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The former Fire Station 15 on Meadow Drive, shown here in an archive photo, offers opportunities for redevelopment.

CITY SEEKS PROPOSALS TO REDEVELOP FORMER MEADOW DRIVE FIRE STATION SITE

City leaders have issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified firms to purchase and redevelop the property located at 3111 and 3115 Meadow Drive, which includes a vacant two-story building that served as a Rolling Meadows fire station* for over 60 years.

The site's future redevelopment ties in with a broader goal: revitalizing the Kirchoff Road corridor to create a vibrant town center and downtown hub that promotes business growth and improves area walkability and connectivity.

The RFP offers a sample of "preferred uses" for the site that are consistent with the area's TC Town Center District zoning guidelines. These include restaurant, bakery/coffee shop, brew pub, indoor retail sales, and micro-breweries/

distilleries/wineries.

The City's preference is for the selected developer to preserve the existing building. However, proposals to tear down the former fire station will also be considered.

Developer proposals are due Thursday, September 11th. Review the [full RFP online](#).

**The former Fire Station 15 on Meadow Drive was built in 1958 by the newly-formed Rolling Meadows Fire District. The original building featured two apparatus bays and a kitchen. A second floor and third apparatus bay were added in 1965. The Fire Department relocated operations to the current Station 15 (3201 Algonquin Road) in December 2019.*

CELEBRATE 'NATIONAL NIGHT OUT' AUGUST 5TH

Celebrate the bonds between Rolling Meadows police officers and the community they serve Tuesday, August 5th, when the Police Department hosts National Night Out (NNO) – one of the City's most popular events.

Join the Fun!

This year's festivities will take place from 6 – 8:30pm, at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Highlights and attractions will include music, games & family fun, and free food & giveaways (*while supplies last*)

A new addition to this year's program will be a costume contest for children: come dressed as your favorite first responder! *Editor's note: Toy weapons are not permitted.*

National Recognition

Rolling Meadows' annual National Night Out celebration brings public safety officers and residents together to heighten awareness of local crime prevention efforts. It has been recognized for excellence by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), which organized the first National Night Out in 1983.

For more information, visit the [City's website](#) or call 847-870-9060.



HUMAN SERVICES DEPT HOSTS 'BACK-TO-SCHOOL' SUPPLY DRIVE

The Human Services Department is hosting a back-to-school supply drive to ensure that all Rolling Meadows students are ready to learn when they head back to the classroom later this month.

Residents and businesses interested in supporting the drive may purchase supplies and bring them to City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) or the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane) by August 11th.



Items needed include:

- Pens and pencils
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Dry erase markers
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Pencil cases
- Gift cards (for gym shoes)
- Backpacks (for middle schoolers)
- Headphones
- Deodorant

For more information, contact Human Services at 847-870-2695.



The 5,300 sq. ft. facility at 2214 Algonquin Road will improve the Human Services Department's ability to serve Rolling Meadows residents once renovations are complete.

STATE GRANTS FUEL CITY'S PURCHASE OF NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FACILITY

Rolling Meadows' pending purchase of a two-story, 5,300 square foot facility at 2214 Algonquin Road that will house a wide range of community programs and services offered by the City's Human Services Department will be funded entirely with grant money from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The City received nearly \$1.5 million in grant funding secured by State Senator Mark Walker (D-27th) and State Representative Nicole Grasse (D-53rd). This money will cover the \$650,000 purchase price and upcoming renovations that will allow Human Services to better serve community members.

City Council in June approved a Purchase & Sale Agreement that paves the way for the City to close on the property.

"With this new facility, Rolling Meadows continues to move from reacting to community challenges to preventing them," Mayor Lara Sanoica said. "This newest commitment to Human Services will help us do more to support our residents' well-being and improve public safety throughout our city."

Plans call for the new facility to open in 2026, once interior construction renovations are com-

plete. It will offer a highly visible, centralized location for residents to access social services – including aging-in-place assistance, senior services, family violence prevention, parenting resources, and financial/computer literacy.

"Our biggest obstacle to helping more Rolling Meadows residents has been the size and location of our existing facilities," explained Human Services Director Natalia Nieves, PhD, LCPC. "We are taking a significant step forward by creating a facility that is accessible, convenient, and designed to deliver the services that support our community."

HUMAN SERVICES DEPT. OFFERS:

- Senior services
- Aging-in-place support
- Family violence prevention
- Parenting resources
- Financial & computer literacy
- And more

Visit the Human Services Department page on the Rolling Meadows [website](#) for more information on available programs and services. Residents may contact the Department directly by calling 847-870-2695 or by email (SocialWorkRM@cityrm.org).



Coquelicot Gallery & Café combines fine art, boutique shopping, and an all-vegan menu under one roof.

LOCAL GALLERY & CAFÉ MEETS GROWING DEMAND FOR FINE ART, VEGAN CUISINE

Since 2018, Coquelicot Gallery & Café has provided one of Rolling Meadows’ most unique shopping experiences: one where customers are invited to indulge both their artistic and culinary tastes.

