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Water Superintendent John Somogyi Leaves Legacy of Excellence Following Retirement

Water Operations Superintendent John Somogyi was the Public Works Department's longest-tenured employee when he retired in May after nearly 44 years of service, but his unceasing commitment to ensuring the safety and integrity of the City's water system is what he will be remembered for most.

"John's number one priority was always making sure we provided high-quality

"John ran a good, tight system – one that is critical to public health."

– Public Works Director Fred Vogt

drinking water to our residential and business customers," Public Works Director Fred Vogt recalled. "The measure of his success is reflected in the fact that we have never had a system disruption, supply shortage, or boil order of any kind

in the nearly 22 years that I've been here. John ran a good, tight system – one that is critical to public health."

Somogyi, affectionately known as "Smoge" by his co-workers, is a lifetime Rolling Meadows resident and graduate of Rolling Meadows High School. He joined Public Works on August 12th, 1974. A Mayoral Proclamation read in his honor at City Council's May 8th meeting reported that Somogyi's first job at Public Works was refuse collector, and that he was "involved in several City building remodeling projects throughout the 1980s."

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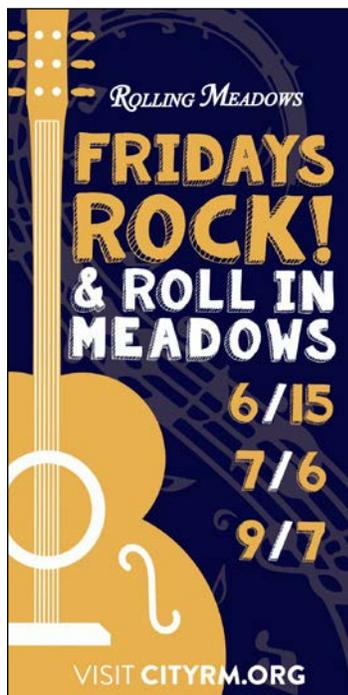


John Somogyi, honored earlier this year by the American Public Works Association, retired May 11th.

Street Banner Program's Popularity Grows Among Local Businesses

A record-setting number of local businesses are participating this year in a high-profile, City-sponsored marketing program that helps expand residents' awareness of their brands and simultaneously promotes upcoming community events.

The annual Street Banner program, initiated in 2015, lets organizations link themselves to specific community activities by purchasing customized street banners that hang along Kirchoff Road and other high-traffic locations. Banners promoting upcoming events such as the Downtown



Block Party, "Fridays ROCK!" concerts (pictured), National Night Out, and Wine-Down by the Creek include space for sponsor names or logos.

The program's appeal to area companies is evident, with the number of participants (32) growing by nearly 16% over the prior year. Total banner sales increased by 31% over 2017, with several businesses taking advantage of quantity discounts to purchase multiple banners.

Banner installation began in May and will be com-

pleted this month. The City will offer 2019 street banner sponsorship opportunities early next year.

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.

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Join the fun Friday, June 8th, at this year's Block Party.



See Skip Towne and the Greyhounds on Friday, June 15th.



Saturday, June 23rd offers up another City Market.

June Community Events Roster to Feature Downtown Block Party, Kimball Hill Park Music Concert, Continuation of 'City Market' Program

A festive summer community block party along Kirchoff Road, an evening of great live music in Kimball Hill Park, and another installment of the "City Markets" program are next up on Rolling Meadows' annual calendar of community events. We'll see you at the...

4th Annual Downtown Block Party (Friday, June 8th, 4:30 – 8:30pm)

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 (Friday, June 15th, 7 – 10pm)

Bring a picnic dinner to Kimball Hill Park (or purchase food from onsite food trucks) and enjoy a family-friendly live performance by Chicago's own Skip

Towne and the Greyhounds. The band, known for its "rockin' Chicago-style electric and traditional Blues," is a staple at clubs throughout the Midwest.

