

## THIS MONTH IN ROLLING MEADOWS

**May 1**—Vehicle stickers and dog licenses go on sale

**May 5-9**—Refuse bag delivery week, paper refuse bags delivered to all single-family homes on regular refuse pickup day.

● **Brush setout week, section 1**

**May 5** — Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, 9 a.m., City Hall

**May 6**—Economic Development Committee, 6 p.m., Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m., both at City Hall, Library Board, 7 p.m., at the Library

**May 7** — 911 Board, 3 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., both at City Hall

**May 12-16**—Brush collection week, section 1

**May 13** — City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

**May 15** — Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall

● **Sprinkling Ban Begins**

**May 19-23**—Brush setout week, section 2

**May 20** — City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

**May 22** — Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall

**May 23**—Annual Veterans Dinner

**May 24**—Memorial Day parade & ceremony, 11 a.m.

**May 26**— Memorial Day, City Hall and Public Works closed

**May 27-31**—Brush collection week, section 2

**May 22** — City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

**May 28**— 6th Ward Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

**May 29**— Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall

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## Police Officers' Response in Shooting Closely Followed Policy, Best Practices

The Rolling Meadows police response to a situation Saturday, March 8, so closely followed Department policy and best police practices it could well be used for a training demonstration, Police Chief Steven Williams believes.

Still, the result was tragedy for a Rolling Meadows family, and an experience that will change the police officers involved forever.

A frightened resident called for protection from a man armed with knives who was acting erratically outside the East Park Apartments on the City's eastside.

The Rolling Meadows officers responding to the 8:51 p.m. call saw the man with the knives across a parking lot. They approached him and ordered him to halt and drop his weapons. The

man was about 200 feet away.

It was then after nightfall, but the parking lot is well lighted. A video camera routinely activated on the



officers' patrol car taped the

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—Police Chief Steve Williams

encounter. Meanwhile, the frightened resident remained on the phone, giving police dispatch a running account.

The man started to come toward the officers, brandishing the knives,

hurling epithets and making threats. The officers again ordered him to halt and put down the knives. By then, he was only 100 feet away.

The man kept coming.

The officers again ordered him to halt, threatening to use force.

The man kept coming. One officer fired Taser cartridges at the man in an effort to stop him without seriously hurting him.

The man's heavy clothing

kept the Taser probes from penetrating. He brushed them away and kept coming at the officers. They were now backed up against parked cars. They couldn't back up any more.

The man threatening to cut them was only 15 or 20 feet away. The second officer,

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## City to Salute Veterans

**Memorial Day parade and Carillon observance, May 24...**  
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## City to Salute Veterans With Memorial Day Parade, Carillon Observance, May 24

Rolling Meadows will honor those who have served in the nation's armed forces Saturday, May 24, during its annual Memorial Day Parade and observance.

The parade steps off from the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive at 11 a.m. Participants will march west on Kirchoff to the Carillon Tower, site of a solemn ceremony set for 11:30 a.m.

Parade participants include the Police Department Honor Guard, representatives from City service departments and the Rolling Meadows High School Marching Band.

The City encourages local veterans to participate in this year's parade. Family members of veterans are also welcome to march, carrying photos or other mementos of their loved ones. The City will provide transportation for participants unable to walk the parade route.

At the Carillon, Mayor Ken Nelson will lead City officials and invited dignitaries in a wreath laying ceremony at the base of the Veterans Monument.

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans who have taken part in previous Memorial Day Parades. Veterans who wish to participate in this year's parade, and have not registered for the event in previous years, may contact Barry Krumstok, Assistant City Manager, at 847-394-8500 (ext. 3011).

## Police Officers' Response

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following Department procedure, had drawn his service revolver to cover his partner using the Taser. When the Taser did not stop the man, the second officer fired one shot that brought the assailant to the ground.

The man was taken to Northwest Community Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. He was later identified as Michael Chybicki, a former Rolling Meadows resident whose family still lives in the City.

Why did Chybicki refuse repeated orders to put down his weapons? We may never know. He was acting very erratically. He may not have had full possession of his faculties or he may have intended to commit suicide.

State police investigators are conducting a full investigation and had not completed their report as *News & Views* went to press. The names of police officers involved are usually withheld until the investigation is complete.

It was the first time police have used lethal force in Rolling Meadows since the 1950s, according to Chief Williams.

