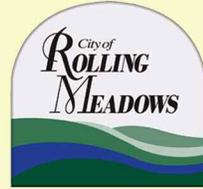




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'National Night Out' to Celebrate Community Spirit with Games, Entertainment, August 5th

Following six months of careful planning and preparation, the Rolling Meadows Police Department will welcome residents of all ages to National Night Out, a City-wide celebration featuring an evening of games, entertainment, community spirit and more.

The free event will take place Tuesday, August 5th, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive.

“National Night Out is the ultimate family-friendly event for strengthening the bond between police officers and the residents we serve,” Police Sergeant Tom Gadomski says. “It’s a great way to heighten awareness of local crime prevention efforts and provide valuable safety information in a setting where everyone enjoys themselves.”

Attractions will include:

- Spectacular aerial demonstrations by the Jesse White Tumblers.
- Free games and giveaways.



National Night Out will offer family-friendly activities for guests of all ages.



Stunning aerial demonstrations by the world famous Jesse White Tumblers will headline this year's National Night Out.

- Live entertainment.
- Complimentary snacks (while supplies last).
- Fireworks.
- Special appearances by Chicago Bears and Chicago Wolves mascots, “Staley Da Bear” and “Skates.”

In addition, vehicle displays showcasing equipment from the Rolling Meadows Fire and Public Works Departments will help residents learn more about the important City services each provides.

Members of Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers took a leading role in developing this year’s program. Meanwhile, local businesses and community organizations generously contributed more than \$4,000 to offset event costs (see page 3).

“Based on the support received from local organizations and the dedication of our volunteers, it looks like this year’s National Night Out will be the best one yet!” Sgt. Gadomski says. “Look forward to seeing everyone there!”

Mark Your Calendar

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 5th
6 – 8:30 p.m.

Rolling Meadows Community Center
3705 Pheasant Drive

Alderman James Larsen Resigns Council Seat



James Larsen

Mayor Tom Rooney is seeking applicants from 7th Ward residents to complete the term of Alderman James Larsen, who resigned from the City Council at

its July 22nd meeting. The current term expires in 2015. Larsen, who was first elected to the City Council in 2007, is moving to another community and must step down.

Residents who are interested in representing the 7th Ward should submit a letter or email outlining their qualifications to Mayor Rooney by August 15th. Send correspondence to mayor@cityrm.org:

Mayor Tom Rooney
City of Rolling Meadows
3600 Kirchoff Road
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A star-spangled banner topped this Independence Day float, prepared by Rolling Meadows firefighters.

City Celebrates America's Independence with Pride!

Rolling Meadows' annual Independence Day Parade featured a heaping dose of American Pride, showcasing the community's love of country through colorful floats, vintage cars, and performances by local dance troupes and marching bands. Later that evening, residents were treated to an explosive fireworks display in Salk Park.



Classic American muscle cars "revved" up parade-goers.



Marching bands from around the area added plenty of "stomp" to the festivities...



...while the sounds of bagpipes drifted over the landscape.

August 2nd Community Bike Ride to Bring 'Pedal Power' to Rolling Meadows

A Police Department-sponsored Community Bike Ride, set for Saturday, August 2nd, will let residents experience the City's bike paths and green spaces in a whole new way, Police Chief Dave Scanlan reports.

Riders of all ages will gather at Fratello's Hot Dogs (3301 Kirchoff Road) between 6 and 7 p.m., then proceed along a pre-determined route through the center of town.

Fratello's will provide free ice cream to all Community Bike Ride participants.

"The Community Bike Ride is designed to encourage residents to take advantage of Rolling Meadows' extensive bike path

system," Chief Scanlan says. "It's also a great way to promote the importance of bike safety and physical activity."



Held just three days before National Night Out (Tuesday, August 5), the Community Bike Ride also serves as a celebration of community pride, and further cements the bond between police officers and the residents they serve.

For details, contact Marina Sullivan at sullivanm@cityrm.org or 847-870-2698.

Annual Audit, Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Set Stage for 2015 Budget Discussions

By Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director



Following the annual review of City finances earlier this year by independent auditors, August begins a four-month period of review and discussion between City Council and staff on development of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 budget.

The audit, completed in April, confirmed that Rolling Meadows' financial and accounting procedures meet recognized industry standards of excellence for transparency and accuracy. I invite residents to review the auditor's report, which is part of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). It's available online at www.cityrm.org.

From a practical standpoint, the audit confirmed that the City's financial strength continues to improve and that our financial projections remain on the mark. This gives us a clear understanding of the available resources we expect to have heading into next year. That information will be used to craft a 2015 budget that delivers the high levels of services our residents expect while further solidifying the City's financial position.

The next piece of the puzzle is the five-

year Capital Improvement Plan, which City Council and staff will discuss during the August 19th Committee of the Whole meeting. Our goal will be to review proposed infrastructure improvements that have been on the radar for some time, and determine those that should be considered for next year's budget.

