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Lt. Governor Honors RMFD for Streamlined Operations, 'Shared Service Best Practices'

Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti praised the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's commitment to "shared service best practices" during a presentation at Palatine Rural Fire Protection District's Inverness headquarters last month.

The ceremony honored the two fire departments, as well as the Palatine (Municipal) Fire Department, for a multi-year effort that combines training among all three organizations, and shares resources wherever possible to provide greater value to taxpayers.

"Joint operational guidelines between our three departments have been developed and implemented over the past four years," Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote explained. "They are specifically designed to achieve three guiding principles: provide better service to our combined communities, provide a safer

work environment for our firefighters, and deliver more efficient services."

The RPM (Rural, Palatine, Meadows) initiative was one of 27 examples of local governmental efficiency recognized by the *Journal of Local Government Shared Service Best Practices*, published by the Lt. Governor's office.

The publication celebrates "successful shared service achievements that are happening in our schools, municipalities, townships and counties," according to the journal's introductory section.

Examples of RPM operational efficiencies – and corresponding service upgrades – that benefit Rolling Meadows include:

- Creation of a multi-department operations guide that clearly defines the responsibilities of all units responding to emergencies.



Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti presents Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote (right) and Deputy Chief Terry Valentino with a certificate recognizing the Fire Department's commitment to operational efficiency.

- A shared service agreement in which a Palatine Rural Assistant Chief serves as the Rolling Meadows Fire Marshal. In exchange, RMFD provides incident command oversight for fires that occur within Palatine Rural's jurisdiction.
- Revisions to the Department's apparatus replacement schedule that have saved \$100,000 through the shared use of resources.

National Night Out to Celebrate City's Community Spirit, August 1st

Rolling Meadows' summer community events schedule shifts into overdrive on Tuesday, August 1st, with the City's 5th annual National Night Out celebration.

The festivities take place at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive), from 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Family-friendly attractions and activities include:

- Exotic Animal Show.
- Stunt Dog performances.
- Wayne Messmer performance of *The Star-Spangled Banner*.
- Performance by the Rolling Meadows High School Band.
- Interactive crime scene where guests play detective.
- Mock sword battles by the knights of Medieval Times.
- Appearances by Chicago sports mascots.
- Law enforcement vehicle displays.

- Fireworks.
- Free snacks and refreshments (*while supplies last*).

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National Night Out builds bridges between police and the residents they serve.

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Committee Merge Creates New City Planning & Zoning Commission

Members of the City's new Planning and Zoning Commission held their first meeting in July – the latest step in ongoing efforts to improve operational efficiencies and help Rolling Meadows deliver more responsive services to residents and businesses, City Manager Barry Krumstok reports.

The new commission, an advisory body to City Council, combines the duties of two former committees: the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). An ordinance approved by alderman in June combined those volunteer committees into one, nine-member board.

"The ZBA had met only four times in the past two years," Krumstok recalls. "From an operational perspective, we seized an opportunity to combine the two committees into a single board."

The Planning and Zoning Commission's responsibilities range from providing comprehensive planning recommendations for Council's consideration to reviewing requests for zoning variances. For more information, visit www.cityrm.org/352/Planning-Zoning-Commission.

Planning and Zoning Commission meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at City Hall.

'Wine-Down' Sponsorship Helps Ben Franklin Bank Connect with Community it Serves

Ben Franklin Bank's decision to again serve as primary sponsor of Rolling Meadows' "Wine-Down by the Creek" community event on Friday, August 11th, is based on a simple premise: a community bank that prides itself on providing personalized services should get involved with the community it serves.

"Wine-Down is the perfect opportunity to introduce ourselves to Rolling Meadows residents," explains Branch Manager Iwona Horn. "The event, by its very nature, attracts the people we want to do business with: individuals and families looking for a bank that places a premium on customer service."

Located at 3266 Kirchoff Road, Ben Franklin Bank provides a full range of financial services available at large banking institutions, yet caters its approach to each customer. The bank offers personal checking and savings accounts; business banking services; commercial, consumer, and residential lending; Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs); online/mobile banking; and more.



Ben Franklin Bank, 3266 Kirchoff Road



Ben Franklin Bank's customer service team (l to r): Tellers Caitlin Wootton and Anette Gallardo-Reyes, Branch Manager Iwona Horn, and Assistant Branch Manager Heather Vigil-Aschoff.

"We continue to offer a coin service, where customers can have their change counted and converted to dollars," Iwona (pronounced Ivana) says. "A lot of larger banks have eliminated in-branch coin counters. We have welcomed many new customers by offering services you don't usually find anymore."

Ben Franklin Bank has been a proud member of Rolling Meadows' business community since 1991, but relocated to a larger space within the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center in 2016. The new facility features modern, transitional-style décor, and drive-up banking for improved customer convenience.

"Our long-time customers love the new location, and we are confident new customers will feel right at home, as well," Iwona adds.

For more information on Ben Franklin Bank services, visit www.benfrankbank.com or call 847-394-0600.

Third Annual 'Wine-Down' Set for August 11th at Kimball Hill Park



Crowds "wine-down" at last year's event at Kimball Hill Park.

