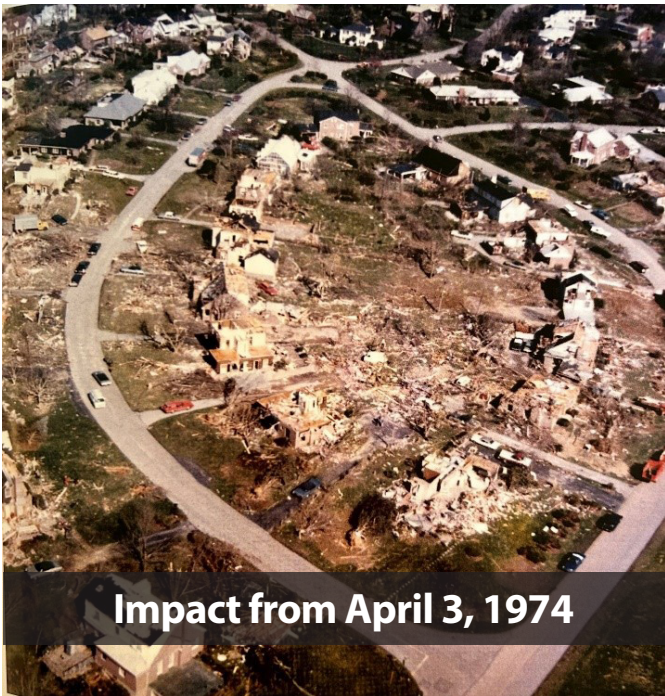


City of Rolling Fields

SPRING 2024

Inside – Articles on the 50th Anniversary of the Tornado
& 150th Running of the Derby



Impact from April 3, 1974



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Congrats 2024 Rolling Fields Graduates!

Colin O'Connor	Charlie Hancock
Beatrice Roussel	Spencer Hyslop
Nick Smith	Lawson Cantley
Denny Smith	Henry Wood
Adam Melhuish	Winn Scherer
Isaac Levitch	Walker Walukas
Charlie Grohmann	Finn Johnson
Ainsley Alexander	Gray Woodward

Congrats!

Friday in the Fields

April 26
May 10
May 31
June 7
June 21
June 28
July 5
July 19
August 2
August 16
September 6

Alchemy Food Truck
Red Top Gourmet Hotdogs
Rice Now
Celtic Pig
Prince Mediterranean
Everybody Loves Bacon
Con Aji y Café
Four Pegs Smokehouse
Longshot Lobsta
Six Forks Burgers
Made In Brazil

Mayor's Message *By Dan Tafel*

Spring is in the air and excitement is growing for an eventful spring and summer season. We have a lot of the usual activity gearing up with Friday in the Fields food trucks but also some special events including the 150th Running of The Kentucky Derby and the PGA Championship at Valhalla. In July, there will be a lot of activity as Louisville Country Club hosts "City Meet" where over 1,500 children from clubs across Louisville compete in a 4-day swim and dive event on July 11-14. Below are updates but please find details on important news at www.rollingfieldsky.com.

Brownsboro road 'right-sizing': Government officials, with the support of Federal funding intended to increase safety, plan to reduce Brownsboro from 4 to 3 lanes (1 each way with a center turn lane). The plan, first communicated in July 2023, was to reduce Brownsboro Road to 3 lanes starting at Country Lane extending west towards downtown. After a public meeting with widespread safety concerns near Chenoweth School, officials moved the lane reduction point away from the school to Mockingbird Valley Road. Despite concerns voiced in the public meeting, we recently learned Metro and State officials changed the plans again moving the lane reduction further east towards Country Lane. JCPS's new bus-routing plan disrupted travel times, leaving many parents having to drive their children to and from school. The increased congestion and accidents all occurred after the traffic study and the public meeting. We've never had this issue of traffic backing up into Rolling Fields. In the last several months, three accidents, one involving a child walking, occurred due to the Chenoweth School traffic. A steep increase in Chenoweth School enrollment will only make matters worse next school year. Currently, officials plan to move forward sometime in May or June, with their lane reduction plan to start near Country Lane. Mockingbird Valley and Rolling Fields officials recently met and requested a meeting with government officials to address their plans for lane-reduction, given the increased traffic/accident counts near Chenoweth School.

