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Crowds line Kirchoff Road at the 2017 Block Party.

June 9th Block Party Kicks Off 'Summer in The Meadows'

Residents reconnected with old friends – and made new ones – at Rolling Meadows' June 9th Summer Block Party. Thousands of people packed Kirchoff Road on a beautiful Friday evening to mark summer's unofficial start with music, food, mini-golf, a law enforcement vehicle display, craft fair, and more.

"Summer in the Meadows" continues in July and August with a variety of activities. See page 5 for details.

Celebrate Independence Day Rolling Meadows-Style with July 4th Parade, Fireworks

Rolling Meadows celebrates America's 241st birthday Tuesday, July 4th, with a late morning community parade and fireworks spectacular later that evening.

"May the 4th Be with You" Parade (11:30 a.m.) – With colorful community floats, specialty vehicles, the Rolling Meadows High School Marching Mustangs, and much more, this year's Star Wars-themed community parade is a "Force" to be reckoned with.



The annual Independence Day Parade is one of Rolling Meadows' most popular community events.



Evening fireworks will illuminate the sky over South Salk Park to the delight of family and friends.

Participants will march west on Central Road from Rolling Meadows High School, turn north on Owl, and then head east on Kirchoff Road to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

Fireworks (9:15 p.m./Dusk) – Gather with family, friends, and neighbors at South Salk Park for the "rockets' red glare" of the City's annual Independence Day fireworks display.

'Versatile' New Squad Vehicle Enhances RMFD's Operational Flexibility

Rolling Meadows Fire Department's versatile new Squad 15 is a "mobile toolbox" that carries dedicated equipment used by the Department's special rescue teams, but it's also equipped with advanced life support (ALS) systems that may be used to support firefighter/paramedics responding to fire or EMS calls.

Custom-built to meet operational specifications outlined by RMFD's Apparatus Committee, the vehicle features seven storage bays. Three are dedicated to housing gear used by the City's

Technical Rescue and Swift Water Rescue teams; the remaining four carry a range of equipment – everything from bandages to power saws – used at emergency scenes.

"Squad 15's service profile offers considerable flexibility in our deployment model," Deputy Fire Chief Terry Valentino explained. "Its primary responsibility is to rapidly deliver the equipment our rescue teams need in the field, but it is also capable of responding

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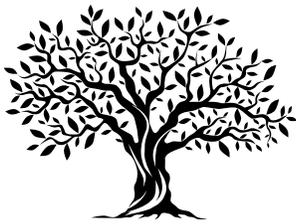
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Friday 'Cruise Nights' Showcase Classic Cars

Cruise down Memory Lane every Friday night this summer by visiting "Cruise Nights" at Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road). Hosted by the Rolling Meadows Cruisers Car Club, these weekly events feature hundreds of vintage automobiles, food, and family-friendly activities.

Cruise Nights run 5-8 p.m. on Fridays through September 1st. Learn more at www.facebook.com/meadowscruisenights.



Maintain Trees on Private Property

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining trees located on their properties. It's more than an aesthetic concern: it's also a public safety issue.

Regular pruning and maintenance of trees growing on private property helps prevent dead branches and debris from falling onto sidewalks and yards – and possibly endangering pedestrians and property.

Look for more information on proper tree maintenance in upcoming issues of *News & Views*.

'Versatile' New RMFD Squad Vehicle ...continued from page 1

to nearly any situation our firefighters may face."

The 4-wheel drive vehicle's all-aluminum body sits on a 2017 Ford F-550 chassis, providing an ideal combination of durability, high-performance, and safety. Plans call for Squad 15 to serve Rolling



Squad 15

Meadows residents for the next 20 years. It is housed at the Fogarty Fire Station on Meadow Drive.

City officials purchased the vehicle through an initiative that helps local governments across the country procure equipment at reduced cost. Through the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Cooperative Purchasing Program, City officials purchased Squad 15 for \$173,507 – nearly \$12,000 less than the amount originally budgeted.

Squad 15 has also been incorporated into the regional field operations guide (FOG) used jointly by the Rolling Meadows and Palatine Fire Departments, and Palatine Rural Fire Protection District.

