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Visit Fire Department Open House, October 8th

Residents will gain new perspectives on the importance of fire safety and firefighters' role in protecting the community at the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's ninth annual Open House. This year's event takes place Saturday, October 8th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road).

Open House guests will experience:

- Public safety and rescue demonstrations.
- State-of-the-art emergency vehicles and equipment.



Firefighters conduct an auto extrication exercise at a previous year's Open House.



Doors open at the Neuckranz Fire Station at 10 a.m. All Rolling Meadows residents are welcome.

- "Behind-the-scenes" glimpses of RMFD operations.
- Guided fire station tours.
- Free hot dogs and refreshments.

The Open House coincides with the Fire Department's observance of National Fire Prevention Week (October 9th – 15th).

For more information on the 2016 Open House, call the RMFD at 847-397-3352.

Mayor Tom Rooney Named to IL Senate; Will Resign as Mayor



Tom Rooney will resign as Rolling Meadows' mayor in November to represent the 27th District in the Illinois Senate, after his appointment to succeed outgoing state senator Matt Murphy. Murphy stepped down in September to accept a position in the private sector.

Rooney was elected mayor in 2011 and won re-election in 2015. He previously served eight years as the City's 4th Ward alderman.

"It's difficult to leave something I've been doing for a long time," he told

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Events Foundation to Host October 1st Hometown Hoedown at Kimball Hill Park

Welcome fall's arrival with square dancing lessons and performances, live country music, kids games, family activities, and tasty "vittles" at Rolling Meadows' first-ever Hometown Hoedown.

Join the fun Saturday, October 1st, 3 – 8 p.m., in picturesque Kimball Hill Park. Admission and activities are free.

This action-packed family event will also feature horse-drawn hayrides, miniature golf, harvest photo booth, crafts, a bounce house, and more. It is sponsored by the City's Community Events Foundation and the Rolling Meadows Park District.

"Hometown Hoedown is the latest example of the Foundation's ongoing efforts to develop community events that appeal to residents of all ages and bring community members together," explains Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak.

"We hope everyone will turn out for what's sure to be a 'stomping' good time!"

Stadium Sports Club will provide catering services for the event's "cowboy cookout." Attendees may purchase hamburgers or hot dogs, chips, and a drink for \$5 per meal.



Important Dates: November 8th General Election



The American people will head to the polls Tuesday, November 8th, to elect the next President of the United States, Congressional and state representatives, and state and local officials across the country.

Residents who want their voices heard in the 2016 general election must be registered to vote. Important dates to keep in mind as the election approaches include:

- **October 11th** – Deadline to register to vote (in-person).
- **October 23rd** – Deadline to register online.
- **October 24th – November 7th** – Early voting available at select polling places.
- **November 3rd** – Last day to request a mail ballot (including military and overseas voters).
- **November 8th** – Election Day. (Last day mail ballots may be postmarked).

All registered voters are eligible for early voting. Those who choose to vote early may complete an application at their selected polling place with valid photo identification.

Polling places will be open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Residents with questions about the November 8th election may contact Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno at cotugno@cityrm.org or 847-870-9007.

Additional election information, including a complete listing of polling places, is available through the Cook County Clerk's Office (www.cookcountyclerk.com or 312-603-5656).

Public Support for City's Community Events Foundation Continues to Grow

Tax-deductible donations to the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation added \$32,000 to its coffers in the first eight months of 2016, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher reports. The contributions underscore growing support for the Foundation's mission of supporting City-sponsored activities held throughout the year.

Over the past few years, Foundation contributions have helped offset the costs of staging a wide range of community events, including:

- Farmers & Food Trucks.
- Kirchoff Road/Downtown Block Party.
- Wine Down by the Creek.
- Annual Memorial Day observance.
- Independence Day parade and fireworks.
- National Night Out.

Foundation funding also supports maintenance work at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum.



The City's Independence Day festivities are also funded in-part by the Community Events Foundation.



Foundation contributions help the City honor its veterans each Memorial Day.

Strong, community-based financial support for the Foundation will ensure that events funding is available for years to come, City officials believe. Foundation leaders encourage residents and area businesses to help them raise at least \$50,000 annually.