Getting Involved: We've increased social events, communication, and new initiatives in Rolling Fields. It's this type of civic involvement that make Rolling Fields more welcoming, friendly, fun, and safe. In order to better organize the support, we will be rolling out the use of "Sign-Up Genius" to support park activities, the newsletter, and other initiatives. You'll see the use of this application in future communications and ask that each of you consider finding a way to give back. You can join a committee to help maintain the park, write one article for the newsletter each year, or bring some cookies to the next park event. The more you get involved, the more you'll be proud to call Rolling Fields your home.

Taxes and property reassessment: Rolling Fields and several surrounding cities are scheduled reassessment for the value of your homes. Given higher inflation and JCPS tax increases, this assessment will likely increase your property tax. In Rolling Fields, we intend to make the change in property values revenue neutral by adjusting our taxes. Unfortunately, I don't think Metro Louisville will be offering the same consideration. If you're scheduled for reassessment, you received a post card for information on public meetings, which are scheduled for April 11th & 18th, and will explain the process. New assessed values will be mailed to property owners by April 26th. More detailed information, including the appeals process, is available in the "news" section of the Rolling Fields website.

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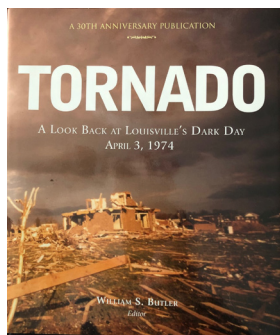
Remembrances of the 1974 Tornado 50 Years Later

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the tornado that severely damaged Rolling Fields on April 3, 1974, we want to share personal reflections from residents in our community who remember and experienced this life-changing event. The residents of Rolling Fields were fortunate in the fact that even though 100 homes in our neighborhood were damaged or destroyed, there were no casualties. From everyone whom we interviewed, there is a common sentiment that it was the sense of community that lifted up our neighborhood from this dark day. We hope that these short interviews will give you a sense of this memorable event.



As a point of information, the tornado was a part of the “Super Tornado” outbreak, one that produced more than 100 tornadoes in 13 states in less than a 24-hour period.

As part of this photo illustrates, the F4-rated tornado followed a route from Lightfoot Road to Club Lane, passing through Country Lane, crossing Rolling Lane, proceeding through Pennington Lane, up Edmonds Lane, and finally veering into Duff Lane (before heading into Indian Hills and Northfield).



In researching this article, we want to share two books that are worth checking out, one from the Courier Journal (April 3, 1974 Tornado!) and *Tornado: A Look Back at Louisville's Dark Day* edited by Bill Butler, who grew up in Indian Hills.

Eunice Blocker:

I was first alerted about the tornado when my children (aged 5, 8 and 12) let me know they saw “chairs flying in the air outside.” I quickly gathered the children and dog and we ran to the basement. Our ears popped when the tornado passed over. After waiting for some time in the basement, dust started to come in, so we went upstairs to a devastated home – walls were down, the second floor was missing, everything was in rubble. I thought at the time “the whole world was damaged” from the scene I saw. My husband was in New York that week. After coming up from the basement, my five-year-old son said “Dad misses all the good stuff!”

I relied on the kindness of neighbors and our entire family stayed with them overnight. Our community came together. The National Guard helped maintain safety and the Salvation Army set up shop at Second Presbyterian Church, which became the neighborhood cafeteria for many days. This memory reminds me that possessions are never as important as life and that disaster brings people together through the desire to survive and support each other.

Jean Herp:

At the time, I was fifteen years old and a high school student. I had just returned home from school to our house at 405 Rolling Lane. There was a TV repairman at the house from Andy's TV Store. I remember making popcorn on the stove before the storm came through. The small TV screen in the kitchen said, “Tornado Imminent.” The repairman helped me gather the dogs and we went to the basement during the storm. Once we emerged from the basement, we saw that half of the top story of our house was missing, only a bathtub remained in place. The repairman's van was wrapped around a tree in the backyard. I had this thought to get somewhere safe, so leashed up the dogs and took them over to the still standing Chapel at Second Presbyterian Church.

The community coming together was evident all over the neighborhood. Kids from the youth group helped clean up the yards and roads, and neighbors gathered up bricks so they could be used again when people rebuilt their homes. A lot of the residents moved over to apartments on Mellwood Road, and the bus that took us to Ballard High School made a special trip to pick us up. The TV repairman



became a lifelong family friend. I will always remember that through all the destruction, that a few pages of loose-leaf piano music remained on the piano, weathered a bit, but in the same place as before the storm as a paradox to the events that took place that day.

