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## Fire Department Open House to Feature All-Ages Activities, Oct. 10th

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department's 8th annual Open House will offer a variety of activities and public safety demonstrations for residents of all ages. Join the fun Saturday, October 10th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road).

Guests will explore the Department's fire engines and ambulances; take a guided tour of the fire station; and experience realistic fire scenarios that offer insight on how families can stay safe in their homes.

To that end, the Open House will feature an interactive fire safety simulator that helps residents identify potential hazards and ways to reduce the risk of injury. Other high-profile attractions include a "live burn" demonstration that clearly illustrates the



Residents of all ages "test drive" one of the Department's fire engines at last year's Open House. Effectiveness of home fire sprinklers, an automobile extrication performed by firefighters, and much more.



Fire hose interactions prove popular with younger Open House guests.

"The Open House allows firefighters to meet with the residents we serve in a relaxed, informal atmosphere," explains Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Mueller, who is organizing this year's event. "We enjoy giving residents a 'behind-the-scenes' look at our operations. It's an outstanding opportunity to show how we help protect the community and discuss ways to help residents reduce the risk of fire here in Rolling Meadows."

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## City Council to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Budget, October 13th

The City will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Tuesday, October 13th, during its regularly-scheduled City Council meeting.

The hearing offers residents an opportunity to voice their thoughts and opinions about the budget, a draft of which is

available for public review at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road), the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane), and online at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).

Residents are encouraged to attend the hearing, or watch from home on the Rolling Meadows Broadcast Network

(Channel 6) or the City's Website.

The public hearing follows more than two months of extensive discussion between Council members and City staff on the crafting of next year's budget. Plans call for aldermen to approve the FY2016 budget in November.

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# RMFD's 'Safe Seniors' Program, Fire Prevention Week Theme Focus on Ways to Prevent Nighttime Home Fire Fatalities

A Rolling Meadows Fire Department community outreach program that provides free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to senior residents complements a nationwide effort by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) to raise awareness of the dangers of nighttime home fires.

The Fire Department's "Safe Seniors" program and this year's National Fire Prevention Week (October 4th – 10th) both offer a valuable opportunity to help seniors stay safe in their homes, RMFD Lieutenant Jim Marvin reports.

## Help Seniors Stay Safe at Home

Through the Safe Seniors program, Rolling Meadows firefighters will schedule visits to seniors' homes to:

- Conduct an onsite safety survey to identify potential injury risks.
- Deliver information on fire prevention.
- Install free smoke detectors and/or carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.
- Focus on fall prevention.

To-date, firefighters have installed more than 200 alarms in senior homes, Lieutenant Jim Marvin reports.

"We hope to install these smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in as many



Visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) to learn more about this year's National Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep."

senior homes as we can," he says. "It is an opportunity to meet face-to-face with our residents, and provide potentially life-saving information about fire safety and injury prevention."

***"NFPA statistics prove that smoke alarms reduce the risk of fire mortality by 50%, and three out of every five U.S. home fire deaths (60%) occur in homes without them."***

The Department purchased 2,200 smoke and CO alarms for the Safe Seniors program with a \$45,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Senior residents who would like to receive a free smoke or CO detector may contact the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352 to schedule an appointment.

## Prevent Nighttime Deaths

This year's National Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep," urges residents to install smoke alarms in every bedroom of their homes.

The goal is to draw public attention to the nearly 8,000 home fire deaths that occur every year between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. NFPA statistics prove that smoke alarms reduce the risk of fire mortality by 50%, and three out of every five U.S. home fire deaths (60%) occur in homes without them.

"Of course, a smoke alarm can't save lives unless it is operational," Lt. Marvin adds. "Residents should test all smoke detectors monthly, following the manufacturers' instructions. It's also a good idea to change the batteries twice per year, when changing the clocks each spring and fall for Daylight Saving Time."

## Fire Department Open House...continued from page 1

The Rolling Meadows Professional Firefighters Association, Local 3705, will provide free hot dogs, chips and drinks for all.

For more information on the Open House, or Rolling Meadows Fire Department operations and activities, please call 847-397-3352 or visit [www.cityrm.org/193/Fire-Department](http://www.cityrm.org/193/Fire-Department).