The City's long-term approach to identifying opportunities for infrastructure improvements helps us anticipate potential costs well in advance of any required work. It also provides plenty of time for us to seek alternative funding sources, such as state or federal grants, to limit use of residents' tax dollars.

One recent high-profile example of how the five-year capital improvement planning process benefits Rolling Meadows is the \$5.3 million Golf Road and New Wilke reconstruction project, which was funded almost entirely with state and federal grants. Another is the rebuilt Commuter Drive, which was finished last month. That project was completed with \$1.8 million in federal highway funding.

City staff will take the Council's input on the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan and incorporate it into a preliminary draft of next year's budget. That draft will be presented in September. Council members will approve the final 2015 budget in December.

'Best Truckin' BBQ' Helps Local Food Truck Build Customer Base

Over the last four months, Rolling Meadows resident Jim Feltman has been spreading the barbecue gospel. He has helped a growing number of customers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area develop a taste for the "Best Truckin' BBQ," the cleverly-named food truck Feltman has managed since it hit the road this past April.

Owned and operated by Deli Time, which runs a large number of restaurant/cafeterias based at commercial office properties in Chicago and the suburbs, the food truck is constantly on the road seeking to gain new "barbecue converts."

"We go anywhere and everywhere in our efforts to meet new people and grow our customer base," Feltman explains. "We've been to Aurora, Algonquin, Northbrook, Chicago and everywhere in between."

Feltman says that the truck has a busy schedule of corporate office and private event appearances booked during the week. On evenings and weekends, it participates in a variety of community events and festivals. That includes Rolling Meadows' own "Farmers & Food Trucks" series, which will next take place Saturday, August 23rd, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the City Hall parking lot.

"We love being part of the City's Farmers & Food Trucks program," Feltman says. "It's a terrific event that continues to gain momentum. Best of all, I enjoy being able to serve great food to my fellow residents."

The mainstays of Best Truckin' BBQ's menu are pulled pork and pulled chicken sandwiches, served on brioche roll or pretzel bread, with spiced pomegranate or apple cider bourbon barbecue sauce. Mini "sliders" of each sandwich are also available.

Popular side dishes include cilantro lime cole slaw, pepper jack mac & cheese, and a southern style hushpuppy served with roasted red pepper aioli.

"The hushpuppy is, literally, one of the best things I've ever tasted," Feltman adds.

Feltman joined Deli Time earlier this year to take charge of its new food truck business, after spending five years as an area training manager for an iconic global restaurant chain. A graduate of Northern Illinois University who grew up in neighboring Arlington Heights, he began his career managing a local Greek family restaurant.

"I have always enjoyed the restaurant business, but I wanted to take on new responsibilities and develop new skills," Feltman explains. "Food trucks offer



Hungry customers line up at the "Best Truckin' BBQ" food truck at a recent Farmers & Food Trucks event.

unique challenges and opportunities. It's been great fun so far," he adds.

Feltman says that it usually takes customers some time to recognize that the food truck's name is a subtle play-on-words.

"So many customers have received their orders, then returned five or 10 minutes later to tell us they just figured it out," he says with a laugh. "The response to our food – and our name – has been overwhelmingly positive."

For more information on Best Truckin' BBQ, visit www.besttruckinbbq.com, or follow Feltman and his team on Facebook and Twitter.

Employees Michael Dean, Jerry Shanahan Retire Following 59 Years of City Service

Rolling Meadows lost a combined 59 years of customer service experience this summer, following the retirements of longtime Public Works employees Michael Dean and Jerry Shanahan.



Michael Dean

Dean served as the City's utility inspector, helping to ensure that work performed on the City's behalf by outside contractors met Rolling Meadows' standards for quality. He also served as a maintenance technician and snow plow driver during his 34 years with Public Works.

"Mike always put the needs of residents first," explains Assistant Public Works Director Bob Hartnett. "No matter the

weather or the time of day he might be called out to work, his motto was always, "Whatever it takes."

Shanahan retired as the City's fire apparatus mechanic, but also served as patrol car mechanic, heavy truck mechanic, electrician and welder during his 25 years of service.

"Jerry played a large role in keeping the City's vehicle fleet – everything from Public Works equipment to patrol cars and fire engines – in great shape," Hartnett adds. "We all admired and respected his ingenuity, and his dedication to serving Rolling Meadows residents."



Jerry Shanahan



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- Smile Nails
- Stadium Sports Club & Pizza
- State Farm (Ken Bobbe)

*As of July 21st

City Helps Local Businesses Celebrate Grand Openings, Milestones

City officials have been very busy this summer, helping several Rolling Meadows companies celebrate grand openings and other important milestones.

