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National Night Out & 'Wine-Down' Top August Events Schedule

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## 'Good Samaritan' Award to Recognize Residents' Contributions

Rolling Meadows Police and Iraq War veteran Bryan Anderson have partnered to launch a Good Samaritan award program that recognizes residents' contributions to the community, Police Chief John Nowacki reports.

The Bryan Anderson Good Samaritan Award – which recognizes generosity, kindness, helping of others, and commitment to community service – will be presented annually to one resident in each of the City's seven wards.

Residents are invited to nominate a friend, neighbor, or community member by visiting the Police Department's [award page](#).

The page also features extensive information on the award program, nominating criteria, and a bio on local hero Bryan

Anderson – a lifelong Rolling Meadows resident.

Inaugural awards will be presented Tuesday, August 6th, at the City's National Night Out celebration (see page 2).

### Program Rules:

1. Any person, couple, family, business, or group connected to Rolling Meadows is eligible to receive the award.
2. Residents should nominate only one (1) person or group per calendar year.
3. Nominations are not confidential, but the RMPD suggests using discretion to avoid spoiling potential surprises.

Residents with additional questions about the Bryan Anderson Good Samaritan Award may contact the Rolling Meadows Police Department at 847-255-2416.

### About Bryan Anderson



Bryan Anderson is an actor, author, and spokesperson for the **Gary Sinise Foundation** and **USA Cares** – a nonprofit organization committed to helping post-9/11 veterans.

He served two tours of duty in Iraq as a Sergeant in the 411th Military Police Company.

Anderson is a Purple heart recipient who lost both legs and his left hand to an improvised explosive device (IED).

## City Events 2019

### August Events Preview: We're on a Roll!

The calendar page has turned to August, and good times continue to 'Roll in Meadows!' Don't miss more spectacular events taking place this month!

**Family Night with RM Cops** (Saturday, August 3rd, 7 – 10 p.m.) – Rolling Meadows Police and LEGOLAND Discovery Center have teamed up to offer an evening of family fun at the Community Center. Highlights include relay races, a tug-of-war competition, and other activities; a bounce house, dunk tank, and a DJ; and hot dogs and popcorn (while supplies last). The City will also present a screening of *The Lego Movie 2* (2019) beginning around 9 p.m.



Photo Credit: Community Church of Rolling Meadows

**Cornfest** (Saturday, August 3rd, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.) – Enjoy community fellowship and lunch or dinner (including all-you-can-eat sweet-corn) at Community Church of Rolling Meadows' 63rd annual Cornfest. Learn more and purchase tickets at [communitychurchrm.com](http://communitychurchrm.com).

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## Oncology Nurse Jenifer Vinezeano Appointed 4th Ward Alderman

Mayor Joe Gallo has appointed oncology nurse Jenifer Vinezeano to serve as 4th Ward Alderman – filling a seat on the City Council that had been vacant since he was sworn-in as mayor in May.

Alderman Vinezeano, whose appointment was unanimously approved by her fellow aldermen, “will be a valuable asset to our City Council,” Mayor Gallo explained in announcing her selection.



Jenifer Vinezeano

“Jenifer’s experience as an oncology nurse (will) help her be compassionate when needed, have empathy to all, and be an advocate for all residents.”

Alderman Vinezeano is also the athletic director at St. Colette School and treasurer of the Student Nurse’s Association. She will serve the remainder of the four-year term to which then-Alderman Gallo was elected in 2017.

## Zoning Code Updates to Aid City’s Future Development



Elizabeth Payne

Rolling Meadows’ updated Zoning Code, when completed, will serve as a helpful tool for residents, developers, and businesses looking to put down roots in Rolling Meadows or expand current operations, Administrative Services Coordinator Elizabeth Payne reports.

The current code, much of which dates back to the 1970s, is “difficult to read and understand. The City’s goal is to update the code for the 21st Century and, where appropriate, incorporate photos, tables, and graphics to create a more user-friendly document,” she explained.

City staff members are again working with Teska Associates, the urban planning group that helped craft Rolling Meadows’ recently updated Comprehensive Plan, to ensure Zoning Code upgrades match goals outlined in that document.

“The Comprehensive Plan provides a vision for Rolling Meadows’ future. The Zoning Code needs to help that vision become reality,” Payne added.

When completed, the updated Zoning Code will reap many benefits. Chief

among them are:

- Helping residents plan more effectively for home addition projects and/or other major property improvements.
- Aiding businesses preparing to join the Rolling Meadows business community or expand current operations.
- Highlighting property use designations for developers.
- Allowing residents, businesses, and developers to more easily navigate the regulations and processes that apply to their specific needs.
- Improving staff efficiency and customer service.

