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Council Gives Preliminary Approval to Move City's Fire Stations

After months of community debate and a series of public information meetings hosted by Fire Department leaders, City Council gave preliminary approval to a plan that would relocate both of the City's fire stations over the next eight to ten years.

It calls for moving Fire Station 15, currently located at 3111 Meadow Drive, to the City's east side, near New Wilke and Central Roads. Phase II would involve future relocation of Fire Station 16 from its current site (2455 Plum Grove Road) to

Hicks Road, between Kirchoff Road and Euclid Avenue.

The broad plan approved at the April 15 Committee of the Whole follows recommendations outlined by Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote to improve response times



Fire Station 16, 2455 Plum Grove Road

rent locations of our stations make it difficult to meet our benchmark response time of four to six minutes," Chief Franzgrote explains. "Our recommendation to move both stations is based on a commitment to ensure we provide the highest service levels to everyone in Rolling Meadows."

Chief Franzgrote adds that Council's April 15 decision is only the first step in a long-term plan.

"Moving two fire stations is something that does not happen overnight. There is a lot of work ahead," he adds.



Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote leads a tour of the Fogarty Fire Station (Station 15), following a March 27 community informational meeting.

and ensure the Department continues to meet established benchmarks for protecting the entire community.

"A significant number of our emergency calls now come from the eastern and southern areas of the City, but the cur-



Fire Station 15, 3111 Meadow Drive

Community Carnival Comes to Downtown Rolling Meadows, May 1-4 and May 8-11

Downtown Rolling Meadows will resemble an old fashioned midway the first two weekends of May, when the Rolling Meadows Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce co-sponsor a community carnival at Clark Street Development's Meadows Marketplace Shopping Center, 2801-2915 Kirchoff Road.

Rides, games, food and fun await family members of all ages. Carnival hours are:

- Thursdays (May 1 & 8): 5-10 p.m.
- Fridays (May 2 & 9): 5-10 p.m.
- Saturdays (May 3 & 10): 1-10 p.m.
- Sundays (May 4 & 11): 1-10 p.m.



Contact City Officials: City Hall Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Colonel Robert Carlson to Serve as Ceremony's Keynote Speaker



Col. Robert Carlson

United States Army Reserve Colonel Robert J. Carlson will serve as the keynote speaker at Friday's Veterans Dinner and Saturday's Memorial Day observance.

Col. Carlson commands the 646th Regional Support Group, headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. His awards and decorations earned during 31 years of service include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Airborne Parachutist Badge.

A resident of Hawthorne Woods, Col. Carlson is an Electronic Warfare Program Manager at Northrop Grumman. He holds a Master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and an MBA from Keller Graduate School.

Committee Chair Calls Rolling Meadows 'Special Place for Veterans'



Robert Smith

Rolling Meadows' Veterans Committee Chair Robert Smith likes to brag about the City's track record of honoring veterans.

"I have been involved in veterans groups in several other communities, but none match what takes place here in Rolling Meadows," Smith, a U.S. Army veteran, explains. "As a community founded by many who served in World War II and Korea, it is wonderful see residents take such pride in their local veterans."

Indeed, City Manager Barry Krumstok says that Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner is the only event of its type in Illinois that is hosted by a local community.

Memorial Day Events to Pay Tribute to Local Veterans, National Heroes, May 23 & 24

Rolling Meadows will again pay tribute to the heroes who have served our nation this Memorial Day weekend with an elegant dinner for local veterans, and a traditional parade and observance at the City's Carillon Tower.



The annual Veterans Dinner is a focal point of Rolling Meadows' Memorial Day ceremonies.

Veterans Dinner (Friday, May 23, 6 p.m.) – The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee hosts this annual gathering where local veterans may reconnect with fellow service members and enjoy an evening of camaraderie. Held at Meridian Banquets (1701 Algonquin Road) the dinner is free for resident veterans and one guest. Space is limited to 200. Call City Hall at 847-394-8500 for reservations.

