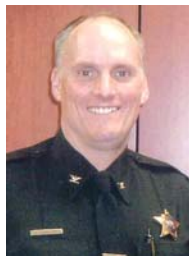




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27-Year Police Veteran David Scanlan To Succeed Police Chief Steven Williams

A Rolling Meadows native who has risen from Patrol Officer to Deputy Chief over a 27-year career with the Rolling Meadows Police Department has been appointed to succeed Police Chief Steven Williams when he retires early next year, City Manager Sarah Phillips announced.



mended to lead this transition," Phillips says.

With the transfer of emergency dispatch functions to Northwest Central Dispatch System, the

"We will build on the traditions of professionalism and commitment to community policing that have been hallmarks of Chief Williams' tenure."

—David Scanlan

After working closely with Deputy Chief David J. Scanlan during her eight months on the job, the City Manager says she's confident that he's very highly qualified, and she's impressed with his dedication to the community. "Continuity is one thing the department needs right now, as we go through many changes, and Chief Scanlan has been very highly recom-

changes at the Police Neighborhood Resource Center, and recent recession-induced budget cuts, the department has changed dramatically. "We have experienced significant change over the last year. We will have to restructure, retool,

and reorganize," Scanlan says.

Phillips says she believes in "promoting from within whenever possible" and considers dedication to the community the most important quality in a police chief.

"The police have such an integral role in community relations and maintaining our contact with the public. Dave knows the 'ins and outs' of our department. He knows a lot of people in town, and that will be very helpful as the City makes this transition," Phillips says.

Williams was appointed police chief in 1998, after a six-month-long search for a successor to former chief Gerald Aponte, who had resigned to accept a position out of state. Scanlan was a member of a Police Chief

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Fire Department to Host Open House, October 10, Plum Grove Road Station

Residents of all ages will explore the inner-workings of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department – everything from equipment and vehicles to a series of specialized rescue demonstrations – during the Department's second annual Open House, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, October 10, at the Neuckranz Fire Station, 2455 Plum Grove Road.

Guided station tours conducted by firefighters and up-close review of the

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Walk-up hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Community Development Dept.: 847-506-6030
Walk-up hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
TDD: 847-506-0490
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PNRC — 847-506-2059

Look Us Up on the Web at: www.cityrm.org

Games on FD Web Page Promote Fire Safety for Kids of All Ages

Online children's games now available on the Fire Department's Web page prove that it's never too early to begin learning about fire safety.

Log onto www.cityrm.org/rmfd/default.htm and click on the "Kids Fire Safety Games" icon on the left side of the screen. Select any of three links that offer games appropriate for children of all ages:

- **Sprinkler Smarts** allows children in kindergarten through 8th grade to learn more about fire safety and fire sprinklers;

- **Dress the Firefighter:** Firefighter Fran is on her way to fight a fire, but she needs to get dressed. Preschoolers help Firefighter Fran choose the appropriate firefighter clothing;

- **U.S. Fire Administration Kids Page:** USFA Kids offers crossword puzzles, coloring pages, word searches, matching games and more to help kids learn about home fire safety, smoke alarms and escaping a fire.

Donate Blood October 10

Residents are encouraged to give the "gift of life" during a community blood drive held in conjunction with the Fire Department's Saturday, October 10 Open House.

The blood drive will take place from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., and will benefit patients of Chicago area hospitals.

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

'Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned' National Fire Prevention Week Focus



Ron Stewart

BY FIRE CHIEF RON STEWART

Each year, roughly 3,000 people die from, and more than 20,000 are treated in the nation's emergency rooms for, burn-related injuries.

That's why the Rolling Meadows Fire Department has teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association to encourage residents to "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned." This year's National Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 4-10, focuses on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns.

The most common types of burn injuries result from fire or flame, scalding and contact burns. These can be extremely painful and may result in severe scarring – even death. Fortunately, these injuries are entirely preventable.

Residents can make healthy change happen in their homes by taking extra caution to ensure that the curling iron is out of children's reach, that pot handles are turned away from the stove, and that hot foods and liquids are kept away from tables and counter edges.

Other tips for preventing burns include:

- Have a three-foot "kid-free" zone around the oven and stove;
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking hot beverages;

- Test water temperatures before placing a child (or yourself) in the bathtub;
- Ask smokers to smoke outside and give them deep, sturdy ashtrays;
- Keep lamps, light fixtures and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as lamp shades, bedding, curtains and clothing;
- Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords;
- Wear clothing with tight-fitting or short sleeves when cooking;
- Teach children that hot things hurt.

In addition to following these burn safety measures, the Fire Department encourages all residents to test their homes' smoke detectors. Roughly 70% of home fire deaths occur in residences without working smoke detectors.