Following Police Department policy for **any** use of force, full descriptive reports of the incident were completed that day. These reports were submitted to supervisors, who forwarded them to Deputy Chief/Operations Dave Scanlan for review, following policy.

The Department's analysis of preliminary

information led to the conclusion that the officers involved had acted as they had been trained for such a situation, and their actions were justified.

The Department's policy is not to conduct its own internal investigation in such a case. Instead, Chief Williams contacted the Public Integrity Unit of the Cook County State's Attorney's office. It is the State's Attorney's responsibility to determine whether any charges should be brought. Following its usual procedure, the State's Attorney asked the Illinois State Police to conduct an investigation. In effect, the State Police investigation is also the Rolling Meadows Police Department's internal investigation.

Chief Williams describes the incident as "a tragic event." He conveyed the Department's condolences to the Chybicki family. He remains deeply concerned that the officers involved and others in the Department will have the support they need to bear the mental stress such an incident can bring. "They will never be the same," he says.

"I know the police officer had to be convinced his life was in danger. This incident will impact his life, and we will work with him on getting through it," says Mayor Ken Nelson.



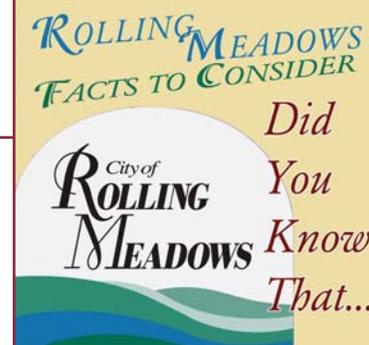
## Committee to Host Dinner for City Veterans, May 23

Local veterans are invited to reconnect with fellow service members at a special Veterans Dinner hosted by the City's Veterans Committee Friday, May 23.

This year's event begins at 6:30 p.m. and will take place at Meridian Banquets, 1701 Algonquin Road. Resident veterans and a guest will enjoy a multi-course meal complete with appetizers, soup, salad, main course and dessert.

**Space is limited to 200.** For reservations, contact Barry Krumstok at 847-394-8500 (ext. 3011).

Rolling Meadows generates 1,800 requests each year for J.U.L.I.E. to locate underground lines, cables and pipes.



# Local Students Apply Advanced Technology To Council-Approved Fire Station Design Project

Construction on a new Algonquin Road fire station is slated to begin this summer, thanks in part to a group of Rolling Meadows High School students. They helped the Fire Department prepare a computer-aided design presentation approved by City Council in March.

The Department's Station Design Committee began working with junior Derek Austerlade, and seniors Joseph Ingolia, Wayne Kuhn, Michael Snively and David Swoch, in February. Using a state-of-the-art computer program, the five students created a "virtual" 360-degree rendering of their station design concept and joined Fire Department officials in presenting it before City Council.

The collaboration provided the students with valuable experience and

allowed the Fire Department to apply advanced design technology to its preliminary planning efforts while reducing costs to taxpayers. City officials estimate the project

Fire Chief Ron Stewart says. "Our City's motto is 'Progress through Participation.' This project is a great example of how we can make Rolling Meadows a better place by working together."

Teacher Joe Salvato said the students were

**The design for Fire Station 17 was submitted by Rolling Meadows High School Students.**

would have cost roughly \$20,000 if performed by a professional design firm.

"This opportunity to share resources helped save taxpayers a significant amount of money and gave these students an opportunity to apply skills they're learning in school,"

happy to help. Now the students' rendering will provide the basis for a comprehensive project design.

"We had a choice of

whether to accept it, and the students were willing," he says. "We all wanted to do something for the Fire Department."

The Algonquin Road fire station (Station 17), one of ten official goals approved by City Council last year, will be built on an undeveloped parcel of

property on the south side of the street, between Meadowbrook Drive and Wilke Road. It will provide effective fire protection and service to the growing southern portions of the City, and reduce response times.

"Adding capacity along Algonquin Road will have a "ripple" effect that will benefit the entire City," Chief Stewart says. "It will allow us to allocate resources more effectively among three locations and improve response times for the whole community."

Construction on Station 17 is planned to begin in July. Fire Department officials expect to begin operating from the new station in January 2009.

## Alderman Kwandras to Host 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Meeting, May 28

Alderman Kathy Kwandras will host a 6<sup>th</sup> Ward meeting on public safety in the City Hall Council Chamber *Wednesday, May 28*. Joining Alderman Kwandras will be members of the City's Police, Fire, Public Works and Community Development Departments. Sixth Ward residents are encouraged to bring questions and concerns for discussion.

