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October 5th Hoedown to Feature Petting Zoo and Pony Rides at Kimball Hill Park

Rolling Meadows' Hometown Hoedown has become an autumn community tradition, but that hasn't stopped event planners from finding ways to keep things fresh and exciting.

Join the fun Saturday, October 5th, 12:00 – 5:00 pm, in Kimball Hill Park, for:

- **New Attractions:** A petting zoo and pony rides will make their debut at this year's Hoedown.
- **New Music:** Wild Earp, a band specializing in "old school, newfangled, funky country-western rock-n-roll-abilly" will provide live entertainment for Hoedown-goers (2:30 – 4:30 pm).
- **New Event Sponsor:** The City thanks Arthur J. Gallagher for its generous sponsorship of this year's event.
- **Rescheduled Duck Race:** The City's 12th annual Duck Race has been



Horse-drawn hayrides are among Hoedown's most popular attractions.

rescheduled to coincide with the Hoedown (1:00 pm, see page 2 for details).

Attendees of previous Hoedowns will find plenty of returning favorites as well: horse-drawn hayrides through Kimball Hill Park, kid's games, crafts, and more.

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

See you there, "pardners!"



City to Announce \$1,100 'Rolling Raffle' Winner at Hometown Hoedown

"Time is money," as the old saying goes, and time is running out for residents who haven't yet purchased raffle tickets for a chance to win a cash prize in excess of \$1,100.

The lucky winner of this year's Rolling Raffle – a 50/50 raffle benefitting Rolling Meadows' Community Events Foundation – will be announced Saturday, October 5th, at the conclusion of the City's Hometown Hoedown.

Rolling Raffle tickets are still available at City Hall (\$1 each or six for \$5) and will also be sold at the event.



Kirchoff Road Resurfacing Now Complete

Vehicles glide along the new and improved Kirchoff Road (above), following completion of a project that resurfaced nearly two miles of pavement between Hicks and New Wilke Roads.

Parkway restoration work will continue in certain spots, weather permitting, into October. Kirchoff Road is used by more than 12,000 vehicles each day.

The \$2 million program – 80% of which was funded by grants provided through the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) – also reconfigured the medians located near Route 53, upgraded the bridge that spans Salt Creek in the City's downtown area, and replaced below-ground signal loops that regulate traffic flows at intersections.

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Fire Department's New Ladder Truck Towers Over Rolling Meadows

Truck 15, seen here during the City's 2019 Independence Day Parade, officially joined the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's emergency vehicle fleet in September, following months of operational training and readiness testing.

Designed and built by Pierce Manufacturing to specifications developed by RMTD's Apparatus Committee, the vehicle offers the latest systems technology to help firefighters provide exceptional fire suppression services. For example, its 107-ft.-tall ladder is capable of delivering 1,500 gallons of water per minute from up to eight stories in the air.

Truck 15 is also a record-breaker: it carries more ground ladders and extrication equipment than any vehicle in Department history, according to Battalion Chief Peter Sutter.

See Truck 15 up close at the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's October 12th Open House (*see adjacent story*).

Fire Department Open House to Highlight Emergency Equipment & Services, Oct. 12th

A Fire Safety Gear Expo that showcases the different types of equipment used by firefighters in the line of duty will make its debut at the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's 2019 Open House.



Firefighters will showcase their safety gear at this year's Open House.

Residents of all ages are invited to this year's event, which will take place Saturday, October 12th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, at Fire Station 16 (2455 Plum Grove Road).

Other Open House events/attractions for guests' enjoyment will include:

- Vehicle extrication demonstrations.
- Live fire/sprinkler system showcase.
- Emergency vehicle displays.
- Station tours.
- Free food and drinks (*while supplies last*).

For more information and updates, follow the **Rolling Meadows Fire Department's Facebook page** or call 847-397-3352.

Oh, Shucks (Oh, Ducks?) Heavy Rains Delay Duck Race Until Oct. 5th

Heavy September rains forced the postponement of Rolling Meadows' 12th annual Duck Race to Saturday, October 5th. On the bright side, that gives residents more chances and more time to win \$500, along with other great prizes.

