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Proposed rendering of the Abide Coffee & Bakery at 3111 Meadow Drive.

NEW COFFEE SHOP & BAKERY PLANNED FOR FORMER MEADOW DRIVE FIRE STATION SITE

Rolling Meadows’ former downtown fire station will become a coffee shop and bakery that will be a “hub for comfort, conversation, creativity, and community,” under a redevelopment agreement approved by City Council members.

The menu of the proposed **Abide Coffee & Bakery** will feature coffee and tea, a variety of baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, quiche, bowls, and more, according to business owners Michael and Emily Schumann. Plans call for the shop to offer a line of merchandise comprised of goods created by local artists, as well.

Under the agreement, the City is selling the vacant building to the Schumanns for \$250,000, although Rolling Meadows will retain control of the property if the redevelopment project is not completed as outlined.

Initial redevelopment work will transform the former station’s equipment bays into the new coffee shop –

including food/beverage preparation areas, customer seating, and retail sales – and bring the entire structure into code-compliance. There will also be an outdoor patio with shaded pergola. Plans call for the new shop to open in late 2026 or early 2027.

Future phases will redevelop the building’s second floor to create leasable office and event spaces.

The plan presented by the Schumann’s calls for “a timeless European farmhouse aesthetic” and an “inviting, family-friendly, artisanal” atmosphere. The shop will be designed as a space where “families, professionals, and neighbors can come together and stay awhile.”

City leaders, meanwhile, are pleased that the new development fits well with ongoing plans to redevelop the Kirchoff Road business corridor into a lively, pedestrian-focused retail and restaurant district.

STREET BANNER PROGRAM TO HONOR LOCAL VETERANS, CELEBRATE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA’S INDEPENDENCE

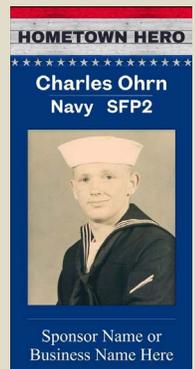
Rolling Meadows’ new **Hometown Heroes** street banner program is designed to honor current and former residents who served in the United States Military, as Americans celebrate the country’s 250th anniversary of independence in 2026.

Apply by February 28th

Veterans – or their family members – may download applications on the [City website](#) or pick them up at City Hall. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Complete and submit the form, along with a high-resolution photo of the veteran in his/her uniform, by February 28th to Communications & Events Coordinator Lori Ciezak (ciezakl@cityrm.org).

These honorary banners will hang from streetlight posts throughout Rolling Meadows between May and October, before being presented to veterans or family members.



Sponsor Options Available

The City is offering sponsorship opportunities to help offset the program’s costs. Local businesses and organizations that are interested in learning more should contact Ciezak via email (above) or at 847-870-9005.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS MONTHLY CPR/AED/BLS CERTIFICATION CLASSES

Monthly courses offered by the Rolling Meadows Fire Department offer community members the opportunity to earn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and Healthcare Professional Basic Life Support (BLS) certification.

Classes take place at Station 16 (2340 Hicks Road), 6-9pm, on the third Wednesday of each month (*no class in December*).

Upon course completion, participants will be certified for two years.

Registration is \$40 per person. Monthly classes are limited to 10 participants. Group training is also available.

[Register online here.](#) For more information or questions, contact firefighter/paramedic Steve Zurek (ZurekS@cityrm.org or 847-397-3352).

2026 COURSE DATES

Upcoming classes take place 6-9pm on the third Wednesday of each month (*no class in December*).

- February 18th
- March 18th
- April 15th
- May 20th
- June 17th
- July 15th
- August 19th
- September 16th
- October 21st
- November 18th



2026 City Newsletter Updates



To more effectively provide City news and information to all community members, Rolling Meadows will now publish its newsletters in these new formats!

PRINT EDITION

- Published and mailed quarterly;
- 1st issue scheduled to drop mid-February;
- Expanded to 8 pages;
- Will include City partner updates from the Park District, Library, Historical Museum, Chamber of Commerce & more;
- Increased circulation for better viewership.

DIGITAL EDITION - SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

- Published monthly for more timely updates;
- Emailed, using a more modern digital platform;
- Accessible on the City's website and Facebook page.

