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## Farmers & Food Trucks Expands; Adds Friday Evening Market Dates

The City's popular Farmers & Food Trucks program will expand dramatically in 2016, with new Friday evening events throughout the summer that will offer mouth-watering cuisine, locally-grown produce, hand-crafted jewelry, clothing, home goods, and more.

Friday evening market dates get underway June 10th, 4 - 8:30 p.m., when the City hosts its second annual community block party on Kirchoff Road. Three

other Friday evening Farmers & Food Truck events will take place July 8th, August 12th, and September 9th at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road).

"Market season" officially begins in May, with family- and pet-friendly events held the 4th Saturday of each month (May 28th, June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th, September 24th). Saturday markets will take place 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the City

Hall parking lot (3600 Kirchoff Road).

Residents who would like to help organize the 2016 markets may contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at 847-394-8500 or [ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org).



Farmers & Food Trucks events feature fresh, locally-grown produce...and a whole lot more.

### Farmers & Food Trucks 2016 Event Schedule\*

Saturday, May 28th	Friday, July 8th	Saturday, August 27th
Friday, June 10th	Saturday, July 23rd	Friday, September 12th
Saturday, June 25th	Friday, August 12th	Saturday, September 24th

\*Saturday events take place 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at City Hall. Friday evening events will be held 4 – 8:30 p.m., at Community Church of Rolling Meadows.

## Safe, Healthy Water a 'Source' of Professional Pride for City Employees

by John Somogyi, Superintendent, Water Operations

The Public Works Department's Water Operations Division has a proven track record of delivering safe, healthy water to Rolling Meadows residents and businesses. Year after year, the City's water supply meets all United States Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water standards.

These efforts and accomplishments are a source of pride for our employees – many

of whom also live in Rolling Meadows. We stake our professional reputations on your ability to access clean water from your tap. That's why it is so distressing to hear about the public health crisis in Flint, MI, where residents are facing potential long-term health risks due to an unsafe water supply.

Flint's water problems began a few years ago, when the community began relying

on the nearby Flint River as its primary water source. Soon after, officials apparently stopped treating the water with corrosion inhibitors, which add a coating to water pipes that prevent lead and other materials from leaching into the water. Recent water testing has confirmed extremely high lead levels in Flint's water.

Seeing what happened in Michigan may

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# Retiring Deputy Chief Mark Hogan Views Work as Community Service

Deputy Police Chief Mark Hogan, who will retire March 11th after a 28-year law enforcement career, has always been driven to help people. Yet, unlike many police professionals, it wasn't until college that he first considered police work as a potential career.

"With hindsight, it was pretty obvious I was going to become a police officer," he recalls. "I had been a lifeguard and camp counselor as a teenager, so there was an obvious pattern. I was drawn to jobs where I was responsible for protecting others."

Hogan began his career as an intern with the Rolling Meadows Police Department in 1987, while still an Illinois State University senior studying criminal justice. The six-month program offered the future deputy police chief a comprehensive overview of department operations – patrols, records-keeping, investigations, dispatch and more.

It also provided him with a firm understanding of department culture that came in handy when he was hired full-time after graduation.

Hogan spent more than 10 years as a patrol officer, and was then promoted to detective with the Police Department's Investigations Unit. During that time, he also served as an evidence technician

with the regional Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT).

Following his promotion to sergeant in 2002, Hogan gained almost a decade of valuable leadership experience with the Patrol, Investigations, and Administration divisions.

That experience, combined with his keen eye for detail and commitment to quality control, were important factors in Police Chief Dave Scanlan's decision to name him Rolling Meadows' deputy chief in 2011.

"Mark is an exceptional leader who always makes sure our officers have the tools they need to do their jobs," Chief Scanlan explains. "He is the one who oversees the Police Department's operational infrastructure – including officer training, scheduling, and equipment procurement. These 'behind-the-scenes' duties are vital to providing effective police services and safe neighborhoods. I'm proud to have worked with him. I thank him for his service, and wish him and his family the very best in the future."

Hogan always emphasized the importance of building relationships between police and those they serve. He appreciates how making connections with residents promotes mutual understanding and trust.



Deputy Police Chief Mark Hogan began his career in Rolling Meadows as an intern 28 years ago.

"Police work, at its core, is community service," he says. "Our focus is on improving residents' quality of life. As police officers, we feel that pride. It means a lot to know that people appreciate what we do."

One of the first items on Hogan's retirement "to-do" list is a skiing vacation with his wife, Mary, and two children, Aiden and Lauren. After that, he says he'll take some time consider what comes next.

