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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUGUST 2ND



Public safety vehicle displays are among many family-friendly National Night Out activities that highlight community partnerships between police and residents.

POPULAR EVENT TO SPOTLIGHT CRIME PREVENTION, CELEBRATE BONDS BETWEEN POLICE AND RESIDENTS

Celebrate the bonds between Rolling Meadows police officers and the community they serve Tuesday, August 2nd, when the Police Department hosts National Night Out – one of the City’s most popular community events.

This year’s festivities will take place 6:00 – 8:30 pm, at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

“National Night Out is designed to heighten awareness of local crime prevention efforts and promote valuable safety information in a setting where everyone can enjoy themselves,” Police Chief John Nowacki explained. “I invite everyone to join us for what is sure to be a fun-filled evening of community spirit and camaraderie.”

Family-Friendly Activities

This year’s NNO will feature an action-packed array of activities and entertainment for residents of all-ages. Highlights will include:

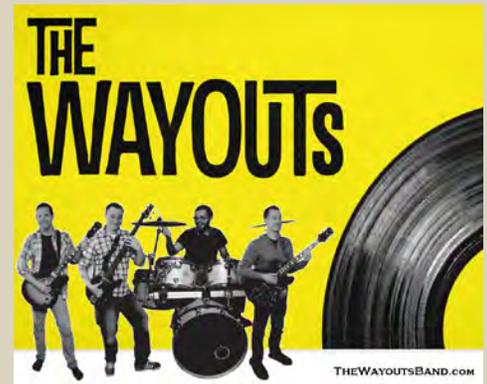
- Helicopter candy drop,
- Silvi Circus Arts (acrobatic dance performance),
- Blue Paw Dunkers (performance basketball),
- Public safety equipment and demonstrations,
- Free hot dogs, hamburgers, and pizza (*while supplies last*),
- Music,
- Giveaways.

Rescheduled Fireworks Display

Meanwhile, Rolling Meadows’ Independence Day fireworks, originally postponed following the tragic ...continued on p. 5

Sip Away! 8/12 'WINE-DOWN' TO FEATURE MUSIC, FOOD, WINE & BEER

This year’s Wine-Down by the Creek will feature all the ingredients necessary for an idyllic summer evening: fine wine, beer, food vendors, and TWO great live musical acts.



Bring chairs and/or blankets to Kimball Hill Park Friday, August 12th, 6:00 – 11:00 pm, where [The Way Outs](#) (*authentic '60s garage rock*) and [Wedding Banned](#) (*rad '80s music*) will perform along the banks of Salt Creek.

Admission is free.

Guests of all-ages are welcome to grab a bite to eat from onsite food vendors. Adults ages 21 and up may purchase wine and/or beer from event partners Rep’s Place and Stadium Sports Club (*photo ID required*).



PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. WELCOMES 300-PLUS TO OPEN HOUSE

Public Works team members were proud to host the Department's June 4th open house, but the community's response exceeded even their wildest expectations.



More than 300 guests turned out for the event – the first of its kind in more than a decade – which featured an array of live demonstrations, Q&A sessions with employees, refreshments, and giveaways.



"The open house presented an incredible opportunity to provide residents with an immersive overview of our operations," explained Public Works Supervisor Ryan Rivard. "It was gratifying to see and hear the strong appreciation community members have for our staff and the services we provide. Everyone in attendance – residents and employees alike – seemed to really enjoy themselves."

AUTOMATED REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION PROGRAM ROLLS OUT AUGUST 1ST

Rolling Meadows' new "automated" refuse and recycling collection program takes effect August 1st, following delivery of new recycling carts to all customers in late July.

Existing carts that formerly handled recyclable materials will now be used exclusively for household refuse/garbage.

Going forward, refuse/recycling customers will continue to receive the same high levels of service they have come to expect. However, the updated program offers additional benefits, including:

- Upgraded weekly refuse collection operations,
- Enhanced customer convenience, and
- Improved employee safety.

Following are some frequently asked questions about the new program:

Q. How is the program 'automated'?

Recent upgrades to the City's refuse vehicles include mechanical arms – controlled by a single vehicle operator – that grab/lift curb-based refuse carts and empty the contents directly into the truck's collection container.

