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Summer Fun Heats Up with National Night Out, ‘Wine-Down’ Events

Rolling Meadows is doubling-up on summer fun this month with the return of National Night out and Wine-Down by the Creek – two of the City’s most popular community events.



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7th, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Community Center Parking Lot

This annual showcase of community spirit celebrates the bonds between Rolling Meadows police officers and the residents they serve. Guests of all ages will enjoy performances by Stunt Dog productions and the Guinness World Record-holding XPOGO (extreme pogo) Stunt Team, mock battles by the knights of Medieval Times, and a special performance of the “Star-Spangled Banner” by Wayne Messmer – a fixture at Chicago Cubs pregame ceremonies at Wrigley Field.

National Night Out 2018 will also feature an exotic animal show, games, music, giveaways, and free snacks and refreshments (while supplies last). See you there!

Wine Down by the Creek

Friday, August 17th, 6-11 p.m.,
Kimball Hill Park

Fine wine, beer, food trucks, and live music by popular Eagles cover band



Heartache Tonight will deliver the perfect soundtrack for a mid-summer evening in Kimball Hill Park. Admission is free. Drinks will be sold for \$5 each to guests ages 21 and older. Special thanks to primary event sponsor **Ben Franklin Bank**, and beverage sponsors **Stadium Sports Club** and **Leaky Keg Brewery**.

On Tap: Community Bike Ride, City Market

In addition to National Night Out and ‘Wine-Down,’ August will feature the Police Department’s annual Community Bike Ride (August 4th) and another installment of the City’s popular City Market program (August 25th).

Community Bike Ride

Saturday, August 4th, 6-8:30 p.m.,
Community Center

Rolling Meadows’ Community Bike Ride will bring residents and police officers together for a two-wheeled tour of the City’s bike paths and green spaces.

This year’s event (6-8:30 p.m.) will also feature a pre-ride demonstration by the Wonder Wheels BMX stunt team and free

ice cream for all participants – courtesy of Jewel-Osco. The ride itself will begin at 7 p.m..

City Market

Saturday, August 25th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,
Community Church

August’s City Market will again offer fresh produce, onsite food trucks, hand-made

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Police Commander Tom Gadomski Graduates from FBI National Academy

Police Commander Tom Gadomski is one of only 237 law enforcement professionals across the country to graduate from the FBI's 2018 National Academy program, held in Quantico, Virginia.

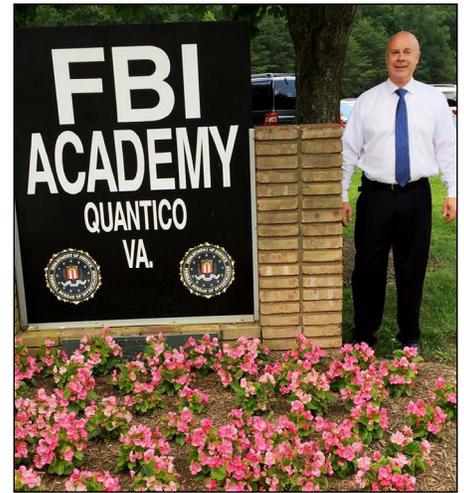


Tom Gadomski

The 10-week curriculum provides participants with intensive classroom and field training in multiple areas: leadership, law, behavioral and forensic sciences, intelligence theory, terrorist mindsets, communication, health/fitness, and more.

To complete the program, Commander Gadomski and his fellow classmates were required to conquer the "Yellow Brick Road" – a "grueling 6.1-mile run through a hilly, wooded trail built by the Marines," according to the FBI's website.

Participants must climb over walls, run through creeks, jump through simulated windows, scale rock faces with ropes, crawl under barbed wire in muddy water, maneuver across a cargo net, and overcome other obstacles. Those who complete the course receive a yellow brick to commemorate their effort.



Commander Gadomski is one of just 237 law enforcement professional nationwide to complete this year's Academy program.

Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno Signs Off After 20 Years of Service

Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno's August 3rd retirement will be the culmination of 20 years spent serving Rolling Meadows residents and 35 years of combined municipal government service.

Ginny was hired as the City's IT specialist in 1998, after gaining 15 years of experience in Glenview and Palatine. Her background and skillset earned her a promotion to Deputy Clerk in 2004, as the City began archiving its vast array of paper documents in electronic format.

For the past eight years, she has also served as Rolling Meadows' de-facto City Clerk – attending all City Council meetings, preparing minutes for public release, and administering official City records. City Clerk is an elected position that, due to a lack of candidates, has technically been vacant since 2010.

