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## Let the Good Times 'Roll in Meadows'

### Central Road Block Party to Anchor Meadows' June Events Schedule

Rolling Meadows' annual community block party will once again mark the start of "Summer in the Meadows." The party will simply be taking place in a different location.

**Family-friendly fun!** Join fellow residents and community members Friday, June 7th, 4:30 – 8:30 pm, for a seasonal celebration with food trucks, live music (courtesy of *The Blooze Brothers*), law enforcement vehicle displays, kiddie train rides, a spe-

cial appearance by the Rolling Meadows Cruise Nights car club, and more.

**At a new location!** This year's block party is moving to Central Road (between Barker Avenue and Jay Lane) to avoid the ongoing Kirchoff Road resurfacing project.

Other events on tap for June include:

#### **Pooch-a-Palooza at City Markets**

Saturday, June 22nd, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road)

Locally-grown produce, freshly-made cuisine, live music, local merchants, and a host of other draws are all staples of the City's 7th annual summer bazaar. This month's Market theme is "Pooch-a-palooza," so make sure to bring your four-legged family members!

**Note: Additional markets are scheduled for July 20th, August 24th, and September 28th.**



*Fridays ROCK! with free live music in Kimball Hill Park.*

#### **Spoken Four to 'ROCK' Friday Night**

Friday, June 14th, 7 - 10 p.m.  
Kimball Hill Park

The pop, rock, and country sounds of Spoken Four will kick off this summer's Fridays ROCK! series. Bring a picnic dinner (or purchase food from onsite food trucks) for this free, all-ages "Ravinia-style" event that showcases popular live acts.

**Note: Mark your calendars for additional Fridays ROCK! shows set for July 19th and September 13th.**

Access a complete listing of upcoming community events [here](#).



*The City's annual community block party helps welcome summer to Rolling Meadows.*

## Independence Day Itinerary: Morning Parade, Afternoon Bash and Evening Fireworks

**Got plans for July 4th?** Celebrate Independence Day with Rolling Meadows' annual parade and fireworks, **PLUS** an afternoon community party with music, drinks, food, and fun!



*City officials are proud to welcome the Budweiser Clydesdales to this year's parade.*

#### **Independence Day Parade (11:30 am)**

The City's 2019 Independence Day Parade, featuring the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, will step off from Rolling Meadows High School. Participants will head west on Central Road to Owl Drive, proceed north on Owl to Kirchoff Road, and turn east on Kirchoff before ending at the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

Local businesses, community groups, schools, and other groups are invited join this year's spectacle. Showcase your Red, White, & Blue spirit by building amazing floats and specialty vehicles; decorating bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers; enter-

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## Community Events Foundation Joins 'Circle of Success'

The City's Community Events Foundation was among the organizations and individuals honored at the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce's May 30th "Circle of Success" awards dinner.

The Foundation and its volunteers earned the Special Recognition Award for their efforts to bring "exceptional family-friendly events and



activities to our community for the enjoyment of residents and businesses,"

Chamber Executive Director Linda Liles Ballantine explained.

Other 2019 Circle of Success award recipients are:

- **Frank Schoen**, TransAmerica Financial Advisors, Inc. – *Business Leader of the Year*
- **Dave Whitney**, Planning & Zoning Commission member – *Community Leader of the Year*
- **Rafal Piontkowski**, Village Bank & Trust – *Chamber Volunteer of the Year*
- **BEAR Construction** – *Business of the Year*
- **Rep's Place** – *Community Outreach*
- **Rolling Meadows Shopping Center** – *Community Enhancement*

## April 'Showcase' Fosters Connections Between Local Businesses & Residents

Rolling Meadows' second annual Business & Community Showcase offered extensive opportunities for local business owners/operators to strengthen connections with their customers and colleagues.

The April 25th event, held at Meridian Banquet & Conference Center (1701 W. Algonquin Rd), featured nearly 50 participating exhibitors in many business fields, including real estate/development, restaurant/hospitality, banking, insurance, healthcare, finance, technology, retail, and construction.

The annual Showcase is gaining a reputation among local business leaders as an excellent tool for increasing



Residents learn more about services offered by local businesses and community organizations.



B2B networking helps forge new connections.

networking opportunities among area companies – and boosting residents' awareness of their services.

"The feedback provided by this year's participants was extremely favorable. The B2B networking portion of the program, in particular, drew high marks from those in attendance," Business Advocate Martha Corner explained. "At its core, the Showcase is a vehicle for business leaders to forge stronger ties with their peers and their customers. But it also encourages residents to shop locally by providing a forum where they can learn more about the types of products and services available from Rolling Meadows-based companies."

