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June 10th Community Block Party to Welcome Summer with Games, Food, Music and Cars

Rolling Meadows' second annual Community Block Party will transform the downtown area into an open-air festival



Hungry block party guests may visit a variety of onsite food trucks serving fresh, tasty meals.

where residents can celebrate summer's arrival with games, entertainment, classic cars, food, music, and FUN!

Join family members, neighbors and friends Friday, June 10th, 4 – 8:30 p.m., along Kirchoff Road, between Meadow Drive to Oriole Lane. Attractions will include law enforcement and fire service vehicle displays, miniature golf, a kids' bounce house, and more.

The Block Party coincides with two other community events taking place nearby that evening:

- **Farmers & Food Trucks** – Drop by Community Church of Rolling Mead-



Classic cars, courtesy of the Rolling Meadows Cruisers, will add plenty of "horsepower" to this year's block party.

ows (2720 Kirchoff Road) for the season's inaugural Friday evening event. Guests will select from an expanded slate of freshly-prepared food truck cuisine, local produce, hand-made jewelry and clothing, and home goods.

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Parade Organizers Welcome Floats, Vehicles

Independence Day is fast approaching. Now's the time for residents, local businesses, and community groups to register for the City's Independence Day Parade, set for Monday, July 4th, at 11:30 a.m.

Floats, Pooch Parade, Bike Decorating Organizers welcome community floats and other specialty vehicles to this year's event – a grand opportunity to showcase American spirit. This year's celebration will also feature a "pooch" parade and bike decorating contest for children of all ages.

Complete the online parade application available at www.cityrm.org/631/4th-of-july by Friday, July 1st to secure a spot in this year's event.

The parade will begin at Rolling Meadows High School. This year's route travels north on Jay Lane, west on Grouse Lane, north on Meadow Drive, and west on Kirchoff Road to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

Fireworks at Salk Park

Later that evening, residents are invited to gather at the Rolling Meadows Community Center parking lot and Salk Park to experience the City's star-spangled fireworks display. The "rockets' red glare" will begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.)

For more information, contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.



Community floats are an Independence Day tradition in Rolling Meadows.

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Upcoming Community Events – Summer 2016

June

- **2nd Annual Community Block Party** – Friday, June 10th, 4 – 8:30 pm, Kirchoff Rd. (between Meadow Dr. and Oriole Ln.)
- **Farmers & Food Trucks City Market** – Saturday, June 25th, 10 am – 2 pm, City Hall

July

- **Independence Day Parade**, Monday, July 4th, 11:30 am
- **Fireworks**, Monday, July 4th, dusk, Community Center
- **Friday Farmers & Food Trucks**, Friday, July 8th, 4 – 8 pm, Community Church
- **Parking Lot Party** – Saturday, July 16th, 3 – 11 pm, Community Center
- **Farmers & Food Trucks City Market**, Saturday, July 23rd, 10 am – 2 pm, City Hall
- **Community Bike Ride**, Saturday, July 30th, 6 pm, Community Center

August

- **National Night Out**, Tuesday, August 2nd, 6 – 8:30 pm, Community Center
- **Wine Down by the Creek**, Friday, August 5th, 6 – 10 pm, Kimball Hill Park
- **Friday Farmers & Food Trucks**, Friday, August 12th, 4 – 8:30 pm, Community Church
- **Farmer's & Food Trucks City Market**, Saturday, August 27th, 10 am – 2 pm, City Hall

September

- **Friday Farmers & Food Trucks**, Friday, September 9th, 4 – 8:30 pm, Community Church
- **Farmers & Food Trucks City Market**, Saturday, September 24th, 10 am – 2 pm, City Hall

Residents who would like to help the Community Events Foundation organize and run these events may contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.