## Special Service Area to Fund Industrial Park Water Main Upgrades

A Special Service Area established for the City's northwest industrial park will generate more than \$480,000 over ten years to fund construction of new water mains serving businesses in the area.

Following extensive dialogue between City officials and property owners and a public hearing last November to address concerns, an ordinance passed by City Council earlier this year created Special Service Area # 5.

The ordinance allows the City to collect \$48,564 annually from industrial park property owners for the specific purpose of funding water flow improvements to businesses within the geographical area bounded by Rohlwing Road, Industrial Avenue, Hicks Road and Carnegie Street.

Total estimated cost of the water main improvement project is \$1 million. Rolling Meadows will contribute 50% of the costs, with the remainder to be paid by property owners within the Special Service Area.

"Special Service Area # 5 allows the City to fund water flow improvements to businesses operating in the industrial park without asking the entire community to cover the costs," City Manager Tom Melena explains. "The 50-year old underground water mains currently serving those businesses are ill-suited to support fire suppression requirements due to expanding operations in that section of the City," he adds.

Larger, 12-inch diameter water mains will be installed on Industrial Avenue, Hicks Road and Carnegie Street. Exact locations have not yet been determined.

# Goal Setters Find Much to Like, Identify Challenges, Set Priorities

Rolling Meadows has much to be proud of, a group of 60 City officials and community leaders participating in an all-day goal setting



meeting last month agreed:

- A “hometown” feeling that is the envy of many larger towns;
  - High quality city services delivered by people who care;
  - Excellent schools, parks, and library;
  - A strong, diversified tax base;
  - Great location along the “golden triangle”;
  - A high level of community participation.
- Many challenges persist, despite repeated efforts to address them, including:
- A continuing “downtown struggle,” as planners try to redefine and redevelop the City’s downtown core. One of the goal setters’ ideas is to convene a “hometown commission” to redefine expectations for downtown redevelopment;
  - A need to find additional revenue sources and build financial reserves;

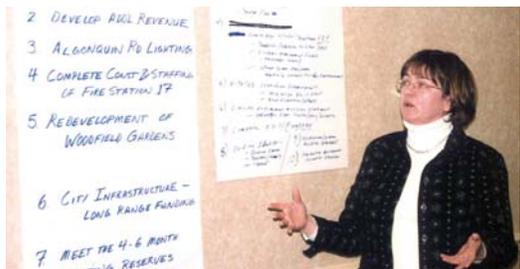


- Improvement of lighting along Algonquin Road and enhancements of the entire I-90/Route 53 corridor, in part to create a look that will attract passersby;

- Completion of a redevelopment agreement for the 12 Oaks of Woodfield (formerly Woodfield Gardens) area.

Other goals build on the City’s strengths. Goal setters want to see more community events that bring people together. They want to see upgrading of the use of technology, including a new City telephone system, automated records management, and online bill payment of tickets, fines and fees.

*Finance Director Jim Egeberg presents the City’s Five-Year Financial Plan to goal setting meeting participants (left and inset). Parks and Recreation Director Amy Charlesworth (below) explains how her table sees the City’s goals.*



City Manager Tom Melena, who initiated the annual goal setting process in 2002, plans to retire at the end of the year, so he may not see achievement of this year’s goals. He makes a practice of posting goals outside his office door and checking them off as progress is made.

“If you spend \$50 million on City government, at the end of year, you ought to be able to say you’ve accomplished something,” he likes to say.

In addition to Mayor Ken Nelson, City Aldermen, City department heads and other top officials, the goal setters included residents who participate in City Commissions and Committees, Chamber Executive Director Linda Liles Ballantine, Library Director Dave Ruff, Parks and Recreation Director Amy Charlesworth, and Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Ken Jenssen.

Final wording for the City’s 2008-2009 goals must still be approved by City Council.

## Tickets Available For Arlington Park’s ‘Rolling Meadows Appreciation Day,’ May 31

Each Rolling Meadows household may request complimentary tickets to an action-packed afternoon of horse racing and community pride Saturday, May 31, when Arlington Park hosts “Rolling Meadows Appreciation Day.”

Residents may register for free admission tickets at [www.arlingtonpark.com](http://www.arlingtonpark.com). Click on “Purchase Tickets Online,” then enter coupon code “RMEADOWS” in the “Apply Discount” section.

