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Experienced Fire Service Professional Terrance Valentino Named Rolling Meadows' New Deputy Fire Chief

Terrance J. Valentino, a fire service professional with more than 35 years of experience serving the northwest suburbs, was sworn-in as Deputy Chief of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department on June 10.



Deputy Chief Terry Valentino (right) appreciates the opportunity to work with Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote to maintain the RMF's "high level of service excellence."

He succeeds Pete Till, who retired in May after 34 years of service to Rolling Meadows.

Deputy Chief Valentino stood out among a pool of 20 applicants for the position, thanks to an "impressive resume of experience and unique skill-set," Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote says.

His 33 years with the Arlington Heights Fire Department – where he rose to the position of Division Commander – means that Deputy Chief Valentino is very familiar with the Rolling Meadows Fire Department and community as a whole.

"I have worked closely with Rolling Meadows firefighters for the majority of my career," he explains, pointing to the Fire Department's strong automatic aid agreement with its counterpart in Arlington Heights. "From an operational and cultural perspective, both departments are very similar. That has helped me get up to speed quickly."

"I have known Deputy Chief Valentino on a professional basis for more than 20 years," Chief Franzgrote says. "We served as training officers for our respective departments simultaneously and, prior to that, I would often work with him on mutual response calls. I remember him being an outstanding paramedic with excellent decision-making skills and an impressive knowledge base."

Deputy Chief Valentino also served as Training Coordinator with the Schaumburg Fire Department and as Fire Prevention Inspector with the Village of Lombard. He began his career with the Chicago Fire Department as a paramedic.

"It is a privilege to have this opportunity to serve with the Rolling Meadows Fire Department," he explains. "I look forward to working with Chief Franzgrote to maintain the high level of service excellence our firefighters achieve. They are our most valuable resource and serve this community with tremendous pride."

Chief Valentino holds multiple certifications through the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office. He completed his Master's Degree in Management from North Park University, Chicago, Illinois; a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois; and an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology from Oakton Community College.

July 4 Events to Celebrate America's Independence, Rolling Meadows-Style!

"American Proud" Independence Day Parade (11:30 a.m.)

– This year's parade – with its variety of specialty vehicles, floats, marching bands, community groups and more – steps off at the corner of Jay Lane and Central Road. The parade travels north on Jay to Grouse Lane, heads west to Meadow Drive, turns north to Kirchoff Road, then veers east to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.

Fireworks extravaganza at Salk Park (Approx. 9:15 p.m.)

– Following an afternoon spent with family and friends, residents will bring blankets and chairs to Salk Park to experience the City's thundering fireworks display.



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

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5th Ward Alderman: Rob Banger, Jr. 847-818-1663
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7th Ward Alderman: James Larsen 630-244-4228
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Fire & Police Emergency 911
Fire Non-emergency 847-397-3352
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Finance/Utility Billing Questions 847-394-8500
Community Development 847-506-6030
TDD 847-506-0490
ComEd 1-800-EDISON-1
Curfew . . . Sun. – Thurs. 11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. Midnight



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Foundation Supports City-Sponsored Events

Tax-Deductible contributions to the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation support City-sponsored activities held throughout the year.

Citizen donations help offset the costs of staging community events such as the Memorial Day observance (right), annual veterans' dinner, Independence Day festivities and holiday tree lighting, as well as ongoing maintenance for the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum.

The Foundation has also supported the City's National Night Out celebration in years past.

To date, the Foundation has raised more than \$20,000. City officials encourage continued support from community members to ensure events funding is available for years to come.

Residents and businesses who would like to contribute should make checks payable to *Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation* and submit them to:

**City of Rolling Meadows
Community Events Foundation
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008**



City Honors Veterans

Rolling Meadows officials saluted those who paid the ultimate price defending America during a May 24 Memorial Day observance (top) at the Carillon Tower, which featured a keynote address by Col. Robert Carlson (left, with Veterans Committee Chair Robert Smith). Prior to the ceremony, scores of veterans proudly marched in the City's annual Memorial Day Parade (bottom).



Farmers & Food Trucks Events Generate Growing Community Interest

Farmers & Food Trucks continues its impressive sophomore season with an expanded number of vendors and attractions for residents of all ages. Upcoming events will take place Saturdays, July 26, August 23, and September 27.

Held in the City Hall Parking lot from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., guests will find fresh, locally-grown produce, fresh flavors served

up by a variety of food trucks, hand-made crafts available for sale by talented local artists, and much more.

