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RMFD 'Safe Seniors' Program to Provide Free Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide Alarms



The Rolling Meadows Fire Department will provide free smoke detectors or carbon monoxide alarms to residents ages 65 and older, as part of a targeted public awareness program to help them stay safe in their homes, Lieutenant Jim Marvin reports.

Through the Department's Safe Seniors Program, firefighters will:

- Conduct an onsite safety survey at seniors' homes to identify potential injury risks.
- Deliver information on fire prevention.
- Install free smoke detectors and/or carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.
- Focus on fall prevention.

RMFD officials purchased 2,200 smoke and CO alarms for the Safe Seniors program with a \$45,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"We hope to install these smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in as many senior homes as we can," Lt. Marvin says. "It offers us an opportunity to meet face-to-face with our residents, and provide potentially life-saving information about fire safety and injury prevention."

Senior residents who would like to receive a free smoke or CO detector may contact the Rolling Meadows Fire Department at 847-397-3352 to schedule an appointment.

Facts About Home Fires

Smoke detectors have been proven to reduce the risk of fire death by 50%.

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Flashback: Barn Served as Gathering Place



Rolling Meadows Historical Society members recall how this barn was a focal point for community gatherings during the City's formative years. It was where City Council and other important meetings were held, and also served as the first site of Community Church of Rolling Meadows.

What sits on this site today? Turn to page 2 to find out.

60th Celebration Continues with March 14 St. Pat's Dinner, Auction

The City's 60th Anniversary celebration continues with Irish feasting and dancing Saturday, March 14, when the Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows hosts its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction, 6 – 10 p.m., at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

One lucky guest will take home a grand prize "Pot of Gold" worth up to \$2,500.

Dinner tickets are \$30 per person and will be available through March 9. Only 100 tickets for the "Pot of Gold" prize raffle (\$50 each) will be sold.

To purchase tickets, contact Public Works Director Fred Vogt (847-963-0500 or vogt@cityrm.org) or Rolling Meadows Park District Director Amy Charlesworth (847-818-3220 or acharlesworth@rmparks.org).



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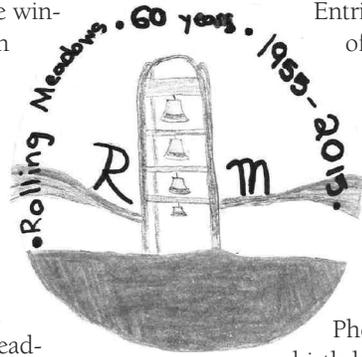
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Kimball Hill 5th Grader Wins 60th Anniversary Vehicle Sticker Design Competition

Congratulations to Rolling Meadows resident – and budding artist – Paige Cosico, a 5th grader at Kimball Hill Elementary School, for creating the winning entry in the City's 60th Anniversary vehicle sticker competition.

Paige's design, a hand-drawn representation of the City's Carillon Tower, was publicly unveiled at a February 26 community birthday party that marked the beginning of Rolling Meadows' 60th Anniversary celebration. The drawing will be available later this year as a commemorative vehicle sticker.



Nearly 60 designs were submitted for the competition, which was open to all Rolling Meadows students in grades 3 – 8. Entries were judged by members of the City's "Celebrate 60!" Committee.

For designing the winning entry, Paige received a commemorative plaque. Her family was presented with \$125 in gift cards from Meijer and Jewel/Osco.

Photos from the February 26 birthday party will be published in the April issue of *e-NEWS & VIEWS*, which will be posted on the City's Website in late March.

City Seeks Veterans for Memorial Day Parade

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee is seeking resident veterans and their family members to join this year's Memorial Day Parade and observance, Saturday, May 23.

The City will also host its annual Veterans Dinner Friday, May 22.

Committee members maintain a registry of all Rolling Meadows veterans who have participated in past Memorial Day ceremonies to honor those who have served. Veterans who have not previously registered – and would like to be part of this year's events – may contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.

Jewel Donates \$2,500 to Support Local Student's Continuing Education

The Jewel/Osco on Kirchoff Road will present a \$2,500 grant to a Rolling Meadows High School student at the end of this school year to help defray the cost of his or her continuing education.

"We are extremely grateful for Jewel's support. As one of the City's original businesses, Jewel has served generations of Rolling Meadows residents and become an integral part of our community," explains Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager. "Now, with its very generous \$2,500 donation, it has boldly announced its continued support for our City's future generations."

Jewel, which has served Rolling Meadows customers since the 1950s, is among the growing number of organizations supporting the City's 60th Anniversary celebration. The list includes the Rolling Meadows Park District, Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, Jewel/Osco, Meijer and Harper College.



To learn more about ways to support Rolling Meadows' 60th Anniversary celebration, contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.