Charlie Castner:

I worked downtown at L&N Railroad, and lived nearby at 20 Indian Hills Trail. I believe many lives were spared that day because a WHAS helicopter traffic tracker, named Dick Gilbert, was flying parallel to the storm and because of the real time updates he shared, word of the tornado was quickly transmitted out from the radio station. I remember hearing the news and calling my wife, Katie, just after 4:00 PM about the danger. I went home as soon as I could. Fortunately, our house was spared, but there were so many houses that weren't. I was a member of Second Presbyterian Church, and my wife was actively involved in the newly formed community cafeteria at the church. I remember the bravery of so many people and how caring the folks were who served the communities of Rolling Fields and Indian Hills.

Connie Butler:

I was in college and after hearing about the storm flew home the next day while on spring break. On the plane flight to Louisville, I was shocked seeing the aerial view – it looked like a steamroller went through. My grandmother's house on Lightfoot Road was severely damaged. Because of the low air pressure from the storm, she wasn't able to muster the strength to open the cellar doors to get to lower ground. She had to stand in the center of the house while the roof was taken and the living room wall collapsed. She was lucky.

Bunny Abbott:

Before the storm hit, we had a lot of mature trees, so many that it was difficult to see our house from the street view on Pennington Lane. The tornado changed all of that, but I was thankful that we all survived. At the time, we had a two-year-old daughter, who fortunately, was just picked up by my parents and taken to their house. I can remember everyone searching to find their possessions, we only had

two dining chairs and a bachelor's chest that were without damage. The difficulty was not having any clothes, but I had four sisters that I could borrow from. Many of the clothes that were found weren't wearable, because they now had a permanent grit ironed into them from the storm which made them uncomfortable to wear. My husband tried to salvage his clothes from the yard, and even after several washings, they were unwearable. This was an unbelievable time, but so many people stuck together and supported one another. That following Christmas, we were back in our house thanks to the help of others that worked quickly to help us rebuild.

Tom O'Brien:

I was an elementary student at Chenoweth School. I lived on Lightfoot Road and was over at a friend's house playing on Basswood Lane. At the time, we were outside passing the time as young boys throwing dirt clods and noticed the horizon was yellow and saw what we thought was a black cloud. The air smelled like ozone. I can remember taking three steps straight into my friend's house, turning two steps to the left, running into the basement and then the immediately hearing the tornado. After the storm, I worked my way back home, climbing over trees along the route. At our house on Lightfoot, we lost 42 trees, but somehow the house was still intact. With having no electricity for weeks, word got out that our house had a gas water heater. Many neighbors came over to take showers. We spent many nights sleeping in front of the fireplace. I also remember the generosity of so many others, and distinctly remember one father and his three sons, who lived in a different part of the city, that spent days helping with the cutting and removal of many trees. Second Presbyterian Church became our place to eat and play and gave the adults the opportunity to support one another. I gained a huge respect for tornado watches and warnings after this experience.

Ann Davis:

I grew up on Club Lane, and at the time of the storm was 22 years old and travelling in Europe. I had an agreement with my parents that I would call home each month. When it was time to call in April, no one was picking up, the phone

rang and rang. I tried two or three times that month to reach my family and became worried. Finally, in May while in Greece, I received a telegram and special letter from my Dad describing the tornado that wiped out the 400 block of Club Lane. After reading that letter, I remember turning into a weeping mess.

On the day of the storm, my Dad was home alone, as my Mom and Sister were flying back in town that night. My Dad left the house that evening to pick them up at the airport, and had no idea the storm had occurred that day. Leaving the neighborhood, he travelled towards River Road and didn't notice any damage. His first realization was seeing the damage to the horse barns near the airport. When they arrived home, they took the route on Brownsboro Road near Second Presbyterian Church, and were shocked by the scene. At first, they weren't given entry to the neighborhood.

John Davis:

I also grew up on Club Lane, and at the time of the storm was home from law school for spring break. I remember hearing a roar and went to the front door, noticing that the air looked dirty. I advised my mother and our housekeeper to go to the basement with our dog. I continued to watch the sky towards Brownsboro Road, I could see part of a roof circling in the sky. I had seen enough – I headed to the basement myself. My Dad was playing tennis at a facility which, at the time, was called the Louisville Indoor Tennis Club on Mockingbird Valley Road. When my Dad headed home, he was shocked to see what all had happened, and at first the National Guard wouldn't let him in the neighborhood. The storm was extraordinary in that it was over so fast, and after that gust of dirty air, a period of silence followed.