Planning & Zoning Commission members receive regular updates on the project’s progress. Staff members anticipate providing the fully updated Zoning Code to City Council for approval by year’s-end.

Residents and business representatives interested in learning more about the project are welcome to attend upcoming meetings of the Planning & Zoning Commission (*held the first Tuesday of each month*) or contact the Community Development Division at 847-506-6030.

### August Events Preview...from page 1

**National Night Out** (Tuesday, August 6th, 5:30 – 9:30 pm) – Stand against crime with Rolling Meadows Police Officers while celebrating the City’s unique community spirit. Guests will enjoy free food (*while supplies last*) giveaways, games, and more. View highlights of 2018’s event at the RMPD’s YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/user/rollingmeadowspolice](http://www.youtube.com/user/rollingmeadowspolice)).

**Wine-Down by the Creek\*** (Friday, August 16th, 6 – 11 pm) – Sip your way to summer bliss with fine wine, craft beer, and live music courtesy of 7th Heaven – one of Chicagoland’s finest purveyors of 70s, 80s, and 90s music. Admission is free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase with I.D. \*Sponsored by Ben Franklin Bank

**Community Bike Ride** (Saturday, August 24th, 9 am) – This eight-mile ride through town, open to cyclists of all ages, begins and ends at Community Church of Rolling Meadows. Participants must wear helmets.

**City Markets** (Saturday, August 24th, 10 am – 2 pm) – Locally-grown produce, freshly-made cuisine, live music, local merchants, and a host of other draws are all staples of the City’s summer bazaar, held at Community Church.



Residents gather to “Wine-Down” in Kimball Hill Park.

### Get Social with Us!



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[www.twitter.com/@CityofRM1](http://www.twitter.com/@CityofRM1)



[www.youtube.com/channel/UCGvDLW-mJZTgP25QsaIj\\_xMw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGvDLW-mJZTgP25QsaIj_xMw)

Find links to all the City’s social media feeds at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)

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## 50/50 'Rolling Raffle' Supports Community Events Foundation

Enter the City's "Rolling Raffle" to help raise money for the Community Events Foundation and for a chance to "WIN BIG."

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle (\$1 each or six for \$5) are available at City Hall and upcoming City-sponsored events. The pot recently surpassed \$1,000 and will con-

tinue growing over the next few months, as residents purchase additional tickets. Enter often to increase your chances of winning!

The raffle winner will be announced Saturday, October 5th, at the City's Home-town Hoedown.

## Bicycle Safety 101

With more than 13 miles of winding bike paths, Rolling Meadows offers ample opportunities to explore the City on two-wheels.

Ensure safe travels by adhering to these "rules of the road."

- Always wear a helmet.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals, and laws.
- Ride in single file on the right side of the roadway.
- Maintain your bicycle.
- Follow the Rules of the Road.
- Avoid riding after dark, when possible. If you must ride at night, use a headlight and a taillight or reflector.
- Do not race or weave in and out of traffic.
- Do not carry passengers or large packages on your bicycle.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars (except when to signal a turn or stop).
- Dismount and walk your bike across dangerous intersections or streets.
- Never try to squeeze between two vehicles or into narrow spaces.



### Hand Signals

Give hand signals from your left side:

- **Left Turn:** Hand and arm extended horizontally
- **Right Turn:** Hand and arm extended out and up at a 90° angle. (*Riders may also extend their right arm horizontally.*)
- **Stop/ Decrease Speed:** Hand and arm extended out and down at a 90° angle.

Signal at least 100 feet before

you turn, and while the bike is stopped before making a turn.

### Wear Your Helmet When Riding

Always wear proper-fitting helmets when riding. Your brain is worth protecting!

- **Eyes:** Riders should be able to see the helmet edge when they look up.
- **Ears:** Straps should form a "Y" just under your ears.
- **Mouth:** Straps should be loose enough to place a finger between the chinstrap and jaw, but tight enough that the helmet pulls down on top of your head when you open your mouth wide.



## 9/13 Duck Race to Support Environmental Initiatives

Rolling Meadows' 12th annual Duck Race to raise money for local environmental preservation efforts will take place Friday, September 13th, 6:30 pm, at Kimball Hill Park. It's a chance to win a variety of prizes – including the race's \$500 grand prize – simply by purchasing plastic ducks to "race" in this year's event.