Flash Forward!



Today, the Kirchoff Road barn site is home to the mixed-use Riverwalk development, which offers a blend of downtown businesses and residential condos.

Free Smoke, Carbon Monoxide Detectors ...continued from page 1

according to data compiled by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). More than two-thirds of all home fire deaths occur in situations where there is not a working smoke detector.

House fires can cause tremendous damage and suffering: In 2011 alone, fire departments across the U.S. responded to roughly 370,000 home structure fires. These resulted in \$6.9 billion in property damage, 13,910 injuries and more than 2,500 deaths – an average of seven per day.

Carbon Monoxide Facts

Known as the silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas produced by burning fuels such as oil, kerosene, natural gas and wood. It is the leading cause of poisoning death in the United States, according to the NFPA.

Illinois law requires that all homes – single and multi-family units – have a CO detector within 15 feet of every sleeping room. Fire Department officials urge residents to test their smoke detectors each month, following the manufacturer's instructions, and replace the batteries twice per year.

Oscar-Nominated American Sniper Cast, Crew Members Have Strong Rolling Meadows Ties

American Sniper, director Clint Eastwood's Academy Award-nominated film that has broken box office records since its release last December, boasts two cast and crew members who have strong ties to Rolling Meadows.



Robert Lorenz

Former resident Robert Lorenz, who grew up in Rolling Meadows and attended Central Road School and Fremd High School, served as one of the film's producers.

American Sniper is one of 40 films* in which Lorenz has served as a producer or assistant director, including *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Letters from Iwo Jima* and *Million Dollar Baby*.



Bryan Anderson

In addition, Iraq War veteran and long-time Rolling Meadows resident Bryan Anderson has a small acting role in the film. It marks the latest addition to Anderson's TV and film resume, which includes roles in *Hawaii Five-O*, *CSI: NY* and HBO's *The Wire*.

Anderson, who served two tours of duty in Iraq, was injured in 2005 by an improvised explosive device (IED) that cost him both legs and his left hand. Today, Anderson serves as spokesperson for USA Cares, a non-profit dedicated to helping post-9/11 veterans in times of need.

*Source: Internet Movie Database

City Welcomes 89 New Businesses in 2014

Rolling Meadows welcomed 89 new businesses to the City in 2014, which help expand available shopping options for residents, diversify the City's tax base and reduce reliance on residential property taxes to fund services, City Manager Barry Krumstok reports.

Additions to the City's robust restaurant and retail sectors were joined by companies that specialize in professional services such as home health care, website design and Internet marketing. High-technology providers, including information technology (IT) and telecommunications firms, also put down roots in Rolling Meadows last year.

"The City's well-established reputation as a business-friendly community helps



Grande Jakes employees celebrate the Mexican restaurant's 2014 grand opening at 5500 New Wilke Road.

attract new businesses that expand opportunities for residents," Krumstok explains. "Continued diversification of the City's tax base minimizes the burden on residents to fund essential City services and reduces our risk in the event of an economic downturn."

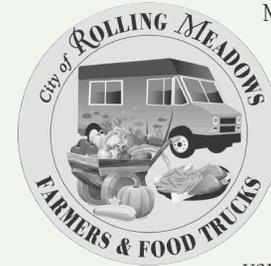
From independent merchants to Fortune 500 corporations, Rolling Meadows is home to many of the world's leading companies, including **Northrop Grumman** (aerospace and defense technology), **Capital One** (financial services), **Komatsu America** (earth-moving and construction equipment), **Method Electronics** (custom-engineered, application-specific products and services), and **Weichai America** (diesel engine manufacturer).



Jason Lensink Allstate, 3338 Kirchoff Road, joins downtown Rolling Meadows' ongoing revitalization.

Mark Your Calendars Farmers & Food Trucks Returns for Third Season May 23

Rolling Meadows' popular Farmers & Food Trucks program will begin its third season Saturday, May 23, during the City's annual Memorial Day observance.



Held Saturdays, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22 and September 26, each event will feature a variety of

locally-grown produce, freshly-prepared menu items offered by onsite food trucks, and a wide selection of home goods, health and beauty products, hand-made jewelry, clothing, art and more.

This year's program will also feature a special Friday, June 19 evening event at Community Church of Rolling Meadows, 2720 Kirchoff Road.

Residents who wish to volunteer for this year's program may contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500.

Vendors who are interested in participating will find additional information and registration forms on the City's Website, www.cityrm.org.

