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Rolling Meadows' annual Fourth of July Parade features floats, specialty vehicles, community groups, and more.

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 4TH WITH MORNING PARADE, EVENING FIREWORKS

Got plans July 4th?

Celebrate Independence Day with Rolling Meadows' annual community parade and evening fireworks!

Community Parade (11:30 am)

The 2023 parade will begin at John Conyers Learning Academy (2800 W. Central Rd). The route travels north on Jay Lane, west on Grouse Lane, north on Meadow Drive, and west on Kirchoff Road before ending in the Jewel Shopping Center parking lot.

Local businesses, community organizations, schools, and other groups are invited to take part in this year's spectacle. Showcase your Red, White, & Blue spirit by building amazing floats; decorating bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers; bringing along four-legged friends (patriotic pooches, anyone?), or simply marching in-step with fellow parade-goers.

Online parade application forms are available on the City's website, www.cityrm.org.

cityrm.org. Please submit by Friday, June 23rd, to reserve your spot in this year's event.

Fireworks (Approx 9:15 pm)

Independence Day wouldn't be complete without an "explosive" grand finale. Journey over to the Community Center and South Salk Park for another installment of Rolling Meadows' dazzling Fourth of July fireworks display.



'COP ON A ROOFTOP' FUNDRAISER COLLECTS \$4,120 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

Rolling Meadows Police raised \$4,120 for Special Olympics Illinois, during the Department's May 19th "Cop on a Rooftop" event at Dunkin' Donuts (3350 Kirchoff Road).

**Special
Olympics
Illinois**



It's two thumbs up for Officer Geunyoung Pak during RMPD's May 19th "Cop on a Rooftop" fundraiser.

All visiting guests who donated to the cause received a coupon for a free donut. T-shirts and travel mugs were also available for purchase (while supplies lasted).

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 55,000 athletes. To learn more, visit www.soill.org.

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

Make sure you let everyone know just how much fun you and your families are having this summer! When attending upcoming City events, don't forget to tag your social media posts with **#cityrmevents**.



LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

JUNE 9TH BLOCK PARTY TO KICK OFF 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS SEASON

Event season has arrived in Rolling Meadows! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and get ready for some fun in the sun!

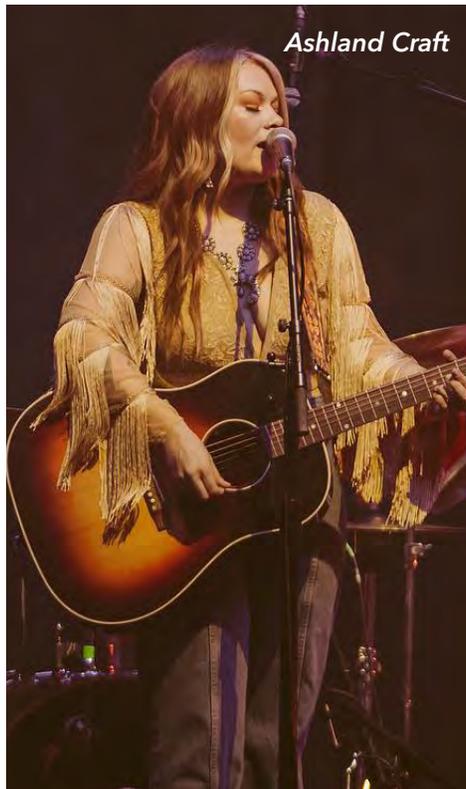
Community Block Party

Friday, June 9th, 6:00–9:30 pm

Family-friendly activities, a law enforcement vehicle display, food, and fun highlight this annual summer staple that draws thousands to Central Road (between Barker Avenue and Jay Lane).

This year's Block Party will feature a live headlining performance by country solo artist and former "The Voice" contestant [Ashland Craft](#). She's been recognized as one of CMT's "Next Women of Country" and among Pandora's "Country Artists to Watch."

