

City of Rolling Fields

WINTER 2023

Upcoming Neighborhood Park Events

**WISHING EVERYONE IN
ROLLING FIELDS A HAPPY
AND SAFE NEW YEAR!**



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CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK



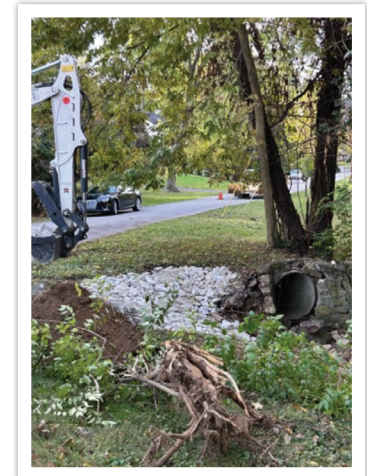
**EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK
SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 4 PM
MORE INFO TO COME!**

Mayor's Message *By Dan Tafel*

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! In the spirit of Christmas, I want to thank you for what you've given to Rolling Fields. Our community comes together to plant bushes, develop a park, hang wreaths, plan events, write newsletters, redesign our road signs, and so many other activities that improve our City, but more importantly, brings us together. Please contact me or one of our many chairs (listed on the back page) if you have an idea or want to get involved. It's this type of spirit in our community that makes Rolling Fields a place we're proud to call home.

General Updates

Infrastructure - Tim Feger and Rob South worked with MSD to do some significant drainage improvements on Canoe, Pennington, and Tiffany lanes. The improvements included replacing the drainage culvert on Canoe and Deep Dale, which collapsed over a decade ago and was overgrown with honeysuckle bushes. The work included some rock to line the banks where erosion was getting very close to the road. Yard swales, which were in front of Second Presbyterian Church and along the south side of Tiffany had filled in thru the years and were excavated so the drainage area could be restored. Along Pennington, the water was rushing along the road causing erosion, and on Tiffany, much of the water was diverted into some back yards causing some foundational damage to some homes. With that project complete, Tim and Rob are working with MSD to address similar issues along Pennington and lower Country Lane.



Chenoweth School Congestion- Due to the JCPS school bus issue, congestion on Brownsboro and Country Lane has become an issue with cars waiting to pick up children around 2-3PM. Parents wait on the Rolling Fields side of Country Lane and Brownsboro Road in an attempt to short-cut the long line on Brownsboro Road. Parents, waiting in cars, block the right lane from along Country Lane and winding around the corner of Club Lane. This poses a safety issue with the children's crossing, as well as neighbors entering and exiting the neighborhood. Recently, there was a wreck reported by IHPD due to a Chenoweth parent doing a U-turn at Country Lane and Club Lanes. We consulted with both IHPD and our legal counsel about enforcing a no-stopping area. Unfortunately, we aren't able to enforce cars from stopping due to traffic. Rolling Fields is working to contact the Chenoweth Principal to discuss the safety issue, as well as work with KYTC to narrow the entrance and better define areas for walkers and lanes entering and exiting Country Lane.

Surrounding Areas

The Brownsboro Road 'diet', described in an earlier newsletter, as well as changes to maintain 4-lanes on Brownsboro Road east of Mockingbird Lane has been delayed. At this time, we're not sure when the plan is to re-pave/re-stripe but believe the project was pushed to the spring.

At the same time as they are shrinking Brownsboro Road, they are widening River Road from 2 to 4 lanes from Zorn into Riverfront Park. This project is planned for 2024.



Municipal Cities

The state legislature restored the ability for communities to organize and annex municipal governments within Jefferson County, which was previously banned near the time of the Louisville / Jefferson County merger. Recently, adjacent neighboring areas have inquired about becoming part of Rolling Fields. We are learning more about the process of including these areas into Rolling Fields and will keep you posted if there's any further discussion.

The Rolling Fields Council and Committees are eager to start the new year. I want to reiterate our encouragement for you to attend Council meetings, get involved with a Committee, and make an impact on the City we're proud to call home.

Interview with Author R. Barker Price on His Upcoming Book

Rumor has it you are writing a book on the history of Rolling Fields?

Yes – I've been encouraged by a few residents to document the history of Rolling Fields. Currently, I've completed 90% of the content through 20+ interviews with current and prior residents and with additional research at the Filson Historical Society and Louisville Free Public Library.



