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Police Recognize Four Residents with Inaugural ‘Good Samaritan’ Award

Four residents were honored with the Rolling Meadows Police Department/Bryan Anderson Good Samaritan Award during the City’s National Night Out celebration on August 6th. Those selected to receive the award were:

- Kathleen Bakos
- Claire Hidalgo
- Terry Cappelen
- Craig Powers



Police Chief John Nowacki and Iraq War veteran Bryan Anderson honor “Good Samaritans” Claire Hidalgo (second from left), Craig Powers, Kathleen Bakos, and Terry Cappelen during National Night Out festivities.

The award, the result of a partnership between the Police Department and Iraq War veteran/Rolling Meadows resident Bryan Anderson, recognizes residents’ contributions to the community, Police Chief John Nowacki said.

“Here in Rolling Meadows, we have so many people who are willing to help make the City a better place,” he explained. “This award exemplifies generosity, kindness, helping others, and a commitment to community service. It is an opportunity to recognize those who make a difference every day, and it is our privilege to highlight these residents for their good works.”

Starting in 2020, the Good Samaritan Award will be presented annually to one resident in each of the City’s seven wards. Residents are invited to nominate a friend, neighbor, or fellow community member. Access the online nomination form through the Police Department’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowspolice) or email the Department directly (PD@cityrm.org).

Residents with additional questions about the award may contact the Rolling Meadows Police Department at 847-255-2416.

Billy Elton Band to Headline Season’s Final Fridays ROCK! Concert

Celebrate the music of Billy Joel and Elton John Friday, September 13th, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., during a live performance in Kimball Hill Park by tribute artist Billy Elton.

Purchase food onsite or bring a picnic dinner to this free, all-ages “Ravinia-style” event that showcases popular area bands. The Billy Elton Band will deliver an “exciting, captivating, engaging performance for audience members young and old,” according to the band’s website (www.billy-elton.com).

The show will mark the conclusion of this season’s “Friday’s ROCK!” concert series. Other performers who have “rocked” Kimball Hill Park over the past few summers include 1976 (1970s rock & pop), Centerfold (classic rock), Skip Towne and the

Greyhounds (“rockin’ blues”), SODA (pop, rock, & dance), and Spoken Four (pop, rock, & country).



Celebrating the music of Billy Joel and Elton John.

Contact City Officials: City Hall Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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- 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 Vinezeano. 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
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City to Host September 28th Council Member ‘Meet & Greet’

Rolling Meadows’ elected leaders will participate in a Saturday morning “Meet & Greet” event on September 28th, during the season’s final City Market at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road).

Your City Council

Mayor – Joe Gallo

1st Ward – Mike Cannon

2nd Ward – Nick Budmats

3rd Ward – Kevin O’Brien

4th Ward – Jenifer Vinezeano

5th Ward – Jon Bisesi

6th Ward – John D’Astice

7th Ward – Lara Sanoica

Mayor Joe Gallo and the City’s seven aldermen will be on-hand from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The informal, one-on-one discussion format allows residents to ask questions about specific policies and initiatives, and share their opinions on a variety of topics.

“There’s no set agenda for discussion,” explained

City Manager Barry Krumstok. “More than anything, it’s an opportunity for Council members to build relationships with the residents they serve and gain a better understanding of their constituents’ viewpoints.”

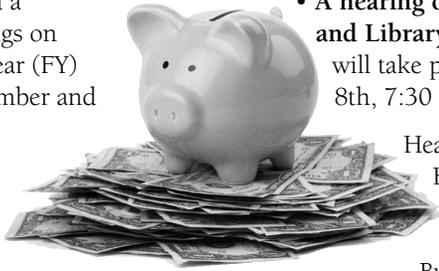


Meet your City Council members (clockwise from top left): Nick Budmats, Kevin O’Brien, John D’Astice, Jon Bisesi, Lara Sanoica, Joe Gallo, Mike Cannon. Not pictured: Jenifer Vinezeano

City Schedules Public Hearings for Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

City Council will hold a series of public hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget in September and October:

- **A public hearing on the proposed 2020 tax levy** is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24th, during City Council’s regular meeting.



- **A hearing on the proposed City and Library budgets (FY 2020)** will take place Tuesday, October 8th, 7:30 p.m.

Hearings will be held at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) in the second-floor Council Chamber.

Budget discussions between aldermen and City staff will continue at upcoming City Council and

Committee-of-the-Whole-meetings. The schedule calls for City Council to approve the 2020 budget in November.

The proposed 2020 budget will be presented for City Council’s – and the public’s – review on September 10th. Residents may view the document online at www.cityrm.org/233-Financial-Reports. A printed copy of the budget will also be available at City Hall and the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane).

Census 2020 Results to Impact City Revenues, Federal & Local Districts

The United States Census Bureau is gearing up to complete the 2020 decennial census – the once-a-decade population and housing count in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. protectorates.