Residents should test their smoke detectors once per month, following the manufacturer's instructions. Replace detector batteries once per year. A good rule of thumb is to replace batteries the same day you change your clocks from daylight savings time to standard time each fall.

For more information on National Fire Prevention Week activities, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.



Fire Department to Host Open House

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Department's fleet of engines and ambulances will offer a "behind-the-scenes" glimpse of Department operations. Attendees will learn more about the Fire Department's proud tradition of service to Rolling Meadows residents and businesses.

Firefighters will also showcase

their extensive training and equipment during a series of simulated rescue demonstrations held throughout the day.

"The Open House is an opportunity for residents to learn more about the Rolling Meadows Fire Department, and allows us to meet the people we are sworn to protect," Fire Chief Ron Stewart explains. "Our goal is for people to better understand our approach to fostering a safer community in which we all live and work."

The event will also feature a City-sponsored Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-noon, to benefit LifeSource Blood Banks, and complimentary child car seat safety checks performed by Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) officials.

The open house coincides with this year's National Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10. For more information, contact the Fire Department at 847-397-3352.

27-Year Police Department Veteran David Scanlan Appointed to Succeed Steven Williams as Chief

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Screening Committee formed to assist in making the selection.

Chief-designate Scanlan says his top priorities will be “to implement my collaborative style of leadership and make sure the department maintains the highest standards for police service. Our residents and businesses are very aware of the personalized service levels we maintain, and they value their hometown connection with the police department. We will build on the traditions of professionalism and commitment to community policing that have been hallmarks of Chief Williams’ tenure.”

Retiring Chief Williams says he wants to spend more time with his wife, Marge, their daughter, son, and three grandchildren. His retirement will be effective January 8, 2010. Phillips says Chief-designate Scanlan will begin to take on additional responsibilities during the next few months until his “official” appointment in January.

Asked to reflect on his accomplishments in 12 years on the job, Williams downplays any personal accomplishments, saying, “The department has accomplished so much in leadership in the law enforcement community, intergovernmental cooperation, delivery of law enforcement services, building a culture that is incredibly professional, and caring, so that what we do emphasizes people as much as it does the law.”

Williams, 61, says part of his teamwork with Scanlan, who was named Deputy Chief in 2001, “has been to do things that prepare him for this position.” He describes Scanlan as a “very, very creative problem solver.”

Scanlan, 50, is a graduate of St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights. His family first lived in Rolling Meadows, then moved to Arlington Heights. After high school, he studied law enforcement at Harper College and worked as an identification officer with the Arlington Heights Police Department. He was also an investigator/administrative assistant with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s office before joining the Rolling Meadows Police



Retiring Police Chief Steve Williams has served the City since 1998.

Department as a Patrol Officer in 1982.

Within the department, Scanlan is a respected leader known for his passion for law enforcement and dedication to his family, which now includes nine children, ranging in age from 2 to 24. During his first 10 years as a patrol officer, he was a tactical officer-gang specialist. In 1992, he was promoted to Sergeant and in 1994 to Commander of the Investigations Unit. Meanwhile, he completed bachelor’s and master’s degrees in management at National Louis University.

After starting his law enforcement education at Harper College, he later returned as an instructor to teach some of the same courses. He has also completed courses in police staff and command and managing criminal investigation at Northwestern University’s Traffic Institute, and homicide investigation at Southern Police Institute-University of Louisville. He is certified by the Illinois Municipal League as a trainer for the National Incident Management Course.

Scanlan has coupled his studies with law enforcement experience to apply “the shared leadership style of management.” He is convinced that when managers “establish a work environment where creativity is encouraged and innovation fostered, organizational synergy will follow.”

The first step in effective leadership is “listening to those we serve,” he says, beginning with city officials. “The second step is being responsive to

those needs, ideas, and desires. One without the other is destined to failure.”

An officer who has worked closely with Scanlan for 20 years, Sgt. Tom Gadomski, describes him as a “fair but demanding” supervisor. “You do the job and you will earn praises and respect, but he expects hard work from his guys,” Gadomski says. “He’s a guy who has his finger on the pulse of this department. We know who Dave Scanlan is. We know what to expect. We know he’ll hit the ground running,” he adds.

Tragedy hit the Scanlan family in 2005 when his wife, Sharon, died of cancer at age 45, leaving four children. Recently remarried to Elizabeth, who also had been widowed, the family now includes his four children, her four children, and their two-year-old daughter, Tessa. He enjoys coaching his children’s baseball and basketball teams.

Scanlan is a member of the Illinois Captains Association, Illinois Juvenile Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police, and Northwest Chiefs of Police. His many honors include Exceptional Duty, Honor Service, a Wound medal, and Excellent Police Duty Awards from the Rolling Meadows Police.

City to End Yard Waste Bag Sales in 2010

The Public Works Department will sell its remaining supply of paper refuse and yard waste bags, while supplies last, until December 31, 2009. Sales will cease, effective January 1, 2010.