"Ongoing fundraising efforts are critical to ensuring the Foundation's continued success," Gallagher explains. "We greatly appreciate the generosity of past donations and encourage community members to continue their support."

Those who would like to contribute should make checks payable to Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation and send them to:

City of Rolling Meadows
Community Events Foundation
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

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the *Daily Herald*. "I still live in town and I'm not going anywhere. Now, I just get to represent the same people on a higher level."

The 27th State Senate District includes portions of Arlington Heights, Barrington, Des Plaines, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Prospect Heights, and Rolling Meadows.

Upon Rooney's resignation as mayor, City Council members will choose one of their own to serve as interim mayor until the 2017 Consolidated Election. The April

ballot will ask voters to elect someone to serve the remaining two years of Rooney's term.

Rooney called his selection by local Republicans to represent the 27th District "a special moment. I've wanted to be in a House or Senate chamber since I was 17 years-old."

He also believes he is leaving Rolling Meadows in good hands. He expressed confidence in Council members, calling them a "good group just trying to do what they think is best for the city."

Public Works to Host October 8th e-Waste, Document Destruction Event



Rolling Meadows and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will host an electronics recycling/document destruction event Saturday, October 8th, 9 a.m. – noon, at the Public Works Department (3900 Berdnick Street).

Residents of Rolling Meadows and other SWANCC-member communities may drop off old computer equipment, TVs, fax machines, cell phones, and other outdated home electronics equipment for recycling (see sidebar for an expanded list). Business waste will not be accepted.

The event will also offer a safe, secure way for residents to dispose of old tax forms, bank statements, medical records, and other personal documents. Residents may bring up to six banker-sized

boxes of documents.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 or visit www.swancc.org.

Recycle Outdated Electronics Equipment, including:

- Answering machines.
- Camcorders.
- Cameras.
- Converter boxes.
- Microwave ovens.
- Portable digital assistants (PDAs).
- Scanners.
- Toasters and other home appliances.
- Typewriters.
- Zip drives.

A complete listing of accepted items is available at www.swancc.org.

City Resurfaces 15 Local Streets in 2016; Lower Pricing Offers More ‘Bang for Buck’

The City’s 2016 Streets Program resurfaced 15 local streets this summer, after lower-than-expected construction bids offered an opportunity to expand the scope of this year’s planned improvements.

Streets that underwent resurfacing this past summer are:

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

- Maple Court
- Maple Lane
- Park Court
- Redwing Court
- Sigwalt Street (Flicker to Cardinal)
- Spruce Court
- Tern Court

The 2016 budget allocated \$1 million for this year’s streets program, originally intended to cover 11 street resurfacing projects. When construction bids came in nearly \$125,000 under budget, aldermen approved a supplemental contract for four additional streets.

“The contractor agreed to perform the additional work at the original prices provided,” Public Works Director Fred Vogt explained. “That made it an easier decision for City Council to expand this year’s resurfacing program. Favorable unit pricing helped the City get more ‘bang for the buck,’” he added.



This Month in Rolling Meadows

October 1st: **Hometown Hoedown**, 3–8 pm, Kimball Hill Park

October 4th: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Plan Commission**, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall

October 5th: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; City Hall

October 6th: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

October 8th: **eWaste Drop-off**, 9 am–noon, Public Works; **Fire Department Open House**, 10am–2pm, Neuckranz Fire Station

October 9th-15th: **National Fire Prevention Week**

October 10th: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

October 11th: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

October 13th: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

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

October 19th: **SWANCC refuse/recycling presentation**, 7 pm, Rolling Meadows Library

October 20th: **Water bills due. Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

October 22nd: **Prescription Drug Take-Back Collection**, 10am–2pm, City Hall

October 24th: **Police Pension Board**, 3:30 pm, City Hall

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

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

Serving the City: Deputy Police Chief William Arneson



William Arneson

Length of Service:
Almost 30 years

Birthplace:
Arlington Heights

Education: Bachelor's Degree (Administration of Justice) from Southern

Illinois University, Carbondale

Family: Wife and three children

Volunteer service: Security team member at church

Three words that best describe me are... driven, determined, fair.