Memorial Day Parade (Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m.) – Veterans and their family mem-

bers are welcome to participate in this year's parade, which begins at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive. The parade will travel west on Kirchoff Road to the Carillon Tower.

The 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 City Hall at 847-394-8500.

Carillon Observance (Saturday, May 24, 11:30 a.m.) – Following the parade, City officials will lead a solemn ceremony at the Carillon Tower to honor the sacrifices of those who have served.

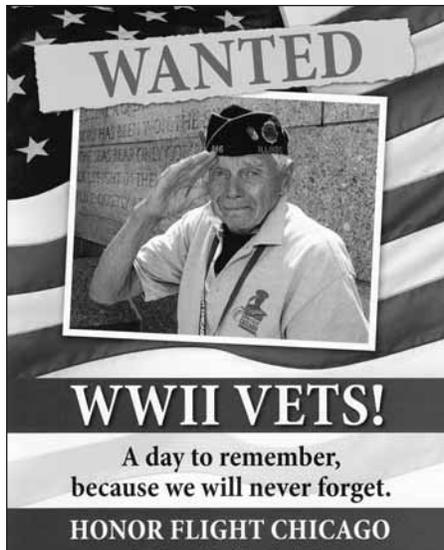


A traditional Memorial Day parade precedes a solemn observance at the Carillon Tower.

Honor Flight Chicago Offers World War II Veterans Free Visit to Nation's Capital

Honor Flight Chicago, a local nonprofit organization that recognizes veterans

for their service, offers World War II veterans an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.



The one-day trip includes airfare, luxury motor coach, meals, snacks and beverages, and special tours of our nation's capital for veterans and a family member. All veterans receive a personal escort for the day. Wheelchairs are included, if required.

To date, Honor Flight Chicago has flown nearly 4,000 World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. for a day filled with "honor, respect and dignity," according to the organization's Website.

To nominate a World War II veteran for the Honor Flight Chicago program, contact Donald Hood at 847-437-6441 or visit www.honorflightchicago.org.

Eco-Friendly 'eBilling' Saves Taxpayers Money



eBilling, Rolling Meadows' Web-based utility billing program, helps save taxpayers thousands of dollars each year in printing and mailing costs.

Rather than receiving a printed bill in the mail, eBilling customers receive a monthly email with a link to their utility billing statement. Balances may be paid through online banking, the City's Web-

based Utility Bill Management System, by mail or in person at City Hall.

The service – currently used by more than 15% of the City's utility customers – lets users review a two-year billing history for their account and provides a link to the City's newsletter, *News & Views*.

Register for eBilling online at www.cityrm.org/finance. For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500.

eLockbox Speeds Utility Payment Processing

The City's electronic check processing service improves customer service and streamlines Finance Department operations.

The "eLockbox" service caters to the increasing number of residents using online banking to pay their City utility bills. It electronically processes customer payments submitted via online banking in just one or two days. Before, payment processing would often take anywhere from 7 – 10 days.

"Electronic payment processing significantly improves the Finance Department's operational efficiencies," explains Finance Department Director Melissa Gallagher. "It also improves customers' ability to better track their available balances because payments are debited from their accounts much faster."

For more information on eLockbox and other services, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500.

Vehicle Stickers, Dog Licenses Available June 1

Starting June 1, residents will be able to purchase 2014-15 vehicle stickers and dog licenses online through the City's Website, in-person at City Hall or at retail locations throughout Rolling Meadows.

Vehicle stickers start at \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65 and over). Dog licenses are \$5 (\$10 for non-spayed/non-neutered animals). All dogs must be licensed and have rabies shots.

Pre-printed applications being sent to residents in early June may be used for online purchases, eliminating the need for residents to mail their applications. To order online, log onto the City's Website, www.cityrm.org, select "Online Payments" at the left side of the homepage, then choose "Vehicle License Application" and/or "Dog License Application."

Residents without Internet access may use a pre-addressed envelope included in the June mailing to order stickers and dog licenses from home. Vehicle stickers will also be sold at select retail locations.