Ducks are available at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) and City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) for \$5 each. Or, buy a "Quack Pack" of five ducks for \$20.

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

For more information, call 847-818-3220 or visit [www.rmparks.org](http://www.rmparks.org).

## Flag Code Guides Proper Display of Stars & Stripes



The U.S. Flag Code, approved by Congress in 1942, offers guidelines for the proper, respectful display of the American Flag. The Code states that the flag should:

- Be properly illuminated if flown past sunset.
- Hang vertically with the union (stars) to the north or east when displayed over a street.
- Never touch anything beneath it.
- Be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- Never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

# Volunteer's 'Persistence & Patience' Drew Clydesdales to City Parade

Over the past two years, Rolling Meadows' Independence Day Parades have featured quintessential staples of American pop culture: the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile in 2018 and, just last month, the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales.

Credit for bringing these all-star attractions to Rolling Meadows goes to Kathleen Bakos, an unassuming 77-year-old resident who serves as a Community Events Foundation volunteer.

"Kathleen simply doesn't take 'no' for an answer," explained Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager and Foundation liaison. "We all marvel at her ability to find the right contacts and make things happen. The entire City benefits from her efforts."

"I guess I have a knack for zeroing in on the right people to talk to," Kathleen humbly explained on her own behalf. "I'm retired, so I have the time to do the detective work. I'm persistent, when needed. I have a lot of patience, too."

## "How Are You Going to Top That?"

For the 2018 parade, Kathleen had unlocked the secret to booking an appearance by the 27-foot-long Wienermobile (she says there is no phone number; only an email address to request appearances). Her fellow volunteers then asked how she planned to top herself in 2019.

"I said 'I'll get the Clydesdales.' It was an off-the-cuff remark. I wasn't really serious about it at first," she recalled with a laugh. After a bit of thought, however, she decided to try and make it work.

Calls to Anheuser-Busch's customer service line taught Kathleen that Clydesdale bookings are made through local distributors. She proceeded to visit several grocery stores and restaurants in the area to learn the name of their distributor. With that information in hand, she next had to find the right person within the company



Kathleen Bakos poses with a Budweiser Clydesdale.

and, after some effort, identified a contact in the distributor's Chicago-based marketing department.

"I made the initial request and was told it was going to be difficult to fulfill," Kathleen remembered.

Over the next several months, she made a few gentle follow-up inquiries but heard

nothing back. Then, in April 2019 – nine months after she first made the request – Kathleen decided to try one last time. She sent a copy of her original email, along with a brief note, and soon received a reply thanking her for her persistence and letting her know that the Clydesdales would indeed be coming to Rolling Meadows.

"I was flabbergasted by the response," Kathleen said. "After hearing nothing for months, I figured it probably wasn't going to happen. Maybe they respected the fact that I wasn't pushy."

## Stay Engaged

Kathleen is definitely not pushy, but she is a go-getter. She's traveled around the world to destinations such as Australia, Cuba, Egypt, Guam, Hong Kong, and Indonesia. She spent 33 years working for a major retailer and, after accepting an early retirement option, embarked on new career as a travel agent. She changed gears again several years later and went to work for an airline.

Kathleen moved to Rolling Meadows in 2014 to be closer to her daughter, son-in-law, and her two grandchildren. She was eager to get involved in her new community and has donated her time to several groups, including the Community Events Foundation, Crime Stoppers, and the Fire Department's Citizens Response Team.

"I didn't want to isolate myself. I enjoy people and wanted to get out there and engage with others," she explained.

Rolling Meadows is better off because of it.

## Apply to Serve on Rolling Meadows' Volunteer Boards & Commissions

City officials encourage residents who are interested in personifying Rolling Meadows' motto of "Progress thru Participation" to apply to serve on the City's many volunteer boards and committees.

Those interested in being considered for upcoming vacancies on the Economic Development Committee, Planning &

Zoning Commission, Veterans Committee, or other boards should contact Mayor Joe Gallo ([mayor@cityrm.org](mailto:mayor@cityrm.org)).

More information on the roles and responsibilities of Rolling Meadows' volunteer commissions is available on the [Boards & Commissions](#) page of the City's website.

## Welcome New Businesses

**Acara Solutions**  
Employment recruiters  
3701 Algonquin Rd. #250  
(847-935-0423)  
[acarasolutions.com](http://acarasolutions.com)

**Cottage Door Press**  
Children's book publisher  
5005 Newport Dr. 3rd floor  
(224-228-6000)

## Amish Farmers Grocery Store Features ‘Freshest, Healthiest Food Available’

Amish Farmers, Rolling Meadows’ newest neighborhood grocery store, sources all of its products from authentic Amish farms located in Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

That commitment to traditional farming offers shoppers access to an ever-changing selection of fresh seasonal produce, high-quality meats, fish, poultry, cheese, and more.