“Feedback from our guests following previous events has been very positive,” City Manager Barry Krumstok says. “We invite residents who have not yet attended to come by and see what Farmers & Food Trucks has to offer – and bring a friend!”

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

Local vendors who are interested in joining this year's Farmers & Food Trucks roster will find additional information



Guests purchase bison meat, available in a variety of cuts, at a recent Farmers & Food Trucks event.

and registration forms on the City's Website, www.cityrm.org.

Farmers & Food Trucks

Saturday, July 26

Saturday, August 23

Saturday, September 27

All events held 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot (3600 Kirchoff Road)

Three Refuse Employees Injured by Unsecured Sharps; Proper Disposal Methods Essential to Prevent Infection Risk

Three City refuse employees were exposed to potential infection and other health risks after being injured by hypodermic needles that were mixed in with regular household refuse, Public Works Director Fred Vogt reports. The injuries focus attention on the importance of properly disposing of these items, known as “sharps.”

To help prevent additional injuries, Public Works offers residents locking, quart-sized plastic containers, so that residents who administer home injections may safely dispose of their used sharps.

Containers are available **free of charge** at the Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street. 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), prevents sharps from entering the waste stream, and protects residents and refuse workers from injury.

The employee injuries all occurred in the last few months. In accordance with established Public Works policy, each employee was immediately treated at

Northwest Community Hospital and administered proper follow-up treatment, as required. Citing patient confidentiality laws, Public Works cannot comment on the employees' condition.

Vogt emphasizes that refuse employees are not the only ones at risk of injury from unsecured sharps. He shudders at the thought of a child finding a stray needle that has fallen out of a garbage bag awaiting pickup.

“Syringes, epinephrine auto-injectors and hypodermic needles can easily pierce a garbage bag and injure someone if they are not secured in a safe container,” Vogt explains. “Refuse workers are not the only ones who may be affected. Family members, children and pets are also potentially at risk for injury.”

Other precautions residents may take to ensure the safe disposal of sharps and reduce the potential for injury include:

- **Use strong containers** – Place used sharps in a strong plastic or metal container with a tightly-secured lid (i.e. bleach or liquid detergent bottle).
- **Avoid glass** – Glass jars should never be used as a sharps container because the glass

may break and compound the hazard.

- **Keep sharps separate from recyclables** – Recyclable containers should not be used for disposing of sharps unless clearly labeled as such. Sharps are not recyclable.

For more information on safe sharps disposal, contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or review the City's refuse guidelines, available at www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks.



City Briefs

Rebuilt Commuter Drive Opens to Vehicles – Motorists again have east-bound access to the Arlington Park Metra station from Rohlwing Road, following completion of a \$1.4 million project to rebuild Commuter Drive. The project, covered entirely by federal highway funding, made much-needed improvements to the 40-year-old access road.

Frozen Dessert & Coffee Bar to Open Downtown – Plans for a new café that will serve frozen desserts and coffee at the site of the former Ray's Auto (3001 Kirchoff Road) were approved by City Council in June.

The new establishment, to be called Comet, will feature outdoor patio seating and a drive-through. Owner Craig Carlson, of Arlington Heights, says the café will open in 2015.

Chamber to Co-Host July 25 Golf Outing – The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce has partnered with its counterpart in Hanover Park to host a multi-chamber golf outing Friday, July 25, at Fox Run Golf Links, Elk Grove Village. For more information and to register, visit www.rmchamber.org or call 847-398-3730.

Meadows Christian Fellowship to Present Aug. 1 Screening of Frozen – Meadows Christian Fellowship's "Cinema Under the Stars" program series will present a free outdoor screening of *Frozen*, Friday, August 1, beginning at dusk. Bring family, friends, chairs and blankets to 2401 Kirchoff Road, and enjoy this Oscar-winning film on a 150-ft. screen. Concessions will be available. For more information, call 847-255-8764 or visit www.meadowsfamily.org.