"My uniform didn't define me, it just made it easier to decide what to wear to work each day," he says with a laugh. "I'll miss the camaraderie that comes with being a Rolling Meadows police officer, but I'm one of the old guys now. The department is in good hands. It's time for me to move on."

## Safe, Healthy Water a 'Source' of Professional Pride ...continued from page 1

give some Rolling Meadows residents reason to wonder if they should worry about their water. The answer is an emphatic "No." What happened in Flint cannot happen here for a number of reasons:



Chicago's James W. Jardine Water Purification Plant treats over one billion gallons per day.

- **Source Water** – Rolling Meadows receives its water from Lake Michigan, one of the largest bodies of fresh water in the world. The Illinois EPA conducts regular monitoring to ensure that Lake Michigan water is of exceptionally high quality and meets all source water safety standards.
- **Treatment Processes** – The water we use to drink, bathe and cook is treated at Chicago's James W. Jardine Water Purification Plant, the largest water treatment facility in the world. Each day, more than one billion gallons of water are treated with corrosion inhibitors and cleansed of unsafe contaminants for consumption throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.
- **Service Lines** – City service lines that deliver water to Rolling Meadows homes are made of copper, not lead. This greatly minimizes risks to public health.
- **Monitoring** – The City oversees a stringent water quality monitoring and sampling program to ensure water meets federal and state safety standards. We publish the results of our efforts each year in the *Rolling Meadows Consumer Confidence Report*, which confirms the quality of our drinking water.

To access the latest water quality report, visit [www.cityrm.org/344/Water](http://www.cityrm.org/344/Water). Residents with further questions about the City's water system may contact me at [somogyi@cityrm.org](mailto:somogyi@cityrm.org) or 847-963-0500.

## State-Licensed Medical Marijuana Facility Provides 'Safe, Legal' Remedies for Diseases

Helping sick patients feel better – physically and emotionally – is the sole mission of Nature's Care Company, a state-licensed medical marijuana dispensary that opened in February at 975 Rohlwing Road.



Across the country, the idea that medical marijuana can be a source of relief for people suffering debilitating diseases is gaining support among physicians and the general public. This evolution in public opinion led to the Illinois General Assembly's passage of the Compassionate Care Program, which made it legal for licensed dispensaries to supply Illinois patients with medically-prescribed cannabis under strict conditions.

Under the law, medical marijuana may be sold exclusively to patients who have registered with the state – with the approval of a physician – and possess a medical marijuana ID card. Its use is limited to patients with 39 specific illnesses that have been approved by the Illinois Medical Advisory Board. Acceptable condi-

tions include cancer, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, glaucoma, muscular dystrophy, chronic pain, and rheumatoid arthritis.

"Contrary to the general public's stereotype, the vast majority of medicinal marijuana patients are over age 50," explains Nature's Care Company spokesperson Caprice Sweatt. "These people suffer greatly. Nature's Care offers patients throughout the northwest suburbs safe, legal access to alternative medical remedies."

Nature's Care specialists work with patients and their doctors to develop a personalized plan that best suits their needs. Medical marijuana is available in many forms, including flower, edibles, oils and elixirs. Caprice says the key is to find a tailored approach that brings patients the greatest relief.

Caprice is CEO of Medical Cannabis Outreach, a company that helps Nature's Care Company and other area dispensaries conduct patient outreach and community education programs. Her own personal health history positions her as a strong advocate for Nature's Care Company's services.

Diagnosed with Crohn's Disease as a teenager, she was taking up to 14 pre-



Guests mingle at Nature's Care Company's January community open house.

scription medications simultaneously before becoming eligible for Colorado's medical marijuana program. She no longer takes any pharmaceutical prescriptions to fight the disease.

"I'm a patient, so I understand what others are going through," she explains. "Nature's Care Company is in business to help people, but there is a big difference between medical and recreational use. Part of our work involves educating the community on the benefits of legal medical access, and advocating on behalf of the patients who benefit."

For more information on Nature's Care Company services, please visit [www.naturescarecompany.com](http://www.naturescarecompany.com). Residents who would like to learn more about medical marijuana use in Illinois, or find out if they qualify for medical marijuana treatment, may visit Medical Cannabis Outreach's website, [www.medicalcannabisoutreach.com](http://www.medicalcannabisoutreach.com).



### Townhomes Rise on Kirchoff Road

Work continues on Lexington Crossing, a new 54-unit townhome development currently under construction on Kirchoff Road in downtown Rolling Meadows. City officials expect the project to boost the downtown area's residential population, creating opportunities for local businesses – many of which are within walking distance of the new development.