TO SUBSCRIBE

Visit www.cityrm.org or scan this QR code:



For Questions, contact Lori Ciezak
ciezakL@cityrm.org
847-870-9005

QUARTERLY PRINT & MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTERS ARRIVING SOON!

As part of an updated communications program aimed at delivering City news and information more effectively to all residents, Rolling Meadows will produce an expanded quarterly print newsletter distributed to every address in the City.

Quarterly newsletters will be supplemented by monthly **eNews** publications available online and, later this spring, available directly via email.



For more information, contact Communications & Events Coordinator Lori Ciezak (ciezakl@cityrm.org).

RESIDENTS PLAY A KEY ROLE IN SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM'S SUCCESS

The Public Works Department's ability to completely clear City streets of snow and ice after seasonal storm events is a team effort – and residents play an important part in that success.

Following are a few simple ways to help plow drivers deliver faster, more responsive service and ensure overall community safety:

- **Observe winter parking bans** – Parking on City streets is prohibited for eight hours following a snowfall of at least one inch. This helps plow drivers clear roads more quickly without having to avoid parked vehicles.
- **Shovel snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street** – Shoveling snow into the street is counterproductive (and causes safety hazards for drivers and pedestrians): passing plows will very likely push the snow back onto your driveway. Instead, shovel snow to the right side of the driveway (while facing the street) and clear a “pocket” on the left



side of the driveway to collect snow that accumulates in front of passing plows.

- **Maintain mailboxes** – Mailboxes that have been maintained and are in good condition should withstand the rigors of a typical snow season.

The City will replace mailboxes that are accidentally struck by plow trucks during snow removal operations. It will not replace mailboxes damaged by accumulating snow or offer reimbursement for any corresponding mail service interruptions that may occur in these situations.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: STIMULATING WORK ENVIRONMENT KEEPS FINANCIAL ANALYST KIM TRAUSCH ENERGIZED



Kim Trausch

Ask Kim Trausch what she likes best about her job as Rolling Meadows' Financial Analyst and her answer will include her many different responsibilities – from daily accounting functions and annual budget preparation to financial research and project supervision.

Yet these all stand on the foundation of a professional goal she set for herself nearly 20 years ago: embrace challenging, meaningful work that directly affects residents' lives.

“From the beginning, I wanted to have a career with tangible community impact,” Trausch recalled. “Working in municipal finance offers an excellent view of how budgets fund community services, build roads and other infrastructure, and improve the daily lives of residents.”

‘Never a Dull Moment’

Trausch joined the City's Finance Department in 2023, after gaining a broad range of experience with several Chicago metropolitan area communities, including Niles, Prospect Heights, Hinsdale, and Bannockburn. She served in positions ranging from front desk clerk to assistant finance director.

Here in Rolling Meadows – depending on the day – Trausch may find herself working on bi-weekly payroll reports, processing utility bill payments, preparing requests for service proposals (RFPs), supervising high school interns, or helping customers who visit City Hall.

“There is always something new to learn and there's never a dull moment,” she explained. “It's always busy, but I enjoy everything about it.”

Work/Life Balance

Trausch has also embraced much of what Rolling Meadows has to offer outside of regular business hours.

“I LOVE to eat and shop here. Rolling Meadows has some delicious restaurants and wonderful places to shop,” she said. “I also enjoy taking walks around Kimball Hill Park during warmer months and appreciate how the City hosts so many events for its residents.”

Trausch's other interests include exploring different parks, playgrounds, zoos, and museums with her five-year-old son; and spending time at their favorite place: Walt Disney World.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2026

Meetings take place at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) unless indicated.

- 2/2 **Economic Development Committee**, 6pm
- 2/3 **Planning & Zoning Commission**, 7pm
- 2/5 **Environmental Committee**, 6pm
- 2/9 **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners**, 8:30am
- 2/10 **City Council Meeting**, 7pm
- 2/11 **Library Board Meeting**, 7pm (3110 Martin Ln)
- 2/12 **Adjudication Hearings**, 11am (Redlight), 1pm (Code), 2pm (Parking)



- 2/14 **Valentine's Day**
- 2/16 **President's Day**



- 2/17 **CEF Volunteer Committee**, 6pm; **City Council Committee of the Whole**, 7pm
- 2/20 **Water bills due**
- 2/24 **Veterans Committee**, 6pm; **City Council Meeting**, 7pm

Note: Meetings of the City's volunteer boards and commissions may be rescheduled or postponed, as necessary. Find the latest updates by visiting the online calendar at cityrm.org.

