

# City of Rolling Fields

WINTER 2023

## Upcoming Neighborhood Park Events

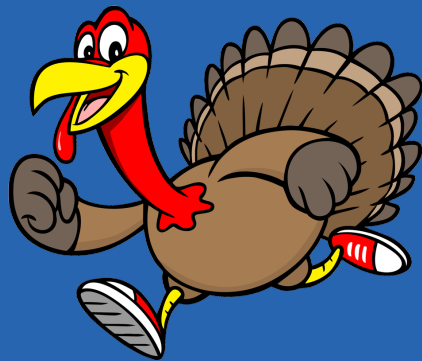


### ROLLING FIELDS HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY

**October 31st**

5:00 - 5:45 pm - Pizza & Drinks

Rain will Cancel Event



### ROLLING FIELDS TURKEY TROT

**Friday, November 24th**

Breakfast in the Park

8:00 - 10:00 am

9:00 am - Kid's Race

Turkey Trot to follow Kid's Race



### CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

**Sunday, December 17th**

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Hot Chocolate, Holiday Cheer & a Special Guest



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# Letter from The Mayor *By Dan Tafel*

We had a productive year in Rolling Fields thanks to all of you! A summary of those Committees and their accomplishments this year are listed below. Rest assured that with the oversight of Council, leadership extends to others who share a common desire to keep Rolling Fields a place we're proud to call home. Please help me recognize and thank these leaders for their accomplishments that add to our quality of life and improve our property values. You are welcome to join in on the fun of creating a better Rolling Fields!

## 2023 Committee and Initiatives

### Social:

Jennifer Kramer chaired this Committee overseeing one of the most important jobs of creating sense of community, adding to the 'fun' factor of Rolling Fields, and creating memories for our children. Jennifer stepped into this role with many new events that were added with the opening of our park. She oversaw the creation of many new traditions such as "Friday in the Fields" (food trucks), organized by Mack and Brooke Shwab; "The Turkey Trot", organized by Diane Hoagland; and "Christmas in the Park", organized by Randy Phillips. These new events build on the incredible traditions of our Independence Day Parade, Easter Celebration, and Halloween gathering. Tracy Amin, who's served on the Committee, is graciously taking over as chair this fall with the support of committee members Briegel Payne, Deda Kurtz, Taylor Eckman, Kara Judd, Susan Brown, and Kathy Oyler.

### Infrastructure/Maintenance:

Tim Feger and Rob South chair our Infrastructure and Maintenance Committee. They made a comprehensive prioritized list of projects in the neighborhood. First on the list was our deteriorating, fading, and inconsistent traffic signs. This initiative took top priority when the stop sign post rusted out and fell at the corner of Basswood and Club earlier this spring. Tom and Rob ordered the signs, post and pedestals, and donated their time to remove, repair, or replace many of the traffic signs. This sign are upgraded in phases, but soon all signage will be a consistent, traditional style with more durable material.

### Safety/Long Term Planning:

McCauley Ricketts chairs this Committee and began work, with the support of Joanna Nugent, to develop a long-term financial plan for road maintenance and repaving. This study, which can be found on our website, resulted in a one-time boost of \$15,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, as well as an additional \$12,000 per year to ensure the proper funding is available for road maintenance over next 20-30 years. Next, McCauley is working to address safety concerns due to speeding. After putting together the survey and evaluation the results, McCauley presented the plan to the Council, which includes a plan to increase enforcement, as well as proposals to lower the speed limit, and use temporary rubber speed bumps, which can be moved to address areas of concern.

### Finance/Budget:

Joanna Nugent wraps up added initiatives to support our park financing bond and Federal ARPA funds. The annual Fiscal Year budget process, took on additional complexity due to higher sanitation costs and changes to our road fund allocations, required adjustments to our tax rate. Joanna also secured FEMA funding so the city could recover over \$11,000, which was used to clear roads of fallen trees due to the spring wind storm.

### Sanitation:

Carin Isaacs led the initiative to manage Waste Management through their end-of-contract and manage the bid for new services. While we had a very low cost from Waste Management, pick-up schedules were unpredictable with no communication of service interruption. Working on the phone with Waste Management nearly every week, Carin surveyed residents, prepared bid specifications, and reviewed bid responses to prepare a transition of services on July 1st. The real challenge started with the process communicating a new vendor, new pick-up schedules and containers with both curbside and rear pick up service. Carin fielded many 'help' sessions in the park, which were entertaining, and even went so far as to deliver containers to some who may have missed the communications.

