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July 18th Parking Lot Party to Feature All-Ages Games, Food Trucks, Live Music

A Parking Lot Party at the Rolling Meadows Community Center will continue the City's 60th Anniversary celebration Saturday, July 18th, with an afternoon of family-friendly activities followed by an evening of live music by pop/rock group Sushi Roll.



Onsite food trucks will provide a huge variety of fresh tastes for Parking Lot Party guests.

The party, co-sponsored by the Celebrate 60! Committee and the Rolling Meadows Park District, kicks off at 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive. For four hours, guests will enjoy relay games, a bounce house, amazing sleight-of-hand performed by an onsite magician, photo booth pictures, and free swimming at the Nelson Sports Complex. Other "aquatic" activities include a dunk tank and water balloon toss.

As this issue of *News & Views* went to press, event planners had confirmed

participation of seven food trucks to feed hungry crowds:

- **Babycakes** – Gourmet pancakes and breakfast "fusion" items
- **Brothers BBQ** – Ribs, chicken, pork, seafood and sandwiches
- **Caribbean Jerk Palace** – Jamaican cuisine
- **Classic Good Humor** – ice cream
- **Courageous Bakery** – cupcakes
- **Daniel's Raw Paleo** – "Sensational" salads
- **Yum Dum** – Dumplings, baoiches and other Asian fare

Beginning at 7 p.m., Chicago-based pop/rock group Sushi Roll will take the stage for two sets of what the band's Website calls "high energy dance music and rock n' roll swagger."

Ice Cream Social to End Summer On a 'Cool' Note, August 29th

Enjoy a brief reprieve from what's sure to be another sweltering Chicago summer Saturday, August 29th, 12 – 1 p.m., during a 60th Anniversary Ice Cream Social at Waverly Park.

Additional details will be featured in the August edition of *eNews & Views*.



Residents to Celebrate America's Independence, Rolling Meadows' 60th Anniversary, July 4th

A fun-filled community parade featuring floats, specialty vehicles, marching bands and more, and a thundering evening fireworks display in Salk Park will help Rolling Meadows residents commemorate America's independence and the City's 60th Anniversary of incorporation, Saturday, July 4th.

Celebrating 60! Parade (11:30 a.m.)

– Parade participants will step off from Rolling Meadows High School and head west on Central Road, turn north onto Owl Drive, then veer east on Kirchoff Road to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

Patriotic Fireworks Display

(Dusk, around 9:15 p.m.) – Bring chairs and blankets to Salk Park for a front row seat at the City's incredible fireworks display. The "rockets' red glare" will serve as a triumphant culmination of Rolling Meadows' Independence Day celebration.

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In Memoriam: Alderman Rudolf Balek Served 18 Years on Council

Former 7th Ward Alderman Rudolf Balek, who served on City Council for six years in the 1960s before returning nearly 30 years later to serve another three terms (1995 – 2007), passed away in May. He was 88 years old.

Balek's service to the City he loved extended far beyond his terms on City Council. A member of the Veterans Committee, he also served on the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, Zoning Board of Appeals, Temporary Family Assistance Commission, and acted as City Council liaison to the Rolling Meadows Library Board. He also served as President of Rolling Meadows Little League Baseball.

City Council members honored Balek with a moment of silence at their May 12th meeting. Mayor Tom Rooney, who, as 4th Ward Alderman, served alongside Balek, recalled his devotion to the City.

"No matter what was going on in the City Council, you always knew that Rudy loved Rolling Meadows," he said.

Balek served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He moved to Rolling Meadows in 1956. He and his wife, Viola, had three daughters, one son, and seven grandchildren.

National Night Out to Celebrate Meadows' Community Spirit with Jesse White Tumblers, Fireworks and Fun, Tuesday, August 4th

An evening fireworks display and a performance by the world-famous Jesse White Tumblers are just a few of the attractions in store when the Rolling Meadows Police Department hosts the City's 2015 "National Night Out" celebration, Tuesday, August 4th, 6 – 8:30 p.m.



Games and activities for family members of all ages are a National Night Out staple.

