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Parade to Celebrate Nation's Independence, Rolling Meadows' Excellence, July 4

The City's star spangled celebration of American independence, set for Saturday, July 4, includes a fun-filled parade scheduled for late morning, and a thundering fireworks display that evening in Salk Park.

Five longtime City residents – original members of the Rolling Meadows Senior Center – will serve as Grand Marshals for the 2009 Independence Day parade, to commemorate the Senior Center's 25th anniversary. The parade's theme: "City of Excellence."

Bea Lewis, Perry and Norma Mann, and Bill and Elaine Soto will lead parade participants from the corner of Barker Lane and Central Road at 11:30 a.m. The parade will march west on Central to Owl Drive, turn north on Owl and proceed to Kirchoff Road, then head east on Kirchoff to Plaza Lane.



The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, organizer of this year's parade, is assembling a wide array of featured guests for the parade. Participants include the Jesse White Tumblers, the new Rolling Meadows-based Chicago Blaze hockey team, and Chicago's Paul Hall Boys and Girls Club Warriors Drum & Bugle Corps.

The parade will also feature the Rolling Meadows High School Marching Band,

Medinah Shriners Clowns, the Rolling Meadows Renegades, the City's own Huffo the Clown, and many other attractions.

Local businesses, community groups and residents participating in this year's parade are encouraged to demonstrate their creativity by designing floats, decorating vehicles and bicycles, or simply exhibiting patriotic spirit in red, white and blue.

Following an afternoon of barbecues and other family celebrations – including the Cancer Awareness Committee's Family Walk/Bike in the Park – the City invites residents to gather at Salk Park to commemorate America's 233rd birthday with a thunderous fireworks display.

For more information about the parade, contact the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce at 847-398-3730, e-mail: office@rmchamber.org.

Residents Invited to July 4 'Family Walk' at Salk Park

Following Rolling Meadows' July 4 parade, the City's Cancer Awareness Committee invites residents of all ages to enjoy an "active" Independence Day when it hosts a 3.2K "Family Walk/Bike in the Park," 1 – 4 p.m., in Salk Park.

"We want to help residents get out and enjoy a beautiful summer afternoon with their families while increasing their physical activity," Committee Chair and Ward 2 Alderman Barb Lusk explains. "The event is open to runners, walkers and bikers. Find whatever routine you enjoy most and join in the fun!"

Residents interested in participating in the event may register at the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive, on the day of the event. Registrants will receive a map of the walking and biking routes, and be entered into a drawing for front row seating at the City's fireworks display later that evening. The Cancer Awareness Committee will provide an inflatable couch and refreshments for the drawing's winner.

For more information on the Family Walk/Bike in the Park, contact Alderman Lusk at 847-567-2444.

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June 6 Report to City Council First Step in 2010 Budget Process

Finance Department staff members will present City Council members with a mid-year update on the City's 2009 budget, Saturday, June 6. The meeting will serve as a springboard for deliberations on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 budget, scheduled to begin this summer, Finance Director Jim Egeberg reports.

"Council members will receive the results of the recently-completed 2008 audit and a status report on the City's current financial situation as we look ahead to 2010," he explains. "We will also present a three-year financial update and five-year capital improvement plan – the first steps in crafting next year's budget."

The meeting is designed to help City officials determine a starting point for what may be another difficult round of budget deliberations. The weak economy continues to affect sales tax revenues, a problem compounded by escalating costs facing City departments.

"The June 6 discussion will hopefully define the challenges we will face in creating a 2010 budget that maintains high service levels and holds the line on spending," City Manager Sarah Phillips adds.

As Egeberg Seeks Ways to Cut City's Costs, Northwest Municipal Conference Helps

City Council has asked Finance Director Jim Egeberg to look into every corner in an effort to reduce costs, as the recession has cut into revenues and put the budget under pressure. Egeberg is making excellent progress, and one of his chief allies in the cost-cutting drive is the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC).

Just recently, Egeberg found a way to cut \$5,000 a year from the City's telephone bill by using Call One, a telecommunications service the Northwest Municipal Conference offers 158 municipalities. Rolling Meadows saves in two ways: by paying less, of course, and also by having to devote less staff time to managing telephone service accounts.

The telecommunications contract is one of 43 cost-cutting opportunities NWMC offers that save its members more than \$10

million annually, according to Deputy Director Larry Widmer. Others that offer big savings include a contract for thermoplastic road striping and purchase of fire department apparatus, police

the savings flow from effective administration and joint purchasing power. A road striping contractor can give a much better price when writing a contract for 22 municipalities than when selling its service to one town at a time.



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cars, and office supplies.

