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Guests explore a law enforcement vehicle display at a past year's community block party.

EVENT SEASON BEGINS!

JUNE TO BEGIN AN EVENTFUL SEASON IN ROLLING MEADOWS

Welcome to community events season in Rolling Meadows, where this year's slate of activities kicks off in June with two "can't miss" attractions!

Community Block Party (between Barker Ave. & Jay Ln.)

Friday, June 10th, 5:30 – 9:30 pm

Celebrate summer with an action-packed, family-friendly evening – along with thousands of your closest friends and neighbors – during this National Night Out-affiliated event.

Highlights will include a first responder vehicle show; food trucks and local vendors; rollover car simulator (courtesy of the Illinois State Police); K9 team demonstration featuring Rolling Meadows Police Officer Chris Don and his four-legged partner, Scar; live performances by [Feel Good Party Band](#) and [Sixteen Candles](#); and much more!

Friday's ROCK! & Roll in Meadows (at Kimball Hill Park)

Friday, June 17th, 5:30 – 10:00 pm

Enjoy a "double dose" of the best live music around, with performances by [Roger That](#) ("California surf, British invasion, American rockabilly") at 5:30 pm, and [The Student Body](#) ("party anthems from the 80s, 90s, and now") at 7:30 pm.

Those who attend this summer's *Fridays ROCK!* concerts will enjoy more live music at each show, as the City partners with Rolling Meadows Park District to double the number of bands scheduled to perform at each event. Other shows will take place July 15th and September 9th.

Visit www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events for a complete listing of City events planned throughout 2022.

EXPLORE PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS/SERVICES AT JUNE 4TH OPEN HOUSE

The Public Works Department's June 4th Open House is a chance for residents to learn more about Department operations and explore the remarkable variety of services it provides to the community.

Drop by the Department's 3900 Berdnick Street facility anytime between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm for:

- Live demonstrations that showcase Department operations.
- Q&A sessions with Public Works employees.
- Touch-a-Truck.
- Free food and refreshments (*while supplies last*).
- Prizes and giveaways.

"Department employees are excited to showcase our operations and eager to get to know our residents a little bit better," explained Utilities Supervisor Ryan Rivard. "We think our guests will have a lot of fun and, in the process, gain a more detailed understanding of how Public Works helps make Rolling Meadows a great place to call home."

For more information, call Public Works at 847-963-0500.



Public Works provides a range of services both above and beneath ground.

CITY WELCOMES NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR



Molly Talkington

Molly Talkington, a municipal finance professional with nearly 20 years of professional experience, began the next phase of her career on April 30th as Rolling Meadows' new Finance Director.

Talkington started as a budget analyst in Naperville and spent the previous three years with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning as a Finance Principal. She served multiple communities in between, including Glenview, Champaign, DeKalb, and East Dundee.

Diversified Experience

"Molly brings an impressive, multi-faceted background to the Finance Director position," City Manager Rob Sabo explained. "That experience will serve Rolling Meadows well as she helps build on our proven record of excellence to further enhance the City's financial well-being."

Talkington was drawn to Rolling Meadows in part by its warm "neighborhood feel." From a professional perspective, she was intrigued by the chance to work for a stable community with a strong financial footing.

"I'm happy to be here and look forward to working with City Council and staff to build on Rolling Meadows' already impressive record of achievement," she explained.

"Everyone here really knows their stuff. Rolling Meadows' solid financial position and reputation are the tangible results of that."

Support Economic Development

Talkington is also excited to explore ways for the Finance Department to be more involved in supporting the City's economic development initiatives.



2020 'TRIPLE CROWN' DESIGNATION RECOGNIZES CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL REPORTING EXCELLENCE



For the second consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded its

Triple Crown designation to Rolling Meadows in recognition of the City's commitment to financial/budgetary reporting excellence.

The Triple Crown, presented last year to fewer than 300 communities across the country – approximately 25 in the state of Illinois – certifies that Rolling Meadows earned all three of the GFOA's budgeting and financial transparency awards in fiscal year 2020. They include the:

- **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting:** demonstrates a commitment to budgetary transparency and the highest accounting standards.
- **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award:** certifies that an organization meets or exceeds all nationally accepted guidelines for effective budget presentation.
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR):** recognizes governmental entities for their commitment to financial transparency and public education on budget-related matters.