The event, designed to promote community spirit and focus attention on local law enforcement efforts, will again take place at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

Guests will enjoy games, giveaways, free snacks (while supplies last), and a law enforcement vehicle display. The event will also feature special appearances by the Chicago Bears Drum Line, the Air One rescue helicopter, and sports mascots Staley Da Bear and the Chicago Wolves' Skates.

"National Night Out fosters a true sense of community by bringing residents and police officers together for an evening of

fun," Police Chief Dave Scanlan says. "It's a great opportunity to reach out to families, and build relationships that help us improve our services and the City's quality of life."

This marks the third consecutive year that Rolling Meadows has hosted a National Night Out celebration. Police officials report that more than 2,000 people attended last year's event.

National Night Out was established in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting crime prevention in local communities. Today, National Night Out is celebrated by more than 38 million people in over 16,000 communities in the United States and around the world.

For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Police Department's non-emergency number (847-255-2416).



Members of the Jesse White Tumblers soar through the air at last year's event.



Flashback: Fire District Builds Fogarty Fire Station

Located at 3111 Meadow Drive, the Thomas Fogarty Station was built in 1958 by the newly-formed Rolling Meadows Fire District. At the time of its construction, the station was centrally located at the center of the Fire District's response area.

The original building (top left) featured two apparatus bays and a kitchen. A second floor and additional apparatus bay were added in 1965.

The station is named for the City's first full-time fire chief, who served from 1958 – 1977. The station is commonly referred to as Fire Station 15, which is its designation within the Illinois Fire Services' Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).

The Fire Department opened the Raymond Neuckranz Fire Station (Station 16) in 1980. Located at 2455 Plum Grove Road, Station 16 serves as the RMFD's operational headquarters.

Memorial Day Events Salute Veterans, All Who Gave ‘Last Full Measure’

Rolling Meadows honored its local veterans, and all who “gave the last full measure” in defense of the freedom we hold dear, during a series of events held over Memorial Day weekend.

The City’s tribute to veterans began Friday, May 22nd, with its 13th annual

Veterans Dinner at Meridian Banquets. Nearly 200 veterans and guests gathered to enjoy a multi-course meal, and rekindle the camaraderie felt only by those who have served in uniform.

Many of those same veterans were the focal point of adoring crowds during

Rolling Meadow’s Memorial Day Parade, held Saturday, May 23rd. The event culminated at the Carillon Tower, where City officials and members of the Veterans Committee participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the base of the Veterans Monument.



Bob Placek and his daughter, Deb Austerlode, were among the nearly 200 Veterans Dinner attendees.



Resident/veteran Tom Coombs waves to residents who lined Kirchoff Road for the City’s Memorial Day Parade.



Members of the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee conduct a wreath-laying ceremony at the Carillon Tower.



Fire Department Distributes Free Smoke, Carbon Monoxide Detectors through ‘Safe Seniors’ Program

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department has installed 200 smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms – free of charge – in the homes of Rolling Meadows seniors, Lieutenant Jim Marvin reports.

The giveaway is part of the Fire Department’s Safe Seniors Program, a targeted public safety and awareness initiative designed to help seniors ages 65 and up remain safe at home.

During a scheduled appointment, firefighters visit seniors at home to:

- Install free smoke detectors and/or carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.
- Deliver information on fire prevention.
- Conduct an onsite safety survey that identifies injury risks.
- Focus on fall prevention.

“Our goal is to install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in as many senior homes as we can,” Lt. Marvin says. “It offers us an opportunity to meet face-to-face with our residents, and provide potentially life-saving information about fire safety and injury prevention.”

RMFD officials purchased 2,200 smoke and CO alarms for the Safe Seniors program with a \$45,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Senior residents who would like to receive a free smoke or CO

detector may contact the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352 to schedule an appointment.

Home Fire Facts

Smoke detectors have been proven to reduce the risk of fire death by 50%, according to data compiled by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). More than two-thirds of all home

fire deaths occur in situations where there is not a working smoke detector.

