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Veterans Committee members (left to right) Dana Betzner, Jerry Inselberger, Chuck Ohm, Bob Rein, Dale Kriesel, and Father Brian Simpson pose proudly with Rolling Meadows' Blue Star Memorial Marker, which now stands near the City's Carillon Tower and Veterans Monument on Kirchoff Road.

NEW BLUE STAR MARKER ON KIRCHOFF ROAD HONORS THOSE WHO SERVED

Just days before the City's Memorial Day observance honoring those who gave their lives in defense of our nation, members of the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee led a May 24th ceremony to officially dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marker that has forever changed the landscape on Kirchoff Road.

The marker is part of a nationwide initiative that pays tribute to all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. It was made possible by the sponsorship efforts of the Rolling Meadows Garden Club and Illinois Garden Club.

Special thanks also goes to VFW Posts 981 (Arlington Heights) and 1337 (Mount Prospect), and

American Legion Post 525 (Mount Prospect) for providing financial support to purchase the marker.

According to the National Garden Clubs website, the Blue Star program "began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii."

To learn more, visit www.gardenclub.org/blue-and-gold-star-memorials.

FLAG CODE HIGHLIGHTS PROPER DISPLAY OF STARS AND STRIPES

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.

CELEBRATE USA'S INDEPENDENCE, JULY 4TH

Schedule of City events:

- **Patriotic Parade @ 11:30 am** – Jay Lane/Grouse Lane/Meadow Drive/Kirchoff Road
- **High-Flying Fireworks @ approx. 9:15 pm** – Community Center (3705 Pheasant Dr.)

Note: City offices will be closed July 4th. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed one day (Tues – Fri).



FINANCE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE 'DISTINGUISHED BUDGET' AWARD

Rolling Meadows has once again been recognized for budgetary excellence by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) after collecting its seventh consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The award "reflects the commitment of elected officials and staff to meet the highest principles of government budgeting," according to a GFOA press release announcing the award.

To earn recognition, the City met or exceeded a series of nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Rolling Meadows' Fiscal Year 2023 budget was rated "proficient" in 14 mandatory criteria that measured the document's success in serving as a(n):

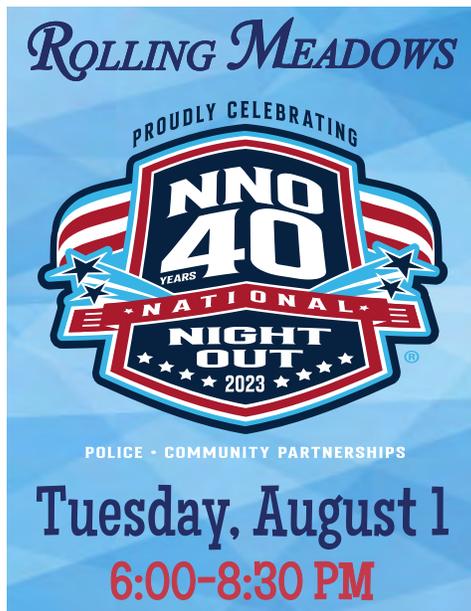


- Policy document,
- Financial plan,
- Operations guide, and,
- Communications device.

View the 2023 budget and other financial reports at www.cityrm.org/233/Financial-Reports.

LET'S GET SOCIAL THIS SUMMER! TAG YOUR POSTS WITH #CITYRMEVENTS

Make sure you let everyone know how much fun you and your family are having this summer! When attending upcoming City events, don't forget to tag your social media posts with [#cityrmevents](https://twitter.com/cityrmevents).



STREET BANNER PROGRAM FINDS WILLING PARTNERS AMONG LOCAL BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY GROUPS

Nearly 30 local businesses and community organizations signed on as partners in Rolling Meadows' 2023 street banner promotional initiative.

The annual program offers local groups a high-profile opportunity to market themselves to local audiences by purchasing customized panels (featuring an organization's name or logo) that hang beneath decorative street banners displayed along Kirchoff Road and other high-traffic areas around town.

< National Night Out banner art is shown at left.

Proceeds from each sale helps offset the program's costs while also benefiting the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.

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.

To learn more, or to make an online donation, please visit www.cityrm.org/679/Community-Events-Foundation.