Did you need much inspiration for writing a book on the history of Rolling Fields?

Definitely not! I moved to Rolling Fields when I was 8 years old, where I lived on Tiffany Lane. A few years later, after I met my wife, when we were currently living in California, we moved back to Louisville and eventually relocated to Club Lane. We've raised our two daughters here – it's a special place.

Can you share a memory of growing up in Rolling Fields?

One of my favorite memories was playing a small part in bringing progress to our neighborhood. In 1971, sewers were finally installed after years of using septic tanks. I was a teenager and was able to secure a job working for the construction company to work on that major installation. In a sense I got to know the neighborhood from the ground up!

Would you be able to share a sneak peek of a special story from the book?

The land where Second Presbyterian Church stands today was once the site of a large Indian (Native American) encampment. It is interesting that this space continues to be a place of congregation.

Tell us about some of the challenges of the neighborhood?

The greatest was the tornado of 1974 – the neighborhood sustained significant damage. Cars were not able to enter or leave the neighborhood.

What is your favorite aspect about the Rolling Fields neighborhood?

The neighborhood has always had an interesting range of ages which makes for a richer community. Rolling Fields has always been a wonderful place to raise a family.

What is your best advice to continue to document the history of our neighborhood?

Record what happens! This is currently happening with the neighborhood newsletter. For the history of Rolling Fields book, I'm still in need of photos of Rolling Fields and its families, then and now.

Thank you for working on the history book of Rolling Fields! Do you think a future Book Release Party in the Park would be fitting?

Let's do it! . . . (More to come on this!)

Please share some more information about yourself:

While in Hollywood, I wrote for the TV series, *Murder She Wrote* and for a few feature film companies. Since returning to Louisville, I've written five novels (four of the five are thrillers) and am working on my sixth. John Grisham is an author I admire! I've also written a book celebrating the history of Louisville Collegiate School at their Centennial. I'm retired now, but was at Jeffboat for many years and then was the CEO at J. Russell Flowers, Inc.

Weekend Gardener *By John Hubbard*

What is Good Dirt?

An old Southern expression is that if you came from “Good Dirt” you were at the head of the pack. So, what does good dirt mean to gardeners? It is soil that is darker in color, breaks up easily, drains well, and digs up easily. Soil comes from millions of years of rain and wind beating down and loosening the rock surfaces which release minerals, clay, sand, and silt.

Compost (broken-down organic material) is only 5% of the total soil mixture but what it contributes is remarkable. It not only adds nutrients that plants need but also changes the structure of the soil to help retain water. It is different from fertilizers that contain much more nitrogen, but is gone in a few months. There are numerous ways to start composting on your own or purchase the finished product that is ready to use. An online search will explain the different composting methods.

In our garden beds, you should annually give your special plants a 1-2” inch of compost around each plant. If mulch is already in place just pull it back, apply the compost, and replace the mulch over it. If you’re planting a new plant, just mix compost with the soil at a 50-50 ratio.

Once your compost is in place, there will be an army of “friends” to take it from there. One teaspoon of soil contains more microbes than people on earth, and these mini creatures love to dine on anything organic. The worms that are naturally in the soil will help aerate it as they travel through the compost, and the icing on the cake for them is used coffee grounds. My four favorites that I add to my compost pile are shredded leaves, kitchen waste (though no meat or dairy), used coffee grounds, and leftover Halloween pumpkins and gourds. HAPPY COMPOSTING!

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Interview with Carol Jones on *Always Moving Forward*

The autobiography of Louisville's own David A. Jones, Sr., was published this year, titled *Always Moving Forward*. Jones was co-founder, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Humana. His youngest child and daughter, Carol Jones, is a resident of Rolling Fields. We had the opportunity to speak with her about the book release and her personal reflections.

What would you like the residents of Rolling Fields to know about your Dad's book?

It's a fun read! It is Dad's very personal perspective on the growth of his beloved hometown told through the lens of people about whom he cared deeply. Dad wanted to write about the people and experiences that made his life so meaningful and joyful. A lot of people think of my Dad and immediately think about Humana, which was a big part of his life to be sure, but those who knew him knew that his first priority was always family.