House fires can cause tremendous damage and

suffering: In 2011 alone, fire departments across the U.S. responded to roughly 370,000 home structure fires. These resulted in \$6.9 billion in property damage, 13,910 injuries and more than 2,500 deaths – an average of seven per day.

Facts about Carbon Monoxide

Known as the silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas produced by burning fuels such as oil, kerosene, natural gas and wood. It is the leading cause of poisoning death in the United States, according to the NFPA.

Illinois law requires that all homes – single and multi-family units – have a carbon monoxide detector within 15 feet of every sleeping room.

Fire Department officials urge residents to test their smoke detectors each month, following manufacturers’ instructions, and replace the batteries twice per year.

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5	6	Environmental Committee , 7 pm Plan Commission , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 pm, City Hall	8	9	10	
12	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	13	Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm Economic Development Committee , 6 pm City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	14	15	Adjudication Hearing , 1 pm, City Hall	16
19	Water bills due	20	City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall	21	22	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	23
26	27	City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, City Hall	28	29	30	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road)	31
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2	3	National Night Out , 6-8:30 pm, 3705 Pheasant Dr. Environmental Committee , 7 pm Plan Commission , 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 pm, City Hall	Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road) 8th Annual Duck Derby , 6:30 pm, Nelson Sports Complex (3900 Owl Drive)	8
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August 1st Community Bike Ride to Showcase City's Extensive Bicycle Paths, Strengthen Ties between Police and Residents

Rolling Meadows Police officers invite residents to join them on a two-wheeled tour of the City's expansive bike trails, when the Department hosts its second annual Community Bike Ride, Saturday, August 1st. Participants will meet at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) at 6 p.m. The ride begins at 7 p.m.

Nearly 100 people participated in last year's inaugural event, which is an opportunity for police officers to forge stronger ties with the residents they serve. Department officials believe turnout will be even larger for this year's ride.

"We sense a tremendous level of community interest in this year's bike ride, based on last year's turnout and word-of-mouth promotion," Commander Tom Gadomski

says. "We are very excited to once again host this type of community outreach program. These events allows us to interact with residents in a relaxed, friendly setting."



A Rolling Meadows police officer and two younger residents get to know each other at the 2014 Community Bike Ride.

Event co-sponsor Jewel/Osco will provide water and ice cream to all participants, and the Police Department will distribute a limited supply of free bike helmets. Riders may also take advantage of complimentary bicycle safety checks.

For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Police Department's 24-hour service desk at 847-255-2416. View a video of last year's Community Bike Ride on the Department's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/user/rollingmeadowspolice>.

— Upcoming Events Around Town —

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale (July 16th – 19th)

Searching for a great summer read? Stock up on gently-used books, audio books, CDs, DVDs and more, when the Friends of Rolling Meadows Library host their Summer Used Book Sale.

Regular sale hours are 9 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 17th; 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Saturday, July 18th; and 1 – 4 p.m., Sunday, July 19th. A \$5 pre-sale will be held Thursday, July 16th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Library at 847-259-6050.

Community Church CornFest (August 1st)

A community event staple since 1957, CornFest offers a day of "food, fun and fellowship," Saturday, August 1st, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Guests will enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, watermelon, and all you can eat sweetcorn at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road). The event will also feature an arts and crafts fair, held 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$5 for children. A \$1 surcharge will be added to tickets purchased on the day of the event. For more details, call 847-255-5510 or visit www.communitychurchrm.com.

Duck Derby and Cotton Candy Social (August 7th)

The 8th annual Duck Derby to raise money for environmental conservation efforts throughout Rolling Meadows will take place Friday, August 7th, 6:30 p.m., at the Nelson Sports Complex (3900 Owl Drive).

Residents may purchase plastic ducks for a chance to win a variety of prizes – including a \$500 grand prize.



Residents cheer as a flotilla of plastic ducks "race" to the Finish Line.

Ducks are on sale at the Park District Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) and City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) for \$5 each. Residents may also purchase a "Quack Pack" of five ducks for \$20. For more information, contact the Park District at 847-818-3220 or visit www.rmparks.org.



