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Memorial Day Events to Honor Those Who Served and Sacrificed

Memorial Day weekend is always a special time in Rolling Meadows: an occasion where the entire community comes together to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation and to thank local veterans for their ser-



Younger generations honor those who served.

vice. Mark your calendars for this year's observances:

Veterans Dinner

Friday, May 25th, 6 p.m.
Meridian Banquets (1701 W. Algonquin Rd.)

Local veterans (and a guest) will enjoy a multi-course meal and the camaraderie of their fellow service members at the City's annual Veterans Dinner. Space is limited to 160. For reservations, contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.

Memorial Day Parade

Saturday, May 26th, 11 a.m.
Downtown Rolling Meadows

This moving tribute to those who wore the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces



Community members salute veterans at the Carillon observance.

will feature generations of local veterans and their family members. The parade route begins at the corner of Meadow Drive and Kirchoff Road, then travels west on Kirchoff to the Carillon Tower.

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City Markets to Debut May 26th at Community Church

Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road) will serve as the new and higher-profile location for this year's City Markets series – formerly known as Farmers & Food Trucks – which will debut Saturday, May 26th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Situated at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive, Community Church offers improved accessibility for guests and a more centralized downtown location. Market vendors will be lined up along the sidewalk, which should increase their exposure and help attract passers-by. Food vendors and live music, meanwhile, will be based in the church's parking lot.



Catch food trucks, live music, and more at 2018 City Markets.

"We're confident the new location will improve visitors' experiences and the event's overall flow," explained Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager.

Monthly markets will offer an unparalleled combination of fresh produce, food trucks, art/jewelry, children's activities, live music, home goods, face painting, and more. They will take place 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturdays, June 23rd, July

21st, August 25th, and September 22nd.

Learn more about City Markets online at www.cityrm.org. To become a vendor, or to help organize each month's events, contact Lori Ciezak at ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500.

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

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Rolling Meadows's annual Independence Day Parade epitomizes the "Spirit of '76."

Independence Day Parade Registration Available Online

City officials invite residents, businesses, and community organizations to showcase their American spirit in this year's annual Independence Day Parade, set for Wednesday, July 4th.

Registration forms are available online at www.cityrm.org/631/4th-of-July.

Build floats; decorate autos, bikes, and specialty vehicles; fly Old Glory, or simply march in this annual celebration of our nation's founding. All are welcome!

With cheering spectators lining the route, parade participants will begin at Rolling Meadows High School and travel north on Jay Lane, head west on Grouse Lane to Meadow Drive, journey north on Meadow Drive to Kirchoff Road, and then west to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

Firefighters to Team with Golden Years Council for Annual Pancake Breakfast

Firefighters' service to the community will continue in an entirely new "fashion" Saturday, May 12th, 8 – 11 a.m., when they break out their chef's aprons and spatulas for the Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council's annual Pancake Breakfast at Park Central (3000 Central Road).

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (\$7 and \$5 at the door). For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Senior Center at 847-818-3205.

Kids to Serve as July 4th Parade Marshals

This year's July 4th parade will be led by six of Rolling Meadows' future leaders, ages 6 – 18, who will be selected as honorary parade marshals. Applications are available at City Hall or online under the "City News" section of the Rolling Meadows homepage (www.cityrm.org).

Completed parade marshal applications are due Friday, May 18th. Two applicants

will be selected from each of the following age groups: 6-9 years; 10-13 years; and 14-18 years.

Parade marshals will take their place at the head of the parade on a decorated horse-drawn wagon.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak (847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org).

Memorial Day Keynote Speaker Retired Col. Robert McKillop Flew in Two Wars

Retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Robert L. McKillop will serve as the keynote speaker for the City's 2018 Veterans Dinner (Friday, May 25th) and Memorial Day observance (Saturday, May 26th).

An Oak Park native, Col. McKillop earned his Bachelors' degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Stanford University (California), and a Masters' degree in Military History and Science from the University of Chicago.

Col. McKillop began flying twin-engine planes at age 15 and became an FAA-licensed pilot by the time he was 17. That experience allowed him to join the Air Force's Expedited Pilot Program just after the outbreak of the Korean War. He flew 89 combat missions in both the Douglas A-26 Invader and the Boeing B-29 Superfortress; was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in just six months; and was named squadron captain at age 21.

Col. McKillop served two tours in Vietnam, where he flew the A-1 Skyraider and the F-100 Super Sabre. He also



Col. Robert McKillop

served as Group Commander at Ramsey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico, and Deputy Wing Commander and Base Commander at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina. He retired in 1977, after 27 years of service.

Closer to home, Col. McKillop is past commander of the Mount Prospect VFW Post 1337 and the Mount Prospect American Legion.

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City officials invite all resident veterans to take part in this year's parade. Family members of local veterans may also march. Organizers will provide vehicles to transport participants unable to walk the length of the parade route.

Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Saturday, May 26th, 11:30 a.m.
Carillon Tower/Veterans Monument

Following the parade, residents and local dignitaries will convene at the City's Veterans Monument to honor the

men and women who "gave their last full measure." The observance will feature a keynote presentation by retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Robert McKillop (*see above*) before concluding with a wreath-laying ceremony conducted by members of the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee.

Veterans who have not joined in previous Memorial Day observances, and would like to participate in this year's events, may contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.

Kirchoff Rd. Restaurant to Open This Summer

A restaurateur with strong ties to Rolling Meadows is moving ahead with plans to open a new restaurant and sports bar in the City's downtown later this year.

Plans call for Rep's Place, Sports, Burgers & Beers to open in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center this summer. It will be a "family-oriented, sports-style restaurant pub" deeply involved in community activities and eager to support youth athletic programs, according to owner Mike Reppe.

Reppe is a longtime Rolling Meadows resident and graduate of Rolling Meadows High School who has spent the past 20 years in the restaurant industry.

"My career is now at a point where I would like to follow my dream of owning



Rep's Place will be the newest addition to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

and operating my own restaurant," Reppe wrote when requesting a Class A2 Liquor License that was approved by City Council in April.

"Doing so in my hometown and giving back to the community I grew up in would be particularly meaningful," he added.

2018-19 Vehicle Stickers Sales to Begin June 1st

Residents will be able to purchase 2018-19 vehicle stickers online, or in-person at City Hall and select retail outlets, beginning June 1st. Stickers start at \$30 for most passenger vehicles (\$20 for senior citizens 65 and older), and are free to active members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The City will mail pre-printed applications in June that residents may use to purchase vehicle stickers online. Or, use the pre-addressed envelope included in the mailing to order new stickers from home.

All drivers with cars registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase their new stickers by June 30th.

Sticker prices will double on July 1st. Motorists who fail to display their new stickers by that date will also be subject to a \$100 police citation.

Vehicle sticker sales generate annual revenue for street maintenance and infrastructure improvement projects.

Aa3 Bond Rating Confirms City's Healthy Finances

Rolling Meadows' strong financial position and minimal debt were key factors in Moody's Investors Service's decision to affirm the City's Aa3 general obligation (GO) bond rating.

The strong rating – which reflects the agency's confidence in Rolling Meadows' overall financial health – helps the City issue bonds for economic development and other purposes at lower interest rates. This saves taxpayers money when paying off those bonds.

The City's strong credit position is the result of "a very healthy financial position, strong wealth and income profile, sizable tax base, and negligible debt burden," Moody's report stated.

'Cruise Nights' Return Friday, May 25th

Experience the allure of classic cars and old-fashioned horsepower every Friday this summer during "Cruise Nights" at Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road). Weekly events run 5 – 8 p.m., May 25th – August 31st, and feature hundreds of vintage automobiles, food, and family-friendly activities.

Learn more at www.facebook.com/meadowscruisenights.



2018-19 Sticker Fees

Type	Price	After June 30
Passenger vehicles (under 8,000 lbs.)	\$30	\$60
Motorcycles and trailers	\$30	\$60
Recreational vehicles (RVs)	\$37	\$74
Vehicles over 8,000 lbs.	\$68	\$136
Senior residents (65+) or Antique vehicle	\$20	\$40
Disabled	\$11	\$22
Active military (with ID)	FREE	FREE



Garden Club to Host May Plant & Craft Sale

Find beautiful hanging baskets and a variety of perennials, annuals, succulents, grasses and native plants when the Rolling Meadows Garden Club hosts its annual Plant & Craft Sale. The event will take place Saturday, May 12th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Old Public Works (3200 Central Road).

Vendors will offer a wide range of garden accessories and crafts. Meanwhile, tomorrow's gardeners are welcome to join the Kid's Corner to learn more about gardening. To learn more, call 847-397-0286 or visit www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org.

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Economic Development 1 Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	2	Adjudication Hearing 3 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	4	5
6	7	Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm 8 City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	Dist. 214 Capital Project Preview Night, 9 7 pm, Rolling Meadows High School	Adjudication Hearing, 10 1 pm, City Hall	11	GYC Pancake Breakfast, 12 8-11 am, 3000 Park Central Historical Museum Bake Sale, 9 am – 2 pm, 3100 Central Road Plant & Craft Sale, 9 am- 2 pm, 3200 Central Road
13	Board of Fire & Police 14 Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall	City Council Committee 15 of the Whole, 7:30 pm, City Hall	16	Adjudication Hearing, 17 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	'Cop on a Rooftop' Special Olympics Fund- raiser, 5 am – 2 pm, Dunkin' Donuts (3350 Kirchoff Rd)	19
20	Water bills due 21	City Council Meeting, 22 7:30 pm, City Hall	23	24	Cruise Night, 5-8 pm, 25 Meadows Christian Fellow- ship (2401 Kirchoff Road) Veterans Dinner, 6 pm, Meridian Banquets	City Market, 10 am- 26 2 pm, Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road) Memorial Day Parade and Observance, 11am (see story on page 1)
27	City Hall and Public Works 28 closed. Refuse collection delayed one day all week. Memorial Day	29	30	31	<i>Rolling Meadows Cruisers will kick off another season of "Cruise Nights" May 25th. Weekly events, featuring vintage cars, music, and family activities, will take place Fridays, 5-8 pm, at Meadows Christian Fellowship, 2401 Kirchoff Road.</i>	