According to the GFOA, Triple Crown recipients are committed to "producing annual reports that evidence the spirit of full disclosure and transparency."

"Earning the Triple Crown two years in a row re-affirms Rolling Meadows' 30-plus year commitment to embracing

the highest standards of governmental budgeting and accounting," Finance Director Molly Talkington explained.

Reputation for Excellence

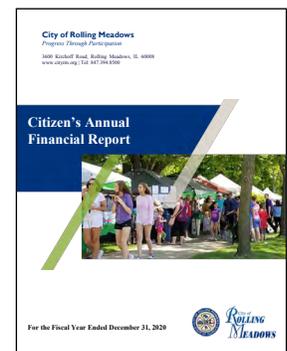
The 2020 awards are the latest municipal accounting accolades presented to Rolling Meadows and reflect the City's decades-long reputation for financial reporting excellence.

It has earned the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since 1985 (35 consecutive years) and is a six-time recipient of the association's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award."

Reports Available Online

Residents may review a range of Rolling Meadows financial reports online by visiting www.cityrm.org/233/Financial-Reports. PAFRs, in particular, offer a brief analysis of city revenues/expenditures and also provide an overview of local economic trends. These may be found by clicking the page's "Citizens Financial Report" link.

For more information on Rolling Meadows Finance Department operations, visit www.cityrm.org/221/Finance-Department.



'AUTOMATED' REFUSE/RECYCLING SERVICE TO BEGIN AUGUST 1ST

Two-Cart Program will Enhance Collection Operations & Customer Convenience

Rolling Meadows' new "automated" refuse and recycling collection program that takes effect August 1st will upgrade weekly refuse collection operations, enhance customer convenience, and improve employee safety – all while continuing to provide the same great service residents have come to expect.

Following are important dates and program details:

New Refuse/Trash Cart (Green Top)

Current recycling carts (35- or 65-gallon) with a green top will be repurposed for household refuse/garbage during the week of July 25th.

July 25th – 29th

- Continue to use this cart for recycling during that week.
- Public Works crews will affix a "TRASH ONLY" sticker to the green top of the cart.
- Please leave carts at the curb until the "TRASH ONLY" sticker has been applied.

August 1st & Beyond

- Please continue to follow the City's refuse/trash guidelines when placing materials outside the cart.
- Customers may continue to place additional garbage bags at the curb on heavy trash days/if the cart is filled.



Current recycling carts (green top) will be used for trash beginning August 1st.

New Recycling Cart (Yellow Top)

New 65-gallon carts provided by the City's recycling contractor, Flood Brothers, will be delivered at no charge to homeowners during the last week of July.

- New carts are for recyclable materials beginning Monday, August 1st.
- Please continue following the City's/Flood Brothers recycling guidelines when placing materials outside the cart for collection.

Retrofit City Refuse Trucks

Rolling Meadows' approved 2022 budget includes \$115,000 to upgrade Public Works' fleet of refuse vehicles. City leaders expect to realize multiple benefits from automated collection operations, which may be performed with just one employee per vehicle. These include:

1. Reduced staff time devoted to refuse collection.
2. Lower risk of employee injury/worker's compensation claims.
3. Expanded opportunities for employee cross-training/rotation.
4. Less refuse debris caused by animals breaking into garbage bags.
5. Decreased operational costs.

Residents with questions about the City's automated refuse collection program should contact Public Works (847-963-0500).



New recycling carts (yellow top) will be delivered at no charge in late July.

ASK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ask Community Development is a periodic feature that provides answers to common questions customers may have about Community Development Division operations and services.



Q. How long does it take to get a building permit?

A. It depends on the project. Some residential projects, such as roofs, siding, furnaces, air conditioners, windows, and water heaters, are done right over the counter.

Basic projects, including decks, patios, sheds, and driveways, need to be reviewed. That process may take anywhere from 5 - 10 business days.

Larger projects – remodels or additions, for example – take more time to review (approx. 10-15 business days). For more complex projects, or those that involve plumbing, we may ask the help of an outside consultant. In those situations, it can take 15 – 20 business days to complete the project review.

Community Development is able to issue permits once reviews are approved.

For more information, visit www.cityrm.org/169/Permits-Inspections or call 847-506-6030.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

6/2: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2:00 pm

6/4: **Public Works Open House**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, 3900 Berdnick St.