Rolling Meadows Honors Crash Survivors with 'Saved by the Belt' Award

Mayor Tom Rooney and Police Chief Dave Scanlan present resident Tim Winkelman and his son, Matthew, with the "Saved by the Belt" award during City Council's June 9th meeting. The award, part of a public safety and awareness program, honored the Winkelman's for wearing their seatbelts during a terrible car crash on Kirchoff Road last December. It was a decision that saved their lives.

"Taking just a couple of seconds to put on our seat belts saved our lives that day," Mr. Winkelman told a Journal and Topics reporter.

The Saved by the Belt program is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

State's Budget Impasse Spotlights Deficit of Cooperation & Reason

by Mayor Tom Rooney

You've probably heard about the portion of Springfield's budget impasse that may affect local municipalities. The particular acronym involved here, in the alphabet soup of government, is the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF).

The LGDF distributes a portion of the state's income tax revenue to local governments. Those payments may be cut by 50%.

Some powerful forces in Springfield argue that cities and villages should be able to absorb the loss of revenue *and* a

freeze on property taxes by simply using their reserve funds. In response, some local leaders argue that these measures would cause doomsday scenarios in their budgets. As with most things, the truth is somewhere between the extremes.

If these measures pass in Springfield, the loss of state revenue will certainly make governing in Rolling Meadows more complicated. It would hurt, but wouldn't be the end of budgets as we know them.

Let me be clear: I do not think cities and villages should simply roll over and let these changes pass without debate. I

just don't think overstating their potential impact makes for reasoned debate.

But consider this as well: one of Springfield's favorite phrases is "shared sacrifice." That sure sounds nice and it makes for a good sound bite. But the concept of shared sacrifice to help close Illinois' multi-billion deficit only makes sense if there was shared responsibility.

What part of the state's budget troubles has been caused by city and village governments? Since we were not part of the problem, it seems remarkably unfair for Springfield to try and force us to take responsibility for the mess they created.

Rolling Meadows' Travis Loesch Named 'Marine of the Year'



Travis Loesch

U.S. Marine Corporal and lifetime Rolling Meadows resident Travis M. Loesch was honored as the 1st Marine Division's "Marine of the Year" in May, during an awards ceremony hosted by the Marine Corps Association and Foundation (MCA&F) in Arlington, VA.

The award recognizes "outstanding leadership within the Corps' Ground Combat Element," according to an article posted on the MCA&F Website.

"It is a real pleasure to be able to represent the (1st) Battalion in such a way," Cpl. Loesch said at the ceremony. "I feel honored. I know there are a lot of Marines who could do so."

Cpl. Loesch is the son of John Loesch, Sr., and the brother of John Loesch, Jr., both of whom serve with the Rolling Meadows Fire Department. His grandfather, Ted Loesch, also served 38

years with the Fire Department before his retirement.

Rather than follow in those footsteps, Cpl. Loesch enlisted in the Marines in 2012. After completing recruit training in San Diego, CA, he reported to the School of Infantry-West, where he graduated as Company Honorman and Ironman, and was recipient of the Paul Ison Award.

Cpl. Loesch was assigned to Company C, 1st Marine Division, where he was recognized as the Company's most physically fit Marine, and awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

In late 2014, he deployed with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines to Okinawa, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program. He earned a Silver Medal for his service rifle competency and a Bronze Medal for his service pistol competency.

Congratulations, Cpl. Loesch! Rolling Meadows salutes you!

City to Unveil Updated, Redesigned Website at July Council Meeting

Information Technology (IT) Department staff members will present the City's upgraded, redesigned Website to City Council members Tuesday, July 21st, during their monthly Committee of the Whole meeting.

The meeting's informal discussion format will allow aldermen to offer their thoughts and opinions about the new site before it goes live later this summer.

IT Coordinator Justin Chiapetta says the new Website will improve the City's ability to provide news and information to residents. It will offer an updated and more user-friendly design.

The City's new Website will offer residents a fresh new look, updated design features and improved functionality when it debuts later this summer.