Rolling Meadows' third annual "Wine-Down by the Creek" will celebrate family and friends, fine wine and great beer, and the warm vibes of a relaxing late-summer evening. The family-friendly festivities take place Friday, August 11th, 6 – 11 p.m., at picturesque Kimball Hill Park, and will include a headline performance by Chicago-area rock band Centerfold (centerfoldband.com) from 8 – 10 p.m.

Admission to the event, sponsored by Ben Franklin Bank (see article above), is free. Adults 21 and up may purchase wine or beer – courtesy of Stadium Sports Club – for \$5 per drink.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.



Detective Mike Katsenios accepts the Chief's Commendation Award from Police Chief John Nowacki (second from left), Mayor Len Prejna, and Special Olympics athlete Clair Grothe.

Award Recognizes Detective's 'Selfless' Support for Illinois Special Olympics

Rolling Meadows Police Chief John Nowacki in June honored Detective Mike Katsenios for helping lead the Department's ongoing support for Illinois Special Olympics.

The Chief's Commendation Award recognized Detective Katsenios for going "above and beyond the call of duty as one of Rolling Meadows' finest," Chief Nowacki said. "He is an ambassador of goodwill who unselfishly volunteers his time" to raise money in support of athletes across the state.

Rolling Meadows resident and nine-year Special Olympian Clair Grothe personally

thanked Detective Katsenios for his role in organizing the Police Department's first "Cop on a Rooftop" fundraiser this past spring. She called him "a great guy and a great leader."

The Cop on a Rooftop program is just one way Rolling Meadows Police support Illinois Special Olympics.

The Department also participates in annual Law Enforcement Torch Run and Polar Plunge events that raise awareness of, and money for, more than 42,000 athletes throughout the state.

Correction

Summer Cruise Nights Hosted by Meadows Christian Fellowship



Cruise Nights are held every Friday night from 5 – 8 p.m. through September 1st.

Summer "Cruise Nights" events are hosted by Meadows Christian Fellowship at 2401 Kirchoff Road. The July/August print edition of *News & Views* incorrectly stated that the weekly events are hosted by the Rolling Meadows Cruisers Car Club. We apologize for the error.

Cruise Nights run each Friday, 5 – 8 p.m., through September 1st. For more information, call 847-255-8764 or visit www.facebook.com/meadowscruisenights.



This Month in Rolling Meadows

- August 1: **National Night Out**, 6 – 8:30 pm, Community Center
- August 2: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 3: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall
- August 4: **Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, 2401 Kirchoff Rd
- August 5: **Cornfest**, 11 am – 7 pm, 2720 Kirchoff Rd
- August 8: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall
- August 10: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall
- August 11: **Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, 2401 Kirchoff Rd; **Wine-Down by the Creek**, 6 – 11 pm, Kimball Hill Park
- August 14: **First Day of School: District 211; Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall
- August 15: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 16: **First Day of School: District 15 (grades 1 – 8) and District 214**
- August 17: **Kindergarten and early childhood classes begin (District 15); Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall
- August 18: **Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, 2401 Kirchoff Rd
- August 21: *Water bills due*
- August 22: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 25: **Cruise Night**, 5 – 8 pm, 2401 Kirchoff Rd
- August 26: **Farmers & Food Trucks**, 10 am – 2 pm, City Hall

GFOA Award Recognizes City as Budgeting 'Pioneer'

Rolling Meadows ranks among a select number of local government entities to have "pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting," according to a news release from



the Government Finance Officers Association announcing the City as recipient of its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The award reflects City officials' commitment to "meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting" and provides an "excellent example for other governments," the GFOA news release stated.

To earn GFOA recognition, the City met or exceeded a series of nationally-recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Rolling Meadows' budget was rated proficient in 14 mandatory criteria that measured the document's success in serving as a(n):

- Policy document,
- Financial plan,
- Operations guide, and
- Communications device.

For more details on GFOA awards programs, visit www.gfoa.org.

National Night Out...from page 1

"National Night Out is an opportunity for residents and police officers to stand together against crime and celebrate our City's unique community spirit," Police Chief John Nowacki explained. "We hope all Rolling Meadows residents will join us for what is sure to be an outstanding evening."

The City's annual NNO celebration has been recognized for excellence by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), which organized the first National Night Out in 1983.

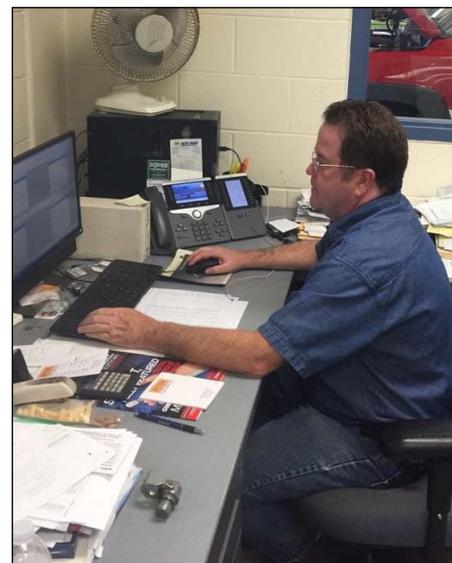
Vehicle Services Division Applies In-House Expertise, Technology to Maintain City Fleet

The four members of the Public Works Department's Vehicle Services Division are responsible for maintaining nearly 200 City-owned vehicles and pieces of specialized equipment – everything from police cruisers and fire engines to portable generators and snowplowing equipment.

