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Rolling Meadows Celebrates Independence Day, July 4

Timeline of Events:

● **“Coming Together for a Better Rolling Meadows” Independence Day Parade**, sponsored by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce. The parade starts at the corner of Jay Lane and Central Road, travels north on Jay to Grouse Lane, west to Meadow Drive, and north to Kirchoff Road. Parade culminates at the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center. (1:30 p.m.)

● **3.2 K Family Walk/Bike in the Park**, presented by the Rolling Meadows Cancer Awareness Committee. Register at the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive, to be entered into a raffle drawing for front row seating at the City’s fireworks display later that evening – complete with an inflatable couch and refreshments. (3 p.m.)

● **Fireworks extravaganza at Salk Park** concludes Rolling Meadows’ Independence Day festivities. (9:30 p.m.)



The Police Honor Guard, who presented the colors at the Memorial Day ceremony, will join in July 4th festivities.



Special Olympics Torch Run Underscores Importance of Giving Back to Community

BY DAVE SCANLAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

It was my great privilege to represent Rolling Meadows this past June in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, an annual event that has raised millions of dollars for

Tony Peluso and Steve Whetstone, our K-9 Harley, Community Service Officer Anne Irsay and City Manager Sarah Phillips. Together, we carried the Flame of Hope along Golf Road from Route 53 to Algonquin Road – a distance of nearly two miles – before passing the torch to officers in Arlington Heights. Playing a small part in a very big endeavor felt good. It also underscored the importance of giving back to the greater community.

Special Olympics.

Thousands of law enforcement officers from across the state carried the Flame of Hope through communities across Illinois en route to its final destination – the opening ceremonies of Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games in Normal.

Joining me on the June 6 Torch Run were Officers Mike Katsenious,



Rolling Meadows Police officers appreciate how the residents we serve “give back” to their community. Police work involves a dedication to helping

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'CAPE Crusaders' Keep Watch On Handicapped Parking

Once a week, armed with nothing more than a clipboard and digital camera, Jack Kindler and Frank Plank patrol the City in a specially marked vehicle. They aren't police officers, but they play an essential role in the Police Department's law enforcement activities.

Kindler and Plank serve with the Department's Community Assisted Parking Enforcement (CAPE) Program, which is designed to keep designated handicapped parking spaces available to those who need them.

When these two "CAPE Crusaders" identify a vehicle illegally parked in a handicapped space, they record the plate number and snap a photo of the vehicle. They bring this evidence to police at the completion of each four-hour patrol for processing, which may result in the Department issuing a \$250 citation to offenders. Motorists found to have fraudulently used handicapped parking placards face fines of up to \$2,500 and suspension of driving privileges.

"Quite often, we encounter violators who are sitting in their cars and, therefore, don't think they're breaking the law," Kindler explains. "In those situations, we suggest that they move their vehicles or face the possibility of a ticket."

"I've always wondered why offend-

ers do it, because there are usually plenty of parking spaces open nearby," Plank adds.

Kindler has served with CAPE since the program began in 2002. He and his first partner, Bud Kurtz, were recognized in 2006 with the Cook County Sheriff Department's Medal of Honor for their volunteer work. Plank teamed up with Kindler in 2008, after Kurtz retired.

"Jack and Frank perform a valuable public service that enables police to focus their energies and efforts on more pressing law enforcement matters," Sgt. Tony Gaspari says. "The Department's volunteer program is also a great way for us to interact with the people we serve. It gives us an insight into the community that doesn't always present itself during standard police work."

Longtime Rolling Meadows resident and former 6th Ward Alderman Kathy Kwandras has been volunteering with the Police Department for almost 14 years. Her latest contribution is working at the Police Department's front desk, where she answers phones and assists Department visitors.

Kathy Kwandras (right) has been volunteering with the RMPD since 1996. Jack Kinder (below, left) and Frank Plank, Rolling Meadows' own "CAPE Crusaders," prepare to head out on patrol.