RECYCLING DO'S & DON'TS: CAN I RECYCLE THIS?

Not sure whether a particular piece of disposable waste should be placed in your recycling cart or thrown in the garbage can? To help avoid confusion, we offer this handy "at-a-glance" checklist to help protect Mother Nature.

YES

The following types of household waste can be recycled:

Co-mingled materials

- Aluminum & steel cans
- Plastic soup containers
- Bi-metal cans
- Plastic water/soda/juice bottles
- Liquid detergent bottles
- Microwave trays
- Milk jugs
- Plastics (#s 1 – 5 & 7)
- Glass

Fiber materials

- Bond paper (white/colored)
- Computer paper
- Calculator tape
- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Legal pad/notebook paper
- Letterhead
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Cardboard

NO

Place these non-recyclables into the garbage can:

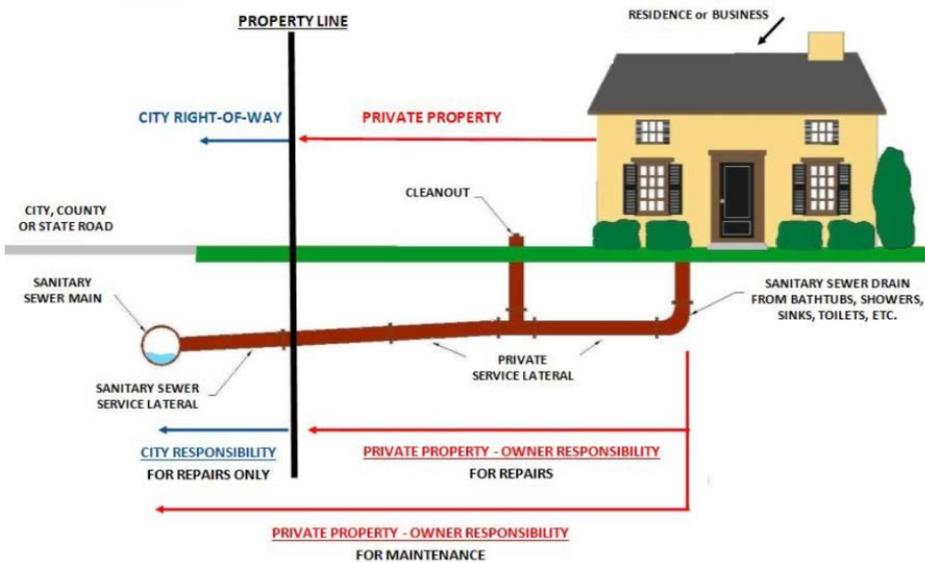
Non-recyclable materials

- Food & beverage waste
- Candy & snack wrappers
- Non-paper packing material
- Plastic strapping
- Rubber bands
- Stickers or labels
- Plastic/latex/rubber gloves
- K-cups
- Plastic #6
- Styrofoam
- Plastic grocery bags
- Paper coffee cups & lids
- Tissue products & napkins
- Shrink wrap & food packaging

Learn more about Rolling Meadows' recycling program by accessing the [Recycling Coach](#) platform on the City's website (also available as a mobile app).



SANITARY SEWER OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY



SANITARY SEWER BACKUPS? CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS BEFORE CALLING A PLUMBER

Homeowners experiencing clogged, slow-draining, or backed up sanitary sewers should call the Rolling Meadows Public Works Department **before** calling a contractor.

Public Works staff members will identify the causes of residential sanitary sewer backups at no cost by first checking the City sewer main for problems. If none are found, crews can use a sophisticated camera to inspect the lateral (connecting the house to the sewer main) for blockage caused by tree roots, debris, defects, or other problems, such as a collapsed pipe.

Avoid Unnecessary Costs

The goal is to help homeowners save money by helping them identify the cause of the sanitary sewer backup. This information can help resi-



Sewer Backup Warning Signs

- Water bubbling from the ground.
- Standing water in an otherwise dry area.
- Water gurgling in the toilet or bathtub while doing laundry.
- Water above ground level at existing cleanout.

dents determine if they need to hire a plumbing contractor to make repairs or clear the line*.