Allstate Insurance, 3338 Kirchoff Road – Mayor Tom Rooney (with scissors) and 2nd Ward Alderman Len Prejna (far right) welcomed Jason Lensink (center) and his team of agents to downtown Rolling Meadows.



Krakovski Market, 2122 Plum Grove Road – Mayor Rooney and 3rd Ward Alderman Laura Majikes (second from right) joined Krakowski Market owners Greg and Wiesia Palka, and their son, Kayetan, for a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and grand opening at this authentic Polish deli and market.



Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa, 1215 Golf Road – Alderman Majikes and Mayor Rooney celebrated with director of operations Cydney Muti (center) and several staff members on the spa's first day of operations.



Suburban Accents, 3701 Berdnick Street – Suburban Accents celebrated 40 years of service as a Rolling Meadows-based business. Mayor Rooney (center) and 5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger (in white shirt) joined multiple generations of this family-owned business to mark the occasion.



Rolling Meadows' growing business community provides City residents with great value, variety and convenience. Shopping locally also boosts sales tax revenues that reduce reliance on residents' property tax dollars to fund City services.

911 Callers Play Important Role in Delivery of Emergency Services



Rolling Meadows firefighter/paramedics train constantly to ensure they are ready to provide the fastest, most effective fire and emergency medical services, but residents' ability to relay important information to emergency dispatchers is essential in situations where seconds may mean the difference between life and death, Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote reports.

“As a member of the Northwest Central Dispatch System, Rolling Meadows benefits from having highly-trained emergency dispatchers ready to serve residents at a moment's notice,” he says. “The information 911 callers provide to dispatchers plays a key role in our ability to deliver rapid emergency services and save lives.”

With the Fire Department's benchmark response goal of four to six minutes for all calls, there is no “time” for confusion.

Emergency responders need clear, concise information from the dispatchers who collect vital real-time information from emergency callers. “Residents who call 911 are our eyes and ears until firefighter/paramedics arrive,” Fire Chief Franzgrote adds. “The more information callers can provide dispatchers, the more effective we will be once we get to the scene.”

To help speed response times in emergency situations, residents calling 911 are encouraged to:

- **Remain Calm** – Speak slowly and provide necessary information to dispatchers, including the nature of the emergency, the address of the emergency and the caller's phone number. With this information, dispatchers can immediately notify the appropriate emergency responders.

Using a cell phone to call 911 presents its own challenges. That's because, unlike home phones (land lines), cell phones do

not transmit a caller's address to dispatchers' computers. In these situations, dispatchers rely on callers to provide accurate information on the location and type of emergency.

- **Clearly Display Home Addresses** – A home's address should be clearly visible from the street. Multi-family complexes, such as townhome and apartment units, should be easily identifiable.
- **Maintain Current Address with VoIP Service Providers** – Residents whose phone services are Internet-based (Voice-over-Internet, or VoIP) should make sure their address is on file with their provider. In rare situations, 911 calls may be answered by the service provider and must be rerouted to the appropriate local dispatch center.

For more information, visit the Northwest Central Dispatch System's Website, www.nwcds.org, or call the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352.

Meadows' Community Garden in Full Bloom

Rolling Meadows' Community Garden is thriving, with a wide variety of tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables and flowers being grown by 5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger and several residents who have joined the project during its first year.



Fresh tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables are now growing at the City's Community Garden.

Located along the banks of Salt Creek, behind the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center on Kirchoff Road, the garden project was spearheaded by Alderman Banger as a way for residents to learn more about how to grow healthy, natural foods.

According to the garden's Website, www.rmcommunitygarden.com, community gardens were first established in 1917, during World War I, and were referred to as Victory Gardens. "Today, they are built and used by those interested in gardening, community involvement, and neighborhood improvement," the Website says.

For more information on Rolling Meadows' Community Garden, contact Alderman Banger at jrbanger@att.net. Residents may also submit requests for information via the garden's Website.

Financial Website Ranks Rolling Meadows Among Top Five Fastest-Growing Cities

The City of Rolling Meadows is one of the fastest-growing cities in Illinois, according to an analysis of 119 communities conducted by Nerdwallet.com, a financial and investment information Website.

Nerdwallet analysts based their findings on data such as population growth and employment growth that occurred between 2009 and 2012. The study reports that Rolling Meadows' population grew 8.4% during that time, and overall employment rose by more than 4%.

The City's No. 5 ranking compares favor-



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ably to neighboring communities, including Arlington Heights (20th), Mount Prospect (28th), Palatine (56th) and Schaumburg (84th).

Nerdwallet (www.nerdwallet.com) offers "data-driven, impartial information to help you make solid decisions about the money you work hard to earn," its Website states.

