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## New Ambulance's Custom Design Improves Patient Comfort, Helps Firefighters Provide Highest Levels of Emergency Medical Services

Rolling Meadows firefighters refer to Ambulance 16, which entered service in February, as a "mobile intensive care unit" specifically designed to help the Fire Department provide the highest levels of emergency medical services.

The designation underscores the fact that City firefighters – all of whom are also paramedics – are highly-trained professionals often called upon to administer live-saving medical treatment at emergency scenes. Ambulances are no longer simply a form of transport to the hospital: the vehicles must carry a wide range of specialized equipment for use in the field.

"Ambulance 16 is, hands-down, the best ambulance I've ever worked on," explained Lieutenant Ben Dwyer, a 10-year RMFD veteran. "The vehicle's operational capacity offers the flexibility to meet nearly any emergency we may encounter."

Members of the Department's Apparatus Committee – comprised of firefighters, a battalion chief, and a Public Works mechanic – worked closely with the vehicle's manufacturer, Sterling, IL-based Foster Coach, to ensure Ambulance 16 was designed and built to



Ambulance 16 is equipped with a compressed liquid adaptive suspension system for improved patient comfort during transport.

meet specific needs for patient comfort and firefighter safety.

The vehicle is built on a Ford F-650 chassis that is larger than other ambulances in the Fire Department's fleet. It incorporates

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## April 22nd Wine & Cheese Fundraiser to Benefit Events Foundation

History repeats itself Saturday, April 22nd, when residents sip fine wine and sample scrumptious appetizers during the Community Events Foundation's second annual "Wine and Cheese" fundraiser.

This year's event will take place from 6 – 9 p.m., at the Rolling Meadows Historical



Guests mingle in the Historical Museum's Education Center during last year's wine and cheese fundraiser.

Museum (3100 Central Road). Attendees will enjoy 10 different wines paired with a variety of appetizers, while viewing authentic 1950s-era exhibits and memorabilia from the City's early days.

The evening will also feature music, raffles, and a silent auction offering a variety of Chicago Blackhawks, Cubs, and other sports memorabilia.

Organizers have introduced a new "open house" format for this year's event. This allows guests to arrive at their convenience and mingle freely with other attendees. Last year, guests attended one of multiple "seatings."

Tickets are \$25 each or two for \$40, and may be purchased in advance at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or at the door.

Event proceeds will help offset the costs

of staging upcoming community events, such as the City's Summer Block Party and Hometown Hoedown. Funding also helps cover ongoing museum maintenance.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

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Arthur J. Gallagher's updated headquarters at 2850 Golf Road.

## Arthur J. Gallagher Enjoys Meadows Homecoming

Insurance brokerage and risk management services giant Arthur J. Gallagher was a long-time member of Rolling Meadows' business community before moving to Itasca in 1991. Twenty-six years later, the firm is enjoying a triumphant homecoming.

Gallagher returned to Rolling Meadows in March, when nearly 2,000 employees relocated to the firm's new headquarters at 2850 Golf Road.

Company leaders invested more than \$85 million to upgrade and update the facility over the past two years, following establishment of a 15-year tax-increment financing (TIF) district to help cover the project's costs.

## City Issues Call to Local Veterans, Family Members for 2017 Memorial Day Ceremonies

Members of the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee encourage residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces – as well as their family members – to join this year's City-sponsored Memorial Day ceremonies:

### May 27th Parade and Observance

Committee members invite local veterans to march in this year's Memorial Day parade, which will be held Saturday, May 27th, at 11 a.m. Participants will march through the heart of downtown Rolling Meadows to the Carillon Tower, where City officials will host a solemn observance and wreath-laying ceremony.

Veterans who have not participated in past Memorial Day events, and would like to join



Guests enjoy a multi-course meal at Rolling Meadows' Veterans Dinner.

this year's ceremonies, should contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.

### May 26th Veterans Dinner

Veterans and guests will enjoy an evening of camaraderie with fellow service members during Rolling Meadows' 15th annual Veterans Dinner, set for Friday, May 26th., 6 – 9 p.m. The annual event – a centerpiece of the City's Memorial Day activities – will be held at Meridian Banquets (1701 West Algonquin Road). Space is limited to 200. Contact City Hall at 847-394-8500 for reservations.



The Veterans Monument serves as the centerpiece of the City's annual Carillon observance.

## New Ambulance's Custom Design Improves Patient Comfort...continued from page 1

on-board airbags and advanced seat restraints that simultaneously protect firefighters and provide expanded on-board mobility and movement.

