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New Police Chief John Nowacki: Strong Relationships with Residents Essential for Delivering Effective, High-Quality Police Services



New Rolling Meadows Police Chief John Nowacki (right) shakes hands with Commander Bill Arneson, who served as acting chief before his arrival in April.

Nearly 30 years after beginning his career as a patrol officer with the Elk Grove Village Police Department, new Rolling Meadows Police Chief John A. Nowacki is proud to have reached the pinnacle of his

profession. Nevertheless, his vision for – and approach to – law enforcement remains unchanged.

“I became a police officer because I wanted to help people, and that focus has never wavered,” he recalled while sitting in his office in April – just four days after arriving in Rolling Meadows to start the next chapter of his career. “Police work, at its core, is relationship-building. Our priority must be to always find ways to be better: to deliver more effective police services and make sure our operations reflect the values of the residents we serve.”

Chief Nowacki’s 29 years of service in Elk Grove Village, including the past four years as deputy police chief, provided

him with keen insights on the Rolling Meadows Police Department. He’d gotten to know several RMPD professionals through regional training and casework.

The two departments and communities also shared several similarities: both receive emergency dispatch services through Arlington Heights-based Northwest Central Dispatch Services, and both are affiliated with District 3 of the Cook County Circuit Court.

“Rolling Meadows police have a well-deserved reputation for professional excellence. My previous interactions with this department were always immensely positive,” Chief Nowacki said.

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City Set to Honor Veterans, Families, with Memorial Day Observance

Rolling Meadows will honor those who defended America’s freedom this Memorial Day weekend with a traditional parade through downtown, followed by a solemn observance at the Carillon Tower.

Seek Veterans to March in Parade

City officials invite local veterans and their family members to join this year’s Memorial Day parade, scheduled for Saturday, May 28th, 11 a.m. The parade will begin at the corner of Kirchoff Road and Meadow Drive, and march west to the

Carillon Tower. Transportation will be provided for those unable to walk the parade route.

Ceremony at Veterans Monument

Following the parade, City officials and invited dignitaries will hold a Memorial Day ceremony at the Carillon, site of Rolling Meadows’ Veterans Monument. Veterans who wish to join this year’s event, and have not registered in prior years, may contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.



Veterans march proudly in the Memorial Day parade.

Veterans Dinner: May 27th

Turn to page 5 for information on the City’s 14th annual Veterans Dinner.

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Farmers & Food Trucks Returns May 28th with New Vendors, Mini Golf

Market season returns to Rolling Meadows Saturday, May 28th, when Farmers & Food Trucks kicks off its fourth season with new food vendors, new attractions devoted to family fun, and an expanded slate featuring Friday evening and Saturday morning events throughout summer.

Morning markets will take place the fourth Saturday of each month (June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th and September 24th), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road).

Evening events will be held Fridays, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, and September 9th, 4 – 8:30 p.m., at Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road).

All events allow residents to shop for locally-grown produce and other high quality foods available from a growing roster



Local food trucks offer a variety of made-to-order cuisine.

of vendors, including The Aspiring Kitchen (meats, fish, cheese) and The Muffin Bar (homemade muffins and baked goods). A wide assortment of area food trucks will also serve mouth-watering, made-to-order cuisine for hungry guests. Hand-made jewelry, clothing, and home goods are also available from a variety of local crafters and artisans.

Family members will be able to test their mini golf skills (Friday evenings only), smile for the cameras in an onsite family and pet photo booth, take home free raffle gifts (Saturdays only), and enjoy live entertainment from a rotating roster of local musicians. Featured performers for this season's market dates include the Northwest Concert Band, Randy Rock, and String Theory, an all-kids violin performing group.

"Community Events Foundation volunteers are extremely excited to watch this season's market begin to bear 'fruit,'" says Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Man-



Fresh foods and locally-grown produce are staples of Rolling Meadows' Farmers & Food Trucks markets.

ager and staff liaison to the Foundation. "The goal is to build on what we accomplished in past years. For 2016, our focus is on expanding residents' access to fresh, locally-produced foods, and adding activities for family members of all ages."