The Open House coincides with this year's National Fire Prevention Week (October 4th – 10th). Learn more at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

### Open House Highlights Include:

- Interactive fire safety simulator
- Fire sprinkler demo
- Automobile extrication
- Station tours
- Free food & drinks



Firefighters display their automobile extrication training.

# Senior Luncheon Continues Rolling Meadows' 60th Anniversary Celebration, September 15th

Nearly 200 Rolling Meadows seniors enjoyed a scrumptious catered lunch buffet and live music during a September 15th celebration of the City's 60th Anniversary.

The senior luncheon, held at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive), featured Chicken Penne Pasta, Mostaccioli with meat sauce, salad, rolls, and dessert. Musician Ted Merkle entertained guests with a Calypso music



Guests enjoy lunch and live music.

performance, while several lucky residents won raffle drawings for a variety of commemorative keepsakes.

After lunch, many of Rolling Meadows' first residents – those who have lived here for 60-plus years – gathered in front of the City's birthday cake float for a group photo.

## Luncheon Sponsors

- Celebrate 60! Committee
- Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce
- Rolling Meadows Park District
- Rolling Meadows Senior Center
- Moretti's of Schaumburg
- Nothing Bundt Cakes (Mount Prospect)



60-year residents gather in front of the City's birthday cake float.

# New Fire Department Logistics Coordinator Thrives in Fast-Paced Work Environment



Lisa Norton

New City employee Lisa Norton epitomizes the well-known idiom, "variety is the spice of life." As someone who admits to thriving on variety, she definitely found an ideal work environment at the

Rolling Meadows Fire Department.

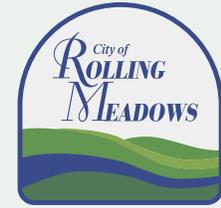
The Department's newest Logistics Coordinator arrived on the job in late August, and immediately appreciated the challenge of handling a wide variety of tasks and being part of a team committed to serving the community.

"Every day is fresh and exciting. There's always something new to learn," explains Lisa, who handles Department payroll and invoicing functions, and manages

special projects assigned by Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote and Deputy Chief Terry Valentino. "I start to get antsy if I'm doing the same thing all the time. I won't have to worry about that here," she adds with a chuckle.

Lisa obviously enjoys staying busy. Before coming to Rolling Meadows, she held three jobs simultaneously: camp counselor, server at a well-known national restaurant chain, and environmental educator at the Schaumburg Park District's Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, where she still volunteers on weekends.

Away from work, the Crystal Lake native pampers her dog, Murphy, plays in adult softball and volleyball leagues, and likes to travel. She celebrated her most recent birthday in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

October 1st: **Adjudication Hearing** (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall

October 3rd: **Electronics Recycling & Document Destruction Event**, 9 am – noon, Public Works Dept. (3900 Berdnick St)

October 4th – 10: **National Fire Prevention Week**

October 6th: **Environmental Committee**, 7 pm, City Hall

October 10th: **RMFD Open House**, 10 am – 2 pm, Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Rd)

October 12th: **Columbus Day; Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

October 13th: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting/Budget Hearing**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

October 14th: **Urban Affairs Committee**, 5:45 pm, City Hall

October 15th: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

October 20th: **Water bills due; City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

October 22nd: **Adjudication Hearing** (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall

October 27th: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

October 31st: **Halloween** (Trick-or-Treat Hours: 3-8 pm)



## Economic Development Focus

# Improving Fortunes Along Golf Road Corporate Corridor Benefit City

GlenStar Properties LLC, owner of Continental Towers, has embarked on the second phase of a \$12 million capital improvement program to revitalize the 910,796 square-foot Class A commercial property located at 1701 Golf Road.

City officials view it as the latest success story taking place along the Golf Road corporate corridor.

The project calls for a new main entrance and upgraded building entryways; updated lobbies, elevators and restrooms; and landscaping improvements, according to the property's Website.

Meanwhile, construction of a new, 669-space parking garage will accommodate additional tenants, including Panasonic and Verizon, both of whom recently signed long-term leases.

That's good news for Rolling Meadows. The continued growth and development of the local business community – on Golf Road and throughout the City – benefits residents in a variety of ways.

“As businesses renovate their facilities and expand, it raises the equalized assessed value (EAV) that is used to calculate a property's tax rate,” City Manager Barry Krumstok explains. “The higher the EAV, the more revenue the City collects from businesses to fund services. That, in turn, reduces the tax burden on homeowners.”

