. "Overall, the City has experienced a significant decrease in the number of speeding and unsafe driving violations issued in neighborhoods where Street of the Week operations take place."

Residents who wish to report areas of traffic safety concern may contact the RMPD 24-hour Service Desk at 847-255-2416.



### April 'Street of the Week' Schedule

WEEK OF	LOCATION
April 6 . . . . .	Pheasant Lane (Martin Lane to Grouse Lane)
April 13 . . . . .	Elizabeth Place
April 20 . . . . .	Oriole Lane (Campbell Street to Kirchoff Road)
April 27 . . . . .	Hawk Lane (Dove Street to Meadow Drive)

## Community Garden Members 'Dig In' for Second Growing Season ...continued from page 1



Creek in downtown Rolling Meadows, features 4' x 8' parcels for use by residents to cultivate fresh vegetables, flowers or other plants.

5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger, who led the effort to create the City's Community Garden, reports that the Garden may be expanded to accommo-

date expanding interest among residents of all ages.

"We gladly welcome anyone who wants to get involved and learn more about plants and how they grow," Alderman Banger explains. "In addition, our planned partnerships with area schools will give kids an opportunity to garden during the spring and summer seasons."

For more information, contact Alderman Banger at [jrbanger@att.net](mailto:jrbanger@att.net) or visit [www.rmcommunitygarden.com](http://www.rmcommunitygarden.com).

## 'Eyes & Ears' Community Policing Partnership Serves as Crime Prevention 'Force Multiplier'

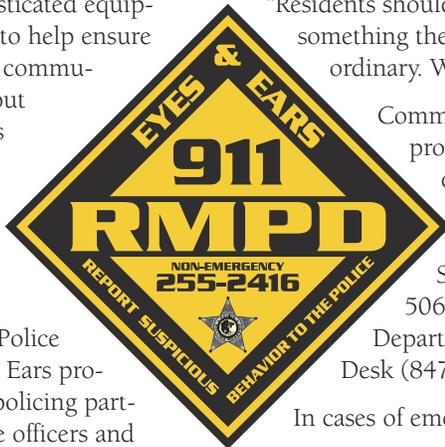


Dave Scanlan

Police Officers employ detailed crime prevention strategies and sophisticated equipment to help ensure a safe community, but there's

another valuable tool they rely on to maintain the City's quality of life: residents' eyes and ears.

The Rolling Meadows Police Department's Eyes and Ears program is a community policing partnership between police officers and those they serve. It encourages residents to report suspicious behavior to authorities for police follow up.

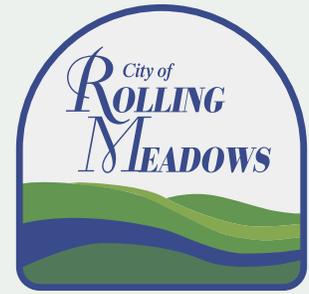


"An observant, aware citizenry is a force multiplier for a community's crime prevention efforts," Police Chief Dave Scanlan says. "Residents should call us if they observe something they believe is out of the ordinary. We will look into it."

Community members may provide anonymous, confidential reports of suspicious activity to the Department's Crime Stoppers Hotline (847-506-6024) or the Police Department's 24-hour Service Desk (847-255-2416).

In cases of emergency, call 9-1-1.

For more information about the Eyes & Ears program, visit the Police Department Webpage ([www.cityrm.org/rmpd](http://www.cityrm.org/rmpd).)



### This Month in Rolling Meadows

- April 2nd – **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall
- April 7th – **Election Day, Plan Commission**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- April 13th – **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall
- April 14th – **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall
- April 16th – **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall
- April 20th – **Water bills due**
- April 21st – **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- April 22nd – **Earth Day**
- April 22nd – **Tea with Mrs. Lincoln**, 1 – 2:30 pm, Senior Center
- April 23rd – **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall.
- April 24th – **Arbor Day**
- April 25th – **Salt Creek Cleanup**
- April 28th – **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- May 1st – **Kentucky Derby Party**, 4 – 7 pm, Senior Center

## Ice Cream Social to Continue 60th Celebration

Rolling Meadows' year-long celebration of its 60th birthday continues with a family-friendly ice cream social Saturday, May 30th, noon – 1 pm, at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Bring the entire family for a "sweet" spring day of ice cream, face-painting and other activities. *Co-sponsored with the Rolling Meadows Park District.*

### Support Celebrate 60! Committee Planning Efforts

Members of Rolling Meadows' "Celebrate 60!" Committee continue their efforts to organize activities and events to commemorate the City's diamond anniversary. Proposed events now in the planning stages include a community tailgate, senior luncheon, and holiday spaghetti dinner.