Tickets are also available at City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road, and the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, 2775 Algonquin Road. Complimentary passes will also be available on the day of the event with proof of residency.

Gates open at 11:30 a.m. The first race of the day starts at 1 p.m.

“Arlington Park has set aside a day for residents and businesses to celebrate our City with a day of racing and other family events,” Mayor Ken Nelson says. “We appreciate the Park’s generosity and encourage everyone to join us for a day at the races.”

Residents have the option of upgrading their ticket order to include Arlington Park’s Bistro Lunch Package. The \$16 package includes park admission, daily racing guide, bistro lunch and reserved seats.

For more information, call Arlington Park at 847-385-7410.

## Volunteer for May 13 County Preparedness Drill

The Cook County Department of Public Health seeks volunteers to participate in an emergency preparedness drill Tuesday, May 13, in Hoffman Estates. Members of the Rolling Meadows Emergency Management Committee will participate as observers in the event, which will simulate the distribution of medication to County residents in the event of emergency.

Participants are welcome anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. To register, contact Hoffman Estates EMA Coordinator David Christensen at 847-843-4839, or [David.Christensen@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:David.Christensen@hoffmanestates.org).

## Council Reviews Pros, Cons of Biofuels When Replacing Old City Vehicle

City Council's decision to approve the purchase of a new truck that runs on standard unleaded gasoline – as opposed to a truck powered by ethanol-based E85 fuel – is projected to save taxpayers nearly \$10,000 over the life of the vehicle.

E85 is the term for a motor fuel blend of 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline. It burns cleaner than regular gasoline and reduces carbon dioxide emissions. Critics contend that the amount of energy required to produce ethanol outweighs any benefits of its use.

The new truck will replace an eight-year old light duty pickup truck used by Community Development inspectors.

A long-term cost analysis prepared by the Public Works Department compared the vehicles' purchase prices, miles-per-gallon (mpg) ratings, and fuel costs over 75,000 miles. The study concluded that:

- The sale price of the E85 vehicle exceeded the gasoline-powered vehicle by \$2,060.
- Fuel for the E85 vehicle would cost \$7,489 more than unleaded gasoline over the life of the vehicle, due to a lower fuel economy rating (10 mpg vs. 16 mpg for unleaded gasoline).

While E85 fuel is currently less expensive than unleaded gasoline on a per-gallon basis, the E85 vehicle's lower fuel economy rating would require an additional 3,000 gallons of fuel to match the fuel efficiency of a similar truck running on unleaded gasoline.

Current market forces made the purchase of an E85 vehicle undesirable, but Rolling Meadows' Environmental Mission Statement guides the City's efforts to "improve the quality of life in our community by recommending sustainable policy initiatives and encouraging public stewardship of our natural resources."

"As the technology improves and costs drop, the City will explore other opportunities to incorporate alternative fuels such as E85 into our operations," City Manager Tom Melena says.



## Purchase 2008-09 Vehicle Stickers by June 30

Residents have until June 30 to purchase their 2008-09 vehicle stickers without incurring a late fee. Stickers went on sale May 1.

Vehicle sticker renewal notices being mailed to all residents in early May include a pre-addressed envelope, making it convenient to order stickers from home.

"Mail orders enable residents to avoid potentially long lines if purchasing stickers in person," Finance Director Jim Egeberg says.

All drivers with vehicles registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase and display the 2008-09 stickers by June 30. Stickers purchased after the June 30 deadline will double in price.

Vehicle sticker prices start at \$22 for passenger vehicles, "B" plate trucks (under 8,000 lbs.), and motorcycles. Senior residents ages 65 and over are eligible for a reduced rate of \$10 per sticker (limit two per address).

Those who prefer to purchase vehicle stickers in person may stop by the Finance Department at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Stickers for passenger vehicles only are also available at the following locations:

- Aldaliz Western Wear Store, 2210 Algonquin Rd.
- Ben Franklin Bank, 3148 Kirchoff Rd.
- Charter One Bank, 3901 Kirchoff Rd.
- Fifth Third Bank, 1801 Algonquin Rd.
- MB Financial Bank, 2251 Plum Grove Rd.
- Police Neighborhood Resource Center/East Park Apartments, 2272 Algonquin Parkway
- Rolling Meadows Currency Exchange, 3340 Kirchoff Road, (\$2 service charge).

New residents, and those who acquire a vehicle between July 1, 2008 and May 1, 2009, have 60 days to purchase a sticker without incurring late fees.

