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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUGUST 1ST

Kimball Hoot formally invites YOU to this year's National Night Out celebration...story on page 3



## COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY, FINANCIAL REPORTING EXCELLENCE HELPS CITY WIN 'TRIPLE CROWN' FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the third year in a row, 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 certifies that Rolling Meadows earned all three of the GFOA's budgeting and financial transparency awards for fiscal year (FY) 2021. They include the:

- **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**, which demonstrates a commitment to budgetary transparency and the highest accounting standards.

- **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**, which 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)**, which recognizes governmental entities for their commitment to financial transparency and public education on budget-related manners.

Communities that earn the Triple Crown are committed to "producing annual reports that evidence the spirit of full disclosure and transparency," according to a GFOA press release.

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## REGISTER FOR 'CITIZEN ALERT' PROGRAM

Receive instant updates about community emergencies through the Citizen Alert system operated by Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS), the regional dispatch center that serves Rolling Meadows and nearly a dozen other northwest suburban communities.

The Citizen Alert program, powered by Everbridge, helps City and public safety officials notify residents of emergencies such as critical road closures, missing persons, traffic accidents, and more.

In the event of emergency, it will deliver messages to residents by email, voicemail, and text message, based on each user's preferences.



[Click here to register.](#) For more information, visit [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) and select "Emergency Citizen Alerts" from the "How Do I..." drop down menu.



## THREE GREAT WAYS TO SUPPORT CITY'S COMMUNITY EVENTS

Join the fun and show your support for Rolling Meadows' community events! Here are three easy ways:

### Attend

From summer block parties to year-end holiday celebrations, Rolling Meadows packs a ton of excitement into every calendar year. View a complete listing of this year's community events [here](#).

### Volunteer

Resident volunteers are the ones who make these events successful, and we're always looking for people to join the ranks. Learn more by contacting Lori Ciezak ([ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org) or 847-394-8500).

### Contribute

The Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations from residents and businesses to provide funding for City events. Click [here](#) to contribute.

Supporters may also send checks (payable to Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation) to:

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



## COMING ATTRACTIONS ROLLING MEADOWS COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

### AUGUST

#### National Night Out

Tuesday 8/1, 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Community Center  
(3705 Pheasant Dr)

No one does National Night Out like Rolling Meadows: it's a fun-filled evening of live entertainment and attractions, free food, games, giveaways, and more (see story, page 3).

#### FRIDAYS ROCK! & Roll in Meadows

Friday 8/11, 6:00 – 10:00 pm  
Kimball Hill Park

There's only one thing better than seeing a live band on a summer evening: TWO live bands! Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy FREE performances by **One Foot in the Groove** (horn-driven rock) and **Rod Tuffcurls & the Bench Press** (multi-layered harmonies).

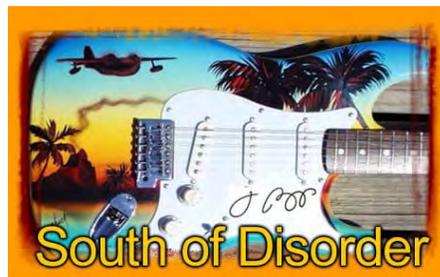
### SEPTEMBER

#### FRIDAYS ROCK! & Duck Race

Friday 9/8, 6:00 – 10:00 pm  
Kimball Hill Park

Get ready for a **rocking and racing** evening! Rolling Meadows' annual Duck Race is a "quacktastic" way to support local environmental preservation efforts and win a variety of great prizes! Purchase plastic ducks – \$5 each or five for \$20 – at the event or in advance at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) and City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road).

After cheering your ducks to victory as they cascade down the waterfall towards the finish line in Kimball Hill Pond, kick back and enjoy live musical performances by **Barefoot**



### #CITYRMEVENTS

#### GET SOCIAL THIS SUMMER!

Make sure you let everyone know just how much fun you and your families are having this summer! When attending upcoming City events, remember to tag social media posts with **#cityrmevents**.

**Hawaiians** (Hula/Tahitian music and dancers) and **South of Disorder** (Jimmy Buffett tribute group).

#### Senior Luncheon

Tuesday 9/8, 12:30 – 2:30 pm  
Community Center

Residents ages 50 and up will enjoy a lunch buffet, live performance by **Denny Diamond** (Neil Diamond tribute act), raffles, and more. Admission is \$8 per person. For reservations, call 847-818-3205.



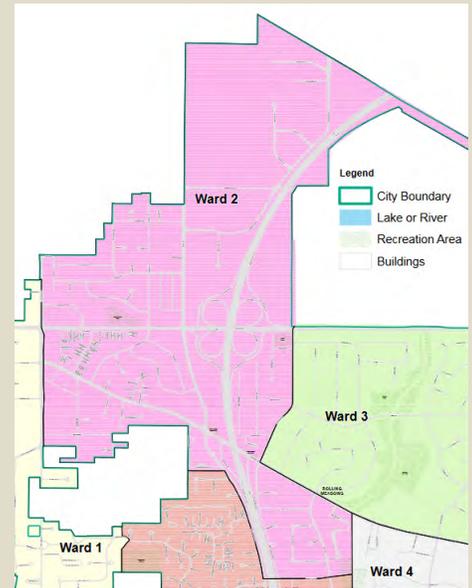
#### Public Works Open House

Saturday 9/23, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
3900 Berdnick Street

Experience a "behind-the-scenes" glimpse of Public Works operations with live demonstrations, Q&A sessions with department employees, facility tours, vehicle displays (Touch-a-Truck), free food/refreshments, prizes and giveaways, and more.