Cy Radford:

I was 13 years-old at the time and our family lived on Lightfoot Road. I was back home from school watching WHAS-TV and an alert came on reporting tornadoes in Breckenridge County. Ominously, we immediately lost power. My Dad was at work, but he had heard that a tornado was heading our way and called my mother to let her know. We went immediately into the basement. I'll never forget the sound of the tornado blowing through – it was like being at a railroad crossing in your car with the windows down and the train passes right in front of you. We lost 12 trees but were spared any other damage. My grandmother wasn't as lucky, her house was severely damaged and had to be demolished. Although it was only four houses down, it took us 30 minutes to get to her house because of all the debris and trees that were down. It was surreal to see our tree lined street without any standing trees.

In the days after the storm my mother ran a kind of soup kitchen for others because we had a boiler for heat and a gas stove. I also remember the support at Second Presbyterian Church and the National Guard was a consistent presence, enforcing curfew at night.



Save the Date

**50th Anniversary of the
April 3, 1974 Louisville Tornado**

A look back at the 1974 Tornado Super Outbreak
that swept across 13 states and hit Louisville

**Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm
Crescent Hill Baptist Church**

2800 Frankfort Avenue

Free and open to the Public. Bring a can good to support the UCHM food pantry

Program Includes: Panel Discussion; Tornado Video; Tornado Display;
Before & After Photo Slide Show; Ability to purchase Bill Butler's book
Tornado: A Look Back at Louisville's Dark Day, April 3, 1974

Sponsored by Louisville Historical League, Crescent Hill Community Council,
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The Indian Hills Police Department routinely monitors the City of Rolling Fields for all moving violations (speeding, reckless driving, stop sign violations, etc.). With the recent speed limit change in the city, we encourage everyone to pay close attention to your speed – because we are. Please do your part to keep you and your neighbors safe.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

There have been several high-end residential burglaries in Jefferson County during the last few months. While we have no recent reports in Indian Hills and Rolling Fields, our officers patrol 24 hours a day to observe for suspicious activity. Please help us by immediately reporting suspicious activity by calling our Dispatch at 893-2677.

Follow the Indian Hills Police Department On Facebook and Twitter @ihpdky

We also believe that in addition to providing neighborhood security, our House Watch Program is a vital tool in preventing these crimes. Are you familiar with this free program offered by our Department to residents? If you are planning to be out of town, you can sign up through our Department website (www.indianhillsky.org/police) so that our officers will keep a watchful eye on your home each shift while you are away.

You can also sign up through the City of Rolling Fields website. See below for instructions:







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- Review your Rolling Fields monthly commission minutes.
- Link to the Rolling Fields Facebook site.
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- Review the City's budgets to see how your tax dollars are spent.
- Check out the ordinances governing our City.

The 150th Running of the Derby: Interview with Rachel Schrepferman



This year marks the celebration of the running of the 150th Derby – Kentucky’s most famous event, rich in both excitement and history. The Derby is also America’s longest continuously held sporting event. We reached out to Rachel Schrepferman, Fairway Lane resident, who has a long-standing tradition of attending the Derby with her family. She shared some personal insights and stories of a few neighborhood traditions.

As someone who grew up in Illinois, how did you get involved in this Kentucky event?

We became interested in horse racing through my father, Gene Lamb, who was a rodeo champion in the 1940’s.

His passion for horses continued throughout his life as a horse owner as well as the Chairman of the Illinois Racing Commission in the 1990’s. He knew so many people in the industry and was a regular at Churchill Downs as an owner, box holder and long-time member of the Turf Club. He never missed a Derby from 1960-2010.

When was your first Derby and how many have you attended?

My first Derby was in 1977 when I was just seven years-old. I did miss a few Derby Days while I was in college, but since 1996, my husband, Shep, and I haven’t missed a single one. There is a classic saying that I have adopted personally: “I was not born in Louisville, but I got here as quickly as I could!”

We’ve heard this is a family event, is this true?

I have four siblings, and we all attend each year. My oldest sister met her husband at the 1977 Derby – her husband eyed her from across the paddock. A lot of “make or break” family events have happened surrounding the events of the Derby, which brings even more excitement to the weekend! Shep and I have hosted several pre-Derby parties through the years. I’ve kept a scrapbook each year filled with photos and memories.

What is your favorite aspect of the Derby?