Through it all, Ginny grew close to her fellow City employees and was grateful for the opportunity to serve Rolling Meadows residents.

"I love helping people, and I get to do that a lot," Ginny told *Journal & Topics* newspapers. When speaking with *News & Views*, she referred to her co-workers at City Hall as a "second family."

"I'm half-expecting the first few weeks of retirement to feel like vacation. It probably won't hit me until I reach that point where I realize I'm not coming back," she said with a smile that seemed to



Before retiring in July, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno served Rolling Meadows residents for two decades.

cover just the slightest hint of sadness.

Ginny freely admitted that she doesn't know what the next chapter in life will bring, although she's happy to take it one day at a time.

"My husband is also retiring, so we will probably just settle in and relax a bit," she said with a chuckle. "We have plenty of time to think about what's next!"

Award Reflects City's Commitment to 'Highest Accounting Principles'



Rolling Meadows' commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental accounting is reflected in its latest "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" from the Government Finance Officers Association.

The award recognizes the City's pioneering efforts "to improve the quality of bud-

getting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America," according to a GFOA-prepared news release.

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 areas

that measured the document's success in serving as a(n):

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

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

Vehicle Sticker Sales Support 2018 Street Maintenance; Costs Doubled After June 30th

The City's 2018 street maintenance program is funded in large part by revenue generated through the sale of 2018-19 vehicle stickers, which were on sale between June 1st and June 30th.

That means motorists who missed the purchase deadline will be contributing more to this year's street resurfacing activities.

On July 1st, the cost of individual stickers doubled to \$60 for most passenger vehicles. Discounted stickers for senior citizens ages 65 and up are now \$40. Residents who have not bought the new sticker may face additional costs: police officers are issuing \$100 citations to owners of vehicles that do not display the current sticker.



"PROGRESS THRU PARTICIPATION"
Expires 6/30/2019

New stickers may be purchased online at www.cityrm.org/229/Vehicle-Stickers or in person at City Hall.

The City will mail overdue notices in September to residents who have not purchased current year stickers.

All vehicles registered in Rolling Meadows – including those owned by residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must display them.

New residents, and those who acquire a new vehicle after July 1st, have 60 days to purchase new stickers without incurring late fees.



Residents are able to shop for a variety of goods at monthly City Markets.

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art/jewelry/crafts, children's activities, live music, home goods, face painting, and more. Join family, friends, and neighbors

at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road) from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Upcoming Community Events

Remember to mark your calendars for additional events in September and October. To learn more, visit www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events.

- **Friday's ROCK! and Roll in Meadows** – Friday, September 7th, 7-10 p.m., Kimball Hill Park
- **Senior Luncheon** – Tuesday, September 11th, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **City Market** – Saturday, September 22nd, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Church
- **Hometown Hoedown** – Saturday, October 6, 12-5 p.m., Kimball Hill Park

2018 ROLLING MEADOWS Duck Race



1. BUY YOUR DUCK for \$5, or a QUACK 5-PACK for \$20.

2. CHEER YOUR DUCK(s) ON AT THE 9/7 FRIDAYS ROCK! EVENT.



(They will swim down the waterfall at Kimball Hill Park this year!)



3. MORE THAN 20 DUCKS WILL WIN GREAT PRIZES! (Grand Prize is \$500!)

2018 Duck Race to 'Rock' Kimball Hill Park, Raise Money for Conservation

Kimball Hill Park's picturesque waterfall will transform into a rock and roll racing zone Friday, September 7th, at 7 p.m., when the City hosts the 11th annual Duck Race to benefit local environmental preservation efforts.

With past races taking place at the Nelson Sports Complex waterslide and in Salt Creek, event planners decided to embrace a new approach for 2018: this year's event coincides with a free concert in the park featuring popular Chicago-area band Centerfold (www.centerfoldband.com).

The race's location may have changed, but entrants will still be able to compete for a variety of great prizes awarded to the first 20 ducks to cross the finish line. The winning duck will collect the \$500 grand prize.

Purchase ducks for \$5 each – or buy a five-duck "Quack Pack" for \$20 – at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) or City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Ducks will also be sold at Kimball Hill Park before the race.

Proceeds from the event will support initiatives of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee.

For more information, call 847-818-3220 or visit www.rmparks.org.