"I've always felt that it was important to get involved and contribute to your community," she says when asked why she volunteers. "It's an opportunity to understand the important work our City departments do. It also makes you appreciate the professionals who serve us each day. I'm tremendously proud of the support my fellow volunteers and I provide to police."

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at the RMPD, contact Sgt. Gaspari at 847-255-2416.

RMPD's School Safety Initiative Ensures Safe Learning Environment



Detective Sam Mollenhauer and Officer Terry Cappelen are the Police Department's School Resource Officers.



Rolling Meadows students are the beneficiaries of the Police Department's School Safety Initiative, which places a premium on planning, preparedness, and intergovernmental partnerships to ensure a safe environment in which children can learn.

Police officers stationed at area schools are the most visible aspects of the program. In-school safety drills, officer training and regional response plans comprise other elements of the program that may be less obvious, but no less important.

"Rolling Meadows Police conduct numerous lockdown and safety drills with students and staff at all of our schools

throughout the school year," Police Chief Dave Scanlan explains. "These training exercises are a very effective way to help police officers gain familiarity with buildings, faculty and the students we protect."

Months prior to a lockdown drill, police officers and school administrators meet to hold a "tabletop drill." This virtual reality exercise allows participants to work together to simulate different scenarios and develop effective responses.

"Rolling Meadows High School poses its own unique challenges, due to its size and the fact that students are allowed to leave campus during their lunch periods," Chief Scanlan explains. "The tabletop scenarios help police and school administrators work together to find the most effective ways to ensure students' safety."

Its partnership with School District 15, which serves Rolling Meadows, Palatine and Hoffman Estates, illustrates the Police Department's emphasis on planning. RMPD has developed a comprehensive series of tactical response plans in conjunction with the Palatine and Hoffman Estates Police Departments to provide mutual aid assistance, if necessary.

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CERT Members Rescue 'Trapped' Victims in Warehouse

The spring session of the Police Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program culminated in a mock "disaster" that required citizen volunteers to conduct search and rescue operations in a warehouse "damaged" by severe weather.

The training exercise, a final exam of sorts for the 20-hour program, incorporated blackout conditions, machine-generated smoke and thunderstorm audio recordings to replicate real-world conditions often faced by emergency responders.

CERT members were required to locate trapped victims and bring them to a designated area outside the warehouse for emergency medical care.

"CERT training provides citizens with basic skills required to respond to the community's needs in the aftermath of a disaster should police and fire responses be hindered," Sgt. Tony Gaspari explains. "The warehouse rescue exercise challenged team members to apply what they had learned over the course of the program."

CERT equips residents with the skills necessary to help protect family, friends, co-workers and neighbors in the event of natural or man-made disasters. Its purpose is to train citizens to serve as immediate responders to emergency situations until public safety professionals arrive.

The program is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Citizen Corps Program, which coordinates volunteer activities designed to make communities across the country

CERT Team members carry out a mock rescue during recent training exercises.



better prepared to respond to emergencies. Rolling Meadows' CERT program is funded through a federal grant.

The Police Department launched local CERT training in 2007. It credits partner Northrop Grumman as an essential component of the program's success.

"Our partnership with Northrop Grumman provides additional instructor support, as several of its employees have already completed CERT training," Gaspari says. "We also use its facilities for training scenarios, as was the case with the warehouse exercise."

Upon completion of CERT training, residents are able to:

- Describe hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities;
- Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster;
- Employ basic treatments for various wounds;
- Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock;
- Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue operations;
- Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication;
- Select and set up a treatment area.

Two additional CERT training sessions will be held September 14-October 2, and October 26-November 13. For more information or to register, contact Sgt. Gaspari at 847-255-2416.

Special Olympics Torch Run

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this City become the best it can be, and we are extremely fortunate to serve a community that returns that dedication.