Derby time is when Louisville shines! The flowers are blooming. The people of our city are so happy and hospitable - everything is crackling with excitement. The weeks leading up to Derby influences almost everything we do and you can feel something special in the air!

Do you have any special plans to celebrate the 150th Derby?

Our three adult sons will be at Churchill Downs on Derby Day which makes it incredibly special to us as the third generation of my family continues the tradition my Dad so dearly loved!

We would imagine you have a collection of Derby hats. How many hats do you own?

I have over 50 hats at my house since all of my sisters leave most of their hats here each year. On Derby week, I end up Facetiming with all of them to make sure they have the hats they need for that year’s outfits. And often I am racing to Von Maur or one of the other boutiques to find a new one for one of us.

What are some of your favorite memories of Derby?

Our annual Thursday night party during Derby week was such fun but the party ended up outgrowing our house. Living on Fairway Lane, we’ve become spoiled by having Carin Isaacs bring us Krispy Creme doughnuts on Derby Day. She delivers these wearing a fashionable Krispy Creme paper hat to Fairway Lane residents and all of our guests who are in town! Second Presbyterian Church’s preschool children makes paper Derby hats and they celebrate with a small parade. I also have a special memory with our neighbors, the Tafel family. They had a dog named Rosie (roses) and we have a dog named Lily (lilies). When our youngest boys were in 4th grade, we made a



blanket of roses and a blanket of lilies for our pets and our sons Thomas and Tommy paraded the dogs in Holy Trinity’s annual “Pet-a-sus” Parade.

For those who can’t attend this year, what piece of advice would you give them?

My advice for anyone who isn’t going to the track on Derby Day is to catch all of the fanfare during the TV coverage. Often fans who watch the day of racing on TV are treated to many of the backstories that you might miss being at the track. Set up your Twin Spires account to place your bets and make sure you have all the ingredients you need for mint juleps.

Do you have any horses you are keeping your eye on for this race?

Louisville native trainer Brad Cox has a great chance with his colt Timberlake. And while Cox technically won the 2021 Kentucky Derby due to the disqualification of Medina Spirit, he didn’t get the experience of being in the winner’s circle which would’ve been so special for a guy who grew up two blocks from Churchill Downs. I also like the Chad Brown trained horse Sierra Leone as he is ridden by my favorite jockey Tyler Gafflione.

2024 Rolling Fields Graduates

College Graduates



Colin O'Connor
Loyola University



Beatrice Roussell
Colorado College



Nick Smith
John Hopkins Univeristy



Denny Smith
Northeastern University



Adam Melhuish
Northeastern University

It doesn't get much better than growing up on Fairway Lane. It's great that we're all still friends.
- Adam Melhuish

High School Graduates



Isaac Levitch
Collegiate



Charlie Grohmann
St. X

FAVORITE MEMORY:

Riding his bike to his grandparents on Swing Lane for snacks to fuel up for the trip back to Fairway

- Charlie Grohmann



Lawson Cantley
Kentucky Country Day

NEXT STEPS:
University of Miami
(Florida)

FAVORITE MEMORY:

All of his friends who live in Rolling Fields and Indian Hills and the family of deer who hang out in their backyard

- Lawson Cantley

2024 Rolling Fields Graduates

High School Graduates



Ainsley Alexander
Kentucky Country Day

NEXT STEPS:
Savannah College of Art
and Design



Henry Wood
Trinity

NEXT STEPS:
South Carolina or Miami
of Ohio



Spencer Hyslop
St. X

NEXT STEPS:
Ole Miss

**FAVORITE
MEMORY:**
*Being a bike ride
away from friends
and family.*

- Spencer Hyslop



Winn Scherer
St. X

NEXT STEPS:
Auburn



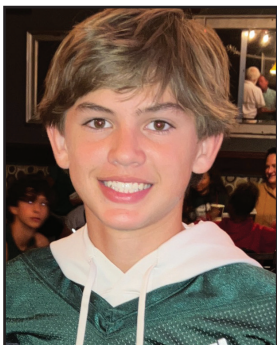
Charlie Hancock
Trinity

NEXT STEPS:
Transylvania

FAVORITE MEMORY:
*Growing up on the corner
of Basswood & Club Lane:
The 4th of July Parades and pancake
breakfasts started right at our house*