## Independence Day Itinerary...from page 1

ing four-legged friends (*patriotic pooches, anyone?*); or simply marching in-step with fellow parade-goers.

Online parade application forms are available at [www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events](http://www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events). Submit by Thursday, June 27th to reserve a place in this year's event.

### Post-Parade Party Sponsored by Rep's Place (1:00 – 8:00 pm)

July 4th fun continues after the parade with an all-ages community celebration in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center Parking Lot.

Purchase a variety of great tastes – food, beer, sangria, soft drinks, and more – from event co-sponsor Rep's Place while enjoying an afternoon of laughs, live

music, kid-friendly attractions, a bounce house, and more. Performers confirmed for the event include DJ Mixx, Fool House, and Hillbilly Rock Stars.

### Fireworks Over Salk Park (9:15 pm/Dusk)

Independence Day wouldn't be complete without an "explosive" grand finale. Journey over to South Salk Park for another installment of Rolling Meadows' dazzling fireworks display.



### Post-Parade Party Set List

DJ Mixx . . . . . 1:15 – 2:00 pm  
 Fool House. . . . . 2:30 – 4:00 pm  
 Hillbilly Rock Stars. . . 4:45 – 7:15 pm

# Recognizing Public Works' 'First Responders'

By Rob Horne, Assistant Public Works Director

June has arrived, and, at this writing, I can finally say with confidence that the harsh winter weather has moved on – for at least the next several months, anyway.

June is also an appropriate time to recognize the success achieved by Public Works crews in providing snow and ice removal services during an especially difficult winter. Department employees responded to 25 different snow events between November 1st and April 27th, which dropped 51 inches of snow on Rolling Meadows.

In January alone, crews battled 10 snow events in 19 days – most of which occurred during “off” hours and required employees to spend time away from their families.

In total, Public Works staff spent nearly 2,400 hours focusing on snow and ice removal. Sleep is often at a premium in those situations. And they still have to go home and shovel their own driveways after working a 12- to 16-hour shift.

Rolling Meadows' snow removal operations have long been the envy of residents in surrounding communities. That's due to Public Works' “team” approach. Our organization is not large enough to



City plows prepare for snow removal operations.

respond to winter storms with just one division. We all pitch in and then return to our “normal” duties once City streets are cleared of snow: everything from repairing water main breaks and City building heating systems to clearing downed trees and fallen branches.

Without exception, the entire Public Works staff performed extraordinarily in all areas. With the continued support of the City Council – and with gratitude for the many jobs they perform so admirably – I offer my personal thanks for their dedication, professionalism, and determination.



## Time to Play at New Daisy's Café!

City officials gathered for a May 10th grand opening ceremony to welcome Daisy's Café to Rolling Meadows.

The new café, located at 3334 Kirchoff Road, features slots and video poker, food and drink menus, a Wi-Fi lounge, and space for luncheons or private events. Its motto is “Eat, Drink, Play.”

Owners Tim and Todd Yormark welcomed guests by providing complimentary food and soft drinks, a variety of raffle prizes (Cubs & White Sox tickets, a 55" LED TV, free game plays, and more), and the chance to try their luck in the gaming lounge.

Learn more at [www.daisyscafe.com](http://www.daisyscafe.com).

# Operational Review Spurs New Initiatives at Community Development

Rolling Meadows' Community Development Division is in the midst of a wide-ranging initiative to improve customer service and convenience, guided by findings gleaned from an ongoing evaluation of internal operations, Assistant Public Works Director Rob Horne reports.

These efforts, also designed to strengthen the Division's ability to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities (i.e. code enforcement and building inspections), follows an organizational restructuring in which the Community Development Department became a division of Public Works in May 2017.

“Immersing ourselves in the Division's day-to-day operations helped identify areas where we could make a major impact,” Horne recalled. “We've established consistency in our planning/zoning operations, improved communication

with customers, and built a team atmosphere that has empowered our employees to perform more efficiently.”

In fact, the focus on improving Community Development's operations helped facilitate improvements in its customer service delivery. Examples include:

- **Developing updated application forms** that are more concise and user-friendly.
- **Establishing clearly defined time frames** for plan reviews/issuing permits.
- **More efficient approval** of applications for business, home occupation, special event, and temporary sign licenses.

Division employees are also exploring ways to reduce supply costs through effective inventory management and creating a series of “quick reference”

materials that highlight Community Development services.

Additional operational and service upgrades – including revisions to the City's fee schedule – are scheduled for implementation over the next several months.

