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Rolling Meadows to Celebrate America's Independence With Fun-Filled Parade, Thundering Fireworks, July 4

The City's star spangled celebration of American independence, Monday, July 4, includes a fun-filled traditional parade scheduled for late morning and a thundering fireworks display that evening in Salk Park.

Community Parade: 11:30 a.m.

This year's Independence Day Parade is organized by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce. The event will begin at the corner of Barker Lane and Central Road, travel west on Central to Owl Drive, head north on Owl to Kirchoff Road, then turn east on Kirchoff to Plaza Lane.

Parade participants include the Jesse White Tumblers, the Spirit of '76 Color Guard, Blue Coats Drum and Bugle Corps, the Hula Islanders, "Those Funny Little People," the Rolling Meadows High School Marching Mustangs, and

much more. Former Mayor Ken Nelson will serve as this year's Grand Marshal.

Residents planning to line the parade route are encouraged to demonstrate their patriotic spirit in red, white and blue.



The Spirit of '76 Color Guard is among the groups participating in this year's Independence Day Parade.

For more information on the 2011 Independence Day Parade, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 847-398-3730 or office@rmchamber.org.

Salk Park Fireworks: Approximately 9:15 p.m.

Following an afternoon of barbecues and other celebrations with family, friends and neighbors, residents will congregate in Salk Park for the City's awe-inspiring fireworks display. At twilight's last gleaming, the sky will erupt in tremendous bursts of color to commemorate our nation's 235th birthday.

City's Emergency Operations Plan Earns County Certification



Scott Franzgrote

The revised Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that outlines Rolling Meadows' response to large-scale emergencies has been certified by the Cook County Department of Homeland

Security and Emergency Management,

Deputy Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote reports.

Members of the City's Emergency Planning Team worked with Logsdon Consultation Services, Inc., a local emergency management consulting firm, to conduct an extensive review and update of the City's plan that had previously earned certification in 2009.

The result was a robust planning document that will help City officials coordinate regional responses with neighboring communities and at all levels of government.

The plan also places the City in accordance with county, state and federal preparedness guidelines.

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Mayor: Tom Rooney	847-392-2254
1st Ward Alderman: Mike Cannon	847-925-8919
2nd Ward Alderman: Jim Allen	847-202-0822
3rd Ward Alderman: Lawrence Buske	847-255-9126
4th Ward Alderman: Brad Judd	847-902-3248
5th Ward Alderman: Rob Banger, Jr.	847-818-1663
6th Ward Alderman: John D'Astice	847-409-9367
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Deputy City Clerk	Ginny Cotugno
City Manager	Barry Krumstok

SERVICES

Fire & Police Emergency	911
Fire Department non-emergency	847-397-3352
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TDD	847-506-0490
Senior Services	847-394-8500
ComEd	1-800-EDISON-1
Curfew	Sun. - Thurs. 11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. Midnight

Look Us Up on the Web at: www.cityrm.org

Memorial Day Parade and Observance Honor Veterans

Residents of all ages (top left) gathered to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of America's freedom during the City's Memorial Day Parade and observance, May 28.

Local veterans (top right) drew the largest applause from residents gathered along the Kirchoff Road parade route. Other parade participants included the Rolling Meadows High School Marching Mustangs (bottom left) and the Rolling Meadows Police Department Honor Guard (bottom right).

Following the parade, Mayor Tom Rooney, a former member of the United States Marine Corps (Reserve), led a solemn ceremony at the City's Carillon Tower. Members of the City's Veterans Committee read aloud the names of Rolling Meadows veterans who died in the last year.



Memorial Day 2011



Mayor Tom Rooney led the Memorial Day Ceremony at the City's Carillon Tower.

City's Veterans Dinner is 'One of a Kind'

The City's annual Veterans Dinner is the only event of its type in Illinois that is hosted by a local community to honor its veterans, City Manager Barry Krumstok explained during brief remarks at this year's event, held May 27 at Meridian Banquets.

Hundreds of resident veterans and guests gathered to reconnect with fellow service members. The event has proven to be a great success since it was established in 2003.