Street Banner Program Sponsors

- Aloft Hotel
- BEAR Construction
- BluSky Restoration Contractors
- Body Builders Automotive
- Caravel Autism Health
- Cardinal Color Group
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- Community Church of Rolling Meadows
- Complete Lawn & Snow Services
- Emerald Lawn Care
- Firefighters Local 3075
- Flood Brothers Disposal Co.
- Holiday Inn Express
- JML Overhead Door
- Marc Realty
- Meet Chicago Northwest
- Meridian Banquets
- Nature's Care
- Navigant Law Group, LLC
- Northwest Concert Band
- Roast 808
- Rolling Meadows Historical Museum
- Rolling Meadows Library
- Rolling Meadows Park District
- Sally's Slots & Video Gaming Café
- Shelby's
- Steven Shaykin, PC
- Suburban Accents
- Suburban ENT Associates

SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATE SUMMER: COMMUNITY EVENTS BUILD COMMUNITY BONDS

An action-packed community events schedule continues in July, August, and into September with a series of attractions guaranteed to bring smiles to faces of all ages. Mark your calendars for these upcoming City celebrations!

July

- Friday, July 14th – **FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows** featuring *Mike & Traci from Good Clean Fun* (golden oldies and Motown) and *Rosie & the Rivets* (retro Rock n' Roll). 6:00 – 10:00 pm @ Kimball Hill Park.
- Saturday, July 29th – **Family Movie Night with the RM Cops** featuring games, activities, food, and a free screening of *Minions: The Rise of Gru*. 7:00 – 10:00 pm @ the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Dr).

August

- Tuesday, August 1st – **National Night Out**. 6:00 – 8:30 pm @ the Community Center. See page 5 for details.
- Friday, August 11th – **FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows** featuring *One Foot in the Groove* (horn-driven rock) and *Rod Tuffcurls & the Bench Press* (multi-layered harmonies). 6:00 – 10:00 pm @ Kimball Hill Park.



Looking for local live music? Rolling Meadows offers a packed summer of FREE live acts from multiple genres!

September

- Friday, September 8th – **FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows** featuring *Barefoot Hawaiians* (Hula/Tahitian music and dancers) and *South of Disorder* (Jimmy Buffett tribute group). 6:00 – 10:00 pm @ Kimball Hill Park.
- Tuesday, September 12th – **Senior Luncheon**, 12:30 – 2:30 pm @ the Community Center.
- Saturday, September 23rd – **RM Public Works Open House**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ 3900 Berdnick Street.

For further details, visit cityrm.org/669/Community-Events or follow Rolling Meadows on Facebook (facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows).

'WHAT WOULD YOU DO?'

POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS HELP RESIDENTS AVOID SCAMS

Would you be able to identify a con artist trying to scam you out of your hard-earned savings? Someone attempting to rob you of your personal possessions? Someone willing to trick you into sharing your personal information – either online or over the phone?

SCAM

The Rolling Meadows Police Department is pleased to present the latest in an ongoing series of crime prevention tips to help residents protect themselves – and their family members – from all-too-common scams that victimize thousands of people each year.

Stay Alert: Avoid Online Scams

Scenario: You receive an email congratulating you on being a lucky winner. The message provides instructions on how to receive the prize – usually instructing you to click on a link that is included in the email.

What should you do?

Fact: This is a very common scam: one designed to collect your personal information – social security numbers, bank accounts, drivers license numbers, dates of birth, and more. With this information, criminals have the tools to hack into your financial accounts and withdraw funds without your authorization.

Solution: **Never** provide personal information to any website or person with whom you are not familiar.

For more information, call the RMPD non-emergency number (847-255-2416).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WANT MORE NEWS? Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, <i>eNews</i> , is published in February, April, June, August, October and December, and archived at www.cityrm.org .						1
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9	10 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9:00 am	11 Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm	12	13 Adjudication Hearings 11:00 am (Red Light); 1:00 pm (Code); 2:00 pm (Parking)	14 Friday's ROCK! Concert, 6:00 – 10:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park	15
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Access upcoming City Council and volunteer committee meeting agendas at www.cityrm.org .		1 National Night Out, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Community Center	2 Environmental Committee, 6:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 pm	3 Fire Pension Board, 8:30 am	4	5
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Rolling Meadows' Honor Guard escorts Veterans Committee members during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Veterans Monument.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS HONOR FALLEN HEROES

Rolling Meadows came together as a community on Saturday, May 27th, to honor those who gave their lives in defense of liberty during a Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at the Carillon Tower.