Farmers & Food Trucks

2015 Schedule*

Saturday, May 23

Friday, June 19**

Saturday, June 27

Saturday, July 25

Saturday, August 22

Saturday, September 26

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

**Friday program will take place 4 – 8 p.m. at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road)

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	Economic Development Committee , 6 pm Plan Commission , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 pm, City Hall	Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	6	14th Annual Dr. Seuss Celebration , 10:30 am-12:30 pm & 1:30-3:30 pm, Rolling Meadows Library.
Daylight Saving Time Begins. Clocks "spring" ahead one hour. Replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	Creating Your Own Legacies & Loes , 6:30-7:30 pm, Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). <i>Hosted by the Rolling Meadows Park District.</i>	Adjudication Hearing , 1 pm, City Hall	13	St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Auction , 6-10 pm, Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). <i>Hosted by Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows & City's Celebrate 60! Committee</i>
15	16	City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall St. Patrick's Day	18	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	Water bills due 20	21
22	Police Pension Board , 3:30 pm, City Hall	City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, City Hall	25	26	27	Lunch with the Bunny , 11:30 am-1 pm, Park Central (3000 Central Road). <i>Hosted by the Rolling Meadows Park District</i>
29	Yard Waste Collection Begins Early Refuse Set-Out Ends	31		Early refuse set-out ends Monday, March 30. Per City ordinance, residents should place refuse at curb after 6 pm the evening prior to scheduled pick-up.		

April 2015

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 .		1	Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	3	4
5 Easter	6	Economic Development Committee , 6 pm Plan Commission , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 pm, City Hall	9	10	11
12	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	15	Adjudication Hearing , 1 pm, City Hall	17	18
19	Water bills due 20	City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall	22	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	24	Salt Creek Cleanup 25
26	27	City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, City Hall	29	30		
			Earth Day			

25-Year Veteran Thomas Gadomski Named Police Commander; Officers Michael Fior, Matthew Weiglein Promoted to Sergeant

Thomas Gadomski, a 25-year member of the Rolling Meadows Police Department, was promoted to Commander in January, Police Chief Dave Scanlan reports.

Also promoted were new Sergeants Michael Fior and Matthew Weiglein, who bring a combined 38 years of law enforcement experience to their new positions.

“Commander Gadomski, and Sergeants Fior and Weiglein, possess impeccable records of excellence when it comes to serving Rolling Meadows residents,” Chief Scanlan says. “They have embraced their new responsibilities with the same professionalism and pride they have displayed throughout their careers. I offer my congratulations on their promotions - and my thanks for their dedication to protecting this community.”

Commander Tom Gadomski



Tom Gadomski

Since joining the Department in 1989, Cmdr. Gadomski has served as a patrol officer, investigator, and sergeant. He is the Department’s liaison to Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers, and plays a key role in organizing community outreach programs such as National Night Out.

Cmdr. Gadomski has also served as an investigator with the regional Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) and the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System’s (NIPAS) Emergency Services Team.

He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Behavioral Sciences from National Louis University and an Associate’s Degree in Law Enforcement from Oakton Community College. He is a graduate of Northwestern University’s School of Police Staff and Command.



Michael Fior

Sergeant Michael Fior

Sgt. Fior joined the Rolling Meadows Police Department in 1997, after serving three years with the Cook County Sheriff’s Department. He has served as a detective, gang unit officer, field training officer,

evidence technician, juvenile officer, and as a member of the Police Department Honor Guard.

Sgt. Fior has also served with MCAT’s violent crimes unit, and as an Emergency Services Team (EST) and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) member with NIPAS.



Matthew Weiglein

Sergeant Matthew Weiglein

Sgt. Weiglein’s 13 years of experience with the Rolling Meadows Police Department includes serving as a member of the Motorcycle and Bicycle Patrol teams, and as a field training officer. He began his career in Cicero, where he served as field training officer, K9 officer and as a certified firefighter.

RMPD Informational Seminar Draws Nearly 150 Residents

Police Chief Dave Scanlan and Social Services Outreach Specialist Natalia Mercado discussed the Rolling Meadows Police Department’s approach to building trust through its community policing efforts, during a free seminar that drew nearly 150 residents to City Hall in late January. The seminar, co-hosted by Chicago-based attorney Rocio S. Becerni, also covered recent changes to immigration laws and policies.

Planning Home Improvement Projects? Community Development Department Permits Protect Homeowners’ Investment



Valerie Dehner

Residents planning home improvement projects this spring have an important ally in the Rolling Meadows Community Development Department: the Department’s permit process helps property owners protect their investment and maximize its value by guarding against poor workmanship that does not meet City safety codes, Director Valerie Dehner reports.

“Tradespeople, such as electricians and plumbers, are certified by local or state authorities for a reason – to protect customers,” she explains. “The City’s permit process is no different. Issuing permits for a particular project allows the City to schedule inspections to verify all work is performed properly and according to code.”