The program's automation component also offers a host of other advantages, including reduced staff time devoted to refuse collection, lower risk of employee injury, and decreased operational costs.

Q. Which cart is used for trash and/or recycling?

Newly delivered carts (those with yellow tops) are to be used for **recycling**. These carts will be collected and emptied each week by the City's recycling contractor, Flood Brothers.

Old recycling carts (with green tops) have been repurposed for refuse/household waste. Public Works crews affixed TRASH ONLY stickers to these carts during the week of July 25th.

Q. What happens if my carts can't hold all of my refuse or recyclable material?

FOR REFUSE: 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.

FOR RECYCLING: Continue to follow the City's/Flood Brothers recycling guidelines when placing materials outside the cart for collection.

Customers who live in townhomes and/or areas where carts are placed in curbside clusters should label them with a name or address.

Residents who have questions about the City's automated refuse collection program may contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.



New recycling carts (yellow top) were delivered to all customers at no charge in late July.



Existing carts (green top) are to be used for trash beginning August 1st.

FIRE CHIEF JEFF MOXLEY TO RETIRE FOLLOWING 31 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ROLLING MEADOWS

Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Jeff Moxley will retire August 14th, after more than three decades of service to the City.

Moxley joined the RMFD in 1991, after spending three years in Carol Stream as a part-time firefighter/EMT. He served as a firefighter/paramedic for 16 years before earning promotion to Lieutenant in 2007. He was named Battalion Chief in 2012, Deputy Chief in 2017, and Fire Chief in 2020.

“My goal when I started was to become a Lieutenant,” he recalled. “However, I decided to reach higher because I owed it to the community that had given me so many opportunities and helped me achieve my dream.

“Serving as Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief and Fire Chief these past 10 years allowed me to take on new challenges – something I’ve always enjoyed – and help this organization continue to grow and deliver exceptional services to Rolling Meadows residents and those in neighboring communities,” he added.

Considered Law Enforcement Career

Residents may be surprised to learn that Moxley’s original career goals had nothing to do with the fire service. Rather, he intended to become a police officer.

In fact, he was serving as a community service officer in Carol Stream when he responded to a hazardous materials call. His interactions with the firefighters who also responded that day helped him realize it was time to take a different path.

“My neighbor was a part-time Carol Stream firefighter, and they just happened to be hiring a few months later,” Moxley recalled. “I applied for the position, and it quickly became my passion. Looking back over the past 34 years, I can safely say I made the right decision.”

Timing is Everything

Moxley’s promotion to Fire Chief



Fire Chief Jeff Moxley will step down August 14th.

in March 2020 coincided with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a bewildering time. Just days after he took the helm, public health officials in Illinois and across the country initiated shelter-in-place orders that brought life as we knew it to a virtual standstill.

However, life-threatening medical emergencies and dangerous structure fires still occur during a global pandemic. So Moxley worked closely with Department personnel to implement expanded safety procedures to protect firefighters’ health. Department members of all ranks comprised a “Covid Task Force” to deal with rapidly-changing protocols.

“The pandemic has been challenging for public safety professionals of all stripes – especially in those early days. Despite those challenges, the men and women of this Department have performed their duties exceptionally well,” Chief Moxley explained. “The residents we serve should be extremely proud.”

New Stations Expand Capabilities

Moxley’s tenure as Rolling Meadows Fire Chief also coincided with the opening of two new, state-of-the-art fire stations. Station 15 (3201 Algonquin Road) began operations in late 2019, while Station 16 (2340 Hicks Road) was completed the following summer.

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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. Where do I get a plat of survey?

A. Many times, your plat of survey is included in the closing documents you receive when purchasing a home. If one was not provided, there are a few options to pursue:

1. The City has plats of survey for some properties on file – you can check with the Community Development office to see if we have yours.
2. The Cook County Recorder of Deeds (www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov/recordings) may have a copy on file.

You may also choose to have a new survey created by a professional surveying company. Community Development recommends a new survey after making major change to your property – a home addition, for example.