“Staff members have made tremendous strides in improving division operations and customer service while being at the center of significant organizational change,” Horne said. “They have also helped update the City's Comprehensive Plan and are currently in the process of updating the City's Zoning Code.”

Visit the [Community Development Division's webpage](#) or call 847-506-6030 to learn more about available services.

## Euclid Road Bike Path Extension Nears Completion

Rolling Meadows' bike path system is expanding this summer, with construction of a new extension that runs along Euclid Avenue between Rohlwing Road and Salt Creek.

The project is scheduled for completion in June.

"The Euclid Avenue bike path connects two existing paths and will greatly improve the safety of cyclists and pedestrians in the area," explained Elizabeth Payne, Public Works' Administrative Services Coordinator. "Nearly 25,000 vehicles travel on Euclid every day and, until now, there has been no bicycle/pedestrian accommodations in that area."

Once the path is completed, users will have greater access to the Rolling Meadows Library, local schools, and the Kirchoff Road shopping district. They will



The new Euclid Avenue bike path (shown in yellow) runs from Rohlwing Road to Salt Creek.

also be able to reach destinations such as the Rolling Meadows Courthouse and Arlington Racetrack.

Planning for the Euclid extension began in 2012. It has been a collaborative effort between Rolling Meadows and Arlington Heights – where approximately half of the new path is located. An intergovernmental agreement between the two communities helps local residents reap

the benefits of the new path while reducing each side's financial contributions through cost-sharing.

In addition, Rolling Meadows secured grant funding for the project from the State of Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program, which allows the City to recoup up to 80% of its engineering, design, and construction costs (up to \$691,000).

### Environmental Committee to Lead Summer Bike Rides

The Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee is hosting monthly bike rides throughout town this summer for family members of all ages. Each ride will coincide with City Markets events scheduled for the following Saturdays:

- June 22nd
- July 20th
- August 24th
- September 28th

Residents interested in participating should gather in the Community Church parking lot (2720 Kirchoff Road) at 9 am. Each 8-mile ride will be led by experienced cyclists and include a 10-minute equipment safety check before departure.

Rides will conclude at the same location, allowing participants to enjoy City Market festivities that begin at 10 am.

All riders must wear helmets. Rides will be canceled if temperatures fall below 45-degrees, or in cases of heavy rain/lightning.

## Volunteers Clear Trash and Invasive Plant Species at Salt Creek Earth Day Cleanup

Nearly 50 community volunteers joined Rolling Meadows' May 5th Earth Day cleanup to remove garbage, debris, and invasive Buckthorn from a section of Salt Creek near Algonquin Road and Barker Lane.

"Buckthorn is on the Illinois exotic weed list. It poisons the soil so that nothing else can grow in the area," explained Environmental Committee member Karen Gill. "The Environmental Committee and other local groups have been battling Buckthorn for many years, but it is difficult because some people pre-



fer the dense, thorny thicket barrier it creates in their yards."

Gill said this year's event – originally scheduled for Saturday, April 27th but rescheduled due to snow – benefitted



RMHS students gave a boost to this year's cleanup.

from added participation by more than two dozen Rolling Meadows High School students seeking to earn community service hours.

"We also thank everyone at Public Works for their help organizing this year's event, and to all the hard-working Committee volunteers who give their time and energy every month," she added.

Learn more about the City's Environmental Committee [online](#) and on [Facebook](#).



The annual Creek Cleanup draws volunteers of all ages.

## Local Events Showcase RMPD's Support for Special Olympics Illinois

Rolling Meadows police officers are proud to support Special Olympics Illinois through a series of local events designed to generate awareness of, and raise money for, thousands of athletes across the state with intellectual disabilities:

**Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop (May 17th)**  
Police officers and residents joined forces to raise more than \$4,600 for Special Olympics Illinois during the 2019 'Cop on a Rooftop' event.

While Department personnel stood watch on top of the Rolling Meadows Dunkin' (3350 Kirchoff Road), store visitors made financial donations to the cause. In return, they received coupons for free donuts, coffee mugs, and t-shirts (*while supplies lasted*).

**Law Enforcement Torch Run (June 2nd)**  
Each year, the Law Enforcement Torch Run guides the "Flame of Hope" across Illinois to the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games in Normal, IL. RMPD members will escort the Flame along Golf Road in Rolling Meadows on Sunday, June 2nd, at 8:30 am.



Police Chief John Nowacki (center), and Officers Patryk Niemiec (left) and Robert Suchecki wave from atop the Dunkin' store at 3350 Kirchoff Road.