Most projects – from hot water heater installation to structural additions – require a permit. Other common home improvement projects where permits are required include new siding and roof-

ing, patios, back yard sheds and fencing.

State mandates for energy efficiency and lead-based paint removal also require permits for projects such as window replacement, and for remodeling work in homes built before 1978.

Residents who are not sure whether their project will require a permit may contact the Community Development Department at 847-506-6030. Detailed information on the permit process, including application forms, is available on the Department’s Webpage, www.cityrm.org/rmcd.

Common Projects That Require Permits:

- Air conditioning
- Fencing
- Heating
- Hot water heater
- New window installation
- Patios and decks
- Roofing
- Siding

Term Limits Help City Achieve Consistency without Complacency

by Mayor Tom Rooney

Well, Rolling Meadows, it's not yet official, but it looks like you're "stuck" with me as your mayor for the next four years – and with the current Council for the next two years. That's because there are no opponents for the five of us who are up for election in April.



I'm not sure how much of that phenomenon is due to residents' approval of our efforts and how much might be caused by voter apathy. We always like to believe that there's plenty of the former, but we know there's at least some of the latter.

Whatever the reasons, I believe that the long-term interests of the City continue to be served – even in this uncontested election. We're a community that imposes term limits on our elected leaders, so we experience more frequent turnover on the Council than many other cities.

Some argue that term limits can lead, at any given time, to an unhealthy level of leadership turnover. On the contrary, I believe that Rolling Meadows finds itself in an ideal situation: a consistent City Council even under term limits.

The five candidates on this year's ballot include a mayor who will be serving his final term, two aldermen who can only run for one more term, and two alderman who are eligible for just two more terms. Looking ahead a bit further, the three aldermen whose current terms expire in 2017 are also nicely staggered – two are serving their second terms and one is in his first term.

In the meantime, our next two years serving on City Council will be marked by a level of consistency often witnessed in towns that don't have term limits. There is a fine line between healthy consistency and healthy change. Here in Rolling Meadows, we are currently enjoying the best of both worlds.

Early Voting for April 7 Election Begins March 23

Early voting for the April 7 Consolidated Election will be available to residents Monday, March 23 – Saturday, April 4, at the Cook County Circuit Courthouse (2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows) and the Palatine Township Center (721 South Quentin Road). Residents who plan to cast ballots, but have not voted in previous elections, must register by Tuesday, March 10.

This year's ballot will feature uncontested races for Rolling Meadows Mayor and four City Council seats. Mayor Tom Rooney, 1st Ward Alderman Mike Cannon and 5th Ward Alderman Rob Banger will each earn a second four-year term, after first being elected in 2011. 3rd Ward Alderman Laura Majikes, who was appointed in 2012 to succeed former Alderman Larry Buske, will be elected to her first full term on City Council. 7th Ward Alderman Tim Veenbaas, appointed to Council last summer to complete the term of James Larsen, will also be elected to his first full term.

For more information on the April 7 election, contact Deputy Clerk Ginny Cotugno at 847-870-9007 or cotugno@cityrm.org. Additional information is available on the Cook County Clerk's Website, www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Longtime Fire Department Training Officer Appointed City Fire Marshal

Palatine Rural Fire Protection District Assistant Chief Scott Mohr, who served as joint Training Officer for the Rolling Meadows, Palatine and Palatine Rural Fire Departments for three years, was appointed City Fire Marshal after Council established the position in January.

Chief Mohr's appointment is the latest example of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department's ability to expand operational efficiencies through partnerships with neighboring departments, Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote reports.

As outlined in a series of existing agreements between the three departments, Chief Mohr will devote 20 hours per week to leading the City's Fire Prevention Bureau and its fire code enforcement responsibilities. In return, RMFD battalion chiefs provide incident command for

emergency calls in select areas of Palatine Rural's jurisdiction.

Ongoing collaboration between Rolling Meadows, Palatine and Palatine Rural have already delivered joint operations guidelines and expanded resource-sharing opportunities to improve service.

"In today's era of limited resources and budgetary constraints, it is essential to deliver value for taxpayer-funded services. Chief Mohr's appointment as Rolling Meadows Fire Marshal continues our track record of finding creative ways to improve and expand services without the need for additional staff," Chief Franzgrote explains.

The Fire Prevention Bureau's mission is to perform fire inspections of all City buildings and occupancies to "reduce the



Assistant Chief Scott Mohr's appointment as City Fire Marshal follows collaborative efforts to improve training (shown) and resource-sharing between departments.

potential for fire" and "maintain the health, safety and general welfare of all concerned," according to the Fire Department's Webpage (www.cityrm.org/rmfd).

For more information contact the Fire Department at 847-397-3352.