Leading up to Ms. Craft's set will be an "energetic, inspiring, and dance-provoking" performance by opening act [Chicago Latin Groove Band](#).



Ashland Craft

Family Movie Night with RM Cops

Saturday, July 29th, 7:00–10:00 pm

Rolling Meadows Police offer an evening of family fun at the Community Center: highlights will include games and activities; music and food (while supplies last); and a free screening of *Minions: The Rise of Gru* (2022).

View a complete listing of Rolling Meadows' 2023 community events at www.cityrm.org/669/Community-Events.



Friday's ROCK! Concert Series

*Fridays, June 23rd & July 14th,
6:00 –10:00 pm*

Grab a blanket or lawn chairs, pack a picnic dinner or sample fare from onsite food trucks, and enjoy FREE concerts in Kimball Hill Park with a new twist: THEME NIGHTS!

June and July's schedule includes:

"Rock from the Ages" (June 23rd), featuring [Industrial Drive](#) (rock music from the 80s to today) and [Arra](#) (classic rock).

"50s & 60s" (July 14th), with [Mike & Traci of Good Clean Fun](#) (golden oldies & Motown) and [Rosie & the Rivets](#) (retro Rock n' Roll).



CITY GARNERS 'TREE CITY USA' RECOGNITION FOR 33RD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The [Arbor Day Foundation](#) has certified Rolling Meadows as a "Tree City USA" community for the 33rd year in a row. Currently, Public Works maintains over 10,000 trees on parkways and public property throughout the community.

Trees also absorb the sounds of urban traffic by up to 40% and – by providing summer shade for homes/buildings and protecting them from winter winds – help reduce energy costs by up to 25%.



TREE CITY USA®
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

About Tree City USA

The Tree City USA program was established in 1976. In its first year, 42 communities in 16 states earned Tree City certification. Today, the program encompasses over 3,600 communities from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

For more information, visit www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa.

**Source: Arbor Day Foundation*

Going 'Green' Offers Countless Benefits

The designation reflects the City's generational commitment to maintaining a robust forestry program and its many benefits,* including:

- **Cooler temperatures.** Neighborhoods with trees are seven to nine degrees cooler than those without.
- **Cleaner air.** Trees absorb carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- **Higher property values.** Homes with trees have higher property/sale values.
- **Healthier residents.** Trees and green space play a role in improving both physical and mental health.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

ROAST 808 IS BREWING IN ROLLING MEADOWS

Roast 808 has an audacious goal: strive every day to blend the best coffee in the world.

The company, founded by Seumas O'Hara (Roaster) and Anna Parker (Artist & Visionary), aims to provide customers with "the best sustainably sourced, small-batch coffee available," according to its website.

- Medit8 (Mexican)
- Navig8 (Nicaraguan)
- Cultiv8 (Columbian)
- Elev8 (Ethiopian)
- Kre8 (Kenyan)

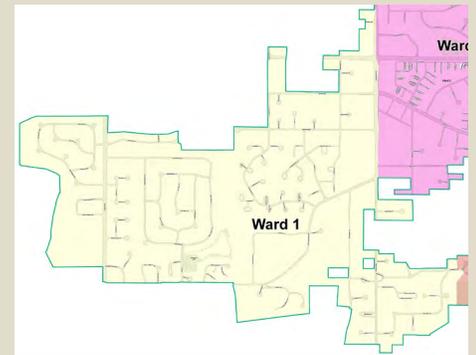
Roast 808 also offers event space rentals for training workshops, art exhibits, corporate events, cooking classes, and more at its Rolling Meadows facility, located at 5420 Newport Drive (Unit 60).

Please visit www.roast808.com to learn more.



To that end, Roast 808 offers an expansive line of regional brews for sale online, including:

ROLLING MEADOWS' 1ST WARD



Overview

- **Geographic location:** West of Plum Grove/Meacham Road, plus Burr Oak Court (east of Plum Grove/Meacham).
- **Council representative:** Karen McHale
- **Population** (2020 Census): 3,295

Ward Facts

- Many 1st Ward residences have Palatine mailing addresses.
- 1st Ward high school students attend Fremd.