The quote on the back of the book states that your Dad managed to get home for dinner almost every night. How did he do this?

There is a chapter in the book, entitled "Leadership Lessons Learned." The very first lesson is: "Family is first. Do your job, but enjoy your family and other interests. Have a life." Dad and Mom really and truly made family their priority. My parents were a good match in that way, and they set a great example for us. Former colleagues have told me over the years that if Dad ever had to call them after work hours, he always started by inquiring about their families.

Rolling Fields is made up of residents who have been in Louisville a long time and some who are new to Louisville. What would life-long Louisvillians appreciate about your Dad's book and what would newer residents take away?

Longtime Louisvillians will enjoy reading about the people and places they recognize and hearing a few new details of stories they've heard before or projects they watched happen. Newer residents may be interested to read about the impact an individual can make in a community, and why Dad always believed that we can do anything in Louisville that you can do anywhere else, as his own experience showed. When he got involved in civic projects, he would often say, "I want to do it, and I want a lot of my friends to join me." Longtime and newer residents may also find inspiration, as I do, in reading about his willingness to invest in his hometown.

What is your favorite story in the book?

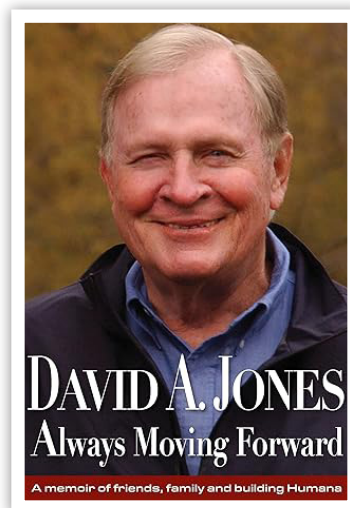
It has to be when Belknap, Inc. went bankrupt, and my Dad personally put up millions of dollars to pay the creditors and the pensions of the employees who lost their jobs. To me it has always been a remarkable example of integrity, but really, it's just one of many examples.

How has the book impacted or influenced you?

My Dad's passing was such a public experience. So now, with the book's printing a few years later, people who I haven't seen in a while are reaching out to share stories about him. I've had the opportunity to reminisce and celebrate his life, and my mother's as well, in ways that I could not at the time when he passed.

What do you like most about Rolling Fields?

I love the people! I also love all the different generations. I especially love my neighbors. When I moved in several years ago, many people left me notes or cookies, or stopped to greet me and introduced themselves. Another neighbor and I made up a scavenger hunt for little ones in the neighborhood to help alleviate boredom during covid lockdown. I have the best neighbors ever!



Beyond the Fields Mission Moment: Harvey and Nancy Willis

Written by Becky Copeland

Some people discover talents they didn't know they had until retiring and stepping into new jobs as a volunteer. Others find their skills still in demand, learn new technologies on the job, and become part of a community while doing so.

This was the case for our neighbors Nancy and Harvey Willis, who moved to Rolling Fields in 2001 from Indian Hills. They have two grown daughters, and can be seen most evenings walking their dog Louie around the neighborhood, often with their new granddaughter, Riley in tow.

Nancy wasn't looking for a place to volunteer when she retired from her job in 2019, but somehow a job found her. Her story began when she saw an appeal for volunteers to become Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA's) for abused and neglected children in foster care. This wasn't like anything she had ever done.

But she picked up the phone, volunteered, underwent training, and found herself following three young siblings for the next three years as they bounced from one foster home to another while the court worked to determine when or if the child's mother could stabilize, find work and provide them with a safe home. Because the social workers are so overloaded, Nancy became the one person who was a constant presence in the children's lives. Her job required driving to wherever the children were placed with foster families (sometimes in other parts of the state); meeting the children's teachers and other family members, being present for parent visits, and making sure the children had clean rooms to sleep in and were being taken care of properly.

She became a trusted set of eyes and ears for the family court judges handling the hundreds of cases that land in their courtrooms each year. Because the cases were often fraught with complications from drug use and domestic violence, it made it even more important for the children to have a stable adult in their lives.

One of the unexpected joys of the experience has been the relationships she developed over time with the children. Now that their case has been resolved in court and they are back at home with their mother, Nancy and Harvey can include them in their lives. They enjoy taking them to the zoo, going to their school activities, spending a sunny afternoon with them on the lake, or just playing in the backyard. And the children look forward to it too.