Rep's Place Quenches Community's Thirst for Downtown Restaurant

Since its June grand opening, Rolling Meadows' newest downtown sports bar/restaurant has earned a reputation as a destination where residents can bond over a shared love of local sports teams and make new friends – all while enjoying a peanut butter bacon burger and other popular menu items.

Restaurateur Mike Reppe opened "Rep's Place" to quench the community's thirst for a local establishment where parents can bring their kids for lunch or dinner, and then come back later for drinks and appetizers.

"We've gotten a lot of incredibly positive feedback from our customers these past few months," Reppe explained. "Many people have told us something along the lines of, 'we really needed a place like this in town.'"

A Rolling Meadows Homecoming

Reppe is not really surprised by customers' response to his new restaurant. As someone who grew up in Rolling Meadows (his parents have lived in the same home since 1976), he's had a finger on the community's pulse for many years.

"I've known for a long time that I wanted to open a sports bar with great food at this location," he said of his restaurant's Kirchoff Road location. "I felt it was important to put down roots in the downtown area."

Guests may choose from a variety of handmade burgers, sandwiches, salads, dinners, and more (all prepared with fresh ingre-



Rolling Meadows native Mike Reppe looks forward to making Rep's Place an integral part of the community.

Rep's Place
Sports, Burgers, Beers
3200 Kirchoff Road
224-347-2916
www.repsplace.com



Lunchtime customers enjoy a casual, sports-themed atmosphere at Rep's Place, 3200 Kirchoff Road.

dients). The bar, meanwhile, offers an extensive selection of beer, wine, and spirits.

The décor features large color prints of championship moments for all of Chicago's sports teams – Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs, White Sox, and Wolves – as well as unique memorabilia that hits a bit closer to home.

There's a framed #10 Rolling Meadows High School jersey once worn by Jimmy Garoppolo (current San Francisco 49ers' starting quarterback). And just above the door is an original

"Rolling Meadows" banner that once hung from the school's gymnasium. It was donated by the family of Robert Hoes, who served as RMHS' first principal from 1971 – 1988.

Expansion Underway to Meet Demand

Reppe appreciates the support his business has garnered and is eager to give back. Rep's Place has already helped sponsor Rolling Meadows youth baseball teams and was a proud participant in the City's 2018 Independence Day parade.

He's also embarking on a major expansion that will feature additional seating and a separate party room to meet growing demand. Plans call for the project to be completed by the end of this year.

"The support we've gotten from the community has been overwhelming," Reppe added. "We plan on being an integral part of the Rolling Meadows landscape for a long time to come."

Illinois Bicentennial Celebrates 200 Years of Statehood

Did you know?

The Land of Lincoln celebrates important bicentennial anniversaries in August and December, commemorating 200 years since Illinois became the 21st state to officially join the Union.

• **August 26th** will mark 200 years since the adoption of the Illinois Constitution of 1818, during a convention held in Kaskaskia, IL.

• **December 3rd** will commemorate Illinois' official recognition as one of the United States of America.

Rolling Meadows City Council members adopted a proclamation in support of Illinois' bicentennial celebrations. The document recognizes that "the bicentennial

of our state is an opportunity to recognize the many cultural, economic, academic, and political contributions" made to the nation by Illinois and its residents."

Visit www.illinois200.com to learn more about the state's bicentennial celebrations.





A horse-drawn wagon carried this year's Parade Marshals – local school children selected by event organizers.

Hometown Parade Celebrates Independence

Under spacious summer skies, Rolling Meadows celebrated Independence Day in the Land of Liberty with a captivating hometown parade that featured floats, marching bands, dance troupes, specialty vehicles, community groups, and a special appearance by the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

Following the parade, residents gathered in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center parking lot for games, free hot dogs, and giveaways, courtesy of Oscar Mayer; and to pose for photos with the 27-foot-long American original.



Community groups passed out candy and other goodies along the parade route.



Community floats were a big hit with parade viewers.



Crowds lined up to get their photos taken with the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile - an American icon.



Bags, anyone? Young residents tested their skills after the parade's conclusion.

September Commission Meeting to Discuss Comprehensive Plan Update

Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission will meet with consultants hired by the City to help update Rolling Meadows' Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, September 4th, 7:30 p.m., during the Commission's regular monthly meeting at City Hall.

The meeting is a critical first step in the City's efforts to develop a revised Plan that will provide a blueprint for development and land use in Rolling Meadows for the next 10-12 years. The Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2006.