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

## Call JULIE Before You Dig

*Planning an outdoor project that requires digging? Before you dig, call J.U.L.I.E. at 1-800-892-0123.*

## Park District's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration To Feature Games, Entertainment, August 23

Rolling Meadows Park District's "Party in the Park" 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will feature a wide range of games and live entertainment suitable for the entire family, Saturday, August 23, at Kimball Hill Park.

Highlights include:

- Kids carnival games and amusements.
- OD TAPO IMI, a Broadway Island musical review.
- Live Band Karaoke (Be the first "Rolling Meadows Idol")
- Headline performance by the

Retro-rockets, a seven-piece band specializing in rock n' roll, classic rock, and jazz.

For more information, contact the Park District at 847-818-3200. Additional information will be presented in upcoming issues of *News & Views*.

## City To Search for New Manager

BY MAYOR KEN NELSON

One of the major tasks facing your elected officials this year is hiring a new City Manager. Tom Melena will retire in January 2009 after seven years and five months at the helm. Replacing him will be an arduous task.

He has served this community extremely well during his tenure. The City Manager is the hands-on, day-to-day executive in charge of running our City. I've always compared it to a corporation where the Mayor and Council serve as the Board of Directors, while the City Manager is the Chief Operating Officer. We depend on that person to implement the policies developed by



*City Manager Tom Melena, shown here leading last month's goal setting meeting, will retire after more than seven years at the helm in Rolling Meadows.*

Council.

We've begun the search process by reassessing what we want in a City Manager. It's important that we take a close look at ourselves to determine exactly what our next City Manager must bring to the table. Our consultants have conducted dozens of interviews and have put together a job description based on the specific needs of our community.

During the summer, we'll be screening applicants to try to find the one who best fits those needs. We expect to have Tom's successor in place before the holidays, enabling us to have a smooth transition into the New Year. Then we'll have the opportunity to wish Tom a happy retirement. I only hope he realizes how much he will be missed.

## Computer Recycling Event to Take Place At Conyers Learning Academy, May 15 & 16

John G. Conyers Learning Academy will be the site of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Assistive Technology Exchange Network (ATEN) Recycling Event Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16.

Residents may bring used computer and medical equipment to Conyers

Learning Academy, 2800 Central Road, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. All donations are tax deductible.

ATEN is a program of the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago, whose mission is to increase access to computers and other technology for students with

disabilities throughout Illinois. ATEN also collects durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, therapeutic equipment, etc.) for students and adults with disabilities.

For more information, contact Don Sommerville at 847-963-3450, or [sommervd@ccsd15.net](mailto:sommervd@ccsd15.net).

## Garden Club Welcomes Spring With Hometown Plant, Craft Sale, May 17

Enhance your home's landscaping with perennials grown by local gardeners when the Rolling Meadows Garden Club hosts its annual Hometown Plant and Craft Sale, Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Old Public Works Building (3200 Central Road). Guests may also purchase hanging baskets, annuals, fresh compost, hard-to-find leaf mulch, and a range of crafts with nature, outdoor and wildlife themes. For more information on the Hometown Plant and Craft Sale, visit [www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.com](http://www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.com), or call 847-818-3200 (ext. 230).

### Tickets for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Walk on Sale May 1

Garden lovers may purchase tickets for the Rolling Meadows Garden Club's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Walk beginning Thursday, May 1. The event will take place Sunday, June 22.

Tickets to view the seven gardens featured on this year's walk are available for \$10 at the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive, or online at the Garden Club's Website. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum for \$15.

## City Of Rolling Meadows

**Mayor:** Kenneth Nelson

**City Clerk:** Lisa Hinman

**City Manager:** Thomas M. Melena

**City Hall Hours:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Curfew:** Sun.-Thurs. 11 p.m./Fri. & Sat. Midnight

### Aldermen

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847-655-1390

**2nd Ward:** Barb Lusk  
847-567-2444

**3rd Ward:** Lawrence Buske  
847-255-9126

**4th Ward:** Tom Rooney  
847-392-2254

**5th Ward:** Glenn Adams  
847-259-5875

**6th Ward:** Kathy Kwandras  
847-398-7113

**7th Ward:** James Larsen  
630-244-4228

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**Fire Department non-emergency:** 847-397-3352

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**Public Works** 847-963-0500

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**Community Development Dept. —** 847-506-6030

**TDD:** 847-506-0490

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