For more information on Community Development services, please visit www.cityrm.org/148/Community-Development.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

8/1: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

8/2: **National Night Out**, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Community Center



8/3: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

8/4: **Adjudication Hearing (Parking)**, 2:00 pm

8/6: **Cornfest**, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm, Community Church

8/8: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am

8/9: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

8/11: **Adjudication Hearing**, 1:00 pm

8/12: **Wine Down by the Creek**, 6:00 – 11:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park

8/16: **Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

8/18: **Adjudication Hearing (Red Light)**, 2:00 pm

8/22: **Water bills due**

8/23: **Veterans Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

August 2022						
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Utilities Superintendent Mark Kilarski (from left), ISAWWA Chair-elect Brian Jack, Mayor Joe Gallo, Utilities Supervisor Ryan Rivard, and ISAWWA Vice Chair Melissa Olenick celebrate Rolling Meadows' "Water Ambassador" Gold Award presentation.

CITY EARNS ELITE WATER AMBASSADOR 'GOLD' CERTIFICATION FROM STATE WATER ASSOCIATION

Rolling Meadows is one of only nine communities in Illinois to earn GOLD level certification through the "Water Ambassador" program established by the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association (ISAWWA).

Association representatives Brian Jack (ISAWWA Chair-elect) and Melissa Olenick (Vice Chair) honored the City's efforts during a brief awards presentation held during the City Council's July 12th meeting.

The Water Ambassador initiative

helps "elevate public perception, knowledge, and consumer education of the water industry," according to the ISAWWA. As a GOLD-certified community, Rolling Meadows successfully completed all educational outreach standards designed to engage multiple audiences, including consumers, elected officials, and industry.

Residents may learn more about the Water Ambassador program and access related informational content by visiting www.isawwa.org.

FIRE CHIEF MOXLEY TO RETIRE ...continued from page 3

Together, these facilities will allow firefighters to serve residents and businesses more effectively for generations to come.

"Years of planning, research, and preparation went into the development of those new stations, which will play a critical role in Rolling Meadows' continued growth and development for the next 50-75 years," he explained.

Moxley also cited other benefits of the new stations, including:

- Improved operational footprint that expands Department access to previously underserved areas – particularly the City's southern and eastern sections that have experienced rapidly increasing call volumes.
- Expanded opportunities to implement more flexible deployment models, when beneficial.

- Decreased reliance on neighboring communities for fire/emergency medical services (EMS).

Secure in the knowledge that the Department's future is bright, Moxley believes it is the right time to hand over leadership to the next generation.

Deputy Chief Pete Sutter, a 21-year Department veteran, will succeed Moxley as Fire Chief, effective August 15th.*

"It has been my honor to serve alongside a great team for the past 31 years," Moxley said. "The Department has grown and changed with the community we serve. I have every confidence that its best years are yet to come."

**Editor's Note: Learn more about Pete Sutter, Rolling Meadows' next Fire Chief, in the September/October issue of News & Views.*

**PAST DUE UTILITY BILL PENALTIES TO RESUME;
Pay Outstanding Balances by September 20th**

Effective October 1st, Rolling Meadows will reinstate procedures for addressing delinquent water and sewer accounts, which include charging financial penalties for past due balances and possible service disconnection, Finance Director Molly Talkington reports.

The move comes more than two years after the City began temporarily waiving late fees and service suspensions for customers with overdue utility bills, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“At the time, the City’s goal was to provide relief to those who may have experienced financial hardship due to job loss or reduction of work hours because of mandated government shutdowns,” Talkington explained. “As the world continues to emerge from the pandemic, Rolling Meadows is resuming regular service fee collection procedures that help ensure the viability of the City’s water and sewer systems.”

Pay Past Due Balances by Sept. 20th

To avoid potentially costly fees and service disruption, customers should make plans to pay any outstanding balances in full by September 20th.

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loss of life in Highland Park on July 4th, will bring this year’s NNO to a triumphant conclusion.

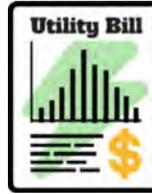
Good Samaritan Award Presentation

Long-time Rolling Meadows resident



Rescheduled July 4th fireworks will take place at this year’s National Night Out.

Those who are unable to pay the full balance should contact the City’s Utility Billing Department as soon as possible to set up payment arrangements.



Customers experiencing financial hardship and need assistance in paying their utility bills may qualify for financial assistance through the CEDA Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. More information is available on the City’s [website](#).