Bundles of refuse bags are sold for \$8 per bundle (15 bags). Bags are available for purchase at the following locations:

- Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Rolling Meadows City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Paper refuse and yard waste bags from other manufacturers continue to be available for purchase at many local stores.

City Officials, Staff to Wear Pink in Support of Breast Cancer Awareness, October 9

A legion of City officials and staffers will wear pink T-shirts to demonstrate support for breast cancer awareness Friday, October 9, and pay tribute to a national campaign known as the Pink Heals Tour.

The tour, launched by a group of police officers and firefighters who call themselves Guardians of the Ribbon, involves driving a pink fire truck cross-country to raise awareness of the disease. The Guardians made stops in Glenview and Vernon Hills last month.

The Pink Heals Tour Website, www.pinkribbontour.com, states: "We would like to have public safety, local leaders and citizens of the community wear pink shirts to show support and love for our women and their fight against breast cancer. It will not only bring us together, but also give those who are battling this dreadful disease an overwhelming feeling of support."

Ward 2 Alderman and Cancer Awareness Committee Chair Barb Lusk hopes Rolling Meadows will show community-wide support for breast cancer awareness. She encourages residents to "care enough to wear pink" on October 9.

"Committee members urge residents to join with City staff and demonstrate their support for women battling breast cancer," Lusk says. "The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 192,000 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer this year. More than 40,000 cases will be fatal," she adds.

Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women in the United States and the second leading cause of cancer death.

The Cancer Awareness Committee has distributed breast cancer informational pamphlets that are available at City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road; Rolling Meadows Library, 3110 Martin Lane; and the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, 2775 Algonquin Road.

Renovations Under Way at Downtown Shopping Center



Workers perform exterior renovations at Rolling Meadows Shopping Center, part of a project to create a new look for tenants at the northwest corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive. When completed, the renovated shopping center will offer a neo-traditional façade, improve area signage and add a drive-through pharmacy on Jewel-Osco's east side. Interior improvements at the Jewel-Osco are also part of the plan approved by City Council earlier this year.

Police Upgrade Non-Emergency Phone System; Operators, Not Recordings, Answer Calls

Residents who call the Police Department's non-emergency telephone number between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. will notice a major change in how the call is processed: police department staff members answer the phone, not a recording.

Last month, the Department introduced a complete overhaul to its non-emergency phone number (847-255-2416). Calls placed by residents during regular business hours are now taken at the front desk, where operators will transfer calls to the appropriate extension.

Police Department officials believe the new system will make it easier for residents to find answers to their questions and enhance customer service.

"The new telephone system is designed to be much more user-friendly, reduce the potential for confusion and streamline service," Sgt. Tony Gaspari explains. "In this day and age, residents find it increasingly difficult to talk to a person when they call their bank,

credit card companies, or other service providers. We feel that should not be the case when calling the police department."

Gone, too, are the nine menu options that residents once had to choose from. If operators are fielding other calls, residents are able to select from four options:

1. **Emergency dispatch**, in the event of an emergency;
2. **Overnight parking requests** that enable residents to park vehicles on City streets overnight without receiving a ticket (Direct line: 847-870-2440);
3. **Police Department directory** that guides callers to the appropriate extension;
4. **General mailbox**, where residents may leave voice messages for the front desk.

"Operators are trained to transfer calls to emergency dispatch at a moment's notice, but residents should always call 911 in emergency situations," Gaspari adds.

Serving the City:



Ward 4 Alderman Brad Judd

Ward 4 Alderman Brad Judd says he learned some of the intricacies of city government while serving as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, but received a crash course following his election to Council in April 2009.

Over the past six months, one lesson stands out from the rest.

"I've learned that I still have a lot to learn," he says with a chuckle. "I ran for office because I see opportunities to make things better for our residents."

Alderman Judd has lived in Rolling Meadows for 16 years. He is a commodities broker who holds a BSGS degree from Northwestern University.

"I decided to get involved and do what I could to help the City, but I don't consider myself a politician," he explains.

"If my constituents say, 'great job!' and re-elect me in four years, I'll be happy to serve. If they choose someone else, that's fine with me, too."

Judd began attending City Council meetings as an observer, when City officials were trying to complete a redevelopment deal for the Dominick's property at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive. At the time, many Ward 4 residents had concerns about proposals for a high-density, mixed use development under consideration.

"All of us would like to redevelop the Dominick's property. I just want to make sure that the result enhances the downtown area and doesn't affect nearby residents in a negative way," he says.

Asked about his approach to public service, Alderman Judd offers this: "If a great idea is unpopular, vote for it. If a bad idea is popular, vote against it."

Proposed 2010 Budget Improves Financial Analysis, Cash Flow

The proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 budget presented to City Council by staff last month reduces the number of operating funds from 34 to 18, enhancing the City's ability to analyze financial statements and improve cash flow, Finance Director Jim Egeberg reports.