All drivers with cars registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including those with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase and display the 2014-15 vehicle stickers by June 30. After that, sticker prices double.

Motorists who do not display the new sticker by July 1 are also subject to a \$100 police citation.

Funds generated from vehicle sticker sales support Rolling Meadows' annual street resurfacing program, pothole repairs and ongoing maintenance activities. These keep City streets in good condition and help prevent excessive wear and tear on residents' vehicles.

Welcome New Businesses

Associated Restoration & Construction – *Restoration/construction services*
5420 Newport Dr. #257 (815-308-5494)

Century 22 Homes – *Real estate office*
1600 Golf Rd. #1200 (847-299-3900)

JMKIM Corp –
Online shopping mall (offices)
5105 Tollview Dr. #204 (224-829-7733)

Little Caesar's – *Pizza (New owner)*
3106 Kirchoff Rd. (847-909-1469)

Store It Solutions – *Customer support office*
3501 Algonquin Rd. #310
(847-462-0506)

Register for Updated Emergency Alert Notification Program

Receive alerts about community emergencies through the newly updated Everbridge Emergency Alert Program operated by Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS), the regional dispatch center that serves Rolling Meadows and 10 other northwest suburban communities.

The Everbridge system helps City and public safety officials notify residents of community threats instantly. Should an emergency occur, the system will deliver messages to residents' home or cell phones, or by text message or email.

Residents with landline phones are already registered to receive emergency notifications. To register additional methods of contact, visit the Rolling Meadows Police Department's Webpage, www.cityrm.org/rmpd, and click the "Citizen Alert Notification Sign Up" icon at the bottom of the page. Residents without Internet access may sign up at the Rolling Meadows Library, 3110 Martin Lane.

Registration is completely secure. The City and NWCDS will not share or distribute any information provided by residents.

For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Police Department's 24-Hour Help Desk at 847-255-2416.

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Saturday, May 17th Golden Years Council's Pancake Breakfast , 8-11 am (3000 Central Rd.) Historical Museum Open House , 9 am-2 pm (3100 Central Rd.) Garden Club Plant & Craft Sale , 9 am-2 pm (3200 Central Rd.)		Adjudication Hearing 1 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	2	3
4	5	Economic Development Committee , 6 pm Salt Creek Cleanup Planning Meeting , 6 pm Environmental Committee , 7 pm Plan Commission , 7:30 pm, all at City Hall		May 1-4 Community Carnival (2801-2915 Kirchoff Road)		
Community Carnival		6	Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 pm, City Hall	8	9	4th Ward Resident Meeting , 8:30 am, City Hall All Rolling Meadows residents welcome.
Mother's Day 11	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	12	13	14	15	16
Community Carnival		Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall		Adjudication Hearing , 15 1 pm, City Hall Sprinkling Ban Begins To conserve water, lawn sprinkling is prohibited between noon & 6 pm daily.		Pancake Breakfast 17 Historical Museum Open House Garden Club Plant & Craft Sale <i>See above for details</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Water bills due City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall		Adjudication Hearing 22 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	Veterans Dinner , 6 pm, Meridian Banquets (1701 Algonquin Road) Cruise Nights , 6-9 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road)	Farmers & Food Trucks , 10 am-2 pm, City Hall Memorial Day Parade & Observance , 11 am
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	City Hall and Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day all week. Memorial Day	City Council Meeting , 27 7:30 pm, City Hall		Chamber of Commerce Circle of Success Recognition Dinner , 6 pm, Holiday Inn (3405 Algonquin Road)	Cruise Nights , 6-9 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road)	Salt Creek Cleanup 31