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Berma Capital Corp. –

Financial broker

3501 Algonquin Rd. #534
(847-818-1770)

Hand and Stone Massage & Facial Spa

1215 Golf Rd.
(847-770-1066)

Leico Enterprises –

Sunglasses & accessories (online sales)
5410 Newport Dr. #35
(847-650-2213)

Mental Health & Deafness Resources,

Inc. – School for deaf children

1941 Rohlwing Rd. Suite A
(847-509-8260)

Success Learning Center –

Tutoring & coaching center
1600 Golf Rd. #1200
(312-371-3694)

Widin Inc. –

Cutting tools (sales & distribution office)
1801 Hicks Rd. Suite B
(847-947-8320)

This Month in Rolling Meadows

August 1st – Cruise Night, 6 – 8:30 p.m., **Cinema Under the Stars: Frozen**, dusk, both at 2401 Kirchoff Rd.

August 2nd – CornFest, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Community Church, 2720 Kirchoff Rd., **Community Bike Ride**, 7 p.m., Fratello's Hot Dogs, 3301 Kirchoff Rd. (Riders begin gathering at 6 p.m.)

August 5th – National Night Out, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Dr.

August 5th – Environmental Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall

August 7th – Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 p.m., City Hall

August 8th – Cruise Night, 6 – 8:30 p.m., 2401 Kirchoff Road, **Duck Race**, 7 p.m., **Flick & Float: Despicable Me 2**, 8:30 p.m., both at the Nelson Sports Complex Pool

August 11th – Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 a.m., City Hall

August 12th – Crime Stoppers, 5:30 p.m., **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., both at City Hall

August 13th – Urban Affairs Committee, 5:45 p.m., City Hall

August 14th – Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall

August 15th – Cruise Night, 6 – 8:30 p.m., 2401 Kirchoff Rd.

August 19th – City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

August 20th – Water bills due

August 21st – Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 p.m., City Hall

August 22nd – Cruise Night, 6 – 8:30 p.m., 2401 Kirchoff Rd.

August 23rd – Farmers and Food Trucks, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., City Hall

August 26th – City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

August 29th – Cruise Night, 6 – 8:30 p.m., 2401 Kirchoff Rd.

Fire Department's New Operational Guidelines Emphasize Regional Approach to Service

Rolling Meadows firefighters in June gained hands-on experience with a new, unified fire ground operational guideline (FOG) that represents a significant step forward in the delivery of regional fire and emergency services, Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote reports.

The FOG, developed jointly by the Rolling Meadows Fire Department, Palatine Fire Department and Palatine Rural Fire Protection District, combines each department's operational procedures into one streamlined set of service guidelines. It creates a uniform set of standards that clearly define the responsibilities of all units responding to emergencies.

"Our automatic aid agreements with surrounding departments means that, sometimes, the first firefighters or paramedics arriving at an emergency scene may be from another community," Chief Franzgrote explains. "The new operational guidelines we have developed with Palatine and Palatine Rural have been specifically designed to help us work together as a cohesive unit to provide the highest levels of services to our residents, improve firefighter safety, and create additional operational efficiencies that save taxpayers money."



A firefighter runs hose lines during fire suppression training scenarios.



Crews conduct search and rescue operations during June's training drills.

Firefighters gained experience with the new operational guideline in June, during a series of multi-department training scenarios at a vacant house in Palatine that is scheduled for demolition later this year.

Smoke machines provided realistic conditions for firefighters, who practiced home fire response tactics, fire suppression and search and rescue operations.

"The multi-department training helped get firefighters from each department on the same page and gain experience with the new operational guidelines," explains RMFD Battalion Chief Marty Kerrins, who helped organize the training sessions. "Every firefighter and every piece of apparatus from the three departments was involved in the June training evolutions. They were extremely valuable in helping our firefighters gain hands-on experience with the concepts they have been studying in the classroom for the past several months."

Chief Franzgrote says the joint operational guidelines will be evaluated regularly to reflect the latest research into fire behavior. The three departments are currently developing additional operational guidelines for other scenarios, such as larger commercial structure fires.

City's Handyman Program Helps Seniors with Minor Household Repairs

Rolling Meadows' Senior Handyman Program helps senior citizens ages 65 and up access the services of a fully trained, trustworthy handyman to perform minor household repairs at a market rate of \$35 per hour or less, depending on seniors' income.



Handyman Tom Thompson has been the face of the program since 2001. He has helped a lot of seniors over the past 13 years with everything from fixing leaky faucets and replacing light fixtures to gutter cleaning and repairs.

"I've enjoyed helping make life a bit easier for senior residents over the years," Thompson, a 26-year Rolling Meadows resident, explains. "My customers know that I'm here to help, and that they will be treated fairly. I think it provides them with a level of comfort they may not necessarily get elsewhere."

To benefit from the Senior Handyman Program, contact Community Development at 847-506-6030 to determine income-based hourly rates. Seniors may then contact Thompson directly at 847-870-7751 or tomthehandyman@att.net to schedule appointments.

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

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