Ambulance 16 also possesses a compressed liquid adaptive suspension system (CLASS) that is designed to deliver a vastly-improved ride, compared to ambulances equipped with standard air suspension systems. A smoother, less-jarring ride is critical for patients suf-



Lt. Ben Dwyer (l to r), and firefighters Rob Rabelhofer, Mike Padula, and Paul Davis demonstrate Ambulance 16's onboard HOPS restraints.

fering spinal or other injuries that require patient immobilization.

"Ambulance 16 is a physical representation of our commitment to provide high-quality, responsive services to Rolling Meadows residents," Deputy Fire Chief Terry Valentino said. "We demand a lot from our manufacturers, and our Apparatus Committee members worked very hard to deliver an outstanding vehicle that will serve Rolling Meadows and neighboring communities for the next decade."

Ambulance 16 replaces a 2002 model that had logged 81,000 miles over its 15-year service life. It is based at the Neuckranz Fire Station on Plum Grove Road.

### RMFD Apparatus Committee Members

- Ben Kamminga, Firefighter/Paramedic
- John Loesch, Sr., Firefighter/Paramedic
- Chad Lovick, Firefighter/Paramedic
- John Palmisano, Firefighter/Paramedic
- Pete Sutter, Battalion Chief
- Rick Thomas, Public Works Mechanic

# Newly-Acquired Overdose Prevention Kit Helps Police Officer Save Woman's Life

The March/April issue of *News & Views* detailed how Rolling Meadows police officers now carry Naloxone injector kits to help reduce the risk of drug-related deaths. Less than two weeks after that article was published, an officer used one of those kits to save someone's life.

On an early morning in mid-March, Officer Geunyoung Pak responded to a 9-1-1 call at the Rolling Meadows Meijer.



Officer Geunyoung Pak

Upon arrival, he found a woman lying unconscious in the toy aisle. She had stopped breathing.

Officer Pak realized he was witnessing the effects of a narcotic overdose, and quickly administered a Naloxone injection. The woman immediately gasped for air. Although still unconscious, she was now breathing.

Paramedics arrived minutes later to stabilize the victim and transport her to the hospital.

"Officer Pak's quick response, combined with his use of the Naloxone kit, is the reason this woman is alive today," Police Chief John Nowacki reported. "The situation demonstrates why our officers carry this life-saving medication and represents a tremendous victory for our department. Rather than opening a death investigation, we instead congratulate Officer Pak on his success," he added.

Rolling Meadows Police Department received 10 Naloxone injector kits – valued at approximately \$2,000 each – through the Cook County Overdose Prevention Program, which provides kits to area police departments at no charge. All patrol officers have undergone certification training for administering the medication in emergency situations.



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

April 3: **Yard waste collection begins**

April 4: *Election Day*

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

April 5: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm, City Hall

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

April 10: *Passover begins at sundown*

April 11: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm;  
**City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

April 13: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

April 14: *Good Friday*

April 16: *Easter*

April 17: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

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

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

April 22: **Earth Day Salt Creek Cleanup**, \* 9 am – 12 pm, Old Public Works (3200 Central Road); **'A Wine & Cheese Affair' (Events Foundation Fundraiser\*)**, 6 – 9 pm, Historical Museum (3100 Central Road)

April 25: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

\*See articles on pages 1 and 6



## Voters to Select New Mayor, Aldermen on Tuesday, April 4th

Tuesday, April 4th is Election Day in Rolling Meadows, when residents will choose a new mayor and cast ballots for aldermen representing Wards 2, 4, and 6. Candidates for office, listed in the order they appear on the ballot, are:

### Mayor

(*final two years of current term*)

- Dave Whitney
- Len Prejna
- Mike Cannon

### Ward 2 (*four-year term*)

- Jerry Hill

### Ward 4 (*four-year term*)

- Joe Gallo
- Brad Judd (*incumbent*)

### Ward 6 (*four-year term*)

- John D'Astice (*incumbent*)
- Tom Trapani

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

For more information on the April 4th Consolidated Election – including polling place locations – visit the Cook County Clerk's website ([www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)).

Residents may also contact Ginny Cotugno, Rolling Meadows' Deputy Clerk, at 847-870-9007 or [cotugnog@cityrm.org](mailto:cotugnog@cityrm.org).

## Residents Respond Very Flavor-ably to Debut ‘Taste the Town’ Event

The March 4th debut of Rolling Meadows’ newest community event drew more than 150 people to the Community Center for the chance to savor amazing flavors offered by many of the City’s top dining establishments.

‘Taste the Town’ featured free food samples from 12 local restaurants, delivering a diverse menu of international cuisine and some good old-fashioned American favorites. Soft drinks, wine, beer, and margaritas were also available for purchase.