This year's race – which raises money for local environmental preservation efforts – will take place at 1:00 pm in Kimball Hill Park during the City's Hometown Hoedown Fall Festival. Residents may purchase plastic ducks for this year's event at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Ducks are \$5 each or five for \$20 (a "Quack Pack").

Proceeds from the event will support initiatives of the Rolling Meadows Environ-



Ducks "race" toward the finish line at last year's event.

mental Committee and Rolling Meadows Park District.

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

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City Collects Third Consecutive 'Distinguished Budget' Award

Rolling Meadows' third consecutive "Distinguished Budget Award," presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), reflects City staff members' "commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," according to a GFOA news release announcing the award.

To earn GFOA recognition, the City met or exceeded a series of nationally recog-

nized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Rolling Meadows' budget was rated proficient in 14 mandatory criteria that measured the document's success in serving as a(n):

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

For more information, visit **www.gfoa.org**.



Ribbon-Cutting Dedicates Bike Path Extension

Mayor Joe Gallo (*center, with scissors*), Public Works Director Rob Horne (*third from right*) and Environmental Committee member Karen Gill (*far right*) represented Rolling Meadows at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the latest addition to the City's Bike Path system.

The new Euclid Avenue extension, completed earlier this year, runs between Rohlwing Road and Salt Creek Lane in Arlington Heights, then crosses into Rolling Meadows and continues into Florey Park. It connects two existing bike paths and offers increased two-wheeled accessi-

bility to the Rolling Meadows Library, area schools, and the Kirchoff Road shopping district.

An intergovernmental agreement between Rolling Meadows and Arlington Heights helps local residents reap the benefits of the new path while reducing each side's financial contributions. 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).

Be Counted: Census Data Drives Public & Private Sector Decision-Making

The 2020 census will provide essential information for businesses, researchers, and communities to make decisions and set priorities:

- The results of this once-a-decade population count will determine how billions of dollars in federal funding will be allocated to local communities each year.
- Results will reveal where populations have risen and fallen. These statistics will drive the redrawing of Congressional and state legislative districts, and establish the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- An accurate count will also provide valuable data to businesses, which rely on census data to determine where to build new facilities and expand their operations.

Here in Rolling Meadows, it is vitally important that residents take the time to complete the 2020 census survey. All U.S. households will receive an invitation to participate by April 1st. Residents may complete the survey online, by mail, or by phone.

An accurate count will ensure the City continues to receive the proper (population-based) funding from federal sources.

Be informed. Be counted. Learn more at www.census.gov.

Facts Confirmed by the 2010 Census

- Nevada was the fastest-growing state between 2000 and 2010.
- The overall population of the United States grew 9.7% (from 281,421,906 to 308,745,538 in that same timespan).

Welcome New Businesses

Billion Apps, LLC

IT services/staffing
3701 Algonquin Rd. #330
703-798-5305

CBD Pharma

Cosmetics/oils sales & warehouse
5400 Newport Dr. #8
708-567-8489

Community Impact Marketing

Community support
3501 Algonquin Rd. #140
661-367-7661

Direct Mobile Sales

Cell phone accessories & web sales

I Divide by Zero Technical

IT services, sales, & support
5410 Newport Dr. #28
847-616-5007

Duraseal Training Center

Sherwin Williams Co.
5050 Newport Dr. #4
847-544-9251

Dynasty Retirement

Financial services
3701 Algonquin Rd. #245
847-698-4800

IBA Force

Media/marketing
3501 Algonquin Rd. #150
800-956-5432

MAC Truck & Trailer Repair

811 Rohlwing Rd.
773-603-2721

Perfect Turf

Synthetic turf
5540 Meadowbrook Ct.
888-796-8873

Primedia Network

Media/marketing
3501 Algonquin Rd. # 150
800-905-6878)

Ship.Cars USA, LLC

Software technology
1701 Golf Rd./Tower 3, #600
302-268-9045

Spectra Maintenance

Maintenance services
5420 Newport Dr. #48
630-812-8662

Sunset Pools & Spas, Inc.

Swimming pool contractor
1675 Hicks Rd.
847-285-3220



Public Works to Host Oct. 5th eWaste/Doc Destruction Event

The Public Works Department will host an electronics recycling and document destruction event Saturday, October 5th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, at its 3900 Berdnick Street facility.