Community Church of Rolling Meadows to Host 61st Annual Cornfest, August 5th

Rolling Meadows will once again be up to its "ears" in sweetcorn Saturday, August 5th, when Community Church hosts the 61st annual Cornfest celebration. Join the fun from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive.

This annual staple of Rolling Meadows summers offers guests their choice of a hamburger, hot dog, or brat; watermelon and soft drink; and "all you can eat" sweetcorn. Cornfest also features an art fair and

craft bazaar, raffle prizes, live music, and more. Tickets are \$13 for adults,

\$11 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children ages 4 – 11. Kids 3 and under will receive a free hot dog meal. Purchase tickets online or in-person before August 1st and receive a \$1 discount per ticket.

For more information, visit Community

Church of Rolling Meadows online at www.communitychurchrm.com or call 847-255-5510.



Cornfest has been a community staple for more than 60 years.

Photo courtesy of Community Church of Rolling Meadows.

Annual Garden Walk Set for July 23rd

Savor the homegrown beauty of seven unique residential gardens Sunday, July 23rd, when the Rolling Meadows Garden Club hosts its annual Garden Walk.

The 12 – 4 p.m. tour begins at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road). Tickets are \$10 each when purchased in advance, or \$15 on the day of the event. Children ages 12 and under are free.

Visit www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org or call 847-397-0286 for further de-



Residential gardens take center stage at this year's Garden Walk.

tails – including information on how to purchase tickets.

June 1st ribbon-cutting officially dedicates the new South Park.



Intergovernmental Collaboration Revitalizes South Park, Addresses Local Flooding Concerns

Children ran, jumped, and climbed on brand new playground equipment at the newly-revitalized South Park on June 1st, following a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by City and Salt Creek Rural Park District (SCRPD) officials.

The renovations, the result of a collaborative partnership between Rolling Meadows and the SCRPD, included underground utility and storm water system upgrades on Theda Lane and Fremont Street to alleviate local flooding problems.

The redesigned park incorporates additional flood control measures, and features updated playground equipment, a new basketball court, and a stamped concrete plaza.

“We are very pleased with the park’s new design, and hope residents will enjoy it for many years to come,” said Diane Hilgers, SCRPD’s Director of Parks and Recreation.

“It’s a brand-new park and people were awestruck by how it’s changed,” Assistant Public Works Director Rob Horne told *The Daily Herald*.

Horne also praised the overall effectiveness of the intergovernmental collaboration. The entire project – including South Park facility upgrades – was completed in just nine months, with cooperative efficiencies resulting in a combined savings of well over \$100,000.

Streets Program Reconstruction, Resurfacing Work on Target for July Completion

Resurfacing and patching work on six City streets – and the reconstruction of two additional roads – is on target for completion in July, Public Works Director Fred Vogt reported as this issue of *News & Views* went to press.

This year’s Streets Program is resurfacing Cardinal Drive (Owl to Campbell); Dove Street (Park to Campbell); Flicker Lane (Campbell to Fremont); Fremont Street (Theda to Rohlwing & Rohlwing to

Cardinal); Theda Lane; Piper Court; and Park Street (Meadow to Grove – *patching only*).

Construction crews are also completely rebuilding Arlingdale Drive, between Quentin Road and Prairie Lane, and several hundred feet of Highland Drive.

Parkway restoration and other non-construction-related activities will be finalized later this summer, weather permitting.



Water Conservation Makes ‘Cents’

Conserving water does more than preserve one of our most precious natural resources: it may also help lower monthly utility bills. Here are a few simple tips to help protect Mother Nature and reduce monthly out-of-pocket expenses:

Turn off the tap when brushing teeth. Rinse your toothbrush initially, and then leave the faucet off until it’s time to rinse.

Water lawns/outdoor plants in the morning. Cooler morning temperatures minimize water evaporation, meaning less water is required to nourish lawns and plants.

Don’t run half-empty dishwashers. Maximize your dishwasher’s efficiency by running it only when full.

Use rain barrels. Purchase rain barrels to collect storm water runoff from your home’s gutters. The stored water may then be used to water lawns, wash cars, and for other means without turning on the spigot.

Update appliances and fixtures. Replace old dishwashers and washing machines with highly-efficient appliances that use less water. Invest in low-flow toilets, faucets, and other fixtures.

