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Community-wide events such as National Night Out (shown here in 2019) make their return to Rolling Meadows this summer!

ON TAP FOR SUMMER: CITY EVENTS & LIVE MUSIC

“Summer in the Meadows” continues in July, August, and into September with a series of engaging community events guaranteed to bring smiles to faces of all ages. Mark your calendars for these upcoming City celebrations:

July

- 9 **FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows** (featuring Rolling Stones cover band *Hot Rocks*): 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm @ Kimball Hill Park
- 17 **City Market**: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road).
- 31 **Police Department Family Night**: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm @ Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

August

- 3 **National Night Out**: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm @ RM Community Center.
- 13 **Wine-Down by the Creek**: 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm @ Kimball Hill Park. Featuring live performances by *Roots Rock Society* (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm) and *Semple* (8:00 pm – 10:00 pm).
- 28 **City Market**: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ Community Church.

September

- 7 **Senior Luncheon**: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm @ RM Community Center.
- 10 **FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows** (featuring cover group *Boy Band Review*): 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm @ Kimball Hill Park.
- 23 **Business & Community Showcase**: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ Meridian Banquet & Conference Center (1701 W. Algonquin Road).
- 25 **City Market**: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ Community Church.

For details and further updates, visit <https://cityrm.org/669/Community-Events> or the City’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows>).

CITY TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY, SUNDAY, JULY 4TH

“Fun in 2021” Independence Day Parade (11:30 am) – Catch the return of Rolling Meadows’ annual Independence Day Parade! The route begins at Rolling Meadows High School, travels north on Jay Lane to Grouse Lane, west on Grouse to Meadow Drive, north on Meadow to Kirchoff Road, and west on Kirchoff to Plaza Drive.

High-Flying Fireworks (9:15 pm) – Delight to a thrilling bombast of explosive colors and sound that shatters the quiet summer evening over Salk Park, as the City unleashes an expanded fireworks display to celebrate America’s 245th birthday.



Rolling Meadows’ annual Independence Day Parade returns Sunday, July 4th.

ART CONTEST

PUBLIC WORKS ART CONTEST TO SHOWCASE STRONGER TOGETHER SERVICE APPROACH

“Stronger Together” is the theme of a community art contest launched by the Department of Public Works to showcase its dedication to serving City residents and businesses.

Find the contest flyer and design page online at <https://cityrm.org/301/Public-Works>. The competition closes Monday, July 26th. Winners will be announced August 9th.

Winning entries will be displayed on banners at Public Works facilities and at select community events in 2022. The competition features two different age groups: 12 and under, and 13 – 18 years. Judges will select one winner from each category.



“This art contest is a way to ‘draw’ attention to the work that Public Works employees perform day-in and day-out – often behind the scenes,”

Public Works Director Rob Horne explained. “We are excited to see how our City’s young artists capture the range of services the Department provides – from refuse collection and snow removal to emergency management/preparedness and vehicle/building maintenance.”

Submit entries by U.S. Mail or in-person to the Department of Public Works (3900 Berdnick Street). Entries may also be submitted via email to Ryan Rivard (rivardr@cityrm.org).

For more information, call 847-963-0500 or follow Public Works on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Rolling-Meadows-Public-Works-110802890834874>).



Operation Wildhorse

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, CEREMONY HONOR NATION’S, CITY’S DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM

A “riderless” steed (above) representing the men and women who gave their lives in defense of this country was among those taking part in this year’s May 29th Memorial Day Parade.

The animal is part of Operation Wildhorse, a group that pairs veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with wild stallions.

Following the parade, residents, City officials, and state legislators gathered for a brief ceremony at the Carillon Tower. There, members of the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee (right) placed five wreaths – representing



each of the U.S. Armed Forces – at the base of the City’s Veterans Monument.

CITY BIDS FAREWELL TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSPECTION SUPERVISOR

Deputy Fire Chief Rick Acosta and Community Development Division Supervisor Keith Anderson retired in June with a combined 33 years of service to Rolling Meadows residents and businesses.



Rick Acosta

Deputy Fire Chief Acosta began his career with RMFD in 1993. He was a firefighter/paramedic for 22 years before being promoted to Lieutenant (2015), Battalion Chief (2018), and Deputy

Chief (2020). His successor is former Battalion Chief Pete Sutter, a 20-year RMFD member.

Anderson, a Plan Review and Inspection Supervisor, came to Rolling Meadows in 2015 after a long career in the construction trades and with DeKalb County.

Congratulations to both and best wishes for an enjoyable retirement!

Meet new Deputy Fire Chief Sutter in the August edition of eNews.

ROLLING MEADOWS' TOP 10 EMPLOYERS

Rolling Meadows' latest Top Employers list underscores the City's reputation as a "Great Place to do Business."