- Charlie Hancock

Grade School Graduates



Walker Walukas
8th Grader - Holy Trinity

NEXT STEPS:
St. X



Finn Johnson
8th Grader - Holy Trinity

NEXT STEPS:
St. X



Gray Woodward
Sacred Heart Model School

NEXT STEPS:
St. X

Weekend Gardener: Trees in Rolling Fields *by John Hubbard*

How lucky we are to live in a neighborhood filled with beautiful trees, some being over 200 years old. We have to remember that where we now live was once the Veech Cattle Farm in the late 1800s which included cleared and forested land. Some of those same trees still live today. In Penn Kemp's pamphlet about growing up here in the 1940s, he describes the giant Beech trees around the now-gone "Big House" near the end of present-day Club Lane. Trees can be categorized as Native, Non-Native, Keystone, Champion, Specimen, and unsightly. Rolling Fields has all these trees and luckily very few of the last one mentioned. I could give you lots of tree facts but seeing is believing, so we are planning to hold a tree tour. **Our tentative schedule for the first Tree Walk is 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 27, meeting at the park.** The tour will include parts of Country Lane, Fairway, Rolling, Pennington, Club, Swing, and Basswood- about 1.3 miles. Golf carts can be arranged if walking is a problem. Groups of 20 people are ideal. Additional tours can be arranged if needed. More information and sign-ups will follow around mid-April.

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Breakfast and Bibles at 10 a.m. - family breakfast & youth faith formation

Summer Worship Schedule (one service) begins May 26: 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary
2PK Cookies and Lemonade at 11 a.m. - Beginning with summer worship schedule families are welcome to gather at the playground (weather permitting) for a time to get to know one another over cookies & lemonade.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Concert Series: Elisa Bickers, organ - April 14, 3 p.m.
Final Wednesdays Together (Celebration) - April 24, 5 p.m.
Stetson University Choir in Concert - May 17, 7 p.m.
Derby City Chamber Music Festival - May 21, 23, 28, 7:30 p.m.
Art Camp - May 28-31, June 3-7
Smiley Camp - June 10-14, June 17-21
Outdoor Vespers Services @ 6:30 p.m. - June 16, July 7, August 11

Summer Music Blast - July 29-31
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Beyond the Fields: Interview with Kathy & Kent Oyler

We had the pleasure of sitting down with Kathy & Kent Oyler, who have been significantly involved in our community, to hear more about their philosophy of service. Since moving to Rolling Fields shortly after marrying over 40 years ago, they have lived in two houses on Duff Lane. Both Kathy and Kent have made it their life's mission to work on causes that support strong families, healthy children, human services, education, arts, and entrepreneurship. Their volunteer work has been focused on many organizations across Louisville. In addition, they regularly serve in leadership roles at Second Presbyterian Church. Kathy has served as a Rolling Fields Commissioner and both Kathy & Kent spearheaded the resurrection of the Rolling Fields Newsletter several years ago.



1) What is your perspective of how philanthropy has changed over the years in Louisville?

It has evolved dramatically. In previous years, there was more trust in institutions and philanthropy was led by a group of major gift donors. Many of the business leaders were the fulcrum of the giving, but these days we have fewer large corporations locally headquartered. In addition, because of high profile ethical failures, blind faith in trusted institutions is a thing of the past. However, these changes also have an upside. We have the opportunity to engage more people in the work of philanthropy. We're still convinced that the best is ahead of us because we know success will include engaging more people in our community. We are optimistic that the next generation is more naturally motivated by giving back.

2) What are the greatest needs you see in Louisville today?

I (Kent) come from a business background and led the Chamber of Commerce for six years, so I see a need for stronger leadership in the business community. I feel that to some degree we have become over-reliant on government agencies. There is a gap for people to stand in and do the hard work of building locally headquartered, scalable businesses and investing in homegrown startups. Fewer national companies are setting roots here in Louisville, instead seeing us as a branch office and not a place for high level jobs. That needs to change. Louisville's greatest need is more and stronger leadership on behalf of Louisville from the business community.

3) Where are you spending your time and effort in community service these days?

I (Kathy) really enjoyed working with refugee families through Kentucky Refugee Ministries at Second Presbyterian Church. Our church has a team that supports two families per year, providing housing and other basic needs for a four-month period as they settle into Louisville. It is so wonderful to see them soar. I'm also on the board at Waterfront Botanical Gardens, a great treasure for our community. One effort I've continued with over the years is the Derby Ball – raising money for The Derby Museum at Churchill Downs.