June 2014

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2014-15 vehicle stickers and dog licenses on sale 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Economic Development Committee , 6 pm Environmental Committee , 7 pm Plan Commission , 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 pm, City Hall	Adjudication Hearing 5 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	Cruise Nights , 6-9 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road) D-Day	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	Urban Affairs Committee , 5:45 pm, City Hall	Adjudication Hearing , 12 1 pm, City Hall	Cruise Nights , 6-9 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day		City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall		Adjudication Hearing 19 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	Water bills due Cruise Nights , 6-9 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road) Movies in the Park , 8:45 pm, Community Center Park	First Day of Summer
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Garden Walk , Noon-4 pm		City Council Meeting , 24 7:30 pm, City Hall		Blood Drive , 1-7 pm, City Hall	Cruise Nights , 6-9 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road)	Farmers & Food Trucks , 10 am-2 pm, City Hall
29	30	Keep updated on City news with Rolling Meadows' electronic newsletter, E-News & Views , published in February, April, June, August, October and December. Each newsletter is archived on the City's Website, www.cityrm.org				
Deadline to purchase and display vehicle stickers and dog licenses						

Crime Stoppers Group Seeks Sponsors for August 5 'National Night Out' Celebration

Members of Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers are seeking the assistance of local businesses to help sponsor this year's National Night Out, an evening of family activities and community spirit expected to draw hundreds of people, Police Department Sergeant Tom Gadomski reports.

Mark Your Calendar!

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5 • 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Rolling Meadows Community Center
3705 Pheasant Drive

The event will be held 6:00-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). National Night Out guests will enjoy giveaways, games, roving entertainers, free snacks – while supplies last – and much more.

“This family-friendly event is designed to heighten awareness of local crime preven-



All-ages family activities are a cornerstone of National Night Out.



Public safety vehicle displays allow residents to talk with Police, Fire and Public Works personnel and learn more about City services.

tion efforts and strengthen the bond between police officers and the community we serve,” Sgt. Gadomski explains.

“Sponsorships from local businesses are a great opportunity to help us reach out to families and provide valuable safety information in a setting where everyone can enjoy themselves. Together, we can make this National Night Out the best one yet!”

The event will also feature an evening fireworks display and special appearances by the Jesse White Tumblers, Chicago Bears mascot “Staley Da Bear” and Chicago Wolves mascot “Skates.”

In addition, public safety vehicle displays by the Public Works Department and Fire Department will help residents learn more about the important services each provides.

Local businesses and organizations that are interested in supporting National Night Out may contact Sgt. Gadomski at gadomski@cityrm.org or 847-870-9070.

City's Social Media Platforms Help Promote Community Group Events, Activities

Community Groups looking to promote upcoming activities and events have a powerful tool at their disposal for getting their messages out: the City's social media platforms.



A growing number of people have “LIKED” the City of Rolling Meadows' Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows) and are following it on Twitter (@CityofRM1). Both pro-

vide real-time delivery of important news to keep residents informed about everything from periodic road closures to details of upcoming community events.

Local groups that wish to promote their events or activities on the City's Facebook page may complete the “Community Sign Request Form” posted on the Online Forms page of City's Website, www.cityrm.org, and submit to the City Manager's Office for approval. For more information, call 847-394-8500.

City Briefs...

Ald. Judd to Host Community Meeting
4th Ward Alderman Brad Judd will host a community meeting in City Council chambers Saturday, May 10, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All Rolling Meadows residents are welcome and are encouraged to bring questions/topics for discussion.

Cruise Nights Resume May 23

Cruise Nights resume in Rolling Meadows Friday, May 23, 6-9 p.m., offering residents an up-close look at vintage autos while enjoying music, special events, family activities and more. This summer staple will take place every Friday through September 26 at Meadows Christian Fellowship, 2401 Kirchoff Road. For more information, call 847-255-8764 or visit www.meadowsfamily.org/#/whats-happening/cruise-night.

Give the 'Gift of Life' June 26

A LifeSource-sponsored blood drive will take place Thursday, June 26, 1-7 p.m., at City Hall. Residents who wish to give the “Gift of Life” may schedule an appointment by visiting www.lifefsource.org or calling 877-543-3768. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Movies in the Park: June 20

Bring a blanket or chairs for an outdoor screening of *Wreck-it-Ralph*, Friday, June 20, 8:45 p.m. This family event will take place in the park behind the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive. Concessions will be available for purchase. Visit the Rolling Meadows Park District Website, rmparks.org, for more information.