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).



## City's Social Media Followers Approach 1,500 Strong

Nearly 1,500 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 and RMPD officials to announce upcoming community events, holiday service schedule changes, community policing programs, periodic road closures, and other timely information.

For more information, visit:



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## Welcome New Businesses

A Winning Edge Sports & Image Wear  
– Sports & image wear  
1861 Hicks Rd Ste C  
(847-358-1077)

Adams Plastics – PVC film & recycling  
1125 Carnegie St (224-248-8019)

At Your Service Homecare LLC –  
Senior personal service agency  
3501 Algonquin Rd #532  
(847-358-0899)

ATOM Precision of America, Inc. –  
Import tools & machines  
5410 Newport Dr #27  
(317-889-1072)

Calev Print Media LLC – Managed  
print, paper & distribution services  
3501 Algonquin Rd #338  
(786-837-2336)

Huawei – Telecom device sales  
3601 Algonquin Rd #1000  
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Imex LLC – General contractor  
4300 Lincoln Ave Ste P  
(847-519-9991)

The Jack Nebel Companies, Inc. –  
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2280 Hicks Rd #510 (847-705-5805)

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2220 Hicks Rd #201 (847-504-7152)

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Property Management  
1921 Rohlwing Rd Ste D  
(847-359-8980)

## Farmers & Food Trucks' New Equation: More Food Trucks + Music = More Fun

More food trucks, live music and monthly raffle giveaways are just a few of the new “ingredients” being added to Rolling Meadows’ Farmers & Food Trucks program series, which begins its third season in May.

Held in the City Hall parking lot on the third Saturday of each month (May – September), Farmers & Food Trucks serves as Rolling Meadows’ unique take on a traditional farmer’s market. Guests may choose from an abundance of locally-grown produce and a growing variety of freshly-prepared menu items served by onsite food trucks.

City officials have confirmed at least eight food trucks that will join this year’s program on select dates – offering everything from Mexican and Jamaican cuisine to gourmet coffee and desserts. They include:

- **Babycakes** – gourmet pancakes and breakfast “fusion” items.
- **Best Truckin’ Barbecue** – BBQ sandwiches and more.
- **Calle Wagon** – Authentic Mexican food.
- **Caribbean Jerk Palace** – Jamaican Cuisine
- **Daniel’s Raw Paleo Cuisine** – “Sensational” salads.
- **JavaMania Coffee Roastery** – Gourmet coffee.
- **Kona Ice** – Tropical shaved ice.
- **Mario’s Cart** – Burgers, sausage and sandwiches.



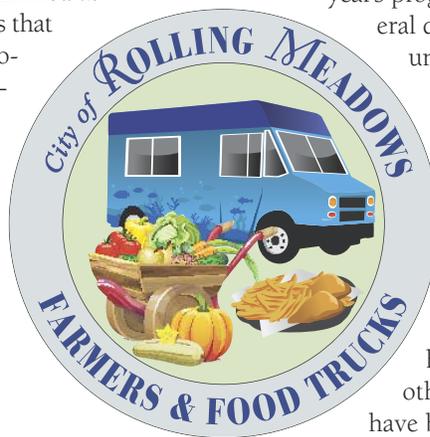
Hungry guests line up at the Calle Wagon, a Farmers & Food Trucks staple over the past two years.

Meanwhile, the addition of onsite music performances and monthly raffles will lend a more festive atmosphere to each event, explains Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, who is organizing this year’s program with the help of several dedicated community volunteers.

“Farmers & Food Trucks is the only event in the area where residents may shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, sample a range of different food truck offerings, and find hand-made jewelry and other crafts,” Lori says. “We have been talking with many new vendors who are interested in joining the fun, and we are all extremely excited to welcome guests for what is sure to be our most successful season yet!”

Residents who wish to volunteer for this year’s program may contact Lori at 847-394-8500 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

Vendors who are interested in participating will find additional information and registration forms on the City’s Website, [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).



### 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).

# Community Birthday Party Draws 500-Plus to Anniversary Celebration

More than 500 residents representing all eras of Rolling Meadows' rich history gathered at the Community Center February 26th to celebrate the City's 60th Anniversary of incorporation with a birthday party that will be remembered for generations to come.



Mayor Tom Rooney, serving as the evening's Master of Ceremonies, honored community "founders" who have called Rolling Meadows home for the past 60 years. He remarked how residents of all ages are fortunate to "hear the stories from the people who were here at the beginning."