Census results have wide-ranging implications at the national and local levels, so it is critical that all Rolling Meadows residents take part in the 2020 census.

Here’s what you need to know:

- **Nearly all households nationwide will receive their census invitation through the U.S. mail.** Residents will be able to complete the survey online, by mail, or over the phone.

- **Fewer than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker.**

This usually only occurs in very remote areas of the country.

- **Census information is protected.** Federal law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential. Responses may only be used to produce statistics. Data cannot be shared with law enforcement agencies such as the FBI or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Population Count Affects City Revenues
Data generated by the 2020 census will impact everything from City ward bound-

aries to the revenue Rolling Meadows receives from state and federal governments. An accurate count is essential for ensuring the City continues to receive the proper (population-based) funding amounts.

Legislative Districts Impacted

At the state and national levels, the 2020 census results will determine the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives. Results are also used to draw Congressional and state legislative districts.

Be informed. Be counted. For more information, visit www.census.gov.



Season's Final Community Bike Ride Will 'Roll' September 28th

Monthly bike rides hosted this summer by members of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee have helped residents gain a new, two-wheeled perspective on their hometown.

Committee members encourage those who have not yet taken part to join them Saturday, September 28th, for the season's final ride.

Riders should gather in the Community Church parking lot (2720 Kirchoff Road) at 9:00 a.m. The eight-mile ride will be led by experienced cyclists, and include a 10-minute equipment and safety check before departure. All riders must wear helmets.



Rides will begin and conclude at Community Church, site of Rolling Meadows' monthly City Market festivities that will kick off at 10:00 a.m.

Learn more about the City's Environmental Committee at www.cityrm.org/626/Environmental-Committee or www.facebook.com/CityRMEC.

Driver Reminders: School Bus & School Zone Safety

Illinois state law prohibits drivers on two-lane roads from passing a stopped school bus when its lights are flashing and its stop signal arm is extended. Motorists found guilty of illegally passing a stopped school bus will have their drivers' licenses revoked for three months and face fines starting at \$150.



Use Caution on Four Lane Roads

Drivers on roads with four or more lanes are not required to stop when approaching a bus that is stopped on the opposite side of the street but should always use caution. However, motorists who are behind a stopped bus on a four-lane street are not allowed to pass.

Slow Down in School Zones

In addition, drivers who enter a marked school zone between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on days when school is in operation and children are present, must reduce their speed to 20 mph, and stop and yield the right of way to any children or adults in the crosswalk area. For more info, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Save the Date! RMFD to Host October 12th Open House

Meet Rolling Meadows firefighters and learn more about the life-saving services they provide Saturday, October 12th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., when the Fire Department hosts its annual Open House at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road).



Guests will enjoy up-close views of fire engines and ambulances, station

tours, refreshments (while supplies last), public safety demonstrations, and more.

For more information, visit the Fire Department's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowsfire) or call 847-397-3352. Additional details will also be featured in the October issue of *eNews & Views*.



Isabella's Cafe Joins City's Growing Restaurant Scene

Isabella's Cafe (5540 New Wilke Road), the newest addition to Rolling Meadows' restaurant scene, offers customers ample opportunities to "Eat, Play, & Win."

The café offers authentic Italian pastas and paninis, freshly-prepared pastries, and an assortment of beverages – beer and wine, soft drinks, hot/cold coffee, and more. It also features a video poker and slots lounge for guests ages 21 and up.

Owners Have Roots in City

Isabella's is owned by the Donato family, which also operates Anna's Red Apple (2121 South Plum Grove Road). Anna's recently expanded its menu and hours of operation to include dinner, and also features a newly created video gaming area for customers.

Anna's and Isabella's are among the City's many restaurants – featuring everything from upscale dining and international fare to fast-casual lunch options – that cater specifically to the thousands of people who live, work, and shop in Rolling Meadows each day. Find a complete restaurant listing at www.cityrm.org (choose "Dining Guide" from the pull-down "Business" menu).

Shop.Dine.Play.

Following the 2018 approval of an ordinance allowing video gaming at local restaurants, Rolling Meadows has positioned itself in the marketplace as a community where people are invited to "Shop, Dine, and Play."

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Labor Day City Hall and Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day all week.	Economic Development Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm , all at City Hall		Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm , City Hall		
8	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am , City Hall	Senior Luncheon, 12:30 – 2:30 pm , Community Center Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm , both at City Hall	Patriot Day	Adjudication Hearing, 1 pm , City Hall	Duck Race, 6:30 pm FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows, 7-10 pm , both at Kimball Hill Park	
15		City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm , City Hall		Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm , City Hall	Water bills due	
22		City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm , City Hall				Community Bike Ride, 9 am City Market, 10 am-2 pm , both at Community Church
29					Visit www.cityrm.org to access E-News & Views, Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter published in February, April, June, August, October, and December.	