The accomplishment I'm most proud of is... helping officers advance in their careers.

In my spare time I like to... hunt, fish, and camp.

The thing I like best about Rolling Meadows is... the support the community shows to its police department. We really appreciate it!

My favorite quotation is... "never, never, never give up." (Winston Churchill)

My hero is... every police officer who goes to work each day and places themselves at risk to protect people – most of whom they've never met before.



Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

The theme of this year's National Fire Prevention Week (October 9th – 15th) is "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years." It's a life-saving message.

It's also why the Rolling Meadows Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) have partnered to promote the importance of having working smoke alarms at home – and their role in reducing the risk of home fire death or injury.

According to the NFPA:

- 60% of home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.
- 50% of all fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. (when most people are sleeping).
- Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of home fire death by 50%.

'Protect Family Members'

"Clearly, one of the most effective ways for residents to protect themselves and their families is to have working smoke detectors in their homes," Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote explains. "Fire

Prevention Week is an ideal opportunity to reemphasize the importance of these life-saving devices. We strongly encourage our residents to test their smoke alarms regularly, replace the batteries twice per year, and replace units every 10 years."

Chief Franzgrote recommends that residents check the back of each smoke alarm in their homes – that's where the unit's date of manufacture is stamped. If the date shown is more than a decade ago, replace the unit with a new device.

"The interior sensors that detect smoke degrade over time," he adds. "That's why it's so important to replace units that are more than 10 years-old."

Free Smoke Alarms for Senior Residents

The Fire Department's "Safe Seniors" program offers free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to Rolling Meadows residents ages 65 and up. The program also provides useful safety information designed to help senior residents stay safe in their homes. To learn more, call the RMFD at 847-397-3352.

For more information on National Fire Prevention Week, visit www.fpw.org.

City's Environmental Committee to Host Recycling Strategies Program at Rolling Meadows Library, October 19th

Rolling Meadows' Environmental Committee, in coordination with the City's Public Works Department, will host an educational program on effective waste management and recycling strategies Wednesday, October 19th, 7 pm, at the Rolling Meadows Library. Committee members invite all residents to attend this free presentation.

The meeting will be led by Mary Allen, Recycling and Education Director of the

Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). Topics for discussion will include:

- How trash compaction and recycling help conserve landfill space.
- Disposal tips to minimize solid waste's impact on people, wildlife, and natural resources.
- An overview of SWANCC facilities and services.

- Recycling "do's and don'ts."

The October program is the latest in a series of periodic presentations, organized by Environmental Committee members, that are designed to empower residents to take an active role in protecting the environment. For more information on the program, or to learn more about the Environmental Committee's activities, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500.



The new Salt Creek bike path extension makes it easy for riders (or walkers) to travel between Rolling Meadows' downtown and library.

Scenic Salt Creek Bike Path Extension Connects City's Downtown and Library

The newest segment of the City's ever-expanding bike path system – a gently-winding trail that runs parallel to Salt Creek and connects the City's downtown area and the Rolling Meadows Library – is now open to riders.

The new path begins near Fratello's (3301 Kirchoff Road) and runs south along the eastern edge of Salt Creek to the Library parking lot. It connects directly to the Kirchoff Road underpass, which lets users access Kimball Hill Park and other paths

on the City's north side.

Nearly 80% of the \$668,000 project was covered by a grant from the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. ITEP provides funding for community projects that "expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure," according to the Illinois Department of Transportation website.

City-wide Water Meter Upgrade Program Nears Completion; 'Smart Point' Transmitters to Improve Customer Service, Operations

City-wide installation of new Smart Point transmitters on residential and business water meters is nearly complete, improving customer service and creating a more efficient work flow for City employees, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher reports.

The transmitters allow City employees to electronically access residents' water meter data each month – eliminating "estimated" water bills that were once paid by residents six times per year.

"This technology allows residents and businesses to track their overall water usage more accurately by providing actual meter readings on a monthly basis," Gallagher explains. "From an operational perspective, the transmitters practically eliminate the time-consuming process of manual data entry. That allows employees

to focus more of their efforts on serving customers."