Larger commercial businesses also help boost the City's “day-time” population – increasing the number of customers who visit the restaurants, shops, and service providers that comprise Rolling Meadows' diverse business community.

Other high-profile economic development efforts that are underway, or have taken place along Gold Road over the past few years, include three major projects located within the City's



Continental Towers is in the midst of a \$12million capital improvement program.

## Public Works to Host Document Destruction/ Electronics Recycling Event, October 3rd

Rolling Meadows residents will be able to safely and conveniently dispose of old electronics equipment and sensitive documents when Rolling Meadows hosts a combined e-recycling and document destruction event at the Public Works

Department (3900 Berdnick Street), Saturday, October 3rd, 9 a.m. – noon.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 or visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org).



Design rendering of Arthur J. Gallagher's new corporate headquarters.

“Golden Triangle,” a 140-acre parcel of land bordered by Golf Road, Illinois Route 53, and Interstate 90:

**Arthur J. Gallagher (2850 Golf Road)** – Arthur J. Gallagher & Company is proceeding with a \$100 million project to upgrade and update its new headquarters. Construction is underway at the site, where Gallagher plans to relocate nearly 2,000 employees. Gallagher originally called Rolling Meadows home before moving to Itasca in 1991.

**Atrium Corporate Center (3800 Golf Road)** – The former 3Com building was always recognized for its innovative exterior design, but the property's occupancy rate had fallen to 58% by 2011.

Things began to change in 2012, when Capital Once Financial Corp. leased 150,000 square feet of space and relocated nearly 500 employees.

Today, the building is 100% leased and houses 2,200 employees. Atrium Corporate Center was also named “Business of the Year” by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce during its “Circle of Success” Awards in May.

**Weichai America Corporation (3100 Golf Road)** – Global diesel engine manufacturer Weichai Group chose Rolling Meadows as the site for its North American headquarters in late 2014. The company then embarked on an interior demolition and renovation of its 166,772 square-foot facility.



## Mark Your Calendar

# Community-Wide Spaghetti Dinner, Fireworks Display to Conclude Rolling Meadows' Year-Long 60th Anniversary Celebration

A winter eve's fireworks display and a festive spaghetti dinner for all Rolling Meadows residents will conclude the City's year-long 60th Anniversary celebration, Thursday, December 3rd.

A dazzling, colorful fireworks exhibition will light up the night sky following the City's annual holiday tree lighting celebration in front of McDonald's on Kirchoff Road.

Afterwards, City officials will host the spaghetti dinner at the Fogarty Fire Station (3111 Meadow Drive).

Residents who would like to volunteer to staff the event may contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

## Residents Gather for End-of-Summer Ice Cream Social

A variety of ice cream and frozen fruit bars helped residents say farewell to summer during an August 29th ice cream social, sponsored by the City's Celebrate 60! Committee. Flavors enjoyed by those in attendance included cotton candy, chocolate eclair, strawberry shortcake, blueberry yogurt and coconut cream. The rain held off just long enough for guests to enjoy some "good humor" with friends and neighbors.



## Welcome New Businesses

**Adhes Tape Technology –**  
Adhesive products warehouse  
2255 Lois Dr #3 (888-365-6789)

**Background Screening Consultants LLC –** Private detective agency/  
background screening  
2775 Algonquin Rd #220  
(888-578-8600)