City Market

(Saturday, June 23rd, 10am – 2pm)

Monthly markets held at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road) offer an unparalleled combination of fresh produce, food trucks, art/jewelry, children's activities, live music, home goods, face painting, and more.



The City's new "Welcome" video helps viewers capture the spirit and excitement of Rolling Meadows.

Get Excited! 'Welcome' Video Highlights City's Community Events

Is it possible to cover an entire year's worth of community events in less than three minutes and still capture the excitement of Rolling Meadows?

Judge for yourself: visit the City's [website](#) or [YouTube channel](#) and select the "Welcome to Rolling Meadows" video link.

World-Famous Oscar Mayer Wienermobile to Join City's Independence Day Parade

See the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile – a classic four-wheeled American icon – at Rolling Meadows' 2018 Independence Day Parade on Wednesday, July 4th.

The 27-foot-long Wienermobile is just one of many star-studded attractions taking part in this year's celebration of our nation's independence. City officials invite residents, businesses, and community organizations



The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will join the fun at this year's Independence Day Parade.

to showcase their American spirit by building floats; decorating autos, bikes, and specialty vehicles; flying Old Glory, or simply marching with two- and four-

legged family members. All are welcome!

Parade registration forms are available online at www.cityrm.org/631/4th-of-July. Applications are due by Friday, June 22nd.

This year's parade will begin at 11:30am at Rolling Meadows High School. With cheering spectators lining the route, participants will travel

north on Jay Lane to Grouse Lane, head west on Grouse to Meadow Drive, journey north on Meadow to Kirchoff Road, and march west on Kirchoff to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

Purchase 2018-19 Vehicle Stickers Online, by Mail, or In-Person by June 30th

VEHICLE LICENSE



Residents have many convenient options for purchasing their 2018-19 vehicle stickers, which go on sale June 1st:

- **Online:** Visit www.cityrm.org/146/pay and reference the vehicle identification number listed on renewal notices recently mailed to all customers.
- **U.S. Mail:** Use the pre-addressed envelope that came with renewal notices to order stickers from home.
- **In-Person:** Purchase vehicle stickers in-person at City Hall or select retail locations throughout town. *Applications may also be placed in the white drop box in the City Hall parking lot.*

Sticker prices start at \$30 for most vehicles (\$20 for senior citizens ages 65 and up). Active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to receive stickers at no charge.

All drivers with cars registered or housed in Rolling Meadows must purchase new stickers by June 30th. Sticker prices dou-

ble on July 1st. Residents who do not display the new sticker on their vehicles by that date will be subject to a \$100 police citation.

Revenue from the sale of 2018-19 vehicle stickers helps fund this year's street resurfacing program.

Retail Sales Available

Residents who prefer to purchase new vehicle stickers in-person may do so at the following locations:

City Hall

3600 Kirchoff Road

Aldaliz Western Wear

2210 Algonquin Road

Algonquin Wilke Currency Exchange

1764 W. Algonquin Road
Arlington Heights

Ben Franklin Bank

3266 Kirchoff Road

Confia Insurance Agency

1320 W. Algonquin Road
Arlington Heights

Rolling Meadows Currency Exchange

3340 Kirchoff Road

John Somogyi Leaves Legacy of Excellence ...from page 1

Just months after being promoted to Water System Supervisor in 1988, Somogyi faced his first major test: after discovering a pipeline leak near the I-90 Tollway, the Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (JAWA) completely shut off the supply of Lake Michigan water to Rolling Meadows and six other northwest suburban communities.

Despite having almost no warning of the pending shutdown – and no time to fill reserve tanks and reservoirs – Somogyi worked diligently and with purpose to ensure the City's water supply was protected from contamination. His efforts ensured that customers' water needs were met while the pipeline was fixed.

Somogyi's reputation as a "quality-minded individual" was secured following his

promotion to Water Operations Superintendent in 1998. Under his watch, Rolling Meadows water has met or exceeded all federal and state environmental regulations while experiencing no violations.