"Rolling Meadows has proven itself as a community that appreciates veterans and the sacrifices they made," said Glenn Taras, a U.S. Army veteran who served a combat tour in Vietnam. "We all hope that younger veterans – the ones currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other parts of the world – will be able to join us for future events."

Refuse Reminder Place Refuse at Curb After 6 p.m.

City ordinance requires that homeowners place their refuse at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before scheduled pickup between April 1 and October 31.

Early refuse set out, which allows residents the option of putting their trash outside after 3 p.m., begins November 1 and runs through March.

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

Online Blotter Helps Track Daily Police Activity



Dave Scanlan

A daily blotter on the Police Department's Web page, which compiles police activity and presents it for public review, is designed to keep residents informed about what is happening in their community, Police Chief Dave Scanlan reports.

To access the blotter, click the "Police Department" icon at the top of the City's homepage (www.cityrm.org), select "News," then click "Police Daily Blotter."

"People like to know what is happening in their neighborhoods. The daily blotter lists all police responses – everything from traffic accidents to parking complaints – and helps improve the flow of information to the residents we serve," Chief Scanlan explains.

The daily blotter also improves Department's ability to respond to informational requests from media professionals and the public. "Providing this information in a convenient, easily-accessible format lets police officers focus more time and resources on law enforcement, community policing, and crime prevention," Chief Scanlan adds.

State Budget Plan Would Have Cost City \$600,000 in Revenues

Rolling Meadows stood to lose \$600,000 in state revenue under a proposal by Illinois legislators that would have withheld funding intended for local governments and used it to help close the state's budget deficit.

City officials were relieved to learn that state officials kept that funding intact.

For more than 40 years, Illinois has collected tax revenue on behalf of municipalities. This revenue is distributed through the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF).

"Funding provided by the LGDF allows Rolling Meadows to reduce its reliance on property taxes and other revenue streams to fund City services," Mayor Tom Rooney explains. "Using revenues intended for local governments to close a state budget gap

is the type of governance we can do without."

As legislators considered reducing or eliminating the LGDF, the Illinois Municipal League (IML), of which Rolling Meadows is a member, and other municipal advocates began urging state legislators to maintain the LGDF at current levels.

The IML, on its Website, called the final result "a major victory for cities and counties who fought diligently to preserve their portion of the income tax."

Local governments across Illinois continue to face ongoing budgetary pressures caused by a weak economy. In addition, municipalities receive none of the new revenue created by last year's increase in the state income tax.

Family Walk Participants Win Front Row Seats to July 4 Fireworks

Congratulations to Rolling Meadows' own Bloomer and Gallagher families, who won front row seating to the City's July 4 fireworks display in a raffle that followed a 3K Family Walk on May 28.

The route began at the City's Carillon Tower and took residents on a scenic swing through Kimball Hill Park. Those who completed the entire walk were eligible for the raffle.



Residents enjoy the City's 3K Family Walk.

This was the first year that the event coincided with the City's Memorial Day ceremonies. The walk took place during Rolling Meadows' Independence Day activities for the past two years.

"There was a nice increase in the number of residents who participated and we plan to hold the walk again next year during Memorial Day weekend," says City Manager Barry Krumstok.

Jim Allen Sworn in As Ward 2 Alderman

Aldermen approved Mayor Tom Rooney's nomination of Jim Allen to represent the 2nd Ward during City Council's June 14 meeting. Former Ward 2 Alderman Barb Lusk resigned her seat in April, before moving out of state.

Fire Prevention Tips for Residents, Businesses Available on Fire Department Web Page

Detailed fire safety information for City residents, property owners and commercial businesses is available on the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's Web page. Visit www.cityofrm.org, select the "Fire Department" page, then click on "Fire Prevention" to access a range of public safety information.

Topics include commercial fire alarms and sprinklers, residential smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, backyard fire pit use, fire evacuations plans, and more.

For more information, contact the Fire Department at 847-397-3352.

Emergency Operations Plan ...continued from page 1

"Achieving county certification assures that the City has developed an efficient, effective disaster response plan that meets recommendations established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency," explains Deputy Chief Franzgrote, a member of the Emergency Planning Team.

Certification also helps county officials "integrate all available first responders and their respective departments and resources...into a cohesive disaster management team," according to the county's Website.