Harvey Willis didn't have to look far for a place to volunteer after he retired. He found it at his church, Southeast Christian. He joined a group of 70 men who spend one day a week volunteering for Crossroads Missions building homes for people in need. The Mission is organized through their church, and is funded primarily through donations.

Construction work is a comfortable fit for Harvey, who transitioned into it professionally after retiring from Aegon, a financial services company, in 2001. He spent the next 20 years working for and then co-owning a home construction and remodeling company in Louisville. He learned on the job, he says, which is rather modest, considering how good he is at what he does.

But not everyone who volunteers (supervised by a team of project managers from Crossroads) starts out even knowing how to use a hammer, but they, too, learn on the job. Some people start by just cleaning up. The more Harvey talks about the work he does, the more animated he gets. His group built six tiny homes (360 square feet) in Shelbyville for disabled veterans.

Another project he is particularly proud of is the four full-sized personal homes built "from foundation to shingles" and designed for special needs families in Jefferson County. Harvey's group donated the labor, and all of the homes were built with state-of-the-art energy efficient materials.

Learning about new construction technology has been a bonus for Harvey, but the camaraderie, common goals and shared faith seem to be the source behind the deep satisfaction he derives from volunteering.

In the end, it turns out that Harvey and Nancy's seemingly very different volunteer work has a lot in common after all. What Harvey said about building houses for people in need is also true about building relationships with families in need. "You always get back more than you give." Or as Nancy put it, "It's definitely worth it."



Above the Fields: Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024

Written by Beth Miller

Mark your calendars for April 8th for a special astronomical event. On that day, we will experience the closest thing to a total solar eclipse that Louisville will see for a very long time.

On that afternoon, when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth over Rolling Fields, the Moon will cover 99.2% of the Sun in what's known as a very deep partial eclipse. The Moon will begin its journey across the Sun at 1:50 p.m. and continue its path until 4:20 p.m. The peak experience will be at 3:07 p.m. when the sky will darken, the temperatures drop and the Sun will appear as a small sliver in the sky.

And if 99.2% isn't enough for you, you can drive northwest towards nearby Evansville or Indianapolis to see a total eclipse. By the way, if this all sounds familiar, it's because Louisville was also fortunate enough to be near the path of a total eclipse in 2017, when the Moon covered 95.8% of the Sun.

eclipse events over portions of the continental U.S. Louisville's last total solar eclipse was in 1869, and the next one won't happen until 2153.

The next total solar eclipse to cross the contiguous U.S. won't be until August 2044, and will only touch the states of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Let's hope we have weather friendly skies for admiring this rare cosmic spectacle. And speaking of spectacles, it's extremely important to protect your eyes during the eclipse. Buy your eclipse glasses from a manufacturer that complies with the ISO 12312-2 international standard for solar viewers.

Sources: <https://eclipse2024.org/eclipse-simulator/2024/index.html?city.id.17524>

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SUNDAYS

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel or 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Breakfast and Bibles at 10 a.m. - family breakfast & youth faith formation

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesdays Together Meal/Fellowship & Study/Children's Choirs - Jan 10, 5 p.m. (weekly)

Trivia Night - Jan 19, 7 p.m.

Music@Second Concert - Jan 28 - Chamber Music - Chapel, 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service - Feb 14 - Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Concert Series - Artefact Ensemble (Choral Music) - Feb 25 - Sanctuary, 3 p.m.

Louisville Masterworks Chorale - Durufle REQUIEM - March 17, 3 p.m. **Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/3TfxBlz>

HOLY WEEK: Easter Egg Hunt - March 24, time is TBD

Maundy Thursday Worship - March 28, Chapel, 7 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship - March 29, Chapel, 7 p.m.

Easter Celebrations - March 31, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. (Preludes 15 minutes prior)

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Public Safety Update *By Chief Kelly W. Spratt*



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FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION

As we enter 2024, a good resolution idea is to reduce any risks that leave ourselves susceptible to instances of fraud and identity theft. It should come as no surprise that some of the most prevalent types of crimes investigated by The Indian Hills Police Department include fraud, deception, identity theft, and theft of mail. While some of these crimes are committed online, there are others that involve contact with the victim via telephone or by persons physically stealing our identity through the mail.