Somogyi was also instrumental in implementing the City's supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. SCADA uses electronic monitoring and computer networks to more effectively manage water production, storage, and distribution.

"In many ways, John has been the perfect water operator," Vogt said. "He would always do what was necessary to make the system work better for residents. His dedication spoke volumes. He leaves a legacy of excellence that will guide City water operations for many years to come."



Chamber Names Circle of Success Honorees

Nine local organizations and business leaders were recognized for excellence on May 31st, at the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Circle of Success Awards & Recognition Dinner.

This year's honorees are:

- **Craig Hesch**, A.H. Management Group, Inc. – *Business Leader of the Year*
- **Eileen M. Hart**, Rolling Meadows High School – *Community Leader of the Year*
- **Village Bank & Trust** – *Business of the Year*
- **Anna Geisenberger**, Express Employment Professionals – *Chamber Volunteer of the Year*
- **Ben Franklin Bank & J.C. Restoration** – *Community Outreach Award*
- **Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows & Squire Court Shopping Center** – *Community Enhancement Award.*
- **Town Square Publications** – *Communications Partner.*

For more information, please visit www.rmchamber.org.

'Community Showcase' Connects City Residents & Businesses

Rolling Meadows' first-ever "Business & Community Showcase" gave residents a detailed understanding of goods and services offered by nearly 40 participating businesses, while simultaneously helping business leaders connect with potential customers.

Held Saturday, April 28th, at Rolling Meadows High School, the trade show-styled event format encouraged business-to-business (B2B) and business to customer (B2C) networking.



Residents connect with Village Bank & Trust representatives and learn about their services.



Mayor Len Prejna (second from left) mingles with Showcase presenters.

"Our first Business & Community Showcase was an opportunity for residents to connect with local businesses in a relaxed, leisurely setting and learn more about many of the companies that call Rolling Meadows home," Business Advocate Martha Corner explained. "We hope to see everyone again next year."

The Showcase also featured an event raffle, and live performances by musician Joshua Patterson and the Carl Sandburg Junior High School Orchestra. Residents took home a variety of promotional giveaways, courtesy of participating businesses.



City leaders and School Health officials break ground on the company's new Rolling Meadows site.

'Ground-Breaking' Redevelopment Project Underway at Golf Road Corporate Campus

Mayor Len Prejna (second from left), 1st Ward Alderman Mike Cannon (second from right) and Business Advocate Martha Corner (far right) were among City representatives who took part in a May 1st groundbreaking event at 5600 Apollo Drive – clearing the way for construction this summer of a 112,505 sq. ft. office facility and warehouse for School Health Corp.

According to reports, the Hanover Park-based company will bring 130 employees to its new Rolling Meadows location.

Founded in 1957, School Health is a family-owned provider of health supplies and equipment to the U.S. education market. Learn more at www.schoolhealth.com.

Volunteers Support 14th Annual Earth Day Salt Creek Cleanup

Nearly two dozen volunteers took part in the City's April 21st "Salt Creek Cleanup," an annual event organized by the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee in observance of Earth Day. This year's program – which first began in 2005 – focused on a section of Salt Creek between Rolling Meadows High School and Willow Bend School.

Volunteers picked up trash along the banks of Salt Creek, removed invasive species that had taken root in the area, and placed woodchips for local pathways.

Thanks to everyone who contributed!



Volunteers mug for the camera as they work to clear trash, invasive species, and excess brush from the banks of Salt Creek at the City's April 21st Earth Day-inspired cleanup.

Join Garden Club Members for June 24th Garden Walk

Enjoy a leisurely stroll through several of the City's most beautiful residential gardens Sunday, June 24th, noon – 4 p.m., when the Rolling Meadows Garden Club hosts its annual Garden Walk.

This year's event will begin at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road). Participants will embark on self-guided tours of seven unique gardens grown and tended by residents.