Did You Know?

Rolling Meadows' 1st Ward is home to Wolfrum Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Palatine Township. The site is located at the end of a walking path that connects to Greenwood Court.

FIVE WAYS TO PAY YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY BILL

1. Create an account on the City's Customer Service Portal (www.cityrm.org/146/Online-Payments).
2. Use your bank's online bill payment system.
3. Send payments via U.S. mail.
4. Drop payments in the white drop box in the City Hall parking lot.
5. Pay in-person at the Finance Department.

For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500 or fin@cityrm.org.

All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.*

6/5: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

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

6/8: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (Red light), 1:00 pm (Code), 2:00 pm (Parking)

6/9: **Community Block Party**, 6:00 – 9:30 pm, Central Road

6/12: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am

6/13: **Crime Stoppers**, 5:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

6/18: **Father's Day**

6/20: **Water bills due; CEF Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

6/21: **First Day of Summer**

6/23: **Friday's ROCK! & Roll in Meadows**, 6:00 – 10:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park

6/27: **Veterans Committee**, 6:00 pm; **Capital Projects Committee**, 6:30 pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	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	

View agendas for upcoming City Council meetings – and volunteer board and commission meetings – at www.cityrm.org.

**Upcoming meetings may be held elsewhere due to planned updates to Council Chambers. Check individual meeting agendas for details.*

'WATER MODELING' HELPS ENSURE RELIABILITY (AND VIABILITY) OF CITY'S WATER SYSTEM

FACT: Rolling Meadows' water system includes over 90 miles of underground pipes that deliver an average of 13 million gallons of water to residents and businesses every week.

Ensuring the ongoing reliability – and viability – of this important resource is critical to the City's overall quality of life. That's why Rolling Meadows conducts an in-depth analysis of the water system every five years to anticipate upcoming maintenance needs and reduce long-term costs through proactive planning.

The most recent analysis, completed by civil engineering firm Baxter & Woodman, offers a data-driven deep-dive into the entire system's overall health. It collects a tremendous amount of information – everything from the age of individual underground lines to system pressure and customer usage rates. These help City leaders plan accordingly for long-term system maintenance and future upgrades while reducing the frequency of water main breaks or other service interruptions.

The modeling project also considers the effects of future residential



and commercial development on the system.

"The information contained in this report is essential for budgeting and capital planning, which help ensure the continued reliability and efficiency of our water system," explained Public Works Supervisor Ryan Rivard. "By having an understanding of the entire system's capabilities, we can apply financial and operational resources more effectively."

The City's adoption of a Utility Rate Study in 2020, also prepared by Baxter & Woodman, outlined a multi-year plan to stabilize usage fee rates paid by residential and business customers. Those fees help fund water system maintenance and operations.

View the complete report [here](#).

WATER QUALITY REPORT POSTED BY JUNE 30TH

The Public Works Department publishes an annual Water Quality newsletter to meet Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements and provide information about Rolling Meadows' water system to our customers. This year's report will be posted on the City's website at www.cityrm.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=9840 by June 30th.

This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), as it's known, provides basic facts regarding the City's water system, so that individuals have the information necessary to make water consumption decisions based on their personal health.

The annual report provides a general overview of water quality and water system operations. It details where the water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to regulating agency standards.

Most of the information and statements contained in the report are required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for public knowledge.

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

**IT'S BEEN AN HONOR,
ROLLING MEADOWS**

By Joe Gallo



It has been a privilege serving the City for the past six years as 4th Ward Alderman and then mayor. I decided to get involved in local city government because I believed we needed change. I ran on the belief that without change, there can be no progress.