I'm (Kent) currently enjoying work at the U of L College of Business focusing on business engagement, helping with Canopy Kentucky and Metro United Way, and I'm leading the Strategic Planning Committee at Second Presbyterian Church.

4) Where do you get your motivation?

Both our mothers were always doing things for others, they were givers. Our mothers wanted our community to be a great place and were living examples that inspired us. In addition, we were fortunate to be friends with Alberta Allen, a civic leader in Louisville for six decades, who was a mentor to both of us. We actually lived with her for a short time after getting married, and she set an example that has inspired us to this day to engage in community service.

5) What is your proudest achievement in community service?

Playing a part in transformation. Whether that is seeing refugee families soar in their new lives, supporting capital campaigns that bring new life to organizations, or taking an organization that was struggling, like Greater Louisville, Inc., and turning it around to be named National Chamber of the Year.

6) If you wanted to become more involved in the community, how would you do this?

Find your passion – do what you care about. There are great community programs like Leadership Louisville (especially Focus and Ignite) that can help. Then raise your hand and help with fundraising efforts, which will automatically make you in high demand!

7) What does Rolling Fields mean to you?

It means home. We have so many memories of raising our children here, and special ones like our daughter walking down from Duff Lane to Second Pres to her wedding. We also love the influx of new families and multiple generations that we get to see on our walks, who we call our “other-centered” community. People in this neighborhood make a difference and give back – which to us is the most rewarding part of life.



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Meet The Rolling Fields Clerk: Robb Webb

Having served as Clerk of the City of Rolling Fields since 2018, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand how government works, granted at a microcosmic level. It has been interesting to observe the Mayor, Commissioners, Police Chief, Treasurer, and Committee Members strive to work together to make our City better. Our monthly Commission meetings (usually held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at Second Presbyterian Church) cover many topics, and Residents are encouraged to attend and participate. Differences in opinion occur, sometimes with spirited discussions. And I have yet to see anybody fall asleep at any of the meetings!

A bit about myself: Having lived at the end of Duff Lane since 2009, I am by location a denizen of "Dufflandia." (FYI, this is the only street in Rolling Fields that intersects no other street in Rolling Fields.) My childhood years were spent living in a rental house on the old Bigelow estate, located at the end of Club Lane (the non-Rolling Fields section). Years later, after discharge from the Navy in 1971, feeling the need to regain my health and actually see the country, I bought a bicycle and rode it from Los Angeles to Louisville. Then came a career in the river industry, starting out as a towboat deckhand and later as a pilot. That led to employment as a traffic manager, then manager of sales and contract administration. On retirement in 2007, having felt I never finished the 1st bicycle trip, I rode my bicycle from Louisville to Virginia Beach. A friend gave me a T-shirt that read "Coast to Coast in 36". Thirty-six days? No, 36 years...

Regarding duties as Clerk, in addition to summarizing Commission meetings in the form of Minutes, I recently scanned and labeled all Rolling Fields Ordinances since 1958 and posted to a Google Drive. One Ordinance particularly caught my attention: "Ordinance # 1 Series 1968" concerning safety, specifies a penalty that includes "confined in jail for not more than 60 days." So, with our new reduced speed limit to 20 MPH, if you are unlucky enough to incur a traffic citation and resulting fine, count your blessings that you are not being incarcerated!