Emergency Planning Team Members

Kerry Abdullah, Health Inspector (*Community Development*)
Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk (*Administration*)
Scott Franzgrote, Deputy Chief (*Fire Department*)
Tony Gaspari, Sergeant (*Police Department*)
Barry Krumstok, City Manager (*Administration*)
Diana Schoeneck, Senior Accountant (*Finance*)
Don Wenzel, Facilities Superintendent (*Public Works*)

July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	Independence Day 4 City Hall, Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day. Parade , 11:30 a.m. Fireworks , 9:15 p.m.	Economic Development 5 Committee, 6 p.m. Environmental Committee , 7 p.m. Plan Commission , 7:30 p.m., all at City Hall	Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	7	8	9
10	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 a.m., City Hall	City Council Meeting , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	13	Adjudication Hearing , 1 p.m., City Hall	14	15
17	18	City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	Water bills due 20	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light) , 2 p.m., City Hall	21	22
24	25	City Council Meeting , 7:30 p.m., City Hall	27	28	29	30
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Business Focus

Steel Supply Company Celebrates 40 Years in Rolling Meadows

The Steel Supply Company, 5105 Newport Drive, celebrated its 40th anniversary as a member of the Rolling Meadows business community in May.



The Steel Supply Company, 5105 Newport Drive.

The company distributes spe-

cial finish steel shafting and tubing used in furnaces and air conditioners, and for machine shops across the U.S. and in more than 20 foreign countries.

“Steel Supply Company’s Rolling Meadows facility stocks more than 4,000 shafting and tubing items in various carbon, alloy

and stainless steel grades,” explains David Sheer, Vice President and General Manager. “An on-site, ISO-certified machine shop allows us to provide finished products as well.”

Founded in 1904, the Steel Supply Company came to

Rolling Meadows in 1971. For more information, visit www.steelsupply.com.

Newly-Remodeled UPS Store Relocates to Plum Grove Shopping Center

Linn Corfield, owner of the UPS Store in Rolling Meadows, opened the doors of his completely remodeled facility on June 20,

after relocating to 2118 Plum Grove Road, in the Plum Grove Shopping Center.

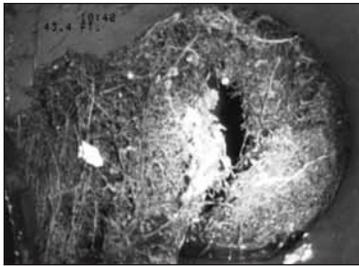
Corfield searched throughout the area for locations to move his growing business but wanted to remain close to the customers he has served for so many years.

“Our Rolling Meadows customers have been tremendously supportive and we look forward to strengthening those relationships,” he explains. “Our larger, fully-renovated facility will allow us to continue helping our customers succeed.”

The UPS Store provides a wide range of services for residents and small businesses, including digital printing and copies, binding, faxing, personal mailbox services, packing, and shipping via UPS and the U.S. Postal Service. For more information, call 847-991-9980 or visit www.theupsstore.com/0769.

Public Works Identifies Causes of Sewer Backups, Protects Homeowners

The Public Works Department can identify causes of residential sanitary sewer backups, which helps protect homeowners from being charged by contractors for work that may not be needed, Underground Utilities Division Supervisor Dan Seveska reports.



Tree roots clog a sanitary sewer lateral.

“We want homeowners who experience sewer problems to call us before calling a plumber,” Seveska says.

“Our maintenance crews will

check the main sanitary sewer and determine the problem at no cost to residents. This information helps them make informed decisions if they need to hire a contractor.”

Department employees have encountered situations where residents hired contractors without first contacting Public Works. Seveska says that, in several cases, contractors were not working with residents’ best interests in mind.

Public Works crews use a sophisticated camera that is fed through a property’s cleanout. It allows them to inspect the line’s interior for blockage caused by tree roots, debris, or other problems, such as a collapsed pipe.

Signs of potential trouble homeowners may experience include:

- Water bubbling from the ground.
- Odor.
- Standing water in an otherwise dry area.
- Sewer flies.

- Water gurgling in the toilet or bathtub while doing laundry.
- Water above ground level at existing cleanout.
- Condensation on windows (if home sits on a crawlspace).