Department employees have encountered situations where residents hired contractors without first contacting Public Works and may have been charged for services that were not necessary.

Residents who believe they may have sanitary sewer backups should contact the Public Works Department at 847-963-0500 during regular business hours (7am-3:30pm, Mon-Fri). Or, call the Police Department's non-emergency number (847-255 2416) if the problem occurs after hours and on weekends.

*Public Works will not offer referrals or recommendations for plumbers to perform work, if it is required.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CITY'S UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are plenty of easy – and fun – ways to support Rolling Meadows' annual community events:

Attend

From summer block parties to year-end holiday celebrations, Rolling Meadows packs a TON of excitement into every calendar year. View a [complete listing of this year's community events](#) online.

Volunteer

Resident volunteers are the ones who make these events successful, and we're always looking for more people to join the ranks. Contact Lori Ciezak (ciezakl@cityrm.org or 847-870-9005) to learn more.

Contribute

The Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations from residents and businesses to provide funding for City events. Visit the [Foundation's webpage](#) to contribute.

Supporters may also make checks payable to *Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation* and send them to:

City of Rolling Meadows
Community Events Foundation
3600 Kirchoff Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008



Rolling Meadows
3600 KIRCHOFF RD

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

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PIN
02-35-201-033-0000

ZIP CODE
60008

TOWNSHIP
PALATINE

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

SECONDARY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 214

LOCAL SERVICES

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GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY
WEDNESDAY

GARBAGE COLLECTION PROVIDER
City of Rolling Meadows

RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY
WEDNESDAY

RECYCLING COLLECTION PROVIDER
Flood Brothers (630) 261-0400

CITY SERVICE INFORMATION
[Click here for more information](#)

PARK DISTRICT NAME
ROLLING MEADOWS PARK DISTRICT

PARK DISTRICT INFORMATION
[Click Here For More Information](#)

SEE HOLIDAY HOURS
<https://www.cityrm.org/311/Refuse-Recycling>

GIS COMMUNITY PORTAL DELIVERS PROPERTY INFORMATION SUMMARY, OVERVIEW OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & LOCAL SERVICES

Access a wealth of information on your property – including the township and school district in which you reside, your scheduled refuse collection days, your voting precinct and polling location, and more – with Rolling Meadows’ **Community Portal**, available on the [City’s homepage](#).

Simply scroll down and type your home address into the search box to find information on property attri-

butes, local services, zoning classifications, and more (City Hall information shown above).

Community Portal is made possible by Rolling Meadows’ participation in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Consortium, which improves collaboration among City departments and streamlines the delivery of information to residents. To learn more, visit www.public.gisconsortium.org.

VETERANS REGISTRY FOSTERS ENGAGEMENT, CAMARADERIE AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS



The City’s 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 throughout the year.

Veterans who are not currently listed on the registry, and would like to add their names, may contact Communications & Events Coordinator Lori Ciezak at ciezakl@cityrm.org.



CONTACT CITY OFFICIALS
City Hall Hours: 8am–4pm Mon.–Fri.

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1st Ward Alderman
Karen McHale..... 224-580-6675

2nd Ward Alderman
Nick Budmats..... 224-580-8484

3rd Ward Alderman
Kevin O’Brien..... 224-221-3469

4th Ward Alderman
Jenifer Vinezeano 630-546-8133

5th Ward Alderman
Stefanie Boucher..... 224-200-9015

6th Ward Alderman
Mandy Reyez..... 847-209-5435

7th Ward Alderman
Mike Koehler 847-912-8750

City Manager
Rob Sabo..... 847-394-8500

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Fire & Police Emergency..... 911

Crime Stoppers..... 847-590-7867

ComEd 1-800-EDISON-1



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INQUIRE ABOUT CITY SERVICES

Contact specific departments for information about City services or operations.

Administration

admin@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

City Clerk’s Office

clerk@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

Community Development

cd@cityrm.org..... 847-506-6030

Finance Department

fin@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

Fire Department

fd@cityrm.org..... 847-397-3352

Human Resources

hr@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

Human Services

socialworkrm@cityrm.org..... 847-870-2695

Information Technology

it@cityrm.org..... 847-394-8500

Police Department

pd@cityrm.org..... 847-255-2416

Public Works

pw@cityrm.org..... 847-963-0500