6/6: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

6/7: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

6/9: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1:00 pm

6/10: **Community Block Party**, 5:30 – 9:30 pm, Central Road (Barker Ave. & Jay Ln.)

6/13: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am

6/14: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

6/16: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2:00 pm

6/17: **Friday's ROCK! & Roll in Meadows**, 5:30 – 10:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park

6/19: **Father's Day**

6/20: **Water bills due**

6/21: **Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm; **First Day of Summer**

6/23: **Blood Drive**, 1:00 – 7:00 pm. Call 877-258-4825 to schedule an appointment.

6/28: **Veterans Committee**, 6:00 pm; **Capital Projects Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm



Photo: Lin Hartnett

Decorated floats and specialty vehicles are highlights of Rolling Meadows' annual Independence Day parade.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & FIREWORKS TO SHOWCASE CITY'S GREAT AMERICAN SPIRIT

Independence Day is fast approaching! Now's the time for community members to register for the City's Independence Day Parade – a star-spangled opportunity to showcase our community's American spirit – set for 11:30 am on Monday, July 4th.

Complete the parade application available on the City's website (www.cityrm.org) by Monday, June 20th, to secure a spot in this year's event.

Parade Floats & Decorated Vehicles

City leaders invite residents, businesses, community groups, schools, and other local organizations to build amazing floats and specialty vehicles; decorate bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers; and more.

The parade will begin at Rolling Meadows High School. Participants will head west on Central Road to Owl Drive, proceed north on Owl to Kirchoff Road, and turn east on Kirchoff before ending at the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

Fireworks at Salk Park

Later that evening, residents will gather at the Rolling Meadows Community Center and Salk Park to experience the City's star-spangled fireworks display. The "rockets' red glare" will begin at dusk (around 9:15 p.m.)

For more information, contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager (ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500 x 1002).

CITY WATER MEETS ALL EPA STANDARDS

Rolling Meadows drinking water in 2021 again met all health and safety standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to the City's latest Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that provides information on the source and quality of the water used by residents and businesses.

The full 2021 report will be available for public review on Rolling Meadows' website by June 30th at

www.cityrm.org/Archive.aspx?A-DID=8187. Posting the CCR online helps streamline the process of delivering this information to water customers, which is required by law.

Customers who would like to receive a printed version of the report, once it is complete, may contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.



June 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

CITY TO REBUILD OR RESURFACE 12 RESIDENTIAL STREETS THIS SUMMER

Rolling Meadows' 2022 Streets Program will include complete reconstruction of eight residential streets west of Plum Grove Road and resurface four others in an area bounded by Euclid Avenue, Wilke Road, Central Road, and Meadow Drive.

The "reconstruction" component of this year's program will complete a project that began last year to rebuild roads throughout the Plum Tree subdivision.

Fast-Track Reconstruction Schedule

Following City Council's request to help minimize the inconveniences of a multi-year project on area residents, staff members developed a plan to defer some scheduled resurfacing projects and instead use those savings to fast-track the Plum Tree reconstruction project. Work will now be completed in two years instead of three, as originally planned.

"Council members agreed that the accelerated construction schedule would reduce impacts on Plum Tree residents, based on the project's large scope," explained Assistant Public Works Director Jo Ellen Charlton. "After review and discussion with staff, they approved a one-

time transfer of funds from the resurfacing program to achieve that goal."

The City will also apply \$800,000 in state grant funding, available through the Rebuild Illinois program, to cover more than two-thirds of the program's \$1.1 million cost. The remainder will come from local road funds included in the City's approved 2022 budget.



Weather permitting, construction is scheduled for completion this fall.

Revised Resurfacing Program

City Council also approved a contract for a revised resurfacing program in the amount of \$871,000.

Initial plans to include South Street and South Court in this year's resurfacing program have been deferred, in response to bid pricing coming in higher than originally estimated.

Work is tentatively scheduled for completion in late August.

Follow the status of infrastructure upgrade projects taking place throughout the City by visiting the [Construction Projects](#) page on Rolling Meadows' website (www.cityrm.org).

'BUZZ' WEBSITE SUPPORTS LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Residents who prefer to shop close to home will find great deals and promotions from area businesses on the [RM Business Buzz](#), a City-sponsored website that makes it simpler than ever to support local businesses.