From the residents who volunteer their time and talents to improving Department services, to those who register for our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), our success is predicated on the strong bonds we have created throughout the community. I have served with this Department for nearly 30 years and have always appreciated the special relationship we have with our residents. I speak for all Department members in thanking you for your continued support.

Last, but not least, the RMPD is in the process of creating a special display that will honor retired Rolling Meadows police officers. It will be a symbol of gratitude for community service and a reminder of the excellence we strive to achieve each day. It will also serve as an opportunity to "give back" to those who served the City so well.

RMPD's School Safety Initiative

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"Each department understands the others' plans for responding to a school emergency, which enhances our ability to work together," Chief Scanlan adds.

Involvement in regional law enforcement efforts such as Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT), the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), allows the Department to draw upon additional equipment and manpower in response to any level of emergency. The Department also receives regular intelligence updates at the local, state and federal levels.

Incidents at schools across the country, including the Columbine High School shootings in 1999, have forced law enforcement agencies to adapt to new threats. Chief Scanlan says that ongoing preparation and training are keys to success here in Rolling Meadows.

"Rolling Meadows Police are constantly updating our school safety plans, and maintaining strong relationships with school administrators and neighboring municipalities," he says. "We owe it to our students to do everything in our power to help them feel safe while at school, so they can focus on their educational goals."

July 4 Festivities:

Independence Day
Parade, 1:30 p.m.

Family Walk/Bike in the
Park, 3 p.m.

Fireworks
extravaganza, Salk Park,
9:30 p.m.



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Video Cameras Aim To Deter Park Vandalism

The City recently installed video surveillance cameras at Kimball Hill Park, part of a Safe Parks Project launched by police and the Rolling Meadows Park District to deter vandalism.

The cameras will help police officers gather evidence during investigations of vandalism or defacement of public property that usually increase during the summer months, Police Commander Joe Waitzman explains.

"These Remote Video Access cameras serve as a force multiplier for our officers, who can access live footage from patrol cars or at the station," he says. "The system allows us to monitor the area from any corner of the City, without requiring the physical presence of a police officer."

The cameras used at Kimball Hill Park once monitored the area surrounding the Police Neighborhood Resource Center, which closed last year. Police Chief Dave Scanlan and Amy Charlesworth, Director of Parks and Recreation, saw an opportunity to initiate a park surveillance program using equipment already in police possession.

"Moving the cameras from the PNRC to Kimball Hill Park was a good use of existing hardware," Chief Scanlan says. "The Police Department plans to work with the Park District and review options for expanding the Project to other parks throughout the City."

City Officials Welcome High-End Auto Dealership

City Manager Sarah Phillips and 3rd Ward Alderman Larry Buske joined Definitive Motorcars representative Chris Capparelli and Detective Dan Cook in May for a ceremonial ribbon-cutting during a Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce wine sampling event.

Chamber members and the Public enjoyed facility tours and viewed Definitive Motorcars' showroom of high-end vehicles. The company, located at 4170 Winnetka Ave., focuses on high-end auto and motorcycle sales, detailing and reconditioning.



Chamber Honors Business, Community Leaders

The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce honored local business and community leaders in May with its Circle of



Success Awards. Pictured above are Assistant City Manager Barry Krumstok, Chamber Volunteer of the Year, with Mayor Ken Nelson (from left), State Rep. Mark Walker and Tony Gurgiolio, Chamber President.

Rolling Meadows Alderman Barb Lusk, named Community Leader of the Year, is flanked by Mayor Nelson and State Rep. Walker. Other winners included:

- **Business Leader of the Year**, David Sheer, Vice President, The Steel Supply Company
- **Business of the Year**, JC Restoration
- **Community Outreach Award**, Northrop Grumman Corporation
- **Community Enhancement Award**, Wal-Mart
- **Communications Partner**, AT&T.

Keep Dogs Leashed in Public Areas

A recent complaint prompts us to remind residents with four-legged family members that City ordinance requires owners to keep their dogs leashed at all times when in public areas. Please show respect for others.