The event, sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), lets residents safely dispose of TVs, computers, and other electronics equipment in accordance with state laws that prohibit electronics items from being deposited in landfills.

Residents may also bring sensitive documents – old tax forms, bank statements, medical records, and more – for secure onsite shredding.

For more information and a complete listing of eWaste items that will be accepted for recycling, please visit www.swancc.org.

Library to Host Historical Society Annual Meeting, October 21st

Members of the Rolling Meadows Historical Society will hold their annual meeting on Monday, October 21st at 7:00 pm, at the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). The public is welcome to attend.

Former Rolling Meadows Mayor and Illinois State Senator Tom Rooney will be the featured speaker at this year's gathering.

For more information about the Rolling Meadows Historical Society, call 847-577-7086 or visit www.cityrm.org/376/Historical-Museum.

Historically Efficient 50 Years of Rolling Meadows Refuse Collection

By Rob Horne, Public Works Director

Fifty years have passed since Rolling Meadows began providing in-house refuse collection services to residents and businesses. Looking back, the hallmarks of that half-century of service have been (1) consistent commitment to superior service and (2) dedication to operational efficiency.



Front load trucks help improve refuse collection efficiencies.

The Early Days

For the first 14 years of Rolling Meadows' existence, residents received their refuse service from Barrington Trucking Company. In 1968, City officials prohibited the placement of metal or plastic garbage cans at the curb in an effort to improve collection speed and efficiency. Paper bags were used instead.

This approach was so effective that the trucks of the day could not keep up with the volume of refuse being collected. In response, the City purchased three new refuse trucks and began providing collection services directly through the Public Works Department.

Shredding vs. Compacting

The new Mercedes Benz trucks, purchased at a cost of \$19,000 each, had spinning drums that shredded refuse instead of compacting it. They were quite

efficient, very reliable, and helped drive a noticeable reduction in operational costs.

The trucks delivered vastly improved convenience to residents, who enjoyed the freedom to place practically anything directly at the curb for pickup/disposal. They also allowed the City to embrace an industry-leading staffing model of just two employees per truck: one to drive and one to handle/collect curbside refuse.

Changing Priorities

We have witnessed many changes in how refuse is handled over the years: recycling is much more prevalent, and yard waste is collected separately and repurposed. While the City collects yard waste on a weekly basis between April and November, we outsource recycling collection to a private company.

The type of equipment we use has also evolved to embrace new efficiencies. Traditional rear load trucks have mostly been removed from the City's fleet in favor of front load trucks. These vehicles cost approximately \$275,000 each (a bit more expensive than the \$19,000 paid in the late 1960s!) but are designed for full operation by a single driver. This allows us to staff Rolling Meadows entire refuse operation with just four full-time employees.

Moreover, those four employees are also cross trained to provide support and services to the other divisions. It's one more way that Public Works – in fact, all City departments – are always striving to provide superior services while simultaneously delivering value to taxpayers.

Answer the Call for CEF Volunteers!



Want to make a difference in your community? Want to give back?

Want to be part of a group committed to ensuring that Rolling Meadows will always be "a great place to call home?"

If your answer to any of these questions is "yes," then you'll want to join forces with the dedicated volunteers who help organize and run Rolling Meadows' community events.

Now's the time to answer the call! Contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500.



Campers visit the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

Summer Camps Help Police Department Strengthen Community Ties

For Social Services Outreach Specialist Natalia Nieves, PhD, the Police Department's annual summer and soccer camps offer an outstanding opportunity to connect with Rolling Meadows' youth in a fun-filled setting. This past summer, however, made her realize that she's been watching "her kids" grow up before her very eyes.

"One of our campers, who participated in the program for several years, graduated high school and went off to college this fall on a scholarship," Dr. Nieves recalled with a combination of astonishment and pride. "We've been working closely with these youths for over six years. I've learned that, for many of them, being part of a structured summer camp is only possible because our Police Department runs these camps. It is truly rewarding to see their joy as they experience new adventures."

Grant Funding Expands 2019 Camp Programs

"New adventures" could have been the theme of this past summer's camp program, thanks to \$6,900 in grant monies received from the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant, along with funding received by Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows and partnerships with Rolling Meadows Park District, School District 15, and Boy Scouts of America, provided resources that allowed the Police Department to schedule additional events and activities for the kids. These included

trips to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago and a Chicago Fire Soccer game.