These "Guardians of the Flame" will travel from Route 53 to Algonquin Road (*approximately 1.4 miles*). Residents interested in participating, purchasing commemorative T-shirts, or supporting Department efforts in other ways may contact Detective Michael Katsenios (847-255-2416 or [katseniosm@cityrm.org](mailto:katseniosm@cityrm.org)).

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities – and over 17,000 young athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Learn more online at [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org).

## Boy Scouts to Lead June 17th Flag Retirement

Local Boy Scouts will conduct a flag retirement ceremony Monday, June 17th, 7 p.m., at Kimball Hill Park. Residents are

welcome to bring unservicable flags to the ceremony or drop them off in advance at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road).

## City Water Quality Surpasses EPA Standards



Rolling Meadows drinking water has again met all standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to the City's annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that provides information on the source and quality of the water used by residents and businesses.

The complete 2018 report will be available on the City's website by June 30th. Posting the CCR online helps streamline the process of delivering this information to water customers (which is required by law) and reduces printing/mailling costs.

### Printed Reports Available

Customers may request a printed copy of the report by contacting the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500.

### Share with Others

We encourage landlords, businesses, schools, and other groups to share this information with their tenants, employees, students, and other water users at your location who do not receive monthly City utility bills.

**The City's 2018 Consumer Confidence Report will be posted by June 30th at [www.cityrm.org/Archive.aspx?A-DID=5825](http://www.cityrm.org/Archive.aspx?A-DID=5825).**



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

June 4: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; both at City Hall

June 6: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

June 7: **Community Block Party**, 4:30-8:30 pm; **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, both on Central Rd. (between Barker Ave. & Jay Ln.)

June 10: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

June 11: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

June 13: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

June 14: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship; **Fridays ROCK! & Roll in Meadows**, 7-10 pm, Kimball Hill Park

June 18: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

June 20 **Water bills due; Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

June 21: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship

June 22: **Environmental Committee Bike Ride**, 9 am; **City Market**, 10 am-2 pm, both at Community Church

June 25: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

June 27: **Community Blood Drive**, 1-7 pm, City Hall

June 28: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship

# Street Reconstruction Program to Begin in June

Six residential side streets in the vicinity of Euclid Avenue and Quentin Road will undergo full reconstruction this summer, following City Council's approval of a \$796,000 contract with Hillside-based Builders Paving, LLC.

The project will completely rebuild:

- Arlingdale Drive (East)
- Highland Drive
- Jessica Court
- Kevin Lane
- Michael Court
- Prairie Lane

Vehicle access to these roads will be limited at certain times during the construction phase.



City officials will keep area residents updated throughout the course of the project in order to help minimize any inconvenience.

Construction is expected to begin in June and be completed sometime in September (*weather permitting*).



Curb and gutter replacement occurred in May.

## Kirchoff Road Upgrades Underway

Construction crews replace existing curb structures on Kirchoff Road in this mid-May photo – the initial phase of a long-anticipated project that will:

- Completely resurface 1.75 miles of road between Hicks and New Wilke Roads.
- Reconfigure the medians located near Route 53.
- Upgrade the bridge that spans Salt Creek in the City's downtown area.
- Replace below-ground signal loops that regulate traffic flows at intersections.

City officials secured grant funding that covers 80% of the nearly \$2 million upgrade. Current timetables anticipate the project's completion by late summer (*weather permitting*).

## Road Construction Updates Available Online

Stay informed about roadway and underground utility construction projects taking place around Rolling Meadows this summer: visit the [City's homepage](#) and click "Construction Projects" on the lower left section of the page.



New Fire Station 15 at 3201 Algonquin Road

# Rolling Meadows Fire Department's Future Takes Shape on Algonquin Road

The future of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department is beginning to take shape at 3201 Algonquin Road, with construction proceeding quickly on the City's newest fire station.

Relocating both City fire stations (*a second station is also being built at 2340 Hicks Road*) will enable firefighters to provide more effective fire/emergency medical services to the entire community. Current station locations prevent responders from reaching multiple commercial and resi-

dential areas across the City within the Fire Department's benchmark response goal of 4 to 6 minutes.

The combined \$11 million project is being funded by City-issued bonds that will be repaid over 20 years. The bond also covers various underground utility projects to promote long-term utility rate stabilization.

Keep current on fire station construction milestones and learn more about the project's history [online](#).

## Contact City Officials: City Hall Hours: 8 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday

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7th Ward Alderman: Lara Sanoica	847.770.3097
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### SERVICES

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Fire Non-emergency	847-397-3352
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Public Works	847-963-0500
Community Development Division	847-506-6030
Finance/Utility Billing Questions	847-394-8500
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	847-590-7867
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