Welcome New Businesses

Affluent Technologies, Inc. –
Software development
2260 Hicks Rd. #406
(224-324-4400)

Best Trucking BBQ –
Mobile food truck
3800 Golf Rd. (630-347-7718)

Deli Time LLC –
Commercial food service & catering
3800 Golf Rd. #101 (847-545-6830)

Lensink Agency – *Insurance*
3338 Kirchoff Rd. (847-397-7818)

Powered by Ivan –
Personal training studio
505 Newport Dr. #2 (224-207-1762)

Prime Lending – *Mortgage lending*
3701 Algonquin Rd. #875
(847-719-8485)

July 2014

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|  | | 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 | | | Independence Day 4 "American Proud" Parade, 11:30 a.m. Fireworks at Salk Park (Dusk) City Hall; Public Works closed. Refuse pickup delayed one day. | |
| 6 | 7 | Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall | 8 | 9 | Adjudication Hearing, 10 1 pm, City Hall | Cruise Nights, 6-8:30 pm, 11 2401 Kirchoff Road Flick & Float: Monsters Uni- versity, 8:30 pm, Plum Grove Park Pool |
| 13 | Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall | 14 | City Council Commit- tee of the Whole, 7:30 pm, City Hall | 15 | 16 | Adjudication Hearing 17 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall |
| 20 | Water bills due | 21 | City Council Meeting, 22 7:30 p.m., City Hall | 22 | 23 | Adjudication Hearing 17 (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall |
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August 2014

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|  |  |  | 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 . | | Cruise Nights, 6-8:30 pm, 1 2401 Kirchoff Road | Community Bike Ride, 2 6 p.m. gathering, 7 p.m. ride, Fratello's Hot Dogs, 3301 Kirchoff Road Cornfest, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., 2720 Kirchoff Road | |
| 3 | 4 | National Night Out, 6-8:30 pm, 3705 Pheasant Dr. Economic Development Committee, 6 pm Environmental Committee, 7 pm Plan Commission, 7:30 pm, all at City Hall | 5 | Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 pm, City Hall | 6 | Adjudication Hearing 7 (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall | |
| 10 | Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 9 am, City Hall | 11 | Crime Stoppers, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, both at City Hall | 12 | Urban Affairs Commit- tee, 5:45 p.m., City Hall | 13 | Adjudication Hearing, 14 1 pm, City Hall |
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City's Senior Handyman Program Serves as Blueprint for Regional Service Initiative

The long-running success of Rolling Meadows' Senior Handyman Program was the inspiration and operational model for a new regional program that serves senior residents in neighboring communities, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner reports.

The Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative's Senior Handyman Program is designed to help area seniors with minor household repairs at rates based on seniors' income. The Collaborative, a partnership between Rolling Meadows, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect and Palatine, established the program in response to the findings of a regional study that identified ways to expand residential housing opportunities and coordinate available services.

"Rolling Meadows was the only community that offered a senior handyman program, so it served as the blueprint for the

Collaborative's pilot program," Dehner explains. "As with our City's handyman program, the objective is to help seniors with minor household repairs. It is one way to help elderly residents remain in their homes and maintain their independence."

Rolling Meadows' own handyman, Tom Thompson, is among the contractors who will participate in the program.

The regional program is being administered by the North West Housing Partnership (NWHP) on a one year trial basis.

Senior residents ages 65 and up who reside in the five communities that comprise the Northwest Housing Collaborative are eligible for the program's services. For more information, contact the NWHP at 847-969-0561 or visit www.nwhp.net.

Plastics Distributor to Move Headquarters to Rolling Meadows, Double Workforce

Adams Plastics, a distributor of plastics used in everything from labels and reflective signs to automotive parts and medical equipment, will move its operations from Chicago to Rolling Meadows later this year.

The company, established in 1967, will operate from a 66,674 square foot facility located at 1125 Carnegie Street. The Rolling Meadows location offers a signifi-

cantly larger property than its current 40,000 square foot base of operations, and is necessary to facilitate continued business growth, Adams Plastics officials said.

All of the company's current employees will relocate to Rolling Meadows. The company also announced plans to double its workforce over the next five years and invest approximately \$1 million in property upgrades.

Park District's 'Flick & Float' Series to Feature Poolside Film Screenings

The Rolling Meadows Park District will present poolside screenings of two family favorites this summer, as part of its "Flick & Float" series. Bring inner-tubes, rafts and other floatation devices, or relax in a comfortable pool deck chair, while enjoying these popular films:

- *Monsters University*, Friday, July 11, 8:30 p.m., at Plum Grove Park Pool (4001 Park Drive).
- *Despicable Me 2*, Friday, August 8, 8:30 p.m., at the Nelson Sports Complex Pool (3900 Owl Drive).

Admission is free for pool pass holders; \$3 for those without passes. For more information, visit www.rmparks.org or call 847-818-3200.



Crowds cheer as plastic ducks approach the finish line at last year's race.

August 8 Duck Race to Award \$500 Grand Prize, Support Environmental Preservation Initiatives

One "lucky duck" will win a \$500 grand prize this summer – and help support local environmental efforts – during the 7th annual community Duck Race, Friday, August 8, 7 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee, Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows, and Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation, will again feature a fleet of plastic ducks "racing" down the water slide at the Nelson Sports Complex Pool, 3900 Owl Drive.