**Blooming Buds Home Daycare**  
Child care  
2401 Brockway (847-847-5976)

**DigiLab Inc. –**  
Data recovery/software development  
4811 Emerson Ave #211  
(224-836-1763)

**Dinnovation Inc. – IT services**  
3601 Algonquin Rd #304  
(847-749-2799)

**Have Sales Will Travel –**  
Promotional products  
2206 Hawk Ln (847-269-1539)

**Illinois Grappling Club LLC –**  
Martial arts studio  
2631 Kirchoff Rd (224-800-1420)

**Inyxa LLC – IT consulting services**  
3501 Algonquin Rd #608  
(224-325-4699)

**Kim's Business Systems Inc. –**  
Copier sales/service  
2255 Lois Dr #1 (847-640-9001)

**Lanson Dental PC – Dental office**  
2201 Plum Grove Rd Ste B  
(847-397-5868)

**Los 2 Amigos – Mexican restaurant**  
2216 Algonquin Rd (630-779-2295)

**Malgam Construction –**  
Construction company office  
2403 Martin Lane (847-815-8588)

**Micro Management Technologies Inc. –**  
Document imaging services  
5400 Newport Drive #3  
(847-873-0184)

**Midwest Mathematical Models LLC –**  
Computer modeling/design  
2905 Dove St (847-342-1017)

**Murashu Printing Technology Inc. –**  
Consulting, printing & design services  
2255 Lois Dr #3 (889-559-8888)

**Rolling Meadows Marathon\* –**  
Convenience store/gas station  
3321 Algonquin Rd (708-979-4019)

**SR Plaza Inc. – Auto repair garage**  
3831 Berdnick St (773-875-7049)

**TOPPAN USA, Inc. –**  
Barrier film seller/manufacturer  
3601 Algonquin Rd #325  
(224-735-2005)

**Translational Research Management LLC –** Clinical trial management services  
1701 Golf Rd T3 #810 (424-208-8866)

\*New ownership

# Streets Program Rebuilds Newport Drive, Three Residential Side Streets

Construction crews perform curb replacement work along Newport Drive, as part of the City's 2015 Streets Program. When completed later this fall, the \$1.2 million program will have completely rebuilt Newport and three residential streets:

- Asbury Street (*Fairfax Village subdivision*).
- Auburn Street (*Fairfax Village subdivision*).
- Benton Street (*between Kirchoff Road and Fairfax Avenue*).

This year's program also covered Rolling Meadows' share of a joint project with the Village of Palatine to resurface a portion of DuPont Avenue near the City's western border.

The newly reconstructed roads are expected to last up to 20 years before another resurfacing is needed, and provide 40-50 years of total service life.



Reconstructed roads, including Newport Drive (above), will provide up to 50 years of service life.

## Handyman Programs Offer Discounted Home Repair Services to Rolling Meadows Senior Citizens



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.

Rolling Meadows seniors are also eligible for a regional handyman program offered by the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative – of which Rolling Meadows is a member – and administered by the North West Housing Partnership.

Tom Thompson, who has served as the City's senior handyman for nearly 15 years, is a participating contractor in both programs.

Residents who would like more information on senior handyman services may contact the Community Development Department ([cityrm.org/184/Senior-Handyman-Service](http://cityrm.org/184/Senior-Handyman-Service) or 847-506-6030) or the North West Housing Partnership (847-969-0561; [www.nwhp.net](http://www.nwhp.net)).

## Tom Piccolo Retires from City Service Following 40-Year Career

Longtime Public Works employee Tom Piccolo retired from City service in September after a 40-year career distinguished by his "passionate and professional approach" to serving Rolling Meadows residents, according to a proclamation drafted in his honor.

"Tom Piccolo has and forever demonstrates pride in his work effort and end results; has gained the admiration and respect of fellow employees; and will be missed by all," said Mayor Tom Rooney, who proclaimed Friday, September 25th "Tom Piccolo Day" in Rolling Meadows.

"The entire City staff and I thank Tom for his dedication and service during the past 40 years. We wish him a great retirement, good health, and many years of happiness in his future activities," Mayor Rooney added.

Tom began his career in 1975 in Public Works' Refuse Division, where he developed a reputation as a motivated, highly-skilled employee. Whether reporting to work at all-hours and in any type of weather or training his fellow employees, Tom's dedication helped ensure that the City's refuse service remained the envy of the northwest suburbs.

He spent the final two years as a member of the Streets Division, proving to be a "skilled snow equipment and street sweeper operator," the proclamation stated.

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

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Mayor: *Tom Rooney* . . . . . 847-392-2254  
 1st Ward Alderman: *Mike Cannon* . . . . . 847-925-8919  
 2nd Ward Alderman: *Len Prejna* . . . . . 847-776-9442  
 3rd Ward Alderman: *Laura Majikes* . . . . . 847-577-3746  
 4th Ward Alderman: *Brad Judd* . . . . . 847-902-3248  
 5th Ward Alderman: *Rob Banger, Jr.* . . . . . 224-639-6686  
 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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 Finance/Utility Billing Questions . . . . . 847-394-8500  
 Community Development . . . . . 847-506-6030  
 Senior Handyman Program . . . . . 847-506-6030  
 ComEd . . . . . 1-800-EDISON-1  
 Curfew . . . Sun. – Thurs. 11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. Midnight



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