Below are some reminders to keep yourself from falling victim to such crimes...

Telephone Tips:

NEVER purchase gift cards when requested by a telephone caller.

NEVER relay gift card, credit card, or bank account information to someone who has called you asking for help in paying fees for someone else or for a bill that you owe.

SIMPLY HANG UP if you receive a telephone call that requests any of the above.

Mail Reminders:

NEVER send cash via mail or courier service.

NEVER place outgoing mail in your home's mailbox, or a public drop box (after the last scheduled pick-up time for the day), that includes checks, credit card information, or personal information such as your Social Security Number. It is safer to take the mail directly to your nearest US Post Office location where you can deposit inside. Keep in mind that when the Post Office is closed (after hours or during holidays), it is possible for theft to occur in the open area where the public mailbox is located.

ALWAYS use a gel ink pen when writing checks and before placing them in the mail. This type of ink deters fraud as it is resistant to check washing.

Contacts:

Contact Detective Snook at 502-537-0659 for advice related to identity theft and fraud. Call our Dispatch at 502-893-2677 to report any suspicious activity.



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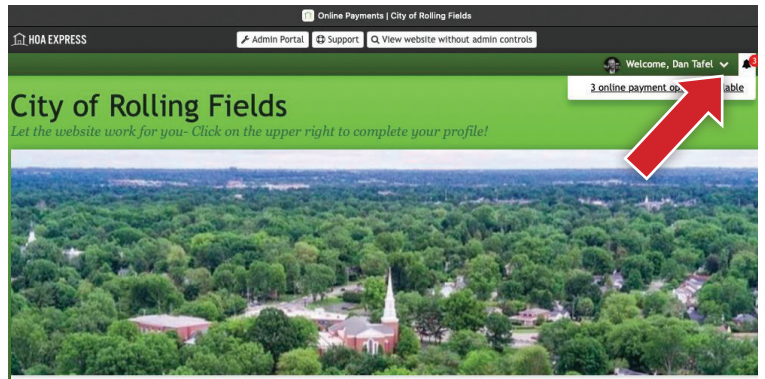
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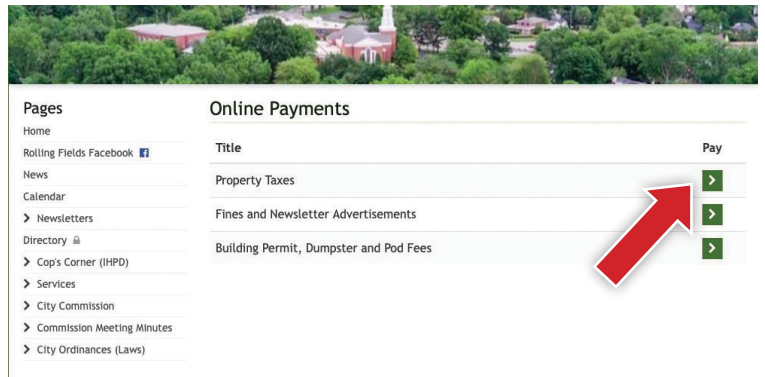
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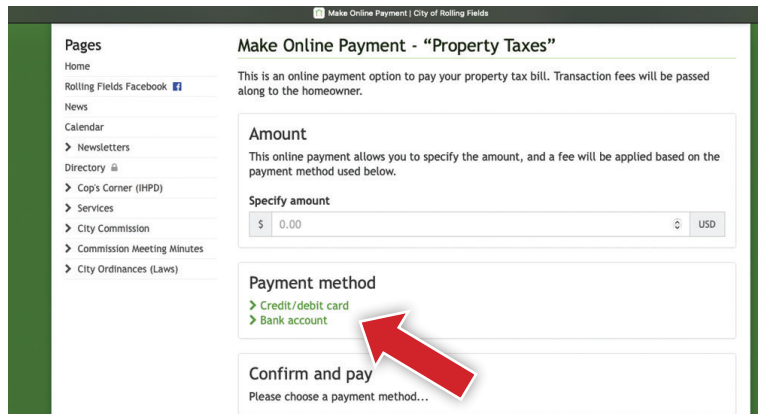
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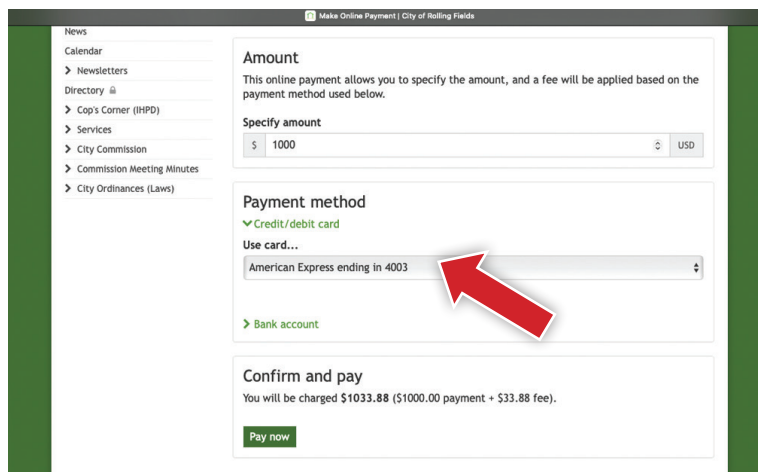
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Either select from the drop down or enter the amount to pay Rolling Fields, then click on payment method and add credit card or bank information.