### Communications/Tree Program:

Abby Scherer leads this Committee and immediately began work with the charge to bring back quarterly newsletters in the City. Abby helped to solicit advertisers, who fund the newsletter, find the layout editor, and identify the printer who helped to ensure our newsletter was printed and in paper-boxes by April 1st and July 1st distribution dates. Abby also led our tree program and worked to transition that program to our new lead, Fritz O'Conner. Recently, Corey and Beth Miller, volunteered to lead our newsletter and are responsible for the increased participation from advertisers and the timely delivery of this newsletter.

### Building and Permits:

Cy Radford leads this process and works in coordination with Metro Louisville to review and approve construction plans. Almost all of the time, this is easy and fast process; however, it can become difficult when a homeowner's plans either infringes on a neighbor's property or jeopardizes the integrity of our city's architecture and homes. Cy is working has developed an online process to track work permits and monthly dumpster fees online so Joanna can assist with invoicing and collections.

### Rules and Legal Ordinances:

David Dunn is leading to better organize, document, and create user-friendly guide to our city's rules. Rob Webb, our City Clerk, is working with David to scan and upload the rules and ordinances so we can publish them on our website. David will transition much of these duties to Kevin Smith, who's volunteered to help and has the legal background required to support this initiative.

# The History of Our Local Cemetery

By Sara Scott and  
Becky Copeland

The Cane Station Cemetery, originally known as the Thompson Family Cemetery, was established in 1817 when Betty Lightfoot Hovison Coleman buried both her daughter and her second husband, Robert Coleman, there.

The Coleman's home, known as Cane Station, was located north of Brownsboro Road somewhere near the current location of the Louisville Country Club. It also included much of the Crescent Hill golf course property and extended down to the Ohio River.

Mrs. Coleman was a caring and kind woman who, in 1820, wrote out her last will and testament to include the emancipation of her slaves. In addition to the Thompson Family Cemetery, a small Cemetery for enslaved people is located behind several houses on Club Lane and can be accessed through a gate at the end of Swing Lane.

The main cemetery was almost destroyed by the April 3, 1974 tornado. A group of concerned neighbors, Edward C. Graves, Malcolm DeCamp, Henry Heyburn, Richard T. Burke, Cyrus S. Radford, and Alexander O'Brien, formed the Cane Station Historical Association, to rebuild and maintain the cemetery.

Part of the restoration on the cemetery included rebuilding the stone wall surrounding the property, which turned out to be an expensive and years long process. Stone masons were in short supply, so the Association contracted with the Westport Vocational School (now known as Westport Middle School) to rebuild the wall. Restoration was completed in June of 1977. Cave Hill Cemetery was invaluable in helping to rebuild some of the headstones along with Muldoon Monument Company.

Only the north end of the cemetery was occupied by the Thompson family. After the tornado, Cave Hill helped plat out the south end of the property so that lots could be sold. Proceeds from the sale of lots helped fund a perpetual endowment for the maintenance of the cemetery. At this time all of the lots have been sold.

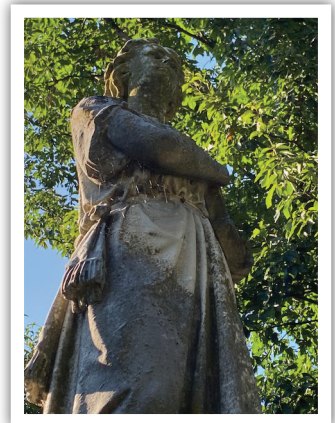
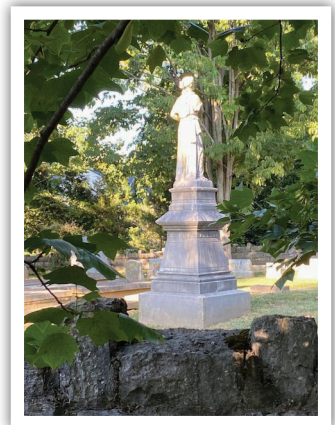
For more than 40 years, the cemetery was a gathering place for Halloween parties and Easter egg hunts, organized by Betty Graves and Nina Radford.

Several of the children of the original board members of the cemetery live in Rolling Fields today, including Cyrus Radford Jr. and Connie Radford Butler (children of Cyrus Radford Sr.), Sara Graves Scott (daughter of Ed Graves), and Tom O'Brien (son of Alexander O'Brien).

David James, a direct descendent of the Thompson-Buchanan family also lives in Rolling Fields, along with his wife Nancy. Many members of the Buchanan family are buried in the original section of the cemetery.