Residents who would like to help set up and organize the 2016 markets may contact Ciezak at ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500.

Farmers & Food Trucks 2016 Event Schedule*

Saturday, May 28th
Friday, June 10th
Saturday, June 25th

Friday, July 8th
Saturday, July 23rd
Friday, August 12th

Saturday, August 27th
Friday, September 9th
Saturday, September 24th

*Saturday events take place 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at City Hall.

Friday events held 4 – 8:30 p.m., at Community Church of Rolling Meadows.

Police Chief John Nowacki ...continued from page 1

His perceptions of the department he would come to lead were reinforced during the interview process. Chief Nowacki recalls being very impressed during his first interactions with department personnel and City officials.

"I want us to set the standard for effective law enforcement services," he said. "The most accurate indicator of a police department's effectiveness is the quality of its employees. It is my privilege to be part of an organization comprised of so many talented, dedicated professionals."

Among Chief Nowacki's top priorities over the next several months will be meeting with department members, City leaders, and community groups to hear

differing viewpoints on RMPD operations. The goal is to continue to strengthen the bonds between police officers and the residents they risk their lives protecting. It's also an opportunity to identify areas where the department can improve its services.

The results of this "fact-finding" mission will help Chief Nowacki establish a strategic plan for future operations and community involvement efforts.

"The Police Department cannot operate in a vacuum," he explained. "We need to understand the community's concerns, and take action to address them. And we will."

Fact Sheet: Police Chief John Nowacki

- 29-year member of the Elk Grove Village Police Department.
- Holds a Master's degree in law enforcement/justice administration from Western Illinois University.
- Graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) National Academy.
- Family: Wife, Laura, and two children – Nicole (25) and Christopher (18).
- Coached youth baseball and football.
- Born in Chicago; raised in Mount Prospect.

Around Town

May Weekend to Feature Pancake Breakfast, Plant & Craft Sale, Museum Open House

Residents can enjoy delicious pancakes prepared by Rolling Meadows firefighters, experience a blast from the past at the City's Historical Museum, and select from a wide variety of spring plants and crafts Saturday, May 14th, when local community groups host simultaneous family-friendly activities:

Golden Years Council's Annual Pancake Breakfast (8 – 11 a.m.)

Local firefighters will break out their chef's aprons and feed hungry residents of all ages, during the Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council's annual Pancake Breakfast at Park Central (3000 Central



The Garden Club's Plant & Craft Sale takes place at Old Public Works (3200 Central Road).

Road). Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children when purchased in advance (\$7 and \$5 at the door). For more information, contact the Rolling Meadows Senior Center at 847-818-3205.

Historical Museum's Spring Open House and Bake Sale (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Historical Society members will welcome guests to a spring open house/bake sale at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road). The museum, a replica of an original Kimball Hill home, tells the story of the City's founding and growth with an array of authentic 1950s memorabilia and exhibits. For more information, call 847-577-7086.

Garden Club's Hometown Plant and Craft Sale (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Find wonderful hanging baskets, unusual annuals, perennials, garden accessories, and much more, when the Rolling Meadows Garden Club hosts its annual Hometown Plant & Craft Sale at Old Public Works (3200 Central Road). For more information, visit www.rollingmeadows-gardenclub.org.

2016-17 Vehicle Sticker Sales to Begin June 1st

Residents will be able to purchase 2016-17 vehicle stickers online, or in-person at City Hall and select retail outlets, beginning June 1st. Stickers start at \$30 for most passenger vehicles (\$20 for senior citizens 65 and older), and are free to active members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The City will mail pre-printed applications in June that residents may use to purchase vehicle stickers online. Or, use the pre-addressed envelope included in the mailing to order stickers from home.

All drivers with cars registered or housed in Rolling Meadows – including residents with Palatine mailing addresses – must purchase their new stickers by June 30th. Beginning July 1st, sticker prices will double. Motorists who fail to display their new stickers by July 1st will also be subject to a \$100 police citation.