Examples of fund consolidation include combining the Vehicle Replacement and Equipment Funds into a new "Vehicle Equipment Replacement" Fund, merging the Water, Sewer and Storm Water Funds into one "Utilities" Fund, and eliminating six capital project funds.

The City's consolidation efforts follow recommendations presented by independent auditors, who urged City officials to implement a more functional approach to fund analysis by reducing their number.

"Using current data and financial figures, the 2010 budget projects that 15 of the 18 operating funds will have budgeted surpluses. That results in an overall City surplus of \$285,000," Egeberg explains. "In contrast, only 12 of the 34 operating funds for 2009 had surpluses."

Contributing to the projected surplus is the fact that, since mid-2008, the City has reduced staffing levels by 15% (28 full-time and 12 part-time positions).

"We have reduced annual payroll by over \$2 million in the last 18 months. As a result, we are a very lean operation," Egeberg says. "Further staff cutbacks would result in measurable service reductions to residents."

Public input on the FY2010 budget will be welcomed during a series of discussions scheduled in October and early November during regular City Council meetings. Council and staff will review proposed operating budgets for each City department based on the following schedule: October 13, Police Department; October 20, Community Development and Finance Departments, Library; October 27, Public Works Department; November 3, Fire Department; and November 10, general government and City funds.

A draft of the 2010 budget is available for public review at City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road; the Rolling Meadows Library, 3110 Martin Lane; and online at the City's Website, www.cityrm.org.

Public Works, SWANCC to Hold October 17 Document Destruction Event

Public Works and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will host a "document destruction" event Saturday, October 17, 9 – 11 a.m., at its 3900 Berdnick Street facility.

Onsite shredding of bank statements, medical forms, personal files, old tax forms, receipts and other paperwork will be offered to Rolling Meadows residents, free of charge. Proof of residency is required. No business waste will be accepted.

"This program will help residents safely dispose of personal documents, minimizing the potential for thieves to gain access to information that may be used to steal one's identity," Public Works Director Fred Vogt explains.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) estimates that 10 million Americans were victims of identity theft in 2008. One of the most effective ways to reduce one's risk of becoming a victim is to shred all personal documents before throwing them away.

Other tips to prevent identity theft include:

- Do not carry your social security card in wallets or purses;
- Never give personal information over the phone, the Internet or through the mail unless you know with whom you are dealing;
- Only do business online with established, reputable companies;
- Do not place sensitive outgoing mail, such as a credit card application, in your mailbox for pickup.
- Check your credit report once a year.



Pension Funding Key Issue In 2010 Budget Deliberations

BY MAYOR KEN NELSON

One of the things your City Council will be wrestling with as we prepare our 2010 budget is funding for our police and fire pensions. By state law, municipalities are required to “levy a tax upon all taxable property at a rate ... that will equal a sum sufficient to meet the annual actuarial requirements of the pension funds.”

Our new actuarial figures received from the state indicate that, to meet that obligation, the City will have to more than double the levy for pension funds. In short, it amounts to about \$30 more for every \$1,000 of your total current tax bill.

There are many reasons for this shortfall, such as insufficient funding in the past, state-mandated pension benefit increases and an overall decline in the economy. Rolling Meadows is not the only community facing this daunting task. Seven out of 20 northwest suburban communities who responded to a recent poll need to increase their pension contributions by more than one million dollars.

Our fire and police personnel are vital assets to this community. Their pensions allow them to retire at 75% of their final pay after 50 years of age with 30 years of service. In addition, they have a number of other benefits – all of which are mandated by the state. City officials have absolutely no control over this issue, but there is something you can do about the dramatic tax increase we may face in January.

During the veto session, the state legislature has an opportunity to deal with several pension questions. One of the issues is a proposal to limit the tax levy increase for next year to 10% above this year’s levy. Please, call your legislator and demand that they address this issue now! Help your council avoid this drastic, costly increase.

Senior Center To Celebrate Silver Anniversary October 24

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in style, the Rolling Meadows Senior Center will host a “Silver Celebration” featuring cocktails, dinner and live music, Saturday, October 24. The event will take place at the Wellington of Arlington, 2121 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

The gala event begins with a cash bar at 4 p.m., followed by a film retrospective of the Senior Center’s first 25 years. After dinner, guests will enjoy a performance by Paul Germano Orchestra.

Residents planning to attend may register at the Rolling Meadows Senior Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive, by Monday, October 12. Tickets are \$20.

For more information, contact the Senior Center at 847-818-3205.



October 2009



National Fire Prevention Week: October 4-10

Bring the whole family to the Rolling Meadows Fire Department Open House, Saturday, October 10, at the Neuckranz Fire Station, 2455 Plum Grove Road.

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