Find the latest information on upcoming events on the City's [web-site](#) or on [Facebook](#).

## ROLLING MEADOWS' 2ND WARD



### Overview

- **Geographic location:** Extends along the east and west sides of Illinois Route 53 (bounded approximately by Northwest Highway, Plum Grove/Meacham Road, and Rohlwing Road – plus a few residential areas just south of Kirchoff Road, between Route 53 and Owl Drive).
- **Council representative:** Nick Budmats
- **Population** (2020 Census): 3,516

### Ward Facts

- Rolling Meadows' Public Works Department (3900 Berdnick Street) is located on the far north side of Ward 2.
- Ward 2 is the home of Rolling Meadows Fire Department's Station 16 (2340 Hicks Road).

### Did You Know?

South Park, located at 2004 S. Theda Lane (near the corner of Fremont Street and Rohlwing Road), is the only park in Rolling Meadows that is maintained by the Salt Creek Rural Park District.



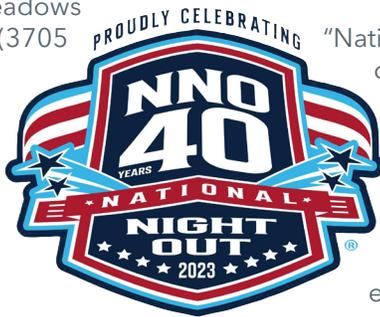
Rolling Meadows' annual National Night Out festivities have been recognized for excellence by the National Association of Town Watch, which organized the first NNO 40 years ago.

## 'NATIONAL NIGHT OUT' EVENT TO CELEBRATE POLICE & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, AUGUST 1ST

Rolling Meadows' annual National Night Out celebration has earned nationwide recognition for bringing public safety officers and residents together to heighten awareness of local crime prevention efforts, and that success is sure to continue with this year's festivities, set for Tuesday, August 1st, 6:00-9:00 pm, at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

Family-friendly attractions and activities will include:

- Carnival games and giveaways,
- Fireworks,
- Stunt dog performances,
- Blue Paw Dunkers basketball exhibition,
- Sky diving demonstrations,
- Facepainting,
- Balloon artist,
- Henna tattoo artist (*temporary designs*),



- Roving magician,
- Reptile petting zoo,
- Law enforcement vehicle displays,
- Information booths highlighting Rolling Meadows social clubs and community groups,
- Free food and refreshments (*while supplies last*),
- And more.

"National Night Out is an opportunity for residents and police officers to stand together against crime and celebrate our community," Police Chief John Nowacki explained. "We invite everyone to join us for what is sure to be an outstanding evening."

The City's annual NNO celebration has been recognized for excellence by the [National Association of Town Watch](#) (NATW), which organized the first National Night Out in 1983.

## REGISTRY HELPS CITY CONNECT WITH VETERANS

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans with whom they have previously connected. This list also ensures that registered veterans receive invitations to Rolling Meadows' annual Memorial Day ceremony, November Veterans Dinner, and other City events.

Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their names, may contact Lori Ciezak at [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).

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

8/1: **National Night Out**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Community Center

8/2: **Environmental Committee**, 6:30 pm; **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7:00 pm

8/3: **Fire Pension Board**, 8:30 am

8/7: **Economic Development Committee**, 6:00 pm

8/8: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

8/10: **Adjudication Hearings**, 11:00 am (Red light), 1:00 pm (Code), 2:00 pm (Parking)

8/11: **Friday's ROCK! Concert**, 6:00 – 10:00 pm, Kimball Hill Park

8/14: **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 9:00 am

8/15: **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7:30 pm

8/16: **Community Events Foundation Volunteer Committee**, 6:00 pm

8/21: *Water bills due*

8/22: **City Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm

8/29: **Veterans Committee**, 6:00 pm

August 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	31		

View agendas for upcoming City Council meetings – and volunteer board and commission meetings – at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).



Dwayne Schadd (left) celebrates with family members during a retirement party held at the Public Works Department to recognize his 21 years of service to Rolling Meadows residents and businesses.

## PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT DWAYNE SCHADD RECOGNIZED FOR 21 YEARS OF CITY SERVICE

City leaders recently honored former Operations Superintendent Dwayne Schadd for his 21-year career with the Public Works Department and thanked him for his essential role in creating “an environment that fosters progress and innovation.” Schadd retired from City service in May.

A proclamation read by Mayor Lara Sanoica at City Council’s June 13th meeting commended Schadd for “exemplary service” and thanked him for his “exceptional leadership” throughout his two decades with Rolling Meadows.