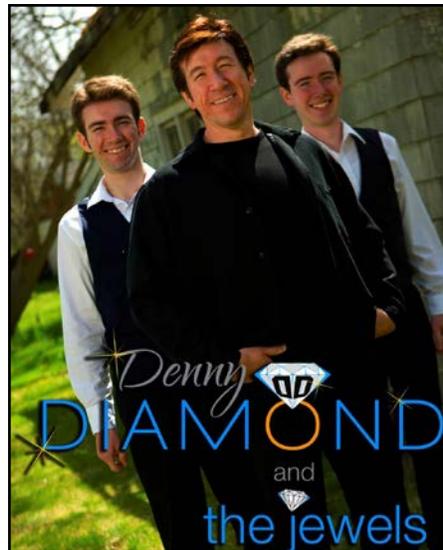
Northwest Concert Band to Headline June 25th Farmers & Food Trucks Market

One of the Chicago area's premier community concert bands will deliver a rousing musical performance Saturday, June 25th, during the City's Farmers & Food Trucks market, which runs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at City Hall.

Members of the Northwest Concert Band, which practices here in Rolling Meadows, will take the stage at 12 p.m. for a 90-minute show. The band's concerts feature a variety of genres, including classical, wind ensemble, marches, pop, rock, swing and jazz.

The day's "soundtrack" will begin earlier that morning, with a 10:30 a.m. performance by String Theory, a children's violin group.

Booking a variety of musicians for this year's Farmers & Food Trucks events



Dennis Svehla, aka "Denny Diamond," returns to Rolling Meadows Friday, July 8th.



Photo courtesy of the Northwest Concert Band.

The City's June 25th Farmers & Food Trucks market will feature a performance by the Northwest Concert Band.

was a key goal for Community Events Foundation volunteers. Other performers slated to appear during the 2016 market season include:

- **Denny Diamond** (Friday, July 8th) – Dennis Svehla is a trained vocalist and guitarist best-known for his unique tribute to the music of Neil Diamond.
- **Liz Cirone** (Friday, August 12th) – Schaumburg-based guitarist Liz Cirone, a member of the band Liz Paul Special, will perform a set of acoustic rock and folk music.
- **Randy Rock** (Saturdays, July 23rd, August 27th, and September 24th; Fridays, July 8th and August 12th) – This solo acoustic guitarist and singer has performed at previous Farmers & Food Trucks events.

"Expanding the roster of live entertainment at the market is part of an ongoing effort to add new attractions and activities for Rolling Meadows families to enjoy," explains Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager.

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- **Cruise Night** – An annual summer staple that runs through September 9th, the Rolling Meadows Cruisers' weekly car show lets residents explore classic rides and muscle cars from multiple eras. Cruise Night takes place every Friday night at Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road).

The combination of three exciting events has City officials anticipating an entirely

different kind of congestion on Kirchoff Road that evening – foot traffic.

"This year's block party marks the start of an exciting summer season in Rolling Meadows," explains Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak. "With its wide variety of attractions and activities, we're aiming to offer something for everyone. Bring the kids and enjoy an evening out with the family."



2nd Ward Alderman Len Prejna (right) shares a laugh with Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager and Community Events Foundation liaison, during April's wine and cheese fundraiser.

Wine & Cheese Event Raises \$1,800 for Community Events Foundation

April's wine & cheese fundraiser at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum offered guests a chance to "savor" the City's rich history and generated \$1,800 to help support the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.

The event featured 10 different wine vintages, mouth-watering cheese, and other hors d'oeuvres. Guests also enjoyed Museum tours that showcased its authentic 1950s-era treasures, a silent auction featuring Chicago Blackhawks and other sports memorabilia, raffles, and music.

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2016 Street Program Underway; 15 Local Streets Set for Resurfacing

Construction season arrived in Rolling Meadows in May, with curb/gutter removal and storm sewer upgrades marking the start of the City's 2016 street resurfacing program.