Most of the savings come through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, which NWMC manages for its members, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, and the Will County Government League. For the most part,

the City's postage will cut \$1,500 from the mailing bill, and switching to a lighter paper stock for this newsletter is saving an estimated \$8,000. As the late U.S. Sen. Everett Dirksen once said of the federal budget, "A billion here and a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money."

Mayor Nelson and Family Volunteer for Clearbrook's Jelly Belly Days Fundraiser

Mayor Ken Nelson (center), his wife, Carol (second from left) and daughters LoriAnne (far left) and Emma (front) spent a rainy afternoon in May at the Jewel/Osco on Kirchoff Road passing out candy and collecting donations on behalf of Clearbrook Center's Jelly Belly[®] Days fundraiser. The annual program "sweetens" the

lives of the children and adults with developmental disabilities supported by Clearbrook. In 2008, the center's Jelly Belly[®] Days raised more than \$90,000.



Officials Join Castle Chiropractic For May 6 Grand Re-Opening

Castle Chiropractic's Dr. Paul R. Castle (fourth from left) and Dr. Andrew Schroeder (rear) joined City officials, family and staff members on May 6 for a ceremonial ribbon cutting at their new, expanded facility at 1885 Hicks Road. Those attending the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" event included 2nd Ward Alderman Barb Lusk (far left), Mayor Ken Nelson (third from right), Chamber Director Linda Ballantine (second from right) and City Manager Sarah Phillips (far right).



Public Works Academy 'Graduates' 28 Residents

Twenty-eight Rolling Meadows residents gained new insight into Public Works operations following their "graduation" from the Department's 2009 Citizens Training Academy, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Hartnett reports.

The program, held over the course of four weeks in March and April, offered hands-on training activities, educational sessions and tours of City facilities.

"One of the unique things about the Academy is that the vast majority of the program is presented by Department employees, rather than supervisors and administrative staff," Hartnett explains. "These sessions provided participants with a variety of experiences – everything from equipment demonstrations and refuse collection from a simulated refuse route, to using the City's geographical database system to investigate underground utility lines."

A Saturday "field day" gave participants an opportunity to experience Public Works professionals in action at several work sites. Residents visited an active excavation to witness an underground utility repair, joined Streets Division employees on

an evaluation of street and sidewalk pavements in need of repair, and monitored a storm water catch basin scheduled for reconstruction.

Academy graduates were honored during a brief ceremony at City Council's April 28 meeting.

Residents interested in attending the Public Works Department's 2010 Training Academy may register online at www.cityrm.org/publicworks. For more information, call 847-963-0500.



Public Works Academy trainees receive an underground utilities update (above) and participate in a simulated refuse collection at right. The program was held over the course of four weeks and provided many opportunities to experience Public Works professionals in action.



Training Academy Gets Rave Reviews

Here are some comments submitted to Public Works by graduates of the 2009 Citizens Training Academy:

- "Overall, a great job by a dedicated team. I have a new appreciation of what Public Works does to make Rolling Meadows a great town."
- "The presenters were very well prepared. All took great pride in their work and are obviously happy to be working for Rolling Meadows."
- "Interesting and informative. I don't think it could be any better."
- "Thanks for letting me attend. I loved it!"

Updated City Website Features Online Calendar, New Look

An interactive calendar that allows residents to quickly determine dates for City services such as free brush collection, City Council meetings, community events, and more is now available on the City's updated Website, www.cityrm.org.

Users who click the "City Calendar" link on the left side of the homepage can view a comprehensive listing of upcoming events, or select specific items from a scroll-down menu. Options include dates for adjudication hearings, brush set out and pickup dates, due dates for water bills, and holiday refuse schedules.

The Website also offers a fresh new look that organizes information more effectively and improves users' ability to navigate through each page on the site, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno explains.



"The updated Website improves residents' ability to find information quickly," she says. "Navigating between department pages is much easier, and a new 'search' feature allows residents to access information throughout the entire site by entering key words or terms."

The City's Information Technology (IT) Department will continue adding new features to the Website on a regular basis.

The Website is a key component of the City's program to enhance communication with residents. It allows residents to request services, obtain information on City departments, communicate with City officials, and view agendas for upcoming City Council and committee meetings. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Vehicle Exhaust Removal Systems Help Firefighters Breathe Easier

Rolling Meadows firefighters are breathing cleaner, healthier air following installation of vehicle exhaust removal systems at both City fire stations.

The systems, funded through the federal government's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, feature hoses that run from each emergency vehicle's tailpipe to a filtering mechanism that prevents potentially dangerous diesel fumes from being inhaled by firefighters over the course of a 24-hour shift.

"By trapping and removing vehicle exhaust fumes at their source, we are enhancing the safety of on-duty firefighters, as well as residents who visit the fire stations," Fire Chief

Ron Stewart explains. "The systems also reduce the risk of dangerous diesel residue that could settle on fire station walls and equipment."