Vehicle sticker sales generate approximately \$500,000 each year for street maintenance and infrastructure improvement projects.

Vehicle Sticker Fees

Type	Price	After June 30th
Passenger vehicles (under 8,000 lbs.)	\$30	\$60
Motorcycles & Trailers	\$30	\$60
RVs	\$37	\$74
Vehicles over 8,000 lbs.	\$68	\$136
Senior residents (65+ or antique vehicle)	\$20	\$40
Disabled	\$11	\$22
Active military (with ID)	No charge	No charge



Bikes will play an important role in this year's Independence Day parade...

Independence Day Celebration to Feature Bike Decorating, Pets

Rolling Meadows' 2016 Independence Day Parade will feature four-legged friends and two-wheeled works of art, after event organizers added a children's bicycle decorating contest and pet parade to the City's July 4th celebration.

Children are encouraged to demonstrate their American spirit by outfitting their bikes in red, white, and blue. Participants will then showcase their creations to cheering spectators lining the parade route.

Residents will also have the opportunity to march with their furry or feathered family members. Dress yourself – and your pet – in patriotic style for all to see.

Judges will award prizes for best pet costumes and bike décor by age group.

Register for this year's parade online at www.cityrm.org/631/4th-of-july.

The City's 2016 Independence Day parade will take place Monday, July 4th, 11:30 a.m. Participants will begin at Rolling Meadows High School before heading north on Jay Lane, west on Grouse Lane, north on Meadow Drive, and west on Kirchoff Road to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.



...as will residents' four-legged friends.

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	Economic Development Committee , 6 pm Environmental Committee , 6:30 pm, both at City Hall	Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, City Hall	11	Adjudication Hearing , 1 pm, City Hall	13	14 • GYC Pancake Breakfast • Historical Museum Open House/Bake Sale • Garden Club Plant & Craft Sale <i>See below for details.</i>
Sprinkling Ban Begins 15 Lawn sprinkling is prohibited between noon & 6 pm daily, and on consecutive days (see story on page 6).	16	City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall	17	18	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	Water bills due 20
22	23	City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, City Hall	24	25	26	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road) Veterans Dinner , 6 pm, Meridian Banquets (1701 Algonquin Road)
29	City Hall and Public Works closed. Refuse collection delayed one day all week. <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31	 Saturday, May 14th Golden Years Council's Pancake Breakfast , 8-11 am, Park Central (3000 Central Rd.) Historical Museum Open House , 9 am-2 pm (3100 Central Rd.) Garden Club Plant & Craft Sale , 9 am-2 pm (3200 Central Rd.)		

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
	<i>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.</i>		2016-17 vehicle stickers on sale Crime Stoppers , 5:30 pm Zoning Board of Appeals , 7:30 pm, both at City Hall	1	Adjudication Hearing (Parking), 2 pm, City Hall	2	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm, Meadows Christian Fellowship (2401 Kirchoff Road)	3	4
5	6 <i>D-Day</i>	Economic Development Committee , 6 pm Environmental Committee , 6:30 pm Plan Commission , 7:30 pm, all at City Hall	Urban Affairs Committee , 5:45 pm, City Hall	8	Adjudication Hearing , 1 pm, City Hall	9	Community Block Party/ Farmers & Food Trucks , 4-8:30 pm (Kirchoff Rd., between Meadow Dr. & Oriole) Cruise Night , 5-8 pm	10	11
12	Board of Fire & Police Commissioners , 9 am, City Hall	City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, City Hall	13	15	Adjudication Hearing (Red Light), 2 pm, City Hall	16	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm	17	18
19	Water bills due	City Council Committee of the Whole , 7:30 pm, City Hall <i>First Day of Summer</i>	20	21	22	23	Cruise Night , 5-8 pm	24	Farmers & Food Trucks , 10 am-2 pm, City Hall
26	27	City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, City Hall	28	29	Deadline to purchase & display vehicle stickers	30			

Reconnect with Fellow Service Members at Annual Veterans Dinner, Friday, May 27th

Rolling Meadows' annual Veterans Dinner, a staple of the City's Memorial Day weekend observances, has been helping local veterans reconnect with fellow service members since its inception in 2003.