This year's program will resurface 15 local streets:

- Bobolink Lane (*Owl to Thrush*)
- Dove Court
- Dove Street (*Hawk to Grouse*)
- Grove Street (*Wilke to Dove*)
- Hawk Court
- Hawk Lane (*Pheasant to Meadow*)
- Killarney Court (*Wilke to cul-de-sac*)

- Lark Court
- Maple Lane & Maple Court (*Linden to Oak*)
- Park Court
- Redwing Court
- Sigwalt Street (*Flicker to Cardinal*)
- Spruce Court
- Tern Court

City officials anticipate a nine-week construction timetable, with all resurfacing work expected to be completed in late July (weather-permitting). Adjacent landscaping repairs, where needed, will take place once all other construction is complete.



This Month in Rolling Meadows

June 1st: **Vehicle stickers on sale. Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm, City Hall

June 2nd: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

June 3rd: **Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd)

June 6th: **D-Day**

June 7th: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Plan Commission**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

June 10th: **Community Block Party/ Farmers & Food Trucks**, 4 – 8:30 pm, Kirchoff Rd (between Meadow Dr & Oriole); **Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd)

June 13th: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

June 14th: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

June 16th: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

June 17th: **Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd)

June 20th: **Water bills due**

June 21st: **First Day of Summer. City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

June 23rd: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

June 24th: **Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Rd)

June 28th: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

June 30th: **Deadline to purchase & display 2016-17 vehicle stickers**



Fire Department Honored with Community Outreach Award

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department was honored with the Chamber of Commerce's Community Outreach Award during its May 26th Circle of Success awards dinner. The award recognized RMFD's commitment to public safety and firefighters' dedication to excellence.

The annual Chamber event, which honors local business and community leaders, presented a second Community Outreach award to Rolling Meadows-based Plumbing Manufacturers International. PMI helped organize humanitarian efforts in the wake of the Flint, MI water crisis earlier this year by donating plumbing supplies to Flint homeowners in need and coordinating their installation.

Other 2016 Circle of Success honorees are:

- **Business Leader of the Year:**
Cindy Adams, Nothing Bundt Cakes.
- **Business of the Year:**
Weichai America.
- **Chamber Volunteer of the Year:**
Carly Perez, Divine Design & Marketing.

Carl M. La Mell, President of Clearbrook, was honored with a special recognition for his success in establishing Clearbrook as a premier service provider for the developmentally disabled.



Continental Towers' newly-completed parking garage (at left) was built to accommodate the growing number of companies joining Rolling Meadows' business community.

Business News Continental Towers Parking Garage Complete; Verizon Employees Arrive in Rolling Meadows

A \$12 million capital improvement program currently underway at Continental Towers (1701 Golf Road) continues to show results, with the completion of the property's new 669-space parking garage. The structure was built to accommodate the Class A property's expanding roster of tenants.

One of Continental Towers' newest high-profile tenants, Verizon Wireless, began

moving employees from Elgin in February to its new Rolling Meadows location. Company officials expect the relocation process to be complete this summer, when 900 Verizon employees will be based here.

Other upgrades underway at the 910,726 square foot property include a new main entrance and upgraded building entryways; updated lobbies, elevators, and restrooms; and landscape improvements.

Welcome New Businesses

Benefits Management Team –

Insurance agency
3501 Algonquin Rd (847-202-9636)

Elzay, Inc. – E-commerce/online products
5400 Newport Dr #1 (714-624-4881)

Dental Skills Ltd.* – Dentist
2202½ Algonquin Rd (847-870-0888)

EOS Accountants LLP – Accounting firm
1701 Golf Rd T3 #200 (224-223-1801)

Favorite Healthcare Staffing –
Staffing agency
3701 Algonquin Rd #850 (913-383-9733)

Kure Grinding Wheel America, Inc. –
Customer service for commercial grinders
3701 Algonquin Rd #310 (224-248-8159)

La Flor de Izucar Bakery* – Bakery
2204 Algonquin Rd (847-222-0955)