“Community members’ response to this event vastly-exceeded our initial expectations,” explained Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager. “Participating restaurants were thrilled with the turnout, and residents were able to enjoy an evening of live entertainment, food, and fun. Thanks to everyone – especially our vendors and volunteers – for their help in making the evening such a success.”

“Taste the Town” was co-sponsored by the Rolling Meadows Park District, the City of Rolling Meadows, the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, and the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.



Attendance at this year’s event exceeded organizers’ original expectations.



Hungry guests enjoyed complimentary samples provided by a dozen Rolling Meadows restaurants.

### Thanks to Participating Restaurants



Buona Beef • Chicago Hickory Roasters • Chopstick Comet • Fratello’s Hog Dogs • Gabutto Burger Grande Jake’s • Gus’ Diner • Papa Saverio’s Red Apple Pancake House • Spice Grill • The Stadium

## Police Department Purchases New Taser Units for Patrol Officers

Rolling Meadows Police Department’s procurement of 15 new conducted electrical weapons systems (CEWs) ensures that all its patrol officers are equipped to address any number of situations without having to resort to potentially lethal force, Police Chief John Nowacki reports.

“CEWs – better known as Tasers – are excellent tools that help police officers minimize the risk of injury to suspects, as well as themselves,” Chief Nowacki explained. “Purchasing these additional units expands our available inventory, and ensures that all officers on all shifts are able to carry them into the field on their daily patrols.”

CEWs release two small electrodes that, upon contact, cause a subject to experience involuntary muscle contractions. Quite simply, the person loses muscle control and cannot move. Once a subject has been temporarily incapacitated, police officers can take control of a situation before it escalates.



*“(Tasers) are an extremely effective alternative to police batons or other weapons carried by our officers.”*

– Police Chief John Nowacki



Police Department policy requires all sworn officers to undergo annual training and CEW proficiency testing.

The City’s 2017 budget provides nearly \$30,000 in funding to purchase the new CEWs from Scottsdale, AZ-based Taser International, Inc. Also included in the order were battery packs, cartridges, simulation cartridges, data port download software, and extended warranties.

# Public Works Employees Assist Communities Ravaged by Tornado

Rolling Meadows Public Works Department employees provided critical recovery and aid assistance to residents of Ottawa and Naplate, IL, after an EF-3 tornado hit both communities on February 28th.



As a member of the Illinois Public Works

Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN), Rolling Meadows was one of more than three dozen communities that delivered equipment and “boots on the ground” to help



The LaSalle County Highway Department (pictured) sustained considerable damage, which severely impacted local response operations.

with debris removal and basic service restoration.

The tornado, with winds in excess of 150 miles per hour, created an 11.5-mile-long path of destruction that left two people dead and 14 injured. Despite the devastation, the damage was not severe enough to qualify for federal emergency assistance.

“In total, 44 IPWMAN member communities provided aid to the Naplate/Ottawa area over the next eight days, and offered support to these stricken communities in their time of need,” recalls Public Works’ Superintendent of Internal Services Don Wenzel, who will complete his term as IPWMAN President later this year.

“As the organization’s president, I was very pleased by our members’ response. As a member of the Rolling Meadows Public Works Department, I was incredibly proud of our guys for their contributions,” he added.

Besides Wenzel, Rolling Meadows employees who participated in the cleanup were Isaias Adame, Kurt Gersch, Andy Karpinski, Andy Roberts, Nick Sessions, Graham Strebler, and Rick Thomas.

IPWMAN was established in 2009 to deliver mutual aid assistance to communities throughout the state. It was based



The tornado reportedly destroyed 20% of the buildings in the village of Naplate.

on the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) used by Illinois Fire Departments, and serves as a “force multiplier” that may be called upon when needed. The organization currently has 285 member communities.

Membership fees are based on population size. Rolling Meadows, which joined IPWMAN in 2010, pays annual dues of \$250. That investment paid considerable dividends in 2014, when the City received over \$22,000 in clean-up assistance from other communities after a round of particularly severe storms.

Learn more about IPWMAN online at [www.ipwman.org](http://www.ipwman.org).

## 2017 Streets Program to Resurface Six Local Roads, Rebuild One More

Rolling Meadows’ 2017 Streets Program will resurface over 1.2 miles of local roadways and completely rebuild a deteriorating residential street on the City’s far west side this summer, Public Works Director Fred Vogt reports.

The following streets will undergo resurfacing:

- Cardinal Drive (Owl to Campbell)
- Dove Street (Park to Campbell)
- Fremont Street (Theda to Rohlwing, and Rohlwing to Cardinal)
- Theda Lane
- Piper Court
- Park Street\* (Meadow to Grove)

\*Patching only

In addition, 2,400 feet of Arlingdale Drive, located between Quentin Road and Prairie Lane, will be completely rebuilt – along with adjacent Arlingdale Court – as a supplement to the City’s annual street resurfacing program.