Northrop Grumman Receives 'Above & Beyond Award'

Rolling Meadows-based Northrop Grumman Electrical Systems was recognized by the United States Department of Defense (DoD) for its support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserves. The Above & Beyond Award is presented to companies that go beyond the legal requirements for granting leave to employees for military duty.

Public Works Proves Itself During Record-Setting Winter

by Mayor Tom Rooney

I guess a bi-monthly column isn't exactly the place to find breaking news. The news about the City's bond rating upgrade came out too late for me to write about it in the January issue of *News & Views*.

Then, after the March edition was already set, the winter snow-fall totals came in, showing that our area hadn't had this much snow in 35 years. While we all knew that this winter seemed crazier than usual, it actually turned out to be the third snowiest winter in Chicagoland since they started keeping records.

I remember, while growing up, how people always talked about the 1967 blizzard, a snowstorm that still holds the record for the

biggest single snow event in Chicagoland history. Even that winter did not have as much snow as we had this past winter.

Rolling Meadows is rightfully known for the superior quality of our snow plowing, and our snow removal team rightfully deserves our thanks each winter. It always makes me smile when co-workers of mine (who know about this unusual part-time job I have) mention to me that they visited our City and were very impressed with our snow plowing. Furthermore, my daily drive to work through other towns was solid evidence that we are still the best in the area.

Plainly put, our Public Works Department officially plowed more snow than they've had to plow in 35 years. Thank you, PW!

Year Two of City's Farmers & Food Trucks Program Begins May 24

Enticing dishes prepared by onsite food trucks, a variety of fresh, locally-grown produce, handmade crafts created by talented local artisans and more await residents Saturday, May 24, when Rolling Meadows' Farmers & Food Trucks program begins its second year.



Guests choose from a variety of fresh, locally-grown produce.

The event will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. It will coincide with the City's annual Memorial Day Parade and Observance.

"The Farmers & Food Trucks program is Rolling Meadows' own unique take on a traditional farmer's market," explains Market Manager Deb Austerlade. "Based on the public's response to last year's program, and the growing interest among food and craft vendors who plan to participate this year, there is a lot of excitement as we prepare to raise the curtain for another season."

Other Farmers & Food Trucks events will be held Saturdays, June 28, July 26, Au-

gust 23 and September 27.

Residents who wish to volunteer for this year's program may contact Austerlade at 847-394-8500 or austerladed@cityrm.org.

Local vendors who are interested in joining this year's Farmers & Food Trucks roster will find additional information and registration forms on the City's Website, www.cityrm.org.



Onsite food trucks provide dishes that appeal to all kinds of tastes.

Handyman Program Helps Seniors 65 & Up with Household Repairs

Rolling Meadows' Senior Handyman Program helps senior citizens ages 65 and up access the services of a fully trained, trustworthy handyman to perform minor household repairs at a market rate of \$35 per hour or less, depending on income.

Handyman Tom Thompson has helped a lot of seniors over the past 13 years with everything from leaky faucets to gutter cleaning.

"I've enjoyed helping make life a bit easier for senior residents over the years," Thompson, a 26-year Rolling Meadows resident, explains. "My customers know that I'm here to help, and that they will be treated fairly."

To benefit from the Senior Handyman Program, contact Community Development at 847-506-6030 to determine income-based hourly rates. Seniors may then contact Thompson directly at 847-870-7751 or tomthehandyman@att.net to schedule appointments.

Public Works Provides Containers for Safe 'Sharps' Disposal

Sharps disposal containers for residents who administer home injections are available free of charge at the Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street.

The locking, one-quart-sized containers ensure safe disposal of syringes, hypodermic needles or epinephrine auto-injectors, all known as "sharps." Once filled, residents may return containers to Public Works for a new one.

The program, administered by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), helps protect residents and refuse workers from injury.

For more information, review the refuse guidelines at www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks, or call 847-963-0500.