In my four years as mayor, we saw a lot of progress. We now have, for the first time in Rolling Meadows' history, a majority female City Council. Five of the six executive staff positions were replaced with new professional leaders. Our City staff is stronger than it has ever been.

I'm proud of the many actions I took as mayor to move this city forward. From navigating the mundane to moving Rolling Meadows through a global pandemic, and everything in between.

As I step away to pursue new chapters, I find delight in believing my involvement helped pave the way for much more to come. Thank you for all your trust and support over the years!



Rebuilding and/or resurfacing City streets is an important part of Rolling Meadows' long-term infrastructure maintenance efforts.

WELCOME TO CONSTRUCTION SEASON!
2023 STREETS PROGRAM WILL REBUILD OR RESURFACE EIGHT RESIDENTIAL ROADS

Three neighborhood side streets in Rolling Meadows' 1st Ward are undergoing full reconstruction this summer as part of the City's annual Street Maintenance Program, while another five residential streets in the 3rd, 6th, and 7th Wards will be patched and resurfaced.

Reconstruction Program Overview

- **Deerfield Lane**
Between Arrowwood and Groveside (1,425 feet)
- **Millstone Lane**
Between Deerfield and Pebblebrook (979 feet)
- **Old Mill Lane**
Between Arrowwood and Deerfield (957 feet)

Vehicle access to these roads may be limited at certain times during construction.

City officials will keep area residents updated throughout the course of the project in order to help minimize any inconvenience.

Construction is expected to be completed late summer/early fall (weather permitting).

Resurfacing Program Overview

- **Magnolia Drive**
(from East Frontage to Brookmeade)
- **South Street**
(from Meadow to Dove)
- **South Court**
- **Brookmeade Drive**
(from Central to Plum Grove)
- **Plum Grove Drive**
(from Magnolia to Barker)

Rolling Meadows' 2023 Streets Program is funded primarily by Illinois' Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) revenue, with the remainder budgeted in the City's Local Road and Utility Funds.

Find Updates Online

For updates on this year's Streets Program, please visit the Public Works Department's Construction Projects page (www.cityrm.org/643/Construction-Projects).

Scroll down and click the "Notify Me" link to sign up for email or text updates, or simply click on each project listed on the left side of the page.





Family Services Day featured informational tables from over 40 area service providers.

FAMILY SERVICES DAY CELEBRATES PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN POLICE AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Over 500 residents enjoyed an afternoon celebration on May 13th while learning more about important social services available through the Rolling Meadows Police Department and local community organizations.

This year's Family Services Day, held at the East Park Neighborhood Resource Center, brought together over 40 nonprofit organizations – churches, health systems, schools, and more – to connect residents with agencies offering help for challenges such as domestic violence, early childhood education, mental health, substance abuse, and more.

“Having the event take place Mother’s Day weekend allows us to celebrate the important role mothers play in so many families, while also offering those families access to an abundance of area resources,” explained Dr. Natalia Nieves, RMPD’s Social Services Manager. “This type of event is extremely helpful for sec-



Event highlights included traditional Mexican dance performances.

tors of our community that are often not aware of the services available to them.”

All-ages attractions included a bounce house, wandering Paw Patrol characters, a petting zoo, an appearance by the Oscar Mayer Frankmobile, performances by two Mexican Folkloric dance groups, and more.



Paw Patrol members were on the scene.

City leaders, including Mayor Lara Sanoica, 3rd Ward Alderman Kevin O’Brien, 5th Ward Alderman Stefanie Boucher, and City Manager Rob Sabo also joined in the celebration.

Meanwhile, Police Chief John Nowacki and members of the Police Department’s Administrative Team fired up the grills and cooked over 700 hamburgers and hot dogs for attendees.

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City Hall Hours
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday - Friday



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5th Ward Alderman Stefanie Boucher	224-200-9015
6th Ward Alderman Mandy Reyez	847-209-5435
7th Ward Alderman Mike Koehler	847-912-8750
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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Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

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