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Click pay now to confirm and process payment.

Welcome New Neighbors



Mark and Susan Pfeifer
3731 Canoe Lane

Mark and Susan moved to Rolling Fields in October after living 15 years in the Cherokee Triangle neighborhood. Susan is retired from The University of Louisville and Mark is a Professor of Medicine there. They have four children and five grandchildren who live in Chicago, New York, and Boston. In their brief time in Rolling Fields, they said, “we enjoy the scenic pastoral walks, the friendly people (and dogs), and more ‘Big Sky’ than we’re accustomed to. We’re very happy to be a part of this welcoming community.”



Robert and Stephanie English
510 Rolling Lane

Robert and Steph recently purchased their home in Rolling Fields and will be moving after some interior renovation. Robert is an independent insurance agent with The English Insurance Group. Steph is a Registered Nurse at The University of Louisville Hospital. Their son, Bob, is in eighth grade at Holy Trinity Parish School. Steph said, “Robert grew up on Club Lane and is looking forward to returning to Rolling Fields after a 34-year hiatus. We look forward to meeting new friends and seeing some familiar faces.”



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Snow Removal Service

Jim Graven has plowed Rolling Fields streets for many years, and is again offering to contract separately to plow residents' driveways this year. (Please note that he cannot plow driveways until he has completed all Rolling Fields city streets and has been released.) "It's going to be a while before we get there because we have to get the main roads first. But if it snows, I'll be there."

If you'd like to contract with Mr. Graven, please call his snow line at 502-552-4250 and ask to be put on his list. After you are on the list, you will still need to call the snow line after it snows to request plowing. He will not plow a driveway until a request has been made and all driveways will be plowed according to the order in which the calls were received.

While most of us hope that we won't have a need for driveway plowing this year, it's a comfort to know we have someone to call to get it done.



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Meet the Rolling Fields Entertainment Chair: Tracy Amin

Hello and Happy New Year!

As we roll into a new year, I want to introduce myself. My name is Tracy Amin and I have taken on the job as the new social chair of Rolling Fields. "Why?" you may ask? There are a few answers to that question ranging from "I'm just that crazy" to "Why not?" But in all honesty, I love this community and want to be a part of planning events that bring us all together.

I live on Club Lane with my husband, Omar, our two kids, and pup. You have probably seen our daughter, Preston, and our son, Tanner, running around the neighborhood or Omar out walking with our dog, Asher. We have lived in Rolling Fields for three years, but Omar grew up on Club Lane!

Enough about me! Let's talk about you and how you can help. We have some fun things planned for this season and we would love for you to be a part of it all. We are looking forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt in March and hope to add some other new events. I have some great neighbors on the Events Committee who help support me, and if you would like to join us, we would love your help!! From creative minds to helping hands, all neighbors are welcome! If you would like to know more about how you can help, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Cheers to a new year and I hope to see you all at a Rolling Fields event soon!



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