In addition, all dogs in Rolling Meadows must be licensed and have rabies shots. Dog tags cost \$10 (\$5 for neutered/spayed animals), and are available on the City's Website, www.cityrm.org.

City to Partner with LifeSource For July 28 Blood Drive

A LifeSource-sponsored blood drive will let residents give "the gift of life," Wednesday, July 28, 1 – 7 p.m., at City Hall.

To schedule an appointment, visit www.lifesource.org, or call 877-543-3768. Walk-ins are always welcome.

City Says Goodbye to Former Mayor Bill Ahrens

By Mayor Ken Nelson

Rolling Meadows lost a longtime community leader last month with the passing of former Mayor William D. Ahrens. Bill served on the City Council from 1967 to 1979, then served as Mayor from 1979 to 1990. That's a total of 23 years of service to Rolling Meadows during a period of dramatic change in the northwest suburbs.

He was the second longest-serving mayor, surpassed only by his predecessor, Roland Meyer, who served from 1967 to 1979. In 1997, the *Daily Herald* named Ahrens as one of the top 125 people to shape the suburbs. He was a strong, involved leader who left a major imprint on our community.

I'm also reminded of many others who played an important role in the development of Rolling Meadows over the past half-century. At our Memorial Day service, we read the names of 64 City residents who served in the armed forces and passed away in 2009. They, too, contributed greatly to our community.

They raised families, supported the parks and schools, volunteered to serve on City boards and commissions — all those things that help make Rolling Meadows a Great Place to Call Home! From the spotlight of leadership to the folks who made our neighborhoods, they will all be missed.



Major Joseph W. Kalisek (above), featured speaker

at the Memorial Day Ceremony, May 29, helps to promote the true meaning of Memorial Day by honoring fallen soldiers. He notes that, according to a recent poll, many people think of Memorial Day as "the day the pool opens."

Highlights of the parade included the Rolling Meadows High School Marching band and a tribute to veteran Al Steinhoff, a longtime member of the Public Works Department who died last year.



Electronic Utility Billing System to Save Taxpayers Thousands of Dollars Per Year

Beginning in July, residents may sign up to receive their monthly water bills by email, a streamlined approach to utility billing that will save the City thousands of dollars per year in printing, processing and mailing costs.

Customers who sign up for the new program on the City's Website, www.cityrm.org, will receive an email each month that contains a link to their utility billing statement. The program also lets customers review a two-year billing history for their utility account.

"The new system continues the Finance Department's efforts to "go green" by reducing the number of printed utility bills mailed out each month. It will also reduce postage and payment processing costs," Finance Department Senior Accountant Diana Schoeneck explains. "We believe we will see a

strong response to this program, since almost 25% of our customers already pay their bills either online or through direct debit."

Indeed, the new e-billing feature is fully compatible with the City's current online payment options. Customers may also print bills out and pay by mail or in person at City Hall.

Those who register for the e-billing program will no longer receive a printed utility bill by mail. All e-bills will include a link to the online version of the City newsletter, *News & Views*.

See the insert included with this newsletter for instructions on how to register for e-billing. For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847-394-8500.

Third Annual Duck Race to Benefit Creek Restoration, July 17

A flotilla of plastic ducks will once again raise funds for Salt Creek restoration efforts when the Environmental Committee, Rolling Meadows Rotary Club and Park District Foundation sponsor the third annual Duck Race, Saturday, July 17, 4 p.m., to coincide with Terry Moran Day festivities.

The race will take place along a section of Salt Creek that stretches from the Kimball Hill Park Bridge to the Kirchoff Road overpass. Residents may purchase tickets for the event (one ticket equals one duck) at City Hall for \$5 each. The owner of the winning duck will receive a \$500 grand prize. Other prizes will be awarded to runners-up.

Money raised by the event will support native plant restoration along the banks of Salt Creek. For more information or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Amy Charlesworth at 847-818-3220.