"The grant funding afforded us opportunities to do things we had not done before and expose our campers to new and unique experiences. That's what camp is all about," Dr. Nieves explained.

Camp Programs Help Forge Police/Resident Connections

RMPD's three-week summer camp was launched in 2013. The 10-week soccer camp, held two days per week, began the following year. The camps are part of the Police Department's ongoing efforts to engage with community members, build positive relationships with residents, and coordinate delivery of services to residents who need them.

"Camp offers another avenue to get more involved with families I know may be at risk," Dr. Nieves added. "Our goal is to understand the challenges residents are facing and empower them to access services that will solve problems. Social service programs hosted by a law enforcement agency have the potential to help reduce – even prevent – crime by strengthening the ties between police and the most vulnerable sectors of our community."

For more information on Police Department community outreach services, contact Dr. Nieves at nievesn@cityrm.org or 847-870-2636.



This Month in Rolling Meadows

October 1: **Economic Development Committee**, 6 pm; **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm, all at City Hall

October 3: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2 pm, City Hall

October 5: **Electronics Recycling/Document Destruction Event**, 9 am-12 pm, Public Works; **Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest**, 12-5 pm; **Duck Race**, 1 pm, both at Kimball Hill Park

October 8: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall

October 10: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1 pm, City Hall

October 12: **RMFD Open House**, 10 am-2 pm, 2455 Plum Grove Road

October 14: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9 am, City Hall

October 15: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

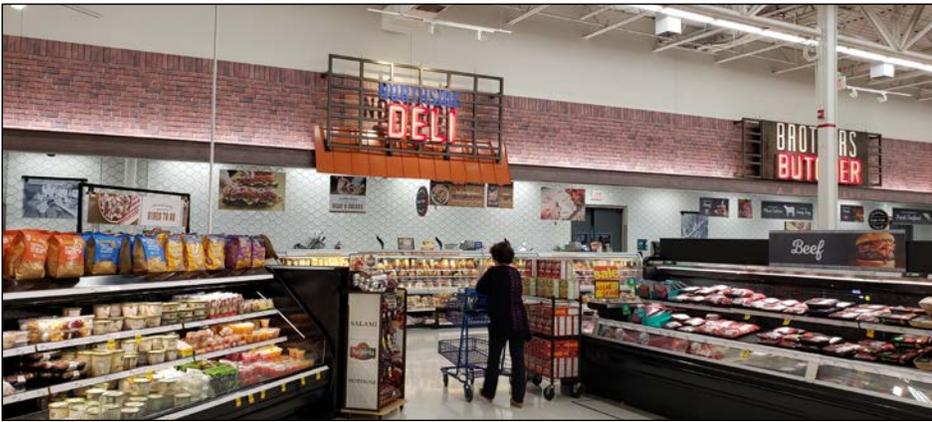
October 17 **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2 pm, City Hall

October 21: **Water bills due**; **Rolling Meadows Historical Society Annual Meeting**, 7 pm, Library

October 22: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm, City Hall

October 31: **Halloween (Trick or treat hours: 3-8 pm)**





Meijer Completes Three-Month Renovation

New signage, redesigned departments, and updated checkout lanes are among the upgrades greeting shoppers following a three-month, \$3.2 million interior renovation/remodeling of the Rolling Meadows Meijer.

The project also resurfaced the 200,000 sq. ft facility's parking lot. The store, located at 1301 Meijer Drive, has been a mainstay of the City's business community since it opened in 2004.



Photo Credit: Hangout Café

New 'Hangout' Joins City's Local Café Scene

Looking for something unique to satisfy your sweet tooth or sooth your caffeine itch? Check out the Hangout, Rolling Meadows' newest coffee and dessert café.

choices: organic coffees, teas, blended fruit smoothies, Bingsoo (Korean shaved ice), cakes, bubble waffles, and more.

Located at 1937 S. Plum Grove Road (in the Squire Court Shopping Center), Hangout offers customers a variety of menu

Hangout Café
1937 S. Plum Grove Road
Rolling Meadows

[Follow Hangout Café on Instagram](#)

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