"An updated Comprehensive Plan will serve as a guide when considering new development proposals, strengthen the City's ability to pursue state and federal grant funding, and help market Rolling

Meadows' advantages to developers and businesses," Public Works Director Fred Vogt explained.

City leaders have partnered with Teska Associates, an Evanston-based urban planning firm, to help modernize the Comprehensive Plan and update the City's Zoning Code. Over the next several months, Teska representatives will conduct extensive outreach and engagement efforts to gain additional public input on Comprehensive Plan modifications – including community surveys that will be distributed at the City's September 7th Duck Race (see page 3).

Plans call for City Council to approve the updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code next spring.



This Month in Rolling Meadows

- August 2: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall
- August 3: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff)
- August 4: **Cornfest**, 11am-7 pm, Community Church; **Community Bike Ride**, 6 pm, Community Center parking lot
- August 7: **National Night Out**, 5:30-9:30 pm, Community Center
- August 8: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 10: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship
- August 13: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall
- August 14: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall
- August 16: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall
- August 17: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship; **Wine Down by the Creek**, 6-11 pm, Kimball Hill Park
- August 20: **Water bills due**
- August 21: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 23: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall
- August 24: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship
- August 25: **City Market**, 10 am-2 pm, Community Church
- August 28: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 31: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship

As Local Businesses Prepare to Offer Video Gaming, Ordinance Ensures Proper Oversight

Video poker is coming to Rolling Meadows, following approval of an ordinance that City leaders believe will help local restaurants successfully compete against establishments in other communities that already allow video gaming.

The newly-approved video gaming ordinance, in accordance with Illinois law, allows businesses to place up to five video game machines – games such as poker and blackjack – on their premises. The state of Illinois collects 30% of revenue generated from the machines (allocating 5% to Rolling Meadows), while businesses split the remaining 70% with the machine operator.

“Video gaming provides residents with expanded options for local entertainment while generating additional revenue streams for business owners and the City,” City Manager Barry Krumstok explained. “We already know of several restaurants

who are planning remodeling/renovation projects to prepare for video game installations.”

To allay community concerns, City regulations place strict limits on how local businesses promote the machines to their customers. The ordinance states that businesses cannot use “signs, posters, pictures or any wording on the windows or doors of the establishment mentioning video gaming which exceeds 10% of the existing signage.”

“Video gaming provides expanded options for local entertainment (and) additional revenue for businesses.”
 – City Manager Barry Krumstok

Businesses are also prohibited from promoting video gaming on

exterior walls and rooftops.

Local business owners who are in good standing with the City and interested in providing video gaming to their customers must apply for a G-1 Liquor License – available to establishments that already possess a Class A1, A2, A3 or Class D license – and pay annual licensing fees for each machine.



Enjoy all-you-can-eat sweet corn at the 62nd annual Cornfest.

62nd Annual Cornfest Set for August 4th

Sweet corn is a staple of summer and Community Church’s annual Cornfest is a staple of summer in Rolling Meadows. Drop by the church (2720 Kirchoff Road) on Saturday, August 4th, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., for the 62nd edition of this long-time community favorite.

Guests will enjoy their choice of hamburger, bratwurst, or hot dog; watermelon and soft drink; and **all-you-can-eat** sweetcorn. Cornfest will also feature live music throughout the day, a children’s play area, craft fair, raffle prizes, and much more.

Need your sweet corn fix but can’t stay and socialize? Try Cornfest’s new drive-thru lane and purchase your meal to-go!

Tickets are \$13 for adults (\$11 for guests ages 62 and up) and \$6 for kids (ages 4 – 10). Purchase tickets online at www.community-churchrm.com to receive a \$1 discount per ticket.

For more information, call Community Church at 847-255-5510.

Welcome New Businesses

Angle Press

Publishing/graphic design
 3701 Algonquin Rd. #340 (847-749-2761)

American Star Total Home Comfort

HVAC
 4300 Lincoln Ave. Suite P (630-775-1772)

CST POS

Point of service system install/service
 1225 Carnegie St. #101 (224-764-2240)

Logistyx Technologies

Multi-carrier shipping software
 1701 Golf Rd. Tower 1 (918-292-8889)

The Marsalle Co.

Wine & spirits importer
 4811 Emerson Ave. #203 (847-350-3150)

Mighty Pac

Box broker
 1801 Hicks Rd. Suite A (847-705-5715)

NMI Management Group, LLC

Management services
 4811 Emerson Ave. #211 (630-629-9000)

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