This year's dinner will take place Friday, May 27th, 6 p.m., at Meridian Banquets (1701 Algonquin Road). Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. The event is free for resident veterans and one guest. Attendees will enjoy appetizers, salad, dinner, and dessert. A cash bar will be available.



Veterans Dinner guests enjoy a multi-course meal and camaraderie.

For reservations, contact City Hall at 847-394-8500. Space is limited to 180.

City to Welcome Summer with 2nd Annual Community Block Party, June 10th

Summer unofficially begins in Rolling Meadows Friday, June 10th, with the City's second annual Community Block Party. The open air, pedestrian-friendly celebration will take place from 4 – 8:30 p.m., on Kirchoff Road (between Meadow Drive and Oriole Lane).



Residents explore the law enforcement vehicle display at last year's Block Party.

2016 block party highlights include:

- Law enforcement vehicle display.
- Fire service vehicles.
- Family and pet photo booth.
- Special Friday evening edition of Farmers & Food Trucks (*see article on page 2*).
- Games, music, and more.

More information will be available in the June issue of *e-News & Views*, which will be posted on the City's website in late May. For more information or to volunteer to staff the event, contact City Hall at 847-394-8500.

Public Works Department's Fred Mock Retires

Fred Mock, who first joined the Public Works Department in 1977 as a seasonal employee while in college, retired in March after 38 years of full-time service.

Thirty-six of those years were spent with the Facilities (formerly Building & Grounds) Division. There, Mock earned a reputation for ensuring the operational effectiveness of City-owned buildings as a "diagnostician, fabricator, maintenance technician, and equipment doctor," according to a City proclamation honoring his service.

"Fred probably saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars over the

last 36 years by keeping various building mechanical systems running smoothly – in some cases well beyond their regular lifespans," Facilities Division Superintendent Don Wenzel explains. "We all appreciate his service and wish him a happy retirement."

Mock was pursuing his Associate's degree in photography at Harper College when he was first hired for a seasonal position at Public Works. He returned for a second stint as a seasonal employee in 1978. By summer's end, Mock had accepted a full-time maintenance position with the City he would serve for the next 38 years.

Community Events Preview Let the Good Times 'Roll in Meadows' This Summer

May

- **Veterans Dinner** – Friday, May 27th, 6 – 9 p.m., Meridian Banquets.
- **Farmers & Food Trucks City Market** – Saturday, May 28th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., City Hall parking lot.
- **Memorial Day Parade/Observance** – Saturday, May 28th, 11 a.m., Kirchoff Road, Carillon Tower.

June

- **2nd Annual Community Block Party/Friday Evening Farmers & Food Trucks** – Friday, June 10th, 4 – 8:30 p.m., Kirchoff Road.
- **Farmers & Food Trucks City Market** – Saturday, June 25th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., City Hall parking lot.

July

- **Independence Day Parade**, Monday, July 4th, 11 a.m.
- **Fireworks**, Monday, July 4th, dusk, Rolling Meadows Community Center
- **Friday Farmers & Food Trucks**, Friday, July 8th, 4 – 8:30 p.m., Community Church. Denny Diamond performs.
- **Parking Lot Party** – Saturday, July 16th, 3 – 11 p.m., Community Center.
- **Farmers & Food Trucks City Market**, Saturday, July 23rd, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., City Hall parking lot.
- **Community Bike Ride**, Saturday, July 30th, 6 p.m., City Hall parking lot.

August

- **National Night Out**, Tuesday, August 2nd, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Community Center.
- **Wine Down by the Creek**, Friday, August 5th, 6 – 10 p.m., Kimball Hill Park.
- **Friday Farmers & Food Trucks**, Friday, August 12th, 4 – 8:30 p.m., Community Church.
- **Farmers & Food Trucks City Market**, Saturday, August 27th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., City Hall parking lot.