The Gallery offers a stunning collection of artisan gifts for any budget or occasion: jewelry, fine art, home accents, housewares, and other items created by a global roster of artists.

The Café, meanwhile, offers an all-vegan menu of innovative and flavorful gourmet entrees, salads, beverages, and desserts.



“Customers appreciate being able to satisfy their craving for fine art, boutique shopping, and delicious vegan food all under one roof,” explained Nana Takahashi, who co-owns the business with her mother, Hisami.

Coquelicot Gallery & Café
 4880 Euclid Avenue
 847.496.5461
www.coquelicotgallery.com
 Hours: 12–7pm (Tues–Sat)

“Our recent introduction of an all plant-based menu has proven to be very popular – especially with vegan restaurants being few and far between.”

Nana and Hisami named their business after the French word for “poppy flower,” whose petals are a distinct shade of red mixed with just a hint of orange.

“Coquelicot’ was the perfect name,” Hisami said. “As an art gallery, we deal a lot in color. We also thought the word was musical to the ears and so pretty to write.”

‘LIVING IT UP’ ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Rolling Meadows’s July 4th Parade celebrated American independence in epic fashion, as thousands of energized residents gathered to cheer local businesses, community groups, and local organizations that took part in this year’s event.



The Community Events Foundation float (above) paid tribute to the City’s 70th anniversary and the parade’s overall theme: **Living it UP for 70 Years** – a nod to the popular Walt Disney/Pixar Animation Studios animated film, *Up* (2009).



Thanks to all of the volunteers who help make the City’s 4th of July Parade such a success, especially:

- **Dave Whitney**, parade organizer,
- **Jan Nowotarski**, float designer,
- **Sally Whitney**, design assistant,
- **Craig Powers**, float builder, and
- **Jen & Ray Hengels**, Team Kimball Hoot.



All meetings take place at City Hall, unless noted.

8/1: Firefighters' Pension Board, 8:30am

8/4: Economic Development Committee, 6pm

8/5: National Night Out, 6-8:30pm, (3705 Pheasant Dr)

8/6: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7pm

8/7: Environmental Committee, 6pm

8/11: Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 8:30am

8/13: RM Garden Club, 6pm (3705 Pheasant Dr); Library Board, 7pm (3110 Martin Ln)

8/14: Adjudication Hearings, 11am (Red light), 1pm (Code), 2pm (Parking)

8/15: Fridays ROCK! Concert, 6-10pm (Kimball Hill Park)

8/19: CEF Volunteer Committee, 6pm

8/20: Water bills due

8/26: Veteran's Committee, 6pm; City Council Committee of the Whole, 6:30pm; City Council Meeting, 7pm

8/27: Bites & Beats on Kirchoff, 5-9pm (2720 Kirchoff Rd)

FREE CONCERT IN KIMBALL HILL PARK, ANYONE?



NEXT FRIDAYS ROCK! EVENT IS AUGUST 15TH

There's only one thing better than seeing a live band on a summer evening: TWO live bands!

The August 15th edition of the City's popular Friday's ROCK! & Roll in Meadows program will feature FREE performances by *Big Brother's Vinyl* (60s & 70s) and *The Chicago Experience* (Chicago Tribute Band). The show begins at 7pm.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy some great music, Ravinia-style, right here at home!

MORE 'BITES & BEATS' SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 27TH

Rolling Meadows' Bites & Beats on Kirchoff program series continues Wednesday, August 27th, on the grounds of Community Church of Rolling Meadows (2720 Kirchoff Road). The event starts at 5pm.

Enjoy tasty food truck faire and musical entertainment by DJ Rico and the talented, multi-genre Gener8r Band.

Guests will also be able to purchase alcoholic drinks, courtesy of Sayulita Mexican Restaurant (ages 21 and up with valid ID). No



outside food or beverages are permitted at these events.

For more information, visit www.cityrm.org or contact Martha Corner (cornerm@cityrm.org or 847-870-9004).

'BANDS, BREWS, FAMILY FUN'

3-DAY MEADOWS FEST ARRIVES IN SEPTEMBER! KIMBALL HILL PARK • SEPT. 12TH, 13TH, & 14TH



- Live Music & Family Activities
- 'Taste of Rolling Meadows' Food Vendors
- Artisan Market Booths
- Beverages Provided by Rep's Place, Miller, & Pepsi

Meadows Fest is brought to you by the City of Rolling Meadows and the Rolling Meadows Park District, with Rep's Place as the event's Major Sponsor.