Ways to Pay

When paying monthly utility bills, customers may use the City’s Customer Service Portal (www.cityrm.org/146/Online-Payments), or their bank’s online bill payment system. The City also accepts payments by mail, in-person at the Finance Department, or via the white drop box located in the City Hall parking lot. The Finance Department cannot accept payment over the phone.

Residents who have questions or would like more information may contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500 or fin@cityrm.org.

Bryan Anderson – an actor, author, and veteran who lost both legs and his left hand to an improvised explosive device (IED) while serving in Iraq – will honor winners of the “Good Samaritan Award,” a program developed in tandem with the RMPD.

About NNO

Rolling Meadows’ annual National Night Out celebration has been recognized for excellence by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), which organized the first National Night Out observance in 1984. Today, more than 16,000 communities across the country celebrate NNO. For more information, visit www.natw.org.

SEPT. 9TH DUCK RACE TO SUPPORT LOCAL PRESERVATION EFFORTS

Rolling Meadows’ annual Duck Race to raise money for local environmental preservation initiatives will take place Friday, September 9th, 7:00 pm, at Kimball Hill Park.

It’s a chance to win a variety of prizes – including a \$300 grand prize – simply by purchasing plastic ducks that will “race” in this year’s event.

Ducks are available for advance purchase at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) and City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) for \$5 each.

2022 ROLLING MEADOWS

Duck Race





1. BUY YOUR DUCK for \$5, or a 5-QUACK-PACK for \$20.

Available at City Hall, Park District or on event day.

2. CHEER ON YOUR DUCK(S) September 9th, 7:00 pm before the FRIDAYS ROCK! event.

(They will swim down the waterfall at Kimball Hill Park!)





3. MORE THAN 20 DUCKS WILL WIN GREAT PRIZES! (Grand Prizes are \$300, \$200 and \$100!)

Increase your odds of winning with a “Quack Pack” of five ducks for just \$20. Ducks may also be purchased at the event.

Come race day, residents can cheer their ducks to victory as they cascade down the park’s waterfall towards the finish line in Kimball Hill Pond.

Proceeds from the event will support initiatives of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee, Rolling Meadows Historical Society, and Rolling Meadows Park District.

CITY WELCOMES AARON GROSSKOPF AS NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



Aaron Grosskopf

Rolling Meadows' sterling reputation for providing exceptional services to residents and businesses was well known to Aaron Grosskopf before he even applied for the position of Public Works Director.

The interview process, however, gave him a first-hand glimpse of that reputation in action.

"I took a walking tour with some of the superintendents, which allowed me to experience the pride they take in the Department's services," Grosskopf recalled. "I love the City's overall feel but, more than anything, I'm excited to join this team and work with the people who have set those standards of excellence."

Grosskopf, who will begin his new role August 8th, holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Aurora University. He started his career as a summer laborer with Oswego Township during high school. He later became the township's Operations Manager/Safety Coordinator.

He next served as Woodstock's Street Superintendent and, most recently, as Public Works Director for the Village of Gilberts.

"Public Works is uniquely positioned to improve a community's quality of life at a micro and macro level," Grosskopf explained. "Whether developing larger community improvement projects to resolve long-standing drainage issues or simply repairing a section of sidewalk in front of a house, we develop and implement solutions that can help individual residents or the entire community as a whole."

As its new Director, Grosskopf hopes to help the Department achieve accreditation through the American Public Works Association. APWA accreditation is currently held by only 162 communities across the country – including eight in Illinois.

"Accreditation is a long-term goal that verifies compliance with recommended APWA standards," Grosskopf said. "However, our top priority will always be customer service. It will be a privilege to lead this group. Their integrity and commitment to this community is obvious."

Outside of work, Grosskopf and his wife, Nicole, enjoy traveling. They spent their honeymoon on an African safari and recently visited Ireland. They have backpacked Yellowstone National Park and Enchantment Lakes. They also have a "wonderful, but spoiled" Corgi named Archie.

RECYCLE BATTERIES AT PUBLIC WORKS

Rolling Meadows offers a convenient way for residents to safely dispose of spent household batteries: bring them to the Public Works Department (3900 Berdnick Street).

Drop-off hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Public Works accepts all types of alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V). Rechargeable batteries (lithi-

um, NiMh, and NiCad) must have masking tape covering contact points or be contained in individual, self-sealing plastic bags.



For more information, call 847-963-0500.

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