Rolling Meadows High School's Associate Principal Lee Stanley (left) accepted a \$2,500 check from Jewel/Osco Store Director Richard Philips and Personnel Director Lisa Leark to help support a student's continuing education. As one of Rolling Meadows' original businesses, Jewel has served residents for more than 60 years.



A three-tiered commemorative birthday cake, prepared by the Harper College Culinary Department, was for decorative purposes only...



Kimball Hill Elementary School 5th grader Paige Cosico and her mother, Shelly, helped unveil her winning design for the City's commemorative 2015-2016 vehicle sticker.



Special guests at the 60th anniversary celebration included Diane and T.K. Hill, who represented the family of Kimball Hill, who founded Rolling Meadows in the early 1950s.



...but specially-designed sheet cakes were available for all to enjoy.



Musical accompaniment was provided by the Carl Sandburg Jr. High School Band and Orchestra, whose performances included "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Happy Birthday."



Birthday decorations (top) and informational booths staffed by members of the Celebrate 60! Committee helped party guests get in the spirit.

## Meadows Briefs

### Environmental Committee to Organize 11th Annual Salt Creek Cleanup

Join members of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee Saturday, April 25th, for the City's annual Earth Day-inspired Salt Creek Cleanup. Now in its 11th year, the cleanup will focus on removing non-native, invasive plant species and debris along the Creek's banks. To volunteer, contact Public Works Director Fred Vogt at 847-963-0500 or [vogt@cityrm.org](mailto:vogt@cityrm.org).

### Election Update:

#### Early Voting Ends April 4th

Saturday, April 4th is the last day for residents to take advantage of early voting in advance of the April 7th Consolidated Election. Nearby early voting sites include the Cook County Circuit Courthouse (2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows) and the Palatine Township Center (721 South Quentin Road). This year's ballot features uncontested races for

Rolling Meadows mayor and aldermen representing Wards 1, 3, 5 & 7. For more information on the April 7th election, contact Deputy Clerk Ginny Cotugno (847-870-9007 or [cotugno@cityrm.org](mailto:cotugno@cityrm.org)) or visit the Cook County Clerk's Website, [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com).

### Purchase 60th Anniversary Commemorative Items



Celebrate Rolling Meadows' 60th Birthday with a variety of commemorative keepsakes now available for purchase at upcoming 60th anniversary events. Choose from garden flags (\$15), garden flag posts (\$10), beverage mugs (\$5) and commemorative coasters (\$3).



### City Seeks Veterans for Memorial Day Observance, Annual Veterans Dinner

Have you or someone you know served our nation in the U.S. Armed Forces? Do you want to participate in the City of Rolling Meadows' 2015 Memorial Day parade and observance, but have not done so before?

If so, the Veterans Committee wants to honor you for your service.

Committee members are seeking resident veterans and their family members to join this year's Memorial Day Parade and observance, Saturday, May 23rd. The City's solemn activities offer an opportunity for residents to pay tribute to those who have defended our freedom – many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The City will also host its annual Veterans Dinner Friday, May 22nd, offering an opportunity for local veterans to reconnect with fellow service members.

To honor those who served, Veterans Committee members maintain a registry of all Rolling Meadows veterans who have participated in previous Memorial Day ceremonies. Veterans who have not registered for the event before – and would like to be part of this year's events – may contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.

## Handyman Programs Offer Discounted Home Repair Services to Rolling Meadows Seniors

The City's long-running Senior Handyman Program helps senior citizens ages 65 and up access the services of a fully trained, trustworthy handyman at a market rate of \$35 per hour or less, depending on annual income.

The program's success served as the inspiration and operational model for a new regional program – launched by the North-west Suburban Housing Collaborative and administered by the North West Housing Partnership – that serves seniors in the Collaborative's five member communities: Rolling Meadows, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, and Palatine.

"As the only community that offered a senior handyman program, Rolling Meadows served as the blueprint for the Collaborative's efforts," Rolling Meadows' Community Development Director Valerie Dehner explains. "Both programs have the same objective: to help elderly residents remain in their homes and maintain their independence."

For more information on senior handyman services, contact the Community Development Department (847-506-6030; [www.cityrm.org/rmcd](http://www.cityrm.org/rmcd)) or the North West Housing Partnership (847-969-0561; [www.nwhp.net](http://www.nwhp.net)).

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

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 Community Development . . . . . 847-506-6030  
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