THE TAYLOR EXPERIENCE
HI INFIDELITY + 7TH HEAVEN
HOW RUDE (90'S) & IN THE STIX (COUNTRY)
BEVERAGES PROVIDED BY REP'S PLACE, MILLER & PEPSI
NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINK ALLOWED

Friday
7:00 PM - ANNUAL DUCK RACE
8:00 PM - THE TAYLOR EXPERIENCE

Sunday
12-4:00 PM - FAMILY FUN & MARKET VENDORS
4:00 PM - IN THE STIX - 6:00 PM - 7TH HEAVEN

Saturday
2-6:00 PM - FAMILY FUN & MARKET VENDORS
6:00 PM - HOW RUDE - 8:00 PM - HI INFIDELITY

Every day
TASTE OF RM, BEER TENT & HEADLINING BAND

Celebration of Hope

UPLIFTING LIVES, SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Let's celebrate resilience, healing, and the power of hope as we soar to new heights together! This fundraising luncheon will benefit the Hope Fund of Rolling Meadows, helping uplift and empower those affected by crime in our community.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 2025 | AT 11 AM

Tickets are \$55



RSVP Here:



Meridian Banquets
1701 W Algonquin Rd,
Rolling Meadows, IL

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2ND ANNUAL 'CELEBRATION OF HOPE' FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

The Human Services Department is proud to announce plans for the second annual "Celebration of Hope" luncheon, scheduled for 11am on Tuesday, October 7th, at Meridian Banquets (1701 W. Algonquin Road).

The event is a fundraiser for the Rolling Meadows Hope Fund, which provides:

- Relocation support for survivors escaping violence,
- Emergency funding for recovery-related expenses, and,
- Financial relief for families navigating trauma and legal issues.

Human Services Department leaders will also recognize some of their outstanding community partners, including Illinois Senator Mark L. Walker (D-27th).

The luncheon is open to the public. Residents, businesses, and community groups are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$55 each.

Scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to reserve your seat. For more information, visit the [Rolling Meadows website](#).

CELEBRATION OF HOPE BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Event sponsorships help tie local business brands to this worthy cause and include multiple opportunities to market your business. 2025 sponsor tiers are:

- **Sapphire** — \$10,000
- **Platinum** — \$2,000
- **Silver** — \$500
- **Diamond** — \$5,000
- **Gold** — \$1,000
- **Bronze** — \$250

Learn more about event sponsorship levels and corresponding marketing benefits by contacting Human Services at 847-870-2695 or hopefund@cityrm.org.

'CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS' WEBPAGE FEATURE UPDATES ON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Works Department's [Construction Projects page](#) makes it easy to stay informed about the status of local road, bike path, and underground utility construction taking place around the area.



Users may click on each project listed on the left side of the page (see below) or scroll down and select the "Notify Me" link to sign up for email and/or text updates.

- Annual Curb and Sidewalk Program
- 2025 Road Rehabilitation Program
- 2025 Crack Seal Program
- 2025 Proactive Asphalt Rejuvenation
- Leak Detection Services
- Manhole Rehabilitation Program
- Park Street Storm Project
- Sanitary & Storm Sewer Lining Project

Residents may also receive periodic construction updates on the City's [Facebook page](#).

For more information on Public Works operations and services, visit www.cityrm.org/301/Public-Works or call 847-963-0500.

‘REAL-WORLD IMPACT:’ PUBLIC WORKS’ NICK DUDA EXCITED TO SERVE HIS HOMETOWN COMMUNITY

A career in public service was always the plan for Nick Duda, who joined the Public Works Department’s Water Operations Division just over four years ago.

Now, his recent promotion to the position of Management Analyst will allow him to take the next steps in his professional development.

“I’ve spent the past four years working closely with residents almost every day. It’s my favorite part of the job,” Duda said. “It’s exciting to be able to directly serve the community and see the real-world impact of the work we do.”

As Management Analyst, Duda provides departmental and project budget management assistance to the Public Works Director and Assistant Director. In addition, he helps oversee contractors who do work for the City and ensures department compliance with State and Federal mandates.

He’s also eager to explore opportunities to improve Public Works’ internal processes, policies, and procedures.

“Problem-solving is a big part of what Public Works does,” Duda explained. “Our job is to find solutions to problems and make life better for the community we serve.

“My wife and I live here in Rolling Meadows, so my motivation goes beyond professional develop-



Work and play: Public Works Management Analyst Nick Duda and his wife, Allison, enjoy “date nights” in Rolling Meadows.

ment,” he added. “As a resident, I want my community’s Public Works Department to be the best. I’m proud to play a small role in making that happen.”

Duda grew up in Streamwood, IL, and earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Illinois State University. He is currently pursuing an MPA (Master of Public Administration) degree at the University of Illinois-Chicago. His goal is to one day serve as a public works director and, possibly, a city manager.

Duda’s hobbies away from Public Works include martial arts — he’s a blue belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu — and weightlifting. He also enjoys reading and watching “anything involving Star Wars, Harry Potter, or American history.”

Duda and his wife also have a favorite “date night” destination right here in Rolling Meadows: a trip to Comet Frozen Custard and Coffee on Kirchoff Road for the shop’s flavor of the day.

VETERANS REGISTRY FOSTERS ENGAGEMENT, CAMARADERIE AMONG FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS

The Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee maintains a registry of resident veterans to ensure these former service members receive invitations to Rolling Meadows’ annual Memorial Day ceremony, Veterans Dinner, and other City events. Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their names, may contact Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, at ciezakl@cityrm.org.



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