## Seasonal Refuse Schedule Begins April 4th

Per City ordinance, early refuse set-out ends Friday, April 1st. Effective Monday, April 4th, residents should place refuse and recyclables at the curb after 6 p.m. the night before scheduled pickup.

April 4th is also when Public Works crews will begin annual yard waste collection services. Residents may place

grass clippings, branches, brush, and other materials in 30-gallon kraft paper bags marked with an "X," and set them at the curb for pick-up on their regular refuse collection days.

For more information, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit [www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works](http://www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works).

## Council to Review Dominick's Site Concepts

City officials will review redevelopment concepts for the former Dominick's property in downtown Rolling Meadows Tuesday, March 15th, during City Council's Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. The concepts are being presented by South Bay Partners, a real estate development

group based in Dallas, Texas that specializes in senior housing.

South Bay Partners has expressed preliminary interest in purchasing the long-vacant property at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive from its current owner, Chicago-based Clark Street Real Estate.

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.						
		<b>Economic Development Committee</b> , 6 pm <b>Environmental Committee</b> , 7 pm <b>Plan Commission</b> , 7:30 pm, all at City Hall		<b>Adjudication Hearing</b> (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall		
6	7	<b>City Council Meeting</b> , 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>Crime Stoppers</b> , 5:30 pm, City Hall	<b>Adjudication Hearing</b> , 10 1 pm, City Hall	11	<b>St. Patrick's Day Dinner &amp; Auction</b> , 6-10 pm, Community Center (Tickets required). Hosted by Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows
<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins.</b> Clocks "spring" ahead one hour. Replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.	<b>Board of Fire &amp; Police Commissioners</b> , 9 am, City Hall	<b>City Council Committee of the Whole</b> , 7:30 pm, City Hall	16	<b>Adjudication Hearing</b> (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall  St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	<b>Water bills due</b> <b>Police Pension Board</b> , 3:30 pm, City Hall	<b>City Council Meeting</b> , 7:30 pm, City Hall	23	24	Good Friday	26
Easter	<b>Police Pension Board</b> , 3:30 pm, City Hall	29	30	31		

# April 2016

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24	25	<b>City Council Meeting</b> , 7:30 pm, City Hall	27	<b>"Wine &amp; Cheese Affair ... with a 1950s Flair" Fundraiser</b> , 5-7 pm and 7-9 pm, Rolling Meadows Historical Museum. (Tickets required).	29	<b>Prescription Drug Take-Back Collection</b> , 10 am - 2 pm, City Hall	

# Police Chief Dave Scanlan to Retire May 16th; City Officials Launch Search for Successor



Dave Scanlan

Police Chief David J. Scanlan, a northwest suburban native who began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer, announced plans to retire May 16th, after 34 years with the Rolling Meadows Police Department.

Chief Scanlan joined the Rolling Meadows Police Department in 1982. He spent 10 years as a tactical officer/gang specialist, before earning promotion to sergeant. He continued his rise through department ranks as commander and deputy chief, before being named chief of police in 2009.

“Dave Scanlan has been a faithful, loyal, tireless professional who has always made sure the department maintains the high-

est levels of police services,” City Manager Barry Krumstok says. “His collaborative leadership style encourages creativity and innovation. His willingness to listen to residents’ concerns reflects his unyielding commitment to community service.”

City officials have begun the search for Chief Scanlan’s successor. Candidates must possess a minimum of 10 years of law enforcement experience, with at least five years of administrative command experience with a municipal, state, or federal agency.

Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. A master’s degree is preferred.

Interviews with qualified candidates will begin in March.



Rain barrels help residents conserve water and reduce storm water runoff.

## City Briefs

### Fire Department to Host March 22nd Blood Drive at Neuckranz Fire Station

Rolling Meadows firefighters will host a blood drive at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road) on Tuesday, March 22nd. Residents are welcome to “drop” by and give the Gift of Life from noon – 6 p.m.

Donors will also have an opportunity to view Rolling Meadows’ new multi-purpose rescue pumper, Engine 16 (pictured below), which will be on display.

To schedule an appointment, contact the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352, or register online at [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org).



“Wine & Cheese Affair...with a 1950s Flair” fundraiser will benefit the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum.

### April Museum Fundraiser to Feature Wine, Cheese, Historic ‘1950s Flair’

An April 28th Community Events Foundation fundraiser to benefit the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road) will feature fine wine, assorted appetizers, and an elegant evening with “1950s flair.”