Residents are responsible for maintaining the lateral sewer lines that connect their homes to the City’s main sewer system. However, Seveska points out that Rolling Meadows is one of only two Chicago suburbs that limits homeowners’ liability for sewer line maintenance. That’s because City crews maintain sewer lines that run beneath parkways, streets, and public easements.

For more information on services provided by the Underground Utilities Division, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks/default.htm.

E-Billing Enhances User Convenience



The City’s Web-based utility billing service has attracted more than 650 residents who are drawn to the convenience of receiving utility bills by email.

Customers receive an email each month with a link to their utility billing statement, which replaces printed bills sent by mail. Residents who use eBilling may also review a two-year billing history for their account.

To date, taxpayers have realized approximately \$1,000 in savings through the eBilling program.

To register for eBilling, visit www.cityrm.org, then click the “Sign up for eBilling” link on the Finance Department page.

Submit Nominations to Serve On City Boards, Commissions

by Mayor Tom Rooney

Residents who serve on the City's volunteer boards and commissions epitomize our motto of "Progress through Participation" by bringing ideas and plans forward for consideration by City Council.

We currently have vacancies on several boards, and these happen fairly frequently. I'd like to invite residents who are interested in serving to submit their name for consideration and possible appointment. Write to me by letter at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or email (mayor@cityrm.org).

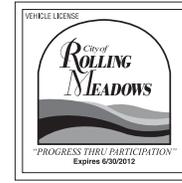
Let's take this idea one step further. I also encourage citizens to **nominate someone**

they feel would be a good board member or commissioner, along with a brief description of why that person would be a good choice. I can then contact these people and ask them if they would be interested in serving when vacancies occur. Maybe this would serve as a catalyst for residents who had not previously considered this type of volunteer service.

A complete list of City boards and commissions is available on the "City Clerk" tab of the City's homepage, www.cityrm.org.

Thanks for your consideration. The more we contribute, the more we ensure that Rolling Meadows continues to be "a great place to call home."

Vehicle Sticker Costs Double on July 1



Residents who purchase 2011-12 vehicle stickers after the June 30 deadline will pay twice the regular sticker price.

Late fees start at \$44. Stickers are available at City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road.

All drivers with cars registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase and display the 2011-12 stickers. Motorists who do not display current stickers are subject to a \$100 police citation.

Funds generated from vehicle sticker sales support Rolling Meadows' ongoing street maintenance activities, which keep City streets in good condition and help prevent excessive wear and tear on residents' cars and trucks.

Environmental Committee Seeks New Members

Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee members invite residents who are interested in promoting environmental preservation policies to join their ranks.

The Committee's mission is to "improve the quality of life in our community by recommending sustainable policy initiatives and encouraging public stewardship of our natural resources."

Unlike other City volunteer committees, the Environmental Committee does not require a mayoral appointment to serve. All volunteers are welcome.

Committee members meet the first Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at City Hall.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500, or send an email to EnvCom@cityrm.org.

Salt Creek Duck Race to Present \$500 Prize, Raise Money for Environmental Initiatives

A \$500 cash prize awaits the winner of the 4th Annual Duck Race, an event sponsored by the City's Environmental Committee, Rolling Meadows Rotary Club and the Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation, Saturday, July 16, 4 p.m.

The event, which coincides with the annual Terry Moran Softball Tournament, raises funds

to support environmental preservation efforts throughout Rolling Meadows. The race will be held along a section of Salt Creek that stretches from the Kimball Hill Park Bridge to the Kirchoff Road Bridge.

Tickets for the event (one ticket per duck) are \$5 each. Residents may also purchase a "Quack Pack" of five tickets for \$20. Purchase tickets on the day of

the event, or in advance at the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive; and City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road.



Ducks will race along Salt Creek on Saturday, July 16.

"This event supports activities, such as Salt Creek preservation efforts, that benefit the entire community," explains Public Works Director Fred Vogt. "It's a great way to get involved and

generate support for local environmental initiatives."

Additional prizes will be awarded to runners-up.

For more information, or to learn about event sponsorship opportunities, contact the Public Works Department (847-963-0500) or the Park District (847-818-3200).