Member companies include global consumer electronics firms, an aerospace/defense contractor, national retailers, and leaders in the insurance, health, and employment sectors.

Combined, the list offers a glance at the wide variety of businesses – from



Arthur J. Gallagher, 2850 Golf Road

Fortune 500 companies to independent merchants – that call Rolling Meadows home.

Company	# of Employees
1. Northrop Grumman Corporation	2,380
2. Arthur J. Gallagher	2,000
3. Verizon Wireless	875
4. Advocate Physician Partners	378
5. Accurate Employment Screening	242
6. Walmart	220
7. RTC Industries	206
8. Meijer	205
9. Panasonic	205
10. A.H. Management Group	187

Data compiled by the City of Rolling Meadows (Dec 2020)

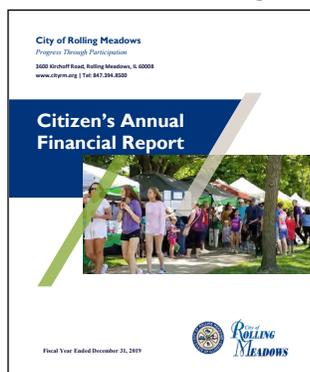
PAFR AWARD RECOGNIZES CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL REPORTING TRANSPARENCY

The Government Finance Officers Association has presented Rolling Meadows with an Outstanding Achievement Award for the City's 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher announced.

The award, more commonly known as the PAFR Award, recognizes governmental entities for their commitment to financial reporting transparency and public education on budget-related matters. GFOA reviewers praised the City's PAFR for its:

- Simple, logical format.
- Overall design/layout.
- Effective use of charts and graphs to highlight financial data.

Rolling Meadows' PAFRs are published online (<https://www.cityrm.org/233/financial-reports>) for public review – simply click the *Citizens Financial Report* link. They offer a brief analysis of City revenues and how those dollars are spent. The reports also provide an overview of local economic trends.



COUNCIL MEMBERS UNDERGO ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING

Rolling Meadows' mayor and City Council members underwent elected officials training in June, continuing a practice that takes place following the election of new City representatives.

The curriculum, led by City Attorney Melissa Wolf, offered valuable background information for all of Rolling Meadows' elected leaders on a variety of important topics. These include:

- Definition of a "Home Rule" Community.
- Overview of the City's Managerial form of government.
- Roles and responsibilities of elected officials.
- Potential conflicts of interest.
- Details of the Open Meetings Act.
- Roles and responsibilities of City boards/commissions.
- Collective bargaining.
- Robert's Rules of Order, which govern Council meetings (including open and closed sessions).
- Prohibited political activities.
- Available economic development tools (TIF Districts, Special Service Areas, etc.).
- Protocols for interacting with City staff/avoiding interference in day-to-day operational affairs.

"These training sessions provide a good overview of elected officials' duties, responsibilities and obligations, while also offering guidance for avoiding potential pitfalls," City Manager Barry Krumstok explained. "It's a way to help City leaders govern more effectively."



JULY 2021

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Due to ever-changing circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings and events may be held remotely or postponed for public health purposes. Find the latest updates on the City's website and on Facebook.</p>				1 Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm	2	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Parade, 11:30 am; Fireworks, 9:15 pm, Salk Park	5 INDEPENDENCE DAY (observed) City offices closed. Refuse collection delayed one day all week.	6 Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm	7	8 Adjudication Hearing 1 pm	9 Fridays ROCK!, 7 pm - 10 pm, Kimball Hill Park	10
11	12 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am Economic Development Committee, 6 pm	13 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	14	15 Adjudication Hearing, (Red Light), 2 pm	16	17 City Market, 10 am - 2 pm, Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road)
18	19	20 <i>Water Bills Due</i> Community Events Foundation, 6 pm City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26 Police Pension Board, 3:30 pm	27 Capital Projects Committee, 6:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	28	29	30 Cruise Night, 5 pm - 8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road)	31 Family Night with the RM Cops, 7 pm - 10 pm, Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive)

AUGUST 2021

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 National Night Out, 6 pm - 8:30 pm, Community Center	4 Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm	5 Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm	6	7 CornFest, 11 am - 7 pm, Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road)
8	9 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am Economic Development Committee, 6 pm	10 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	11	12 Adjudication Hearing, 1 pm	13 Wine-Down by the Creek, 6 pm - 11 pm, Kimball Hill Park	14
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29	30	31	 <p>WANT MORE NEWS? Access Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, <i>eNews</i>, published in February, April, June, August, October, and December, and archived at www.cityrm.org.</p>			

STREET BANNER SPONSORS RAISE NEARLY \$10,000 FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS FOUNDATION

Local businesses and community groups who purchased decorative street banners now hanging along Kirchoff Road and other high traffic areas across Rolling Meadows helped raise nearly \$10,000 for the City's Community Events Foundation (CEF).