The owner of the first duck across the finish line will win the grand prize. A variety of other prizes will be awarded to runners-up.

Residents may adopt their ducks at the Park District Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) or at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Purchase individual ducks for \$5 each, or a "Quack Pack" (five ducks for \$20).

"This annual event supports nature preservation efforts that benefit the entire community," explains Amy Charlesworth, Executive Director, Rolling Meadows Park District. "It's a great way to get involved and generate support for local environmental initiatives."

For more information, or to learn about event sponsorship opportunities, contact the Park District at 847-818-3220 (ext. 111) or visit www.rmparks.org/announcements.

Electrical Aggregation Still Makes ‘Cents’ for Many

by Mayor Tom Rooney

You may recall reading about the benefits of electrical aggregation in this space when it started. It was such a good deal back then that we were happy to crow about it. Now, with electricity rates increasing across the board, it's no longer the deal that it was.

By shopping energy markets with the help of our friends at GoodEnergy, the City was able to secure a new electricity rate of 6.4 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) for Rolling Meadows residents and small businesses. This rate is lower than

ComEd's new pricing, but locking in that rate required the City to accept a \$10 monthly charge that now appears on customers' monthly bills. Without that \$10 charge, our rates would be somewhere around 8.2 cents per kilowatt hour – higher than ComEd's current rate.

Faced with situations like ours, some towns have chosen to go back to ComEd. That was something we considered, too. However, since we negotiated our agreement to assure that residents could opt-out at any time at no charge, it made “cents” to secure an agreement

that would still keep the possibility of savings open for a lot of people.

The bottom line is that only a good look at your own annual electricity usage will tell you whether aggregation is in your best interest. Residents who determine that their electricity usage will not make the City's aggregation price worthwhile for them can always opt-out. Those who use lower amounts of electricity will probably get a better deal with ComEd under current conditions, but people who use more electricity can still benefit from aggregation.

Jesse White Tumblers, Fireworks to Headline August 5 ‘National Night Out’ Crime Prevention Celebration

A spectacular aerial demonstration by the Jesse White Tumblers and an evening fireworks display, as well as games, giveaways and free snacks (while supplies last) will be among the highlights of this year's National Night Out, a celebration of community spirit hosted by the Rolling Meadows Police Department.

The event will take place from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, at the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive.

Members of Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers have spent months planning this year's celebration, determined to exceed the excitement of last year's gathering that drew more than 1,000 people.

“National Night Out is the ultimate family-friendly event and a great way to heighten awareness of local crime prevention efforts,” explains Police Sergeant Tom Gadowski. “It's an opportunity to reach out to families and provide valuable safety information in a setting where everyone can enjoy themselves.”

National Night Out will also feature special appearances by Chicago Bears mascot “Staley Da Bear” and Chicago Wolves mascot “Skates.”



National Night Out will feature public safety vehicle displays...



...and a headlining performance by the Jesse White Tumblers.

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

Local businesses have pledged nearly \$2,500 in contributions to support this year's National Night Out. Sponsoring firms, to-date, are Bear Construction,

Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., J.C. Restoration, ManorCare Rolling Meadows, Methode Electronics Inc., Panasonic, Plum Grove Supportive Living and State Farm.

Organizations that would like to help support National Night Out may contact Sgt. Gadowski at 847-870-9070 or gadowski@cityrm.org.

Mark Your Calendar:

National Night Out
Tues., Aug. 5, 6-8:30 p.m.
Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive

Save the Date:

Community Bike Ride
Sat., Aug. 2, Arrive at 6 p.m.
Fratello's Hot Dogs
3301 Kirchoff Road

RMPD Community Bike Ride to Explore Bike Path System, August 2

A Community Bike Ride being organized by the Rolling Meadows Police Department in August will raise awareness of bike safety and encourage use of the City's extensive bike path system, Police Chief Dave Scanlan reports.

Riders of all ages will gather between 6

and 7 p.m., Saturday, August 2, at Fratello's Hot Dogs (3301 Kirchoff Road), then proceed along a route through the center of town. Fratello's will provide free ice cream to all riders.

“The Community Bike Ride is an opportunity for residents to experience Rolling

Meadows' bike paths and green spaces in a whole new way,” Chief Scanlan says. “It is also a great way to promote the importance of bike safety and physical activity.”

For more information, please contact Marina Sullivan at 847-870-2698 or sullivanm@cityrm.org.