Vogt explained that Arlingdale is one of many City streets originally built in the 1970s and 1980s with pozzolanic material – a combination of cement, gravel, and fly ash. In most cases, the material couldn’t withstand local weather and traffic demands.

“Arlingdale ranks among City streets that are in the worst condition,” he said. “The street was resurfaced in 1997, but we expected that the quality of the underlying materials was only going to give us a limited number of years of additional use.”

The competitive bidding process employed by City officials helped drive down the expected costs of both projects: aldermen approved a contract totaling \$744,640 for street resurfacing – considerably less than the \$900,000 allocated in the 2017 budget.

Meanwhile, the \$542,840 bid that was approved for Arlingdale Drive’s reconstruction leaves City officials with an estimated \$200,000 surplus in the Local Roads Fund.

Vogt says the resurfacing and reconstruction projects are slated to begin in May and be finished this summer.

## Pardon Our Dust

# Council Approves City Hall Exterior Upgrades; Accepted Bid Comes in \$70,000 Under Budget

City Hall will undergo a series of exterior renovations and operational upgrades this summer, following City Council's approval of a March resolution that awards \$481,500 for the project – nearly \$70,000 under budget.

The work, to be performed by Northfield-based ATP Enterprise Group, will consist of stucco repairs, fascia and soffit replacement, door and frame replacement, masonry work, structural steel fabrications, parking guidance system, and removal and replacement of overhead doors, according to a Council Action Summary detailing the project's scope.

Don Wenzel, Public Works' Superintendent of Internal Services, says the project covers routine structural maintenance, as well as a series of upgrades at the Rolling Meadows Police Department, which also operates from the three-story building.

"Parking lot and garage updates that are



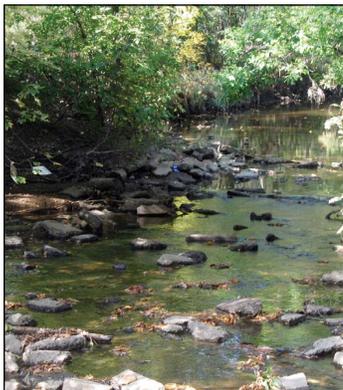
City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road

included in the project will better accommodate the Police Department's modernized fleet of law enforcement vehicles," Wenzel explained. "The facility's current configuration was ideal for patrol cars that were in service 5 – 10 years ago."

City officials allocated \$550,000 for this project in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget. Project timetables call for all work to be completed by late summer.

## Register for April 22nd Salt Creek Cleanup

Join members of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee Saturday, April 22nd, for the City's annual Earth Day-inspired Salt Creek Cleanup. Now in its 13th year, the cleanup will focus on removing non-native, invasive plant species and debris along the creek's banks.



Residents who would like to participate should report to the Old Public Works facility, 3200 Central Road, at 9 a.m. that morning to receive their assignments.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500.

The annual cleanup was established in 2005 as a way for Rolling Meadows to observe Earth Day (April 22nd) and give residents an opportunity to help preserve the City's natural environment.

## Welcome New Businesses

**A & R Co. LTD**

Mail-order products  
2306 Fulle St (847-788-0308)

**Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.**

Insurance & brokerage  
2850 & 2900 Golf Rd (800-927-9800)

**Caraka Automotive Repair**

909 Rohlwing Rd (847-873-7323)

**Charter Construction –**

General contractor  
1225 Carnegie St (847-342-1188)

**EH Cycles LLC – Mobile bike repair**

2110 Hawk Ln (630-327-7949)

**Emerald Lawn Care**

3890 Industrial Ave (847-392-7097)

**MVP Bargains LLC**

e-Commerce/home goods  
5420 Newport Dr #62 (847-708-1328)

**NKM Shop Inc. – Online sales**

2509 Arlingdale Dr (847-722-8448)

**Picante Bar & Grill –**

Mexican restaurant  
3989 Algonquin Rd (847-907-9467)

**Schelfhout Chiropractic Clinic**

1835 Rohlwing Rd/Ste. E  
(847-577-8061)

**Silver Creek Realty**

Real estate brokerage office  
4602 Sycamore (773-968-9278)

**Starbucks – Coffee kiosk**

3000 Kirchoff Rd (847-398-8060)

**Tax Services of America**

Tax preparation  
1460 Golf Rd (407-691-0004)

**Verizon Wireless**

Administrative offices  
1701 Golf Rd – Tower 2  
(845-356-8930)

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

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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

City Manager: Barry Krumstok. . . . .847-394-8500

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