Held from 5 – 7 p.m., with a second seating from 7 – 9 p.m., the fundraiser will allow guests to “savor” authentic treasures and historic 1950s artifacts housed at the Museum.

Tickets are \$40 per person. To order tickets or for more information, contact Lori Ciezak ([ciezakl@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakl@cityrm.org) or 847-394-8500).

### Water District Offers Free Rain Barrels to Meadows Residents

Rolling Meadows residents are eligible to receive up to four free rain barrels through a program offered by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD).

The 55-gallon rain barrels help homeowners conserve water and reduce storm water runoff by capturing rain water from a home’s roof and gutters.

The stored water is then available when needed for watering lawns and gardens, washing cars, and other uses.

Barrels are available in four colors: black, blue, warm grey, and terra cotta.

Residents who would like to receive free rain barrels should contact Public Works at 847-963-0500. The City will place all orders on residents’ behalf at the end of each month requests are received.

The MWRD will deliver rain barrels to residents free-of-charge.

For more information on the rain barrel program, visit [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org).

## Blue Star Banners Honor Families of Those in Harm's Way

by Mayor Tom Rooney

One of the best parts about being mayor is having the opportunity to attend ceremonies where Palatine Township presents a Blue Star Banner to a Rolling Meadows family.

The tradition of the Blue Star Banner dates to World War I. These banners are placed in the window of a home where a family member is away in defense of our nation. As the American Legion proclaims, Blue Star Banners are a "reminder

that war touches every neighborhood."

The American Legion took the lead in bringing Blue Star Banners back into common use after September 11, 2001. And Palatine Township spearheaded the banner application process on behalf of families who live there.

By the time you read this column, I'll have had the privilege of attending four Blue Star Banner presentations by the Palatine Township Board of Trustees.

These ceremonies honor Rolling Meadows families whose loved ones have gone into harm's way on our behalf. It's quite a moving tribute to the men and women who serve our nation.

So, the next time you see a home displaying a Blue Star Banner, please take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by those in our armed forces... and consider reaching out in some small way to the family proudly displaying that banner.

## 2016 Street Resurfacing Program Underway

Preparations for Rolling Meadows' 2016 Street Program are underway. The Public Works Department is planning to resurface segments of 11 local streets, at an estimated cost of just over \$1 million:

- Hawk Street (from Pheasant to Meadow).
- Hawk Court (cul-de-sac).
- Dove Street (from Hawk to Grouse).
- Bobolink Lane (from Owl to Thrush).
- Redwing Court (cul-de-sac).

- Lark Court (cul-de-sac).
- Sigwalt Street (from Flicker to Cardinal).
- Kilarney Court (from South Wilke to cul-de-sac).
- Grove Street (from Wilke to Dove).
- Dove Court (cul-de-sac).
- Park Court (cul-de-sac).

City officials plan to award the contract in March. Construction is expected to take place from April through June.

## Independence Day Parade Applications Now Available Online

City officials invite local businesses, schools, and community groups to register for this year's Independence Day Parade, Monday, July 4th. Build floats, decorate vehicles, and celebrate America's independence. Online application forms are available at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).

## Verizon Begins Moving Employees to New Rolling Meadows Facility



Verizon in February began moving 900 employees from its Elgin location to newly-leased space in Rolling Meadows' Continental Towers (pictured at left). Company officials expect the process to be completed later this year.

As part of the relocation, Verizon also announced plans to add up to 200 new full-time jobs.

Continental Towers is in the midst of a \$12 million capital improvement plan to revitalize the 910,796 square foot, Class A facility at 1701 Golf Road. Property improvements include a new main entrance and upgraded building entryways; updated lobbies, elevators, and restrooms; landscaping improvements; and a new, 669-space parking garage to accommodate the property's growing tenant roster.

## Rotary St. Patrick's Day Dinner to Feature 'Pot of Gold,' March 12th

Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows members can't promise any leprechaun sightings at this year's St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction, but there will definitely be a "pot of gold" presented to the event's grand prize raffle winner.

The club's 16th annual event will take place Saturday, March 12th, 6-10 p.m., at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

The raffle winner may win the \$2,500 grand prize, but everyone in attendance will enjoy a traditional Irish-American menu of

corned beef, cabbage, and chicken; an open bar with beer, wine, and soft drinks; and festive Irish music and dancing.

Dinner/raffle tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, contact Park District Director Amy Charlesworth ([acharlesworth@rmparks.org](mailto:acharlesworth@rmparks.org)) or Public Works Director Fred Vogt ([vogt@cityrm.org](mailto:vogt@cityrm.org)).