June 2018

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<i>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.</i>					Cruise Night, 5-8 pm, 1 Meadows Christian Fellow- ship (2401 Kirchoff Road)	2
3	4	Economic Development 5 Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	6	Adjudication Hearing 7 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	Downtown Block Party, 8 4:30-8:30 pm (Kirchoff Road) Cruise Night, 5-8 pm	9
10	Board of Fire & Police 11 Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall	Crime Stoppers, 12 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	Why Trees Are 13 Important, Presented by <i>the Rolling Meadows Garden</i> <i>Club, 6:30 pm, Rolling Mead-</i> <i>ows Library</i>	Adjudication Hearing, 14 1 pm, City Hall	Cruise Night, 5-8 pm 15 FRIDAYS ROCK! and Roll in Meadows, 7-10 pm, Kimball Hill Park	16
17	18	City Council Committee 19 of the Whole, 7:30 pm, City Hall	Water bills due 20 Summer Solstice	Adjudication Hearing 21 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	Cruise Night, 5-8 pm 22	City Market, 10 am- 23 2 pm, Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road)
Garden Walk, 12-4 pm 24	25	City Council Meeting, 26 7:30 pm, City Hall	27	28	Cruise Night, 5-8 pm 29	30

City/Park District Partnership Drives Down 2018 Street Program Costs

The contract approved by City Council in March for the Rolling Meadows 2018 street resurfacing program is over \$123,000 less than the amount originally budgeted, due in part to the City's partnership with the Salt Creek Rural Park District that combined each entity's projects for bidding purposes to take advantage of lower unit pricing.



Fred Vogt

Aldermen in March approved a contract with Schroeder Asphalt Services Inc. for \$776,676.44 – well below the \$900,000 allocated in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. The City and SCRPD approved separate construction contracts with Schroeder, with the Park District responsible for its portion of the bid (approximately \$146,000).

“Combining our respective programs into one larger project helped both Rolling Meadows and the Salt Creek Rural Park District drive down prices,” Public Works Director Fred Vogt explained. “In essence, both agencies bought in bulk to reduce our material costs. Resurfacing is set to begin in May, with a tentative completion date sometime in late August.”

This year's Streets Program will resurface:

- Angeline Court
- Dawngate Court
- Dawngate Lane
- Edgar Street
- Peacock Lane
- Richnee Lane
- Ryswick Court
- Shady Court
- Sunset Court
- Tall Oaks Lane (from Woodcliff Lane to California Avenue)
- Woodcliff Lane

Coquelicot Gallery & Café Fills Niche for Fine Art, Tasteful Cuisine

It is entirely fitting that Coquelicot Gallery & Café first opened its doors this past Valentine's Day. For mother/daughter business partners Hisami and Nana Takahashi, the enterprise is a labor of love – one that lets them share their passion for fine art by offering a local destination for people to indulge their artistic tastes.

“Nana and I have always enjoyed traveling and visiting art galleries around the country,” Hisami, a jewelry artist herself, recalled. “We looked at each other one day and said, ‘we should try this ourselves.’”

“We both love shopping, too,” Nana added with a laugh. “There's something special about visiting a great gallery. It's what we strive to offer: a fun, welcoming environment that stands in contrast to today's stale, e-commerce-focused world.”

Coquelicot (*pronounced Ko-Kli-Ko*) offers a stunning array of paintings, hand-made

sculptures, and jewelry created by a global roster of artists. A broad range of price points ensures that shoppers can find home décor pieces or unique gifts for special occasions – no matter what their budgets may be.



The gallery's striking modern interior (site of a former hair salon) was designed to “elevate the presentation of our collection,” Nana added. “And we are always on the lookout for new, unique pieces to offer our customers.”

The Café, meanwhile, features a menu that includes gourmet salads and wraps, scrumptious cakes and ice cream, and “fair trade” organic coffees and teas. Hisami and Nana believe the Café matches the gallery's artistic ideals through a commitment to quality and attention to detail.

They named their gallery after the French word for “poppy flower,” whose petals are a distinct shade of red, mixed with just a hint of orange.