“We extend our warmest wishes to Dwayne on his well-deserved retirement, and appreciate everything you’ve done for our City,” she added.

Schadd joined Public Works in 2002 as a Parts Technician and wasted little time making improvements to department operations: he created the City’s first barcode inventory system to help improve operations.



In addition, Schadd helped streamline the City’s work order system and led efforts to bring vehicle fabrication/installation operations in-house. His efforts proved quite effective in reducing costs and enhancing department efficiencies.

Schadd also served as Vehicle Services Foreman, Internal Services Supervisor, and Operations Supervisor before being named Operations Superintendent.



Sue Walton (third from right) is joined by Environmental Committee members Karen Gill, Pete Jackson, Joannie Thomas, Fred Vogt, Cook County Commissioner Maggie Trevor, and Raymond Mau at a July ceremony to recognize Sue Walton Woods as part of the City's bike path system.

## 'SUE WALTON WOODS' HONORS LONGTIME RESIDENT, COUNCIL MEMBER, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Longtime Rolling Meadows resident and environmental advocate Sue Walton was honored for more than 20 years of community service at a July 8th ceremony to officially dedicate Sue Walton Woods. The newly designated open space is located along the City's bike path network, overlooking Salt Creek just north of Kennedy Pond.

Walton, who represented 1st Ward residents on City Council from 2003 – 2007, is the founder and former chairperson of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee. She also helped establish the City's annual duck race fundraiser to support local environmental preservation efforts (see story on page 2) and was a

major supporter of yearly Earth Day/Salt Creek cleanup initiatives.

Today, she remains active in the community and volunteers at the Rolling Meadows Historical Society as a museum tour guide and program coordinator.

Federal, state, and local leaders attending the July ceremony included Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-8th), State Rep. Mark Walker (D-53rd), Cook County Board Commissioner Maggie Trevor (9th District), Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Dan Pogorzelski, and members of the City's Environmental Committee.

## 'TRIPLE CROWN' AWARD ...continued from page 1

### Reputation for Excellence

The 2021 Triple Crown is the latest municipal accounting accolade presented to Rolling Meadows: the City has earned the GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" every year since 1985 and is a seven-time recipient of the association's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award."



### View Reports Online

Residents may review a range of Rolling Meadows financial reports [here](#).

For more information on Rolling Meadows Finance Department operations, visit [www.cityrm.org/221/Finance-Department](http://www.cityrm.org/221/Finance-Department).

## NOW'S THE TIME TO UPGRADE YOUR HOME'S SMOKE DETECTORS

Rolling Meadows firefighters urge residents to check the status of their home's smoke detectors and, if necessary, replace them with new units with self-contained, 10-year batteries.



### Improved Protection

Ten-year concealed battery units offer a tremendous advantage over the older model smoke detectors they are designed to replace: their power source lasts for the life of the device. They are also engineered to be more effective in detecting smoke, which offers an enhanced level of protection for family members of all ages.

### It's the Law

Effective January 1st, 2023, Illinois law requires homeowners to replace older, battery-powered smoke alarms with new 10-year devices. Dwellings with hardwired smoke detectors are exempt.

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

## CRIME PREVENTION 101: LOCK VEHICLE DOORS

The majority of criminal activity in Rolling Meadows involves property theft from unlocked vehicles. That's why the Police Department urges residents to make it harder on potential thieves by always locking their cars and trucks.

"Your odds of becoming a victim decrease significantly if you simply lock your doors after parking and leaving your vehicle," Police Chief John Nowacki explained.

Residents should also avoid leaving valuables in vehicles that are unattended or, at the very least, keep them out of sight from passersby.



## A GREAT DAY FOR A PARADE!

The Fourth of July is always cause for celebration...and thousands gathered to celebrate the City's 2023 Independence Day parade. Thanks

to everyone – elected leaders, local businesses, community groups, resident volunteers, and parade participants – for making this year's event such a success!



## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

### CASA DI LUIGI JOINS CITY'S RESTAURANT SCENE

Casa di Luigi, the latest addition to the City's growing number of din-

ing/entertainment destinations, is a fusion of culinary authenticity and innovation. The Italian restaurant offers a wide range of classic dishes, full bar, and – as its website states – “the best homemade limoncello.”



Casa di Luigi  
5500 New Wilke Road  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008  
224-735-2338  
[www.casadiluigirestaurant.com](http://www.casadiluigirestaurant.com)

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



#### MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Lara Sanoica . . . . . 847-770-3097  
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  
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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#### INQUIRE ABOUT CITY SERVICES

Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

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[admin@cityrm.org](mailto:admin@cityrm.org) . . . . . 847-394-8500

**City Clerk's Office**  
[clerk@cityrm.org](mailto:clerk@cityrm.org) . . . . . 847-394-8500

**Community Development**  
[cd@cityrm.org](mailto:cd@cityrm.org) . . . . . 847-506-6030

**Finance Department**  
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**Fire Department**  
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**Information Technology**  
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**Police Department**  
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**Public Works**  
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