Peak Professionals, Inc. –
Collection agency/call center
3501 Algonquin Rd #630 (847-632-1622)

Peco Pallet, Inc. – Pallet sales office
1701 Golf Rd T3 #600 (630-303-4828)

Recurrent Energy, LLC –
Commercial solar energy development
1600 Golf Rd #1242 (415-675-1500)

Saf-T Drugs, LLC – Retail pharmacy
3315 Algonquin Rd #320 (847-749-0048)

Trevor Research Services LLC –
Market research/consulting
3905 Redwing Ct (847-255-7352)

Verve Rehab – Staffing service
3501 Algonquin Rd #340 (847-909-4747)

Yonan Floor Coverings, Inc. –
Floor covering sales
1400 Hicks Rd (847-788-8000)

Ziggy's Roofing – Contractor
5400 Astor Lane #310 (773-517-9922)

*New ownership

City's Largest Employer to Build Next Generation Stealth Bomber

Northrop Grumman, the nation's fifth-largest defense contractor and Rolling Meadows' largest employer, was selected by the U.S. Department of Defense to produce the B-21, a next-generation long range strike bomber that is expected to enter service in the mid- 2020s.

The heavy payload stealth aircraft is intended to replace the Air Force's aging fleet of B-52s and B-1B bombers. The contract is worth an estimated \$80 billion over the life of the program, according to reports.

In a news release announcing the new bomber, Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James said the B-21 will "give the Air Force the flexibility and the capability to launch from the continental U.S. and deliver air-strikes on any location in the world."

For more information, visit the United States Air Force website: www.af.mil or

the Northrop Grumman's website: www.northropgrumman.com.



Northrop Grumman, which employs 2,200 people at its Rolling Meadows facility, was chosen by the Air Force to build America's next generation long range bomber, the B-21.

Rendering courtesy of Northrop Grumman and the U.S. Air Force.

Renew Vehicle Stickers by June 30th Deadline; Convenient Purchase Options Available

Vehicle sticker renewals begin June 1st, the start of a 30-day window where residents may purchase their 2016-17



stickers online, by mail, or in person at City Hall and area retail locations. The deadline to purchase new stickers is June 30th.

Sticker prices start at \$30 for most passenger vehicles. Discounts are available to senior residents ages 65 and up (\$20). Active members of the U.S. military are eligible to receive stickers at no charge.

Rolling Meadows residents may use pre-printed applications being sent by mail to purchase vehicle stickers online at www.cityrm.org/229/Vehicle-Stickers. Drivers may also use the pre-addressed envelope included in the mailing to order new stickers from home.

A third option is to purchase new stickers in person at the following locations:

- **Aldaliz Western Wear Store**, 2210 Algonquin Road (Rolling Meadows).

- **Algonquin Wilke Currency Exchange**, 1764 W. Algonquin Road (Arlington Heights).
- **Ben Franklin Bank**, 3148 Kirchoff Road (Rolling Meadows).
- **City Hall**, 3600 Kirchoff Road (Rolling Meadows).
- **Confia Insurance Agency**, 1320 W. Algonquin Road (Arlington Heights).
- **MB Financial Bank**, 2251 Plum Grove Road (Palatine).
- **Rolling Meadows Currency Exchange**, 3340 Kirchoff Road (Rolling Meadows).

All drivers with vehicles registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including those with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase new stickers by the June 30th deadline. Sticker prices double on July 1st, which is also when motorists who fail to display the 2016-17 sticker on their vehicles will be subject to a \$100 police citation.

Vehicle sticker sales generate nearly \$500,000 each year for street maintenance and infrastructure improvements. These help keep streets in good condition and reduce wear on residents' vehicles.