“It was the perfect match for us,” Hisami explained. “As an art gallery, we deal a lot in color. We also thought the word was musical to the ears and so pretty to write.”

Coquelicot Gallery & Café
4880 Euclid Avenue, #109
Open Tuesdays – Saturdays, 12 – 9 pm
847-496-5461
www.coquelicotgallery.com

Renovated Historical Museum to Host May 12th Open House, Bake Sale

Explore the newly-renovated Rolling Meadows Historical Museum Saturday, May 12th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., during its annual spring Open House/Bake Sale.

Following the Museum's temporary closure in January, Public Works employees spent nearly three months completely cleaning the entire facility – including the Education Center located in the Museum's “garage.”

They patched minor wall cracks, repainted the interior, caulked windows,

scrubbed and waxed floors, and installed new door locks. Authenticity was a critical component of the project: Public Works installed crown molding throughout the house only after consulting with members of the Rolling Meadows Historical Society to confirm it was featured in early Kimball Hill homes.

Crews will paint the home's exterior once the weather cooperates.

The Historical Museum is open to the public Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.,

and Sundays, 1 – 4 p.m. Call 847-577-7086 for more information.



Vibrant Downtown a Focal Point for Community Events

by Mayor Len Prejna

It was a memorable spring in Rolling Meadows, with an incredibly successful Taste the Town event that offered residents a chance to sample food from local restaurants and enjoy live music. Meanwhile, our first ever Business and Community Showcase helped residents learn more about our local business services and fostered networking opportunities among business owners/leaders. My thanks to everyone who attended these activities.

The summer season kicks off Saturday, May 26th, with our downtown Memorial Day Parade and Observance. That's also the start date for this year's City Markets, which move from City Hall to Community Church (at the corner of Kirchoff and Meadow).

It's another positive step as we make our downtown area more vibrant and attractive to businesses and restaurants. And your

continued support and attendance at these events shows the business community that Rolling Meadows is a great place to call home.

From an operations perspective, the City is moving forward with the implementation of new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software to improve customer service and employee productivity. This new technology system, along with a recent restructuring of the Community Development Division, will ensure we remain competitive in the marketplace.

I'd like to close with another appeal to my fellow residents about the merits of volunteering. This time, please consider supporting the Friends of the Rolling Meadows Library. Contact Sharon Montague (sharon.montague@rmlib.org or 847-259-6050 ext. 177) to discover how you can help. As you all know, the Library is located at 3110 Martin Lane.

Community Events Herald Return of 'Summer in the Meadows'

Another "Summer in the Meadows" continues in June, with a variety of fun-filled events designed to bring residents together to celebrate their city!

Community Block Party (Friday, June 8th, 4:30 – 8:30 pm). One of the northwest suburbs' biggest block parties returns with popular market vendors, face painting, bounce houses, live music and more! The action takes place along Kirchoff Road (between Meadow Drive and Oriole Lane). This year's event will feature a headlining performance by the Billy Elton Band – celebrating the music of Billy Joel and Sir Elton John.

Fridays ROCK! & Roll in Meadows (Fridays, June 15th, July 6th, and September 7th, 7 – 10 p.m.). Free all-ages concerts in Kimball Hill Park will feature the talents of Skip Towne and the Greyhounds (June 15th), SODA (July 6th), and Centerfold (Sept. 7th).



Crowds gather along Kirchoff Road for the City's Downtown Block Party.

Independence Day Parade & Fireworks (Wednesday, July 4th). Celebrate America's independence with a fun-filled community parade and thundering fireworks over Salk Park.

Parking Lot Party (Saturday, July 14th, 3 – 11 p.m.). Grab a spot in the Community Center parking lot for a family-friendly tailgate. Guests will enjoy games, activities, and performances by Chicago-based HiFi Superstar (www.highfisuperstar.com), a band specializing in "great dance party rock covers with a sprinkling of fresh originals."



Live music in Kimball Hill Park is a staple of Fridays ROCK! events.

Community Bike Ride (Saturday, August 4th, 6 p.m.). Join Rolling Meadows Police Officers at the Community Center, and then embark on a two-wheeled tour of the City's bike paths and green spaces.



Residents tailgate during summer's Parking Lot Party at the Community Center.

National Night Out (Tuesday, August 7th, 6 – 8:30 p.m.). Drop by the Community Center during this annual celebration of the bonds between residents and the police officers who serve them, and experience Rolling Meadows' unique community spirit.

Wine-Down by the Creek (Friday, August 17th, 6 – 11 p.m.). Fine wine, craft beer, and live music by popular Eagles cover band Heartache Tonight will deliver the perfect soundtrack for a fine summer evening in Kimball Hill Park.

For more information on these summer events, follow the City of Rolling Meadows on Twitter (@CityRM1), Facebook (www.facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows), online (www.cityrm.org), and in print (*News & Views*).