"We keep the City 'rolling,'" explained Vehicle Services Foreman Dwayne Schadd with a slight smile. "I'm proud to work with amazing, incredibly skilled team members who possess an expansive knowledge of automotive and mechanical systems."

Vehicle Services' in-house expertise is designed to maximize operations and contain costs in multiple ways. Schadd and his team – Jeff Swenson, Rick Thomas, and Isaias Adame – work closely with management staff to provide capital planning and depreciation scheduling services. These ensure the City receives the greatest value for all equipment purchases.

Schadd also works with each City division and department to develop precise specifications for new vehicle orders. It's an approach that often helps reduce the pur-



Vehicle Services Foreman Dwayne Schadd reviews the City's inventory control system.

chase price of a vehicle – in some cases by tens of thousands of dollars.

"Our ability to provide in-house fabricating and installation services that meet the specific needs of all City departments can help lower the cost of new equipment purchases," Schadd added.

Providing regular maintenance activities on the City's expansive vehicle fleet is another challenge facing Schadd and his team. Thanks to sophisticated inventory control software, Schadd is able to schedule supply deliveries as needed – sometimes "on demand" – and reduce the size of Public Works' onsite parts inventory.

"We used to purchase parts in bulk to save money, but sometimes the parts would no longer be any good by the time we pulled them off the shelf," Schadd recalled. "Inventory control helps reduce our overhead and minimize waste."

"Vehicle Services Division members are the unsung heroes of Rolling Meadows' customer service team," Assistant Director of Public Works Rob Horne said. "Their dedication and commitment has helped improve operations within every City department."



Isaias Adame performs maintenance on one of the City's public safety vehicles.

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July 4th Community Parade Helps City Celebrate Nation's Independence

The City's 2017 Independence Day Parade was a Star (Wars)-studded spectacle that celebrated America's Declaration of Independence from the British Empire... and the Rebel Alliance's victory against the galactic empire.

"The 4th was with" massive crowds (A) that lined the two-mile-long parade route. Spectators enjoyed vibrant, colorful floats (B, C, D), the Rolling Meadows Marching Mustangs (E) and other community groups; lions, tigers, and other mascots (F, G); and much more.

The parade also featured a special appearance by Darth Vader (H) – portrayed menacingly by Alderman John D'Astice.



Community Church 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



Photo courtesy of Community Church of Rolling Meadows.

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, contact Community Church of Rolling Meadows at 847-255-5510 or visit www.community-churchrm.com.

Welcome New Businesses

e-Auction Maven, Inc. – Online retail
5410 Newport Dr #31
(630-464-5771)

FineSilk Skincare
Skincare product sales
5001 Newport Dr #201
(224-500-3125)

JM Construction Pros, Inc.
General Contractor
2508 Grouse Ln (847-418-0754)

Levinte, Inc. – Dispatch/transportation
3501 Algonquin Rd #808
(224-345-9181)

National Able Network
Nonprofit training services
2401 Plum Grove Rd #201
(312-994-4200)

Procure Home Services, Inc.
Carpet cleaning
1225 Carnegie St #101
(727-808-9588)

Safe Logistics – Dispatch services
2775 Algonquin Rd #351
(630-414-6301)

Summer Concert Series to Conclude Sept. 8th with Eagles Tribute Band

Rolling Meadows’ FRIDAYS ROCK! summer concert series concludes at Kimball Hill Park Friday, September 8th, at 7 p.m., with a free performance by Heartache Tonight, a popular Eagles tribute band.

Bring a picnic dinner to this family-friendly Ravinia-style event (or purchase food from onsite food trucks) and *Take it Easy* while experiencing what the band’s website calls “an Eagles concert experience.”

Previous FRIDAYS ROCK! and Roll in Meadows performances, held in June and July, drew nearly 1,000 people for live shows by Chicago-area band SODA, and “acoustic powerhouse” Paul Allodi.



Top City Employers

1. Northrop Grumman Corp. (2,200 employees)
2. Arthur J. Gallagher (2,000)
3. Capital One (1,400)
4. Verizon Wireless (900)
5. Ceannate (750)
6. Komatsu (350)
7. RTC (350)
8. Aurico Reports, LLC (330)
9. Meijer (300)
10. Walmart (275)
11. A.H. Management Group (273)
12. Panasonic (200)

Figures provided by Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce.

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MAYOR	
Len Prejna	847-776-9442
1st Ward Alderman: Mike Cannon	847-925-8919
2nd Ward Alderman: Jerry Hill	847-991-7959
3rd Ward Alderman: Laura Majikes	847-577-3746
4th Ward Alderman: Joseph Gallo	847-814-9271
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

SERVICES	
Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Non-emergency	847-397-3352
Police Non-emergency	847-255-2416
Public Works	847-963-0500
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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