Top 12 Rolling Meadows Employers

1. **Northrop Grumman** – 2,200 employees
2. **Arthur J. Gallagher*** – 2,000
3. **Capital One** – 1,500
4. **Verizon Wireless** – 900
5. **Ceannate** – 480
6. **Komatsu** – 325
7. **Meijer** – 300
8. **A.H. Management Group** – 263
9. **RTC** – 252
10. **Method Electronics** – 245
11. **Walmart** – 221
12. **Panasonic** – 200

*Spring 2017

Data provided by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce (March 2016)

Scouts to Conduct Flag Retirement Ceremony, June 13th

Boy Scout Troop 168 will conduct a flag retirement ceremony Monday, June 13th, 7 p.m., at the Kimball Hill Park fire bowl/pit. Anyone can bring flags to the ceremony, or drop them off in advance at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road).

Forester Offers Tips to Help New Trees Thrive

In the last three years, the Public Works Department has planted over 1,200 trees on City parkways – more than 40 different species – to replace those lost to the Emerald Ash Borer. Trees need to be maintained throughout their lives, but the immediate period after their planting is particularly important. News & Views recently sat down with City Forester Graham Strebler to discuss ways residents can help ensure the continued vitality of Rolling Meadows' urban forest.

News & Views: Is there a specific amount of water that new trees require?

Strebler: Proper watering is the single most-important aspect of maintaining newly-planted trees. We recommend watering new trees every 3-4 days during hot summer months, and every 7-10 days in cooler weather. Tree watering bags are an ideal option, as they slowly deliver water over a period of several hours.

How does mulch help new trees thrive?

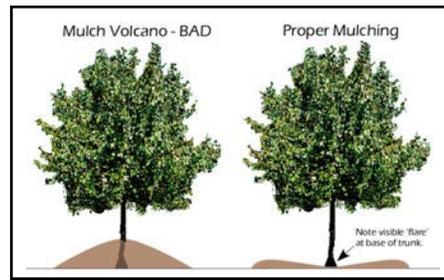
Mulch helps trees retain moisture while eliminating competition from more aggressive turf grasses that rob them of water and nutrients. Public Works

mulches all trees at the time of planting. It's essential to avoid piling mulch against the trunk and creating a "mulch volcano" (pictured below). Rather, keep mulch pulled back from the trunk so the tree's root flare is visible.

What other tips do you recommend for the care of new trees?

Avoid fertilizing new trees until they have established a solid root system – this can take several years. We also urge caution when applying weed killer or herbicide products nearby. These can damage young trees. Lastly, avoid pruning new trees; it's important to retain as much foliage as possible during the establishment phase.

Contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 for more information.



Annual Garden Walk Set for June 26th

The Rolling Meadows Garden Club will host its annual Garden Walk Sunday,



This year's Garden Walk will feature several of the City's finest residential gardens.

June 26th, 12 – 4 p.m. The event offers a leisurely afternoon for green-thumbed residents, featuring self-guided tours of some of Rolling Meadows' most beautiful residential gardens.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, and are available at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Purchase day-of-the-event tickets for \$15 at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road). For more information, visit www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org.

Amended Sprinkling Ordinance Prohibits Summer Watering on Consecutive Days



Rolling Meadows' updated sprinkling ban ordinance prohibits homeowners from watering their lawns on consecutive days between May 15th and September 15th. The amended ordinance was approved by City Council last year, to meet revised standards established by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

Newly-planted lawns that are less than three months-old can be exempted from the updated regulations. The existing ban on daily lawn sprinkling from 12 – 6 p.m. during summer months remains in effect.

"The City's amended lawn sprinkling ordinance is consistent with new conservation measures adopted by the IDNR," City Manager Barry Krumstok explains. "The goal is to conserve resources and minimize the potential for over-watering, which has a detrimental effect on overall lawn health."

The IDNR's Lake Michigan Water Allocation Program was established to preserve groundwater resources for communities in northeastern Illinois, promote efficient development of water supplies in the area, and ensure its availability, according to the department's website. For more information, visit dnr.illinois.gov or call Public Works at 847-963-0500.

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