The annual street banner program offers local companies and organizations a high-profile opportunity to market themselves while providing financial support to the CEF. Banners may be customized to feature a sponsor's name and/or logo.

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity whose mission is to provide financial support to Rolling Meadows' community events. It relies solely on tax-deductible contributions and gifts from donors. Learn more or make an online donation by visiting <https://cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation>.

ATS LIFE SCIENCES' \$5,000 DONATION TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AT CITY EVENTS

Brian Hartwig, Vice President of Business Integration at Rolling Meadows-based ATS Life Sciences, presents a \$5,000 check to Fire Chief Jeff Moxley as part of a community

health initiative launched by the company's Joint Health Safety Committee. The funding will be used in support of public safety initiatives at upcoming community events — everything from purchasing hand sanitizer to equipping first aid stations.

Learn more about ways to support upcoming events by visiting <https://cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation>.

2021 Street Banner Sponsors:

- Aerex Pest Control
- Aloft Hotel
- American Star Heating
- BEAR Construction
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Community Church of Rolling Meadows
- Complete Lawn & Snow Services
- Consumers Credit Union
- Edward Jones Investments
- Emerald Lawn Care
- Dr. Michael Errico, DDS
- Flood Brothers Disposal Co.
- Arthur J. Gallagher
- J&J Pavement Repairs
- JC Restoration
- JML Overhead Door
- Lakeshore Title Agency
- Maid Brigade
- Meet Chicago Northwest
- State Representative Thomas R. Morrison (R-54th)
- Northwest Suburban College
- Northwest Special Recreation Association
- Phoenix Builders
- Plum Creek Supportive Living
- Plum Grove Properties, LLC
- Rolling Meadows Historical Museum
- Roberta Williams Salon & Spa
- Spacelite
- Suburban Accents

STATE ENTERS PHASE 5; ONLINE TOOLS HELP RESIDENTS 'SHOP LOCAL'



It's a great time to support local restaurants and businesses, as Illinois moved into "Phase 5" (fully re-opened) on June 11th.

Everyone plays an important role. All customers – whether fully vaccinated or not – should continue to follow the latest public health guidelines (<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>) and observe/respect regulations put in place by individual businesses.

Meanwhile, Rolling Meadows offers a range of online resources to help residents "shop local" and keep sales tax dollars here at home:

RM Business Buzz (<https://rmbusinessbuzz.org>): Find great deals and special offers from a growing number of local businesses at the RM Business Buzz, a City-sponsored website that promotes areas companies. Simply click on the site's 'Special Offers' link to view and download coupons from participating businesses.

The site's navigation features allow users to search for over 750 businesses by name or view company listings organized into specific categories.

The "Buzz" also features local business profiles and listings of job openings at area companies.

New Business Listings (<https://cityrm.org/706/New-Businesses>): Keep track of new businesses that open their doors in Rolling Meadows. Listings include contact information and, in many cases, direct links to company websites.

Dining Guide (<https://cityrm.org/DocumentCenter/View/2586/Dining-Guide>): Find your next great taste by viewing a comprehensive listing of City-based restaurants and cafes.





GUEST COLUMN BY NICK BUDMATS, 2ND WARD ALDERMAN

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED

I lived in Rolling Meadows for over 20 years before attending my first City Council meeting. Soon after, I was appointed Ward 2 Alderman to fill a Council vacancy. In accepting that appointment, I realized that I had enjoyed the luxury of living in Rolling Meadows for many years. It was my turn to give back.

Today, I serve with people who possess various skill sets and experiences, but we are all working toward the same goal: helping to make Rolling Meadows a better place.

Maybe you are reading this as a long-time Rolling Meadows resident (or a relative newcomer) and realizing that you've never been to a City Council meeting. Take it from me: it's never too

late to jump into the pool. Are your talents, temperament, and point of view different than mine? Good! Let's balance each other out and work together for our City's common good.

You don't have to run for alderman. Maybe there's a committee or board that interests you. Maybe your chosen role is coming to Council meetings and asking good, honest questions of the current Council members. Maybe this short guest column has inspired you to become part of the process.

Our City motto, Progress thru Participation, is more than just words – it's a commitment. I look forward to serving alongside you in the future, as we both work to make Rolling Meadows a better place to live.

HOOT...THERE IT IS!

Rolling Meadows' May 29th City Market served as the ceremonial debut of community events mascot Kimball Hoot, who wasted no time introducing himself to Market attendees.

However, he was far from the only Market attraction: guests had their pick of freshly grown fruits and vegetables, kiddie train rides, live music, caricature drawings, and more.

For more information on upcoming City Markets, visit <https://cityrm.org/669/Community-Events>.



Meet Kimball Hoot at upcoming community events.



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U.S. FLAG ETIQUETTE

The U.S. Flag Code, adopted 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.
- Be hung 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.