Go to the car wash. Take your vehicle to a car wash that recycles water.

City Awards Kennedy Pond Spillway Reconstruction Contract

Reconstruction of a 40-year-old “spillway” designed to guide water from Kennedy Pond to Salt Creek during heavy rains will take place this summer, after City Council approved a \$268,765 construction contract.

The new spillway, expected to be completed by September, will incorporate modern, environmentally-sustainable design elements, including rocks and plants. The project will also remove trees and invasive plants near the pond’s east side dam.

July 2017

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Weekly "Cruise Nights" featuring vintage cars, music, and family activities take place Fridays, 5-8 pm, at Meadows Christian Fellowship, 2401 Kirchoff Road.						1
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		Independence Day City Hall and Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day (Tues.-Fri.) Parade , 11:30 am Fireworks , dusk (9:15 pm)	Economic Development Committee , 6 pm Environmental Committee , 6:30 pm Planning/Zoning Commission , 7:30 pm, all at City Hall		Cruise Night , 5-8 pm, 2401 Kirchoff Road FRIDAYS ROCK! and Roll in Meadows – featuring Paul Allodi , 7-10 pm, Kimball Hill Park	8
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	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall		Adjudication Hearing , 1 pm, City Hall	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm	Parking Lot Party , 3-11 pm, Community Center
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		City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall		Water bills due Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm	Farmers & Food Trucks , 10 am-2 pm, City Hall
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Police Pension Board , 3:30 pm, City Hall	City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, City Hall			Cruise Night , 5-8 pm	RMPD Community Bike Ride , 6 pm, Community Center
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August 2017

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Keep updated on City news with Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, E-News & Views , published in February, April, June, August, October and December. Each newsletter is archived on the City's website, www.cityrm.org .		National Night Out , 6-8:30 pm, Community Center Planning/Zoning Commission , 7:30 pm, City Hall	Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm, City Hall	Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm, 2401 Kirchoff Road	5
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	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall	First day of school for grades 1-8 (District 15)	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall Kindergarten and early childhood classes begin (District 15)	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm	
2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!						
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Community Events Let the Good Times ‘Roll in Meadows’ This Summer

Summer fun is well underway in Rolling Meadows. Mark your calendars and join family, friends, and neighbors for these activities:

FRIDAYS ROCK & Roll in Meadows

Fri., July 7th, 7-10 p.m., Kimball Hill Park

The City’s summer concert series continues in July with a free performance by acoustic powerhouse Paul Allodi (www.paulallodi.com). Bring a picnic dinner or purchase food from onsite food trucks at this “Ravinia-style” event.



Families gather in the field at last year’s Parking Lot Party.

Parking Lot Party

Sat., July 15th, 3-11 p.m., Community Center

Rolling Meadows’ ultimate summer tailgate returns! Reserve your space and enjoy an afternoon of family games and activities. The evening will feature a headline performance by Sushi Roll (www.sushirollband.com), a band that offers a “unique blend of high-energy dance music, rock n’ roll swagger, and memorable stage costumes.”

National Night Out Attractions

Here’s a sampling of what’s in store at the National Night Out celebration:

- Exotic Animal Show
- Stunt Dog performances
- Wayne Messmer performance of “The Star-Spangled Banner”
- Interactive Crime Scene where guests play detective
- Mock sword battles by the knights of Medieval Times
- Appearances by Chicago Sports mascots
- Free snacks and refreshments (while supplies last)



Residents shop for fresh produce at monthly City Markets.

Farmers & Food Trucks City Market

Sat., July 22nd, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., City Hall

Market season continues in July with a range of new attractions – live music, balloon twisting and face painting, raffle drawings – and a mouth-watering roster of food trucks, food vendors, and locally-grown produce. Enjoy free mini-golf and visit a multitude of onsite vendors. Learn more at www.cityrm.org/379/Farmers-Food-Trucks-City-Markets.



Young cyclists chat with police at the City’s Community Bike Ride.

Community Bike Ride

Sat., July 29th, 6 p.m., Community Center

Join Rolling Meadows police officers on a two-wheeled tour of the City’s bike paths and green spaces. The event will feature bike helmet giveaways, safety demonstrations, and free ice cream. For more information, visit RMPD’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowspolice) or call the Department’s 24-hour non-emergency phone number (847-255-2416).