Ron Stewart

Since 2001, the AFG program has helped public safety organizations across the country purchase equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration, administers the grants.

Historical Society, Chamber to Host June 14 Antiques Appraisal Program

The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society have teamed up to host an antiques appraisal program Sunday, June 14, 12 – 4 p.m. at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum, 3100 Central Road.

Bring antiques, valuables, collectibles and more for appraisal by Karl Gates, of Karl Gates Appraisers in Arlington Heights.

Gates will appraise up to three items per guest. Admission is \$10 (one item), \$15 (two items) or \$20 (three items).

Stamps, coins, weapons, sports memorabilia or Asian items cannot be appraised at this event.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 847-398-3730, or office@rmchamber.org.

City Proclamation Honors Dr. Goyal, And He Takes a Break from Routine

Right after the City honored Dr. Arvind K. Goyal with a proclamation for practicing 30 years as a family doctor in Rolling Meadows, he decided to take a break from the daily routine.



The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians named him Family Physician of the Year, the American Heart Association made him a "Hero of the Heart," and the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce has twice named him Community Leader of the Year.

If you call the number for his Rolling Meadows office, you'll be told Dr. Goyal has retired. If you call Dr. Goyal, he says "no way." He consults on behalf of his colleagues, manages a Community Health Clinic as its Chief Medical Officer, and teaches medical students and residents, all while he makes more time for his twin grandchildren. And he still heads the City's Tobacco Information and Prevention Program, a position he's held since 1996.

Dr. Goyal became a fixture in Rolling Meadows, as he faithfully treated patients, held leadership positions, and won recognition for community service. He is past president

of both the Chicago Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society. The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians named him Family Physician of the Year, the American Heart Association made him a "Hero of the Heart," and the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce has twice named him Community Leader of the Year.

Earlier this year, the American Medical Association included Dr. Goyal in an article about what physicians are doing to help their patients during the recession. Since the

1980s, he has offered free visits to his established patients from the time they lose one job until they land another. To ease the financial pain for unemployed patients, he gives them sample medication or switches them to generics. When they need medical care beyond what he can provide, he refers them to nearby free clinics or a hospital that does charity work.

Congratulations, Dr. Goyal! The proclamation is well deserved, and we're sure you've earned a break from the routine, but please don't retire. Rolling Meadows could not be the same without you.



Committee to Distribute Men's Health Information

Members of the City's Cancer Awareness Committee will distribute important health information at several area retail locations Saturday, June 6, in observance of Men's Health Month.

Committee members will be on hand at Jewel/Osco, 3000 Kirchoff Road, Wal-Mart, 1460 Golf Road, and Farmers Pride Market, 1414 West Algonquin Road, in Arlington Heights.

"The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases among men and boys," Committee Chair and Ward 2 Alderman Barb Lusk says.

City Salutes Marine Corporal Kenneth Steck with Hero's Welcome

United States Marine Corporal Kenneth Steck, (second from right) received a hero's welcome on May 3, when he returned home to Rolling Meadows following deployment to the Middle East.

With sirens wailing and motorcycles revving, a motorcade featuring members of Warriors Watch Riders and Rolling Meadows police officers and firefighters proudly escorted Cpl. Steck to his home and waiting family members. Following his arrival, Cpl. Steck joined Mayor Ken Nelson, 3rd Ward Alderman Larry Buske, and the entire neighborhood for a welcome home barbeque.



Rolling Meadows salutes you, Cpl. Steck!

Senior Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Rolling Meadows Senior Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary in June with an outdoor concert featuring the Sun City Concert Band and a free BINGO tournament for all ages.

June 4 BINGO at Community Center

The BINGO event will take place Thursday, June 4, 10 a.m., in the lobby of the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive. Guests will enjoy prizes and refreshments, courtesy of Elk Grove Village-based Caring Home Care Services, Inc. Call 847-818-3205 to register.

June 25 Concert at Park Central

Head over to Park Central (3000 Central Road) on Thursday, June 25, 7 p.m., for the Senior Center's "Moonlight and Music" program, featuring a 90-minute performance by the Sun City Concert Band. This 40-member brass, woodwind and percussion ensemble performs a variety of popular show tunes, marches and light classical band music. Refreshments include popcorn, iced tea and lemonade.

A \$4 registration fee is required to attend this program. Register in person at the Rolling Meadows Senior Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive.

More Events in August, October

The Senior Center's 25th anniversary continues later this year with an August 21 ice cream social, and a gala anniversary celebration on October 24.

For more information on these programs, call the Senior Center at 847-818-3205.