Interested in volunteering to organize or run these events? Contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 or ciezakl@cityrm.org.

City Leaders Pay Price when Newspapers Don't Report the Facts

by Mayor Tom Rooney

Newspaper journalists do a very good job of reporting the facts, but even they get something wrong every once in a while. Unfortunately, it's usually the subjects of their stories who pay the price for those inaccuracies. Rolling Meadows officials recently found ourselves paying that price, after our two local newspapers erred in reporting on Council's approval of a new contract for our fine City Manager, Barry Krumstok.

Both publications committed mistakes in reporting the details of the new contract: one reported that Mr. Krumstok was getting a \$20,500 raise; the other reported a 10.8 percent raise. Residents reading those stories probably had some choice words for the Council.

Here are the facts: Mr. Krumstok's 2016 salary is \$154,000,

not \$160,000 as reported in one newspaper. That is, indeed, a 10.8% increase, as reported in the other outlet – over the amount he was making when he started *five years ago*. The average increase in his base salary over his time as City Manager has been just under 2.2%.

The figures reported in our local papers were calculated by determining the difference between his 2011 salary (\$139,500) and his new 2016 salary. Erroneously calling the updated figure his “raise” was not fair to Mr. Krumstok, to the Council members who approved it, or to the residents who fund City operations.

Barry has served Rolling Meadows with distinction for many years – long before he was named our City Manager. Furthermore, the Council would never even consider raises on the wildly inflated scale that the newspaper reports suggested.

Amended Sprinkling Ordinance Takes Effect May 15th; Prohibits Summer Watering on Consecutive Days

City Council members have approved an amendment to Rolling Meadows' sprinkling ban ordinance to meet new criteria established by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

The amendment prohibits homeowners from watering their lawns on consecutive days between May 15th and September 15th. The current ban on lawn sprinkling from 12 – 6 p.m. during those months

remains in effect. New lawns that are less than three months-old are exempt from the new regulations.

“The City's amended lawn sprinkling ordinance is consistent with new conservation measures adopted by the IDNR,” City Manager Barry Krumstok explained. “The goal is to conserve resources and minimize the potential for over-watering, which has a detrimental effect on overall

lawn health.”

The IDNR's Lake Michigan Water Allocation Program was established to preserve groundwater resources for communities in northeastern Illinois, promote efficient development of water supplies in the area, and ensure its availability, according to the department's website. For more information, visit www.dnr.illinois.gov.

City Officials Expand Scope of 2016 Street Resurfacing Program

Rolling Meadows' 2016 street maintenance program will completely resurface 15 local streets – four more than originally planned – after contractor bids were much lower than City officials expected.

Maple Court, Maple Lane, Spruce Court, and Tern Court were added to the list of streets that will undergo resurfacing this summer. Aldermen approved a supplemental contract in April to cover the additional work, after bids for this year's program came in nearly \$125,000 less than the \$1 million allocated in the 2016 budget.

Favorable unit pricing offered an opportunity for City officials to get more “bang for the buck”.

“The contractor agreed to perform the additional work at the original prices provided, which made it an easy decision to expand this year's resurfacing program,” Public Works Director Fred Vogt explained.

Other streets that will undergo resurfacing in 2016 are:

- Bobolink Lane (*Owl to Thrush*)
- Dove Court
- Dove Street (*Hawk to Grouse*)
- Grove Street (*Wilke to Dove*)
- Hawk Court
- Hawk Lane (*Pheasant to Meadow*)
- Kilarney Court (*South Wilke to cul-de-sac*)
- Lark Court
- Park Court
- Redwing Court
- Sigwalt Street (*Flicker to Cardinal*)

Aldermen in April also approved a \$175,000 contract for sidewalk and curb replacement. The focus of this year's work will primarily be along Hawk Lane, Fulle Street, Brookmeade Drive, the Waverly Park area, and in the vicinity of area schools.