National Night Out brings residents and police officers together.

National Night Out

Tues., August 1st, 6-8:30 p.m., Community Center

New events and attractions (see sidebar) confirmed for the City’s upcoming National Night Out observance promises to make this year’s event the best yet! National Night Out is an opportunity for residents and police officers to stand together against crime and celebrate Rolling Meadows’ unique community spirit. View highlights of last year’s event on the Police Department’s YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/rollingmeadowspolice).



Friday, August 11th is a great time to “Wine Down” in Kimball Hill Park.

Wine Down by the Creek

Fri., August 11th, 6-11 p.m., Kimball Hill Park

The combination of fine wine, craft beer, and live music – courtesy of rock n’ roll cover band Centerfold (www.centerfold-band.com) – will make it easy for guests to “Wine Down” on a “cool” Friday night in Rolling Meadows. Admission is free. Wine, beer, and food will be available for purchase (I.D. required).

Summer is Here and Change is in the Air

by Mayor Len Prejna

Summer's arrival in Rolling Meadows brought with it many changes. I took the oath of office on May 9th, and every day since has been exciting – proof that our City is a great place to live and work.

I have been a Rolling Meadows resident for over 30 years, and summer was always the time when everything came alive. That holds true today: thanks to the efforts of dedicated City staff and volunteers, we have fun-filled community events planned just about every weekend this summer.

We've already hosted our community block party and May/June Farmers and Food Trucks events. Now, we look forward to enjoying free concerts in the park, our July 4th Parade, the Police Department's Community Bike ride, National Night

Out, and other events in the months ahead. These gatherings offer valuable opportunities to bring people together to celebrate our community. Please contact City Hall if you're interested in volunteering to help organize these events.

The City is also moving forward with efforts to make Rolling Meadows friendlier to our residents and businesses. First, the Community Development Department is being reorganized to improve operations and customer service. We have also hired a marketing firm to survey the City's business community – the results of which will be very helpful in strengthening our economic development efforts.

As you see, there's plenty going on. I hope you're enjoying this summer in the Meadows!

Memorial Day Ceremony Honors Veterans for Service, Sacrifice

Rolling Meadows honored its veterans with a ceremonial downtown parade and solemn observance at the Carillon Tower that recognized "the sacrifices demanded from, and accepted by, those who served our country in war and peace," Veterans Committee Chair Ron Willer proclaimed to those assembled in tribute. "Sometimes, sacrifice is an important part of citizenship," he added.



Marching veterans representing multiple generations drew the loudest applause from Memorial Day Parade spectators.

During the proceedings, attended by elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels, Willer and his fellow committee members read the names of the 45 Rolling Meadows resident veterans who passed away last year.

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer (retired) Lee Lopez, the ceremony's keynote speaker, reminded the hundreds of residents in attendance that Memorial Day is about honoring "those who died for our freedom, even if we did not know them personally."

The observance concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony at the base of the City's Veterans Monument, a rifle salute by Rolling Meadows' Police Honor Guard, and the raising of Old Glory to full staff.



Police Honor Guard members present the nation's colors before the Carillon observance.

Residential Cross Connection Survey to Verify Water Quality, Satisfy Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Requirements

A residential cross connection survey being distributed to all Rolling Meadows water customers with this month's utility bills will help Water Division employees protect the integrity of the City's water supply, and satisfy requirements of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Cross connections occur when a water supply pipe connects to a source that could potentially contaminate the water

- examples include swimming pools, boilers, and underground sprinkler systems. The City's cross connection control program prevents these sources from "backing up" into the main water system, which could negatively affect the quality of Rolling Meadows' drinking water.

The IEPA requires municipalities to conduct a survey every two years to monitor their ongoing cross connection control

efforts. **We ask customers to complete the pre-addressed survey to help us identify potential cross connection risks in their homes, and return it to Public Works by Friday, August 18th.**

For more information on Rolling Meadows' Cross Connection Control Program, or the residential survey, please contact Ryan Rivard at 847-963-0500 x 7031.