This year's Garden Walk will highlight seven beautiful residential gardens.

Purchase tickets in advance for \$10 each at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) or \$15 on the day of the event.

Children ages 12 and under are free.

For more information, call 847-305-9021 or visit www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org.

'Cop on a Rooftop' Fundraiser Collects \$5,100 for Special Olympics Illinois

Rolling Meadows Police raised \$5,100 for Special Olympics Illinois, during the Department's May 18th "Cop on a Rooftop" event at Dunkin' Donuts (3350 Kirchoff Road). All visiting guests who donated to the cause received a coupon for a free donut. Those who contributed least \$15 received a t-shirt or hat (while supplies lasted).



"Cop on a Rooftop." Police Chief John Nowacki enjoys a birds-eye view of downtown Rolling Meadows.



Detective Michael Katsenios (from left), Community Service Officer Marina Sullivan, Olympian Clair Grothe, and Officer Mike Soto accept donations from Dunkin' Donuts customers.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 19 sports for more than 22,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities, and more than 20,000 young athletes, ages 2-7, with and without intellectual disabilities.

To learn more, visit www.soill.org or call 800-394-0562.

This Month in Rolling Meadows

June 1: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff)

June 5: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 6:30 pm, both at City Hall

June 7: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

June 8: **Downtown Block Party**, 4:30-8:30 pm, Kirchoff Rd; **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship

June 11: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

June 12: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

June 13: **Why Trees are Important (Garden Club program)**, 6:30 pm, Rolling Meadows Library

June 14: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

June 15: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship; **American Cancer Society Relay for Life**, 6 pm – Midnight, Plum Grove Jr. High School; **Fridays ROCK! & Roll in Meadows**, 7-10 pm, Kimball Hill Park

June 19: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

June 20: **Water bills due; Summer Solstice**

June 21: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

June 22: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship

June 23: **City Market**, 10 am – 2 pm, Community Church (2720 Kirchoff)

June 24: **Garden Walk**, 12 – 4 pm

June 26: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

June 29: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship



Water Reclamation District Program Provides Free Oak Tree Saplings to City Residents

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is giving away Oak tree saplings to residents of Rolling Meadows and other communities it serves.

To receive a free sapling through the “Restore the Canopy/Plant a Tree” program, residents may visit the Egan Water Reclamation Plant (550 S. Meacham Road, Schaumburg) on Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Sapling give-

aways will continue through October.

For more information, including fact sheets, planting and care instructions, and locations of other water reclamation plants, visit www.mwrld.org/irj/portal/anonymous/Trees.

According to the MWRD, a medium-sized Oak tree can absorb 2,800 gallons of rainfall per year – helping to prevent flooding and improve water quality.

Welcome New Businesses

Chicago Central Group

Truck repair shop
811 Rohlwing Rd (773-817-3787)

Coquelicot Gallery & Café

Art gallery/café
4880 Euclid Ave #109 (847-496-5461)

Espresso Partners

Commercial coffee/espresso equipment servicing
5400 Newport Dr #9 (866-432-5282)

Firedancer Coffee Consultants

Coffee company consulting
5400 Newport Dr #9 (815-245-9156)

Schaefflein Consulting, LLC

Technology consultants
2102 Kirchoff Rd (708-917-4100)



City Publishes 2nd Quarter Business Newsletter; Issues Archived Online

Print copies of the latest *Business Messenger*, a quarterly newsletter developed specifically to provide timely information on City events, activities, and initiatives impacting local businesses, were mailed to all Rolling Meadows business and property owners in May.

Each issue features a spotlight profile on a local business, details City services designed to promote business growth and development, delivers important news affecting the business community, and much more.

Electronic versions of the quarterly publication are also available online at www.cityrm.org under the “Business” menu.

The 3rd Quarter issue will be delivered in August.

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

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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
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Community Development 847-506-6030
Senior Handyman Program 847-506-6030
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