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		Economic Development Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm , all at City Hall		Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm , City Hall		Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest, 12-5 pm , Kimball Hill Park
6		Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm , both at City Hall		Adjudication Hearing, 1 pm , City Hall		RMFD Open House, 10 am-2 pm , Neuckranz Fire Station
13	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am , City Hall	City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm , City Hall		Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm , City Hall		
20	Water bills due	City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm , City Hall				
27				Halloween, Trick-or-Treat hours: 3-8 pm		

September 13th Duck Race to Support Environmental Preservation Initiatives

Rolling Meadows' 12th annual Duck Race will take place Friday, September 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in Kimball Hill Park. It's a chance to help raise money for local environmental preservation efforts and win a variety of prizes – including the race's \$500 grand prize.

Residents may purchase plastic ducks to "race" in this year's event at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) and City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Ducks are \$5 each or purchase 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.



Spectators gather to watch last year's race in Kimball Hill Park.

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

School of Rock Students to Headline September 28th City Market

Rolling Meadows' final City Market of 2019, to be held Saturday, September 28th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., will feature a can't-miss encore to what has been another successful season: live music, courtesy of students from School of Rock

Arlington Heights.

So grab some food truck grub, shop for locally grown produce, enjoy family-friendly activities, and peruse jewelry and other handcrafted goods created by local merchants – all while enjoying some of rock music's greatest songs presented by talented local musicians!

About School of Rock

School of Rock, with locations around the globe, combines one-on-one instruction with team band practice for music students ages 4 – adult. Although it shares a name with the popular 2003 movie starring Jack Black, the school and its franchises are not affiliated with the film.



Celebrate Fall at October 5th Hoedown

"Giddy-up" to Kimball Hill Park Saturday, October 5th, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., for Rolling Meadows' 4th annual Hometown Hoedown. Attractions will include horse-drawn hay rides, kids games, crafts, and more.

This year's Hoedown will also feature a performance by Wild Earp – a band specializing in "old school, newfangled, funky country western rock n roll-abilly!" Learn more at www.wildearp.com.

Admission is free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase

Don't miss out on what is sure to be a "stompin'" good time!



Senior Luncheon To Feature Buffet, Raffles, Live Music

Residents ages 50 and up will enjoy a delicious Italian buffet (courtesy of Stadium Sports Club), raffle drawings, and live music by Edizon Dayao at this year's Senior Luncheon.

The event will take place Tuesday, September 10th, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., at the Community Center.

The annual luncheon open to all Rolling Meadows seniors and Senior Center members. Cost is \$5 per person. For reservations, call 847-818-3205.

50/50 Raffle Winner To be Announced at Hometown Hoedown

One Rolling Meadows resident will walk away from this year's Hoedown with a cash prize in excess of \$500, after their name is drawn in the City's "Rolling Raffle."

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle (\$1 each or six for \$5) are still available at City Hall and upcoming City-sponsored events (Fridays ROCK!, Senior Luncheon, and City Market).

Ticket sales throughout the year helped raise money for the Community Events Foundation.

The pot recently surpassed \$1,000 and will continue to grow, as residents purchase additional tickets. Increase your chances of winning by purchasing multiple tickets!

Summer Doldrums? Not in Rolling Meadows

by Mayor Joe Gallo

One community block party. Two Friday concerts in the park. Two City Markets. One Independence Day Parade (complete with two self-driving semi-trucks and the Budweiser Clydesdales). A post-parade party topped off with spectacular fireworks. A Parking Lot Party. Movie Night with the Cops. National Night Out. Wine-Down by the Creek. Wow!

This summer in Rolling Meadows has been anything but boring...and the events I mention here represent only a partial list of all that's been happening in town. Time flies when you're having fun! It still feels as though we are in the midst of summer break and, yet, another school year is underway.

Looking back on the past few months, I'm so thankful for the tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers, and our Events Committee for planning and producing all these wonderful activities. Most importantly, I'm grateful for the men and women serving in our Police and Fire Departments for keeping us safe so we can enjoy ourselves.

Rolling Meadows is truly a great place to call home. I declare this with confidence, not only because of the feedback I've received from long-time residents, but also because we continue to welcome new families to our City. This place just keeps getting better!

Residents Join Police for Stellar National Night Out Celebration

Thousands of residents turned out on August 6th for Rolling Meadows' annual National Night Out to celebrate the bonds between City police officers and the community members they serve (A).

Event highlights included a memorable demonstration by CSC Skydiving Stunts (B) and crowd-pleasing performances by the Xtreme Team High Flying Basketball Stunt Team (C). Special guests, including singer Molly Callinan (D), Staley Da Bear (E), and Circus Boy Bobby Hunt (F), also took part in an evening to remember for everyone in attendance (G).