“We buy our products daily from Amish farmers who grow their fruits and vegetables, and raise their animals, the way it was done more than 100 years ago – no electricity, no factory production methods, no GMOs, and no growth hormones,” explained store owner Jacek Cholko. “We offer our customers the freshest, healthi-



A ceremonial ribbon-cutting marked the “official” grand opening of Amish Farmers, Rolling Meadows’ newest neighborhood grocer.

est, highest-quality food available.”

As a family business, Amish Farmers reflects Cholko’s Polish heritage. It offers an extensive selection of authentic Polish specialties, including Paczki (filled donuts), Pierogi (Polish dumplings), smoked meats, and more. It also features home-baked goods and a variety of cheeses, as well as lamb, veal, pork, venison, duck, and other seasonal fare.

An onsite kitchen allows Amish Farmers to offer freshly-prepared meals for lunch or dinner – perfect for busy customers who are constantly on-the-go.

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2019 Rolling Meadows Construction Projects 2019 Annual Adopted Rolling Meadows Budget

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**Roadway Projects**

**Kirchoff Road Resurfacing**

Start Date: April, 2019

**Project Description:** The work to be performed consists of HMA surface removal, Class B Concrete Patching, HMA level binder, HMA surface course, curb and gutter removal and replacement, sidewalk removal and replacement, drainage improvements, bridge deck wearing surface removal and replacement, detector loop replacement, median replacement and realignment from Hicks to Rohlfing, parkway restoration, and pavement markings.

[Click for more information](#)

## Infrastructure Upgrade Tracker Available at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)

Track the progress of the City’s many infrastructure upgrades taking place this summer – including road reconstruction/resurfacing, water main improvements, and storm water/sanitary sewer projects – by visiting [Rolling Meadows’ website](http://www.cityrm.org).

Simply click “[Construction Projects](#)” on the left side of the home page to access a wealth of information on the projects that will be completed over the next two years.



Kirchoff Road’s resurfacing is one of many projects taking place this summer.



## This Month in Rolling Meadows

- August 1: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall
- August 2: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship
- August 3: **Cornfest**, 11 am-7 pm, Community Church; **Family Night with RM Cops**, 7 pm, Community Center
- August 6: **National Night Out**, 6-8 pm, Community Center
- August 7: **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 8: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall
- August 9: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship
- August 12: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall
- August 13: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall
- August 15 **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall
- August 16: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship; **Wine-Down by the Creek**, 6-11 pm, Kimball Hill Park
- August 20: **Water bills due; City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 23: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship
- August 24: **Community Bike Ride**, 9 am; **City Market**, 10 am-2 pm, both at Community Church
- August 27: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall
- August 30: **Cruise Night**, 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship

# Celebrating America's Independence

This year's Independence Day Parade was a July 4th spectacle featuring colorful floats, music, and energetic community groups, but the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales (at right) stole the show as they pranced majestically along the parade route.

Residents then joined in an afternoon party at the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center that featured live music, food, beverages, and more. *Special thanks to event sponsors Rep's Place, Anytime Fitness, Daisy's Café, and Miller Lite.*

The celebration culminated that evening at the Community Center, where thousands of residents gathered to watch the rockets' red glare of City fireworks in the sky.



The Marching Mustangs of Rolling Meadows High School entertained parade-goers.



Those following Uncle Sam had big shoes to fill.



Hillbilly Rockstars performed at the Post-Parade Party.



This year's parade was "One in a Minion."



Food, music, and fun marked this year's celebration.



Parade-goers lined up for selfies with the Clydesdales.

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

### MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Joe Gallo	847-814-9271
1st Ward Alderman: Mike Cannon	847-687-3276
2nd Ward Alderman: Nick Budmats	847-202-0855
3rd Ward Alderman: Kevin O'Brien	847-212-2587
4th Ward Alderman: Jenifer Vinezcano	630-546-8133
5th Ward Alderman: Jon Bisesi	847-772-8428
6th Ward Alderman: John D'Astice	847-409-9367
7th Ward Alderman: Lara Sanoica	847-770-3097
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
Community Development Division	847-506-6030
Finance/Utility Billing Questions	847-394-8500
Senior Handyman Program	847-506-6030
Crime Stoppers	847-590-7867
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1



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