Vehicle Stickers, Dog Licenses on Sale; Deadline to Purchase June 30

Beginning June 1, residents may purchase 2009-10 vehicle stickers and dog licenses online at the City's Website, www.cityrm.org, at City Hall, or at select retail outlets, Finance Director Jim Egeberg reports. The deadline to purchase is June 30.

Vehicle stickers start at \$22, while dog tags cost \$5 (\$3 for neutered/spayed animals). All dogs must be licensed and have rabies shots.

To order online, log onto the City's Website, click the "Finance Department" icon, then follow the screen prompts.

"For 2009, the City offers a new online purchasing option that allows residents to use their credit or debit card to purchase vehicle stickers and dog licenses when it is most convenient for them," Egeberg says. "By using the pre-printed application mailed out to all City residents in early June,

customers have no need to mail in their application."

For residents without Internet access, the mailing will include a pre-addressed envelope, making it convenient to order stickers from home. Drivers may also use the white drop box located in front of City Hall, or purchase stickers at any of the following locations:

- Aldaliz Western Wear Store – 2210 Algonquin Road.
- Algonquin Wilke Currency Exchange – 1764 Algonquin Road (Arlington Heights).
- Ben Franklin Bank – 3148 Kirchoff Road.
- Charter One Bank – 3901 Kirchoff Road.
- Confia Insurance Agency, Inc. – 1320 Algonquin Road (Arlington Heights).
- Fifth Third Bank – 1801 Algonquin Road.
- MB Financial Bank – 2251 Plum Grove Road .

- Police Neighborhood Resource Center – 2272 Algonquin Parkway.

- Rolling Meadows Currency Exchange – 3340 Kirchoff Road.

All drivers with cars registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase and display the 2009-10 vehicle stickers by June 30.

Stickers purchased after the June 30 deadline will double in price. Beginning July 1, motorists who fail to display the new sticker will be subject to a \$100 police citation.

Funds generated from vehicle sticker sales support Rolling Meadows' ongoing street maintenance activities, which keep City streets in good condition and prevent excessive wear and tear on residents' cars and trucks.



Despite Recession, Companies Investing in Rolling Meadows

BY MAYOR KEN NELSON

We hear so much these days about the sagging economy and the loss of jobs that it's pretty easy to get discouraged. Certainly, the City of Rolling Meadows has been hard-hit by the recession. A number of redevelopment projects that were close to coming together two years ago have been put aside, and we're left with some vacant and undeveloped properties. But that doesn't mean we haven't had some successes.

Within the past few months, we've had a number of businesses move into Rolling Meadows. Panasonic recently opened its regional headquarters on Tollview Drive. Research in Motion, the developer of the Blackberry, has taken more than 100,000 square feet on Golf Road. JC Restoration is about to finish a \$2 million dollar rehabilitation of its new facility. Cricket Communication, a budding new wireless communication company, has located its headquarters and a retail outlet in our city. And Tovar Snow

Professionals recently moved into a building that had been vacant for nearly 10 years.

Still other companies are in negotiations to locate here. Our largest employer, Northrop Grumman Corporation, continues to add jobs. All together, the companies I've mentioned have added more than 2,000 jobs in Rolling Meadows. And those jobs mean more people eating in our restaurants, shopping at our businesses and looking for housing.

A recent report by Commonwealth Edison indicates Rolling Meadows is the only community in the northwest suburbs to actually add retail business in the past year. The bad times aren't over yet, but our city is in a great position to take maximum advantage as the economy recovers.



Rolling Meadows in Bloom!

Garden Club to Host June 28 Garden Walk

Explore the beauty of seven local gardens during the Rolling Meadows Garden Club's 5th annual Garden Walk, Sunday, June 28, noon – 4 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Rolling Meadows Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive, for \$10. Residents may purchase tickets on the day of the Walk for \$15 at the Rolling Meadows Historical

Museum, 3100 Central Road.

For more information, visit www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.com, or call 847-818-3200, ext. 230.

June 2009

	1 Vehicle stickers, dog licenses on sale	2 Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall	3	4 Senior Center Bingo, 10 a.m., Community Center.	5	6 City Budget Workshop
Brush setout week, Section 3						
7	8	9 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall	10	11 Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall	12	13
Brush collection week, Section 3						
14 Antique Appraisal, noon-4p.m., Historical Museum	15	16 City Council Committee of the Whole, 7:30 p.m., City Hall	17	18 Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall	19	20
Brush setout week, Section 4						
21	22 Water bills due	23 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall	24	25 Adjudication Hearing, 1 p.m., City Hall	26	27
Brush collection week, Section 4						
28 5 th annual Garden Walk	29	30 Deadline to purchase and display vehicle stickers, dog licenses	Rolling Meadows Cruisers meet every Friday night 5:30-9:30 at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive through October 16.			