Guests gather for the Carillon ceremony.



A Civil War cannon regiment readies a salute.

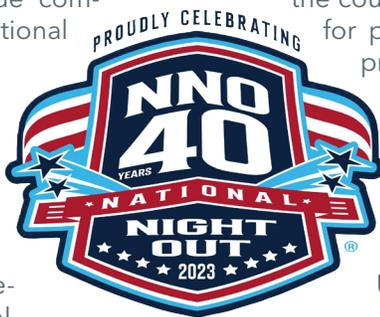


Crowds cheer generations of veterans during this year's parade.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TO CELEBRATE POLICE/ COMMUNITY BONDS, AUGUST 1ST

Stand against crime with Rolling Meadows police officers while celebrating the City's unique community spirit at 2023's National Night Out.

Drop by the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) from 6:00 – 8:30 pm on Tuesday, August 1st for live entertainment, free food, giveaways, games, and more!



National Night Out began in 1984 as an initiative launched by the National Organization for Town Watch. It initially

involved front porch vigils and other symbolic efforts in communities across the country to highlight support for police officers and crime prevention.

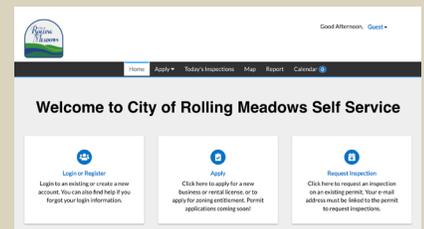
Today, National Night Out is observed by nearly 40 million people in over 17,000 communities across the U.S.

For more information on the history of National Night Out, visit www.natw.org.

ONLINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PORTAL IMPROVES CUSTOMER SERVICE & CONVENIENCE

Residential and business customers may now apply for business and rental licenses, contractor licenses, and zoning relief through a new online platform launched by the Community Development Department.

Access the web-based service portal and create a user account by visiting www.cityrm.org/148/Community-Development.



For more information, contact CDD (cd@cityrm.org or 847-506-6030).

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Public Works Department's annual water quality report is now available on the City's website (www.cityrm.org/Archive.aspx?A-DID=9840).

Residents who would like to receive a printed copy of this year's report may contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.





Mayor Lara Sanoica (second from left) joins Public Works Utilities Supervisor Ryan Rivard (far left) and Utilities Superintendent Mark Kilarski (second from right) in accepting the City's second consecutive Water Ambassador Gold award from ISAWWA representatives Michele Piotrowski (center) and Elisa Bonkowski.

CITY CLAIMS SECOND CONSECUTIVE WATER AMBASSADOR 'GOLD' ACCREDITATION

Rolling Meadows has earned its second consecutive "Gold" level accreditation through the Water Ambassador program established by the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association (ISAWWA).

The Water Ambassador initiative helps "elevate public perception, knowledge, and consumer education of the water industry," according to ISAWWA.

Rolling Meadows is one of only 12

communities in all of Illinois to earn Gold accreditation.

Gold-level certification signifies that the City successfully completed all educational outreach standards designed to engage multiple audiences, including consumers, elected officials, and industry.

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

CITY'S 'COMPLETE STREETS' POLICY RANKS AMONG TOP 10 NATIONWIDE

Rolling Meadows' approach to planning, designing, building, and maintaining its local transportation network has garnered Top 10 accolades from Smart Growth America, a nonprofit organization committed to improving public safety.

The City's "Complete Streets Policy," adopted in 2020, was recognized for its success in assuring "safe access for everyone, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities," according to a statement released through the

organization's National Complete Streets Coalition (NCSC) initiative.

Rolling Meadows tallied 88 of a possible 100 points in the NCSC's 2023 report. The City ranks 6th out of 157 communities across the United States that have adopted Complete Streets policies since the program's 2019 introduction.

The evaluation of the City's efforts was conducted using the Complete Streets Policy Framework, a national model of best practices to help communities create policies that produce tangible improvements and make their streets safer.

To view the full rankings and access the report, visit www.smart-growthamerica.org/best-complete-streets.



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