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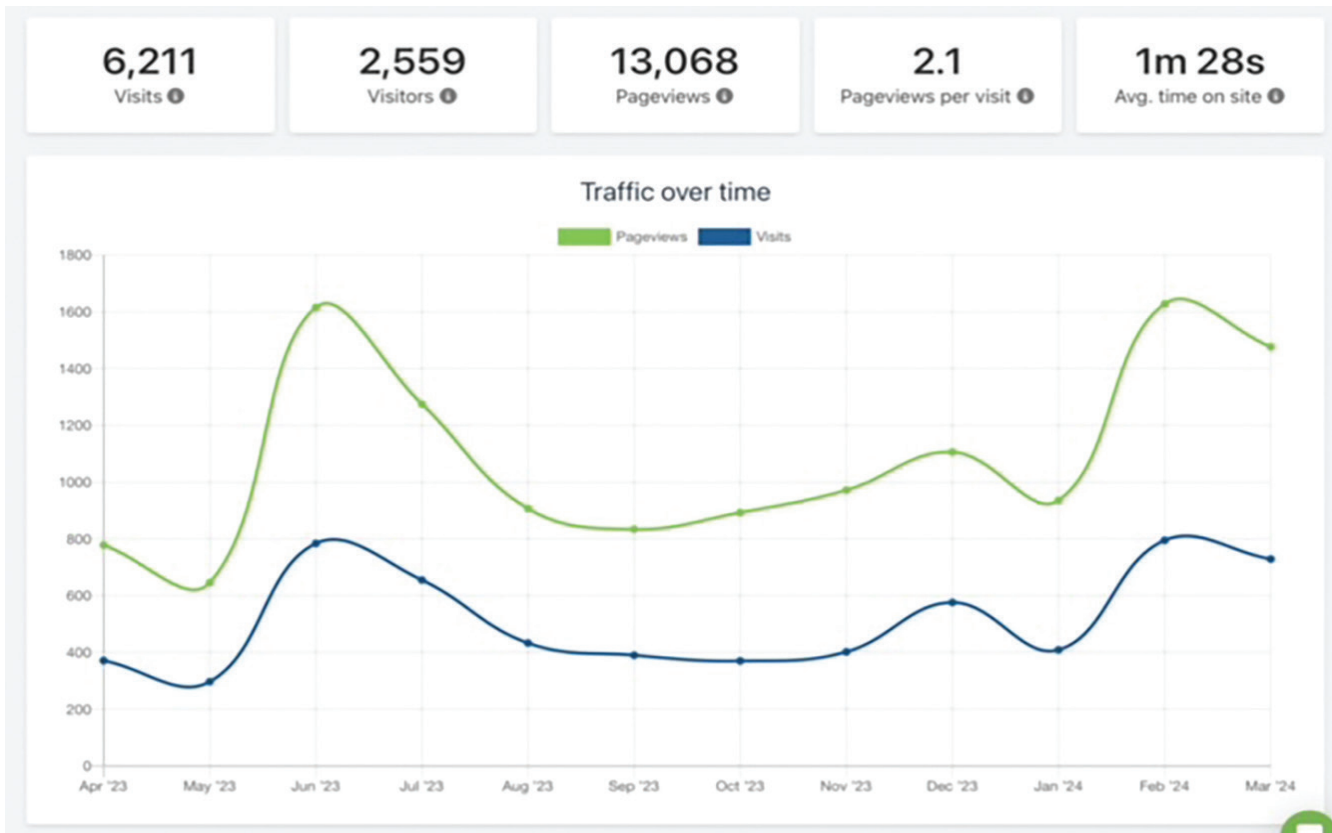
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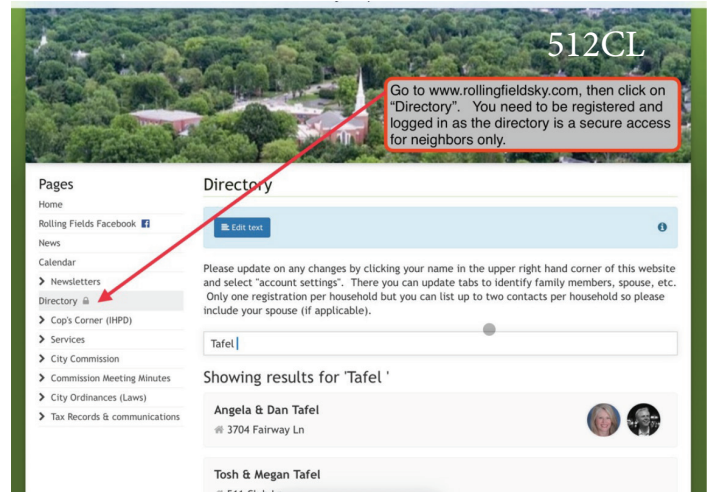
Eyes on Rolling Fields:

Here are the numbers from the Rolling Fields website and Facebook site. These are impressive numbers compared to cities of similar size. The chart below says it all but is only for our website and doesn't include over 150 viewers a day on our Rolling Fields Facebook site. Our website and Facebook are linked and work together. Together, they have over 5,000 views each month. There's no doubt we have an engaged and well-informed community..



Website Directory:

The Rolling Fields website provides a detailed directory of neighbors in Rolling Fields. This directory, which is private and secured by your userID/password, provides detailed contact information and is kept updated by the homeowner. It has the ability to list cell phones, pictures, children and ages. You can search by name, address, or all neighbors on a particular street. Please check and update you and your family's information today. Each home address is an "account" so both you and your spouse can sign up and update your information



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