The Buzz lists more than 760 Rolling Meadows-based companies, retail shops, and restaurants. Users may search for specific companies by name or industry.

"We've made it easier and more convenient for residents to find a wide variety of goods and services available right here in Rolling Meadows," explained Business Advocate Martha Corner. "Users who click on the site's 'Special Offers' link can view and download coupons," she added.

The "Buzz" site also features:

- In-depth profiles of local business.
- Local business news, including accolades, awards, and milestones.
- Links to the City's quarterly *Business Messenger* newsletter.
- New business listings.
- Upcoming community events and programs information.
- Job openings at area companies.

Learn more at www.rmbusinessbuzz.org.

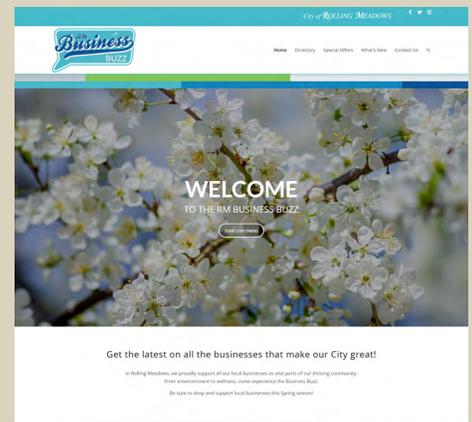
REBUILD

Alder Court
 Croftwood Court
 Edgewood Court
 Green Meadow Court

Heather Court
 Kimberry Court
 Mayberry Court
 Plum Tree Lane

RESURFACE

Dove Street (from St. James to Campbell)
 Eastman Street (from Meadow to Dove)
 Jay Lane (from Hawk to Central)
 Wing Street (from Meadow to Dove)





The City's leash ordinance helps protect residents and their four-legged companions.

KEEP DOGS ON LEASHES TO AVOID POLICE CITATION

Rolling Meadows police officers will ticket dog owners who do not have their pets leashed in public areas, Police Chief John Nowacki reports.

"We continue to receive complaints of unleashed dogs in parks and other public spaces," he explained. "Police officers who encounter unleashed dogs are empowered to issue a cita-

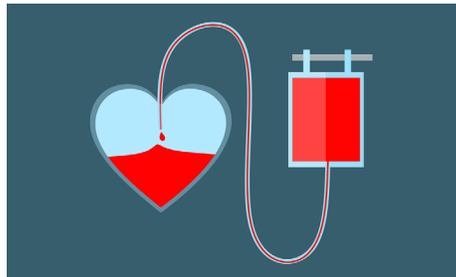
tion to the dog's owner, but we'd prefer it not come to that.

"As a dog owner myself, I encourage other owners to follow City ordinances and keep their dogs on a leash. The regulations are designed to protect both residents and the animals themselves," he added.

HELP SAVE LIVES AT CITY'S JUNE 23RD BLOOD DRIVE

Rolling Meadows and Vitalant will host a community blood drive on

Thursday, June 23rd, 1:00 – 7:00 pm, at City Hall.



Contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or visit www.vitalant.org (search for code ORD0RM98) to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Vitalant's website also provides information on the critical need for blood donations and a schedule of upcoming area blood drives.

SUPPORT CITY'S COMMUNITY EVENTS FOUNDATION

Financial support for the City's community events is provided by the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations from residents and local businesses.

Supporters may also make checks payable to *Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation* and send them to:

City of Rolling Meadows
Community Events Foundation
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008



To contribute, please visit the [Community Events Foundation](#) page on Rolling Meadows' website or scan the QR code at left.



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8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday - Friday

MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor Joe Gallo 847-814-9271
- 1st Ward Alderman
- Karen McHale. 773-517-3873
- 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
- Mandy Reyez 847-209-5435
- 7th Ward Alderman
- Lara Sanoica. 847-770-3097
- City Manager
- Rob Sabo 847-394-8500

SERVICES

- Fire & Police Emergency 911
- Fire Non-emergency. 847-397-3352
- Police Non-emergency. 847-255-2416
- Community Development. 847-506-6030
- Finance/Utility Billing 847-394-8500
- Public Works. 847-963-0500
- Senior Handyman Program 847-506-6030
- Crime Stoppers 847-590-7867
- ComEd 1-800-EDISON-1

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INQUIRE ABOUT CITY SERVICES

Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

- Administration**
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