Smart Point meters also:

- Make it easier to detect water leaks that cost customers money.
- Help City officials quickly notify residents and businesses of potential plumbing issues.
- Minimize water loss by increasing flow accuracy.

Gallagher says that nearly all of the City's 6,700 water meters have been upgraded, with the remainder set for completion in the next few months.

In most situations, technicians are able to complete meter updates without inconveniencing homeowners. Residents will

Council to Host October 11th Public Hearing on FY2017 City Budget



Rolling Meadows residents will have the opportunity to participate in the 2017 budget development process during a public hearing

scheduled for City Council's October 11th meeting. The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road).

A preliminary draft of the 2017 budget was presented to City Council members in August. The latest draft, reflecting recent Council deliberations, is available for public review on the City's website (www.cityrm.org/233/Financial-Reports).

The proposed budget is also available at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) and the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane).

Plans call for the 2017 budget to be approved in November.



Wireless transmitters, similar to the one pictured here, provide more accurate readings and improved service for City water customers.

be notified if technicians require access to their indoor water meters, and may contact the Public Works Department to schedule an appointment.

2016 Duck Race Raises \$1,600 for Local Environmental Preservation Efforts

Community groups raised more than \$1,600 for Salt Creek preservation and other local environmental efforts during an August 18th “duck race” that featured more than 400 plastic ducks purchased by residents.

The City’s Environmental Committee, Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows, and Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation partnered to organize this year’s event at the Nelson Sports Complex Pool.

Raffle prizes awarded to participants during the event included a \$500 grand prize, retail and restaurant gift cards, and passes to Chicago’s Field Museum of Natural History, Adler Planetarium, and Shedd Aquarium.



Duck race proceeds benefit Salt Creek stabilization and other environmental efforts.

Christopher B. Burke Engineering served as the event’s primary sponsor, with local businesses contributing a variety of prizes.



Drop Off Unused Medications at October 22nd ‘Take-Back’ Event

Residents may safely dispose of unused prescription medications Saturday, October 22nd, when the Rolling Meadows Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) partner for a National Prescription Drug Take-Back event at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road).

Drop off medications (pills only, no sharps or liquids) anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call the 24-hour Police Department Help Desk (847-255-2416) for more information.

Welcome New Businesses

Denkewater & Associates – *Law firm*
1835 Rohlwing Rd Suite D
(847-583-2244)

Megleo’s School of Dance – *Dance studio*
3891 Industrial Ave (847-830-3158)

Metamation, Inc. – *CAD/CAM software*
3501 Algonquin Rd #680
(775-826-1717)

Nexus Auto Transport –
Auto transportation services
3501 Algonquin Rd #620
(224-218-2949)

TMA Affinity Corp. –
Architectural and general contractor
3501 Algonquin Rd #190
(847-364-8150)

City Briefs

Trick-or-Treat Hours:

Monday, October 31st, 3 – 8 p.m.

Trick-or-treating in the City of Rolling Meadows will take place Monday, October 31st, 3 – 8 p.m.

Children should not eat any candy they receive until it has been inspected by an adult. Additional Halloween safety tips are available on the Centers for Disease and Control Prevention (CDC) website, www.cdc.gov/family/halloween.

Public Works Department Offers CFL, Battery Drop-Off

Rolling Meadows offers a convenient way for residents to safely dispose of spent compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and household batteries. Bring old batteries and light bulbs to the Public Works Department (3900 Berdnick Street) for proper recycling. Drop-off hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, call 847-963-0500.

Chamber of Commerce Announces Top 12 Rolling Meadows Employers

1. Northrop Grumman – 2,200 employees
2. Arthur J. Gallagher – 2,000 (Spring 2017)
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. Methode Electronics – 245
11. Walmart – 221
12. Panasonic – 200

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

MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

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 Majjikes*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 & Police Emergency911
Fire Non-emergency847-397-3352
Police Non-emergency847-255-2416
Public Works847-963-0500
Finance/Utility Billing Questions.847-394-8500
Community Development847-506-6030
Senior Handyman Program847-506-6030
ComEd1-800-EDISON-1
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