Many other Rolling Fields residents have relatives buried in the cemetery, including Libby Rush, who serves on the current board. Most days you can find her walking her dog down to Cane Station and keeping an eye on the cemetery. A special thank you goes to Barker Price, who helps maintain the slave cemetery and Dick Clay, who followed Henry Heyburn as Cane Station's legal counsel for many years.

Cane Station welcomes all of our Rolling Fields neighbors to come and explore this beautiful, quiet, shady corner of our neighborhood. Please remember to treat both cemeteries with respect and pick up after your pets.



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# Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!



## SUNDAYS

**Worship** at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel or 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**"Bibles and Breakfast"** 10 a.m. -  
Great time for children, youth & families to fellowship & learn.

## WEDNESDAYS

**"Wednesdays Together:** Fellowship meal - 5 p.m. (\$5/\$15 family cap)  
Adult Bible Study / Music for for ages 3 through 6th Grade at 5:30 p.m.;  
Childcare until 7 p.m.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**VESPERS WORSHIP - (Choral/Organ)** - Sun., Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m.  
**CONCERT - Mary-Hollis Hundley, Soprano** - Sun., Nov. 19, 3 p.m. (free)  
**FAMILY ADVENT WORSHIP, WORKSHOP & DINNER** - Sun., Dec. 3, 5 p.m.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES at 5, 9 & 11 p.m.**

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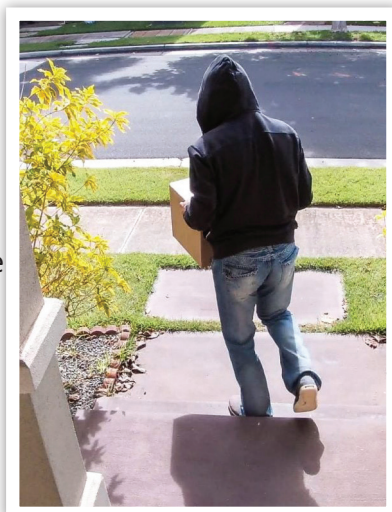
## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Now that schools are back in session, we wanted to remind everyone to be patient and safe when school buses are present on the roadways. It is a violation, not to mention dangerous, to pass a school bus when its stop arm is extended. Please be observant for students walking to and from their bus stops, especially those that may be out before sunrise. For a helpful visual flyer on school bus safety, please check out the flyer distributed by Kentucky's Department of Education at [https://education.ky.gov/districts/trans/Documents/Stop%20Laws\\_ADA\\_EH.pdf](https://education.ky.gov/districts/trans/Documents/Stop%20Laws_ADA_EH.pdf).



## PACKAGE THEFTS

During 2022, the Indian Hills Police Department investigated 10 reports of theft of mail matter, which includes packages delivered by Amazon, the USPS, and others. We have investigated 3 reports so far in 2023. Through the efforts of our patrol officers and detective, we have been able to charge suspects in 5 of the 2022 cases and 1 of the 2023 cases.



One measure we can all take part in the reduction of these crimes is to utilize the department's house watch program. This program is not only geared to protect homes from burglaries, but also package thefts. We routinely find packages delivered to homes enrolled in our program and are able to secure and/or notify the resident, so that a local contact can move the package to a secure location.

You can enroll in our house watch program by visiting [www.indianhillsky.org/police](http://www.indianhillsky.org/police).

## CRIME ALERT E-MAIL SERVICE

Be sure to subscribe to the Indian Hills Police Department's Crime Alert E-Mail service by visiting our website [www.indianhillsky.org/police](http://www.indianhillsky.org/police) to receive crucial and time-sensitive emails regarding recent criminal activity or traffic information.

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# Farmer's Market, Just Down the Street, at Broadway Baptist

*By Eunice Blocker*

We are blessed with so many farmer's markets here in Jefferson County, with several others close by in Oldham County, Shelby County and "over the bridge" in Southern Indiana. But on Thursdays, I like to stay close to home and especially enjoy the Lowe Creek Farmer's Market at Broadway Baptist Church (4000 Brownsboro Road).

The market is open on Thursday from 3:00 – 6:00 PM, and Steve Hess is the Market Manager. He shared that they support Kentucky Proud Farmers ([kyproud.com](http://kyproud.com)), contracting with local farmers for vegetables and fruits as they come in season. As I write this review, the stand is loaded with tomatoes and corn. When you read the article in October, there should be cantaloupes, pumpkins and acorn squash.

Steve told me he raises apple trees on his half acre in Hurstborne. He started planting them when his first child

was born, 35 years ago. He has added 30 peach trees and some raspberry bushes. Over the years, Lowe Creek Farmer's Market leased five acres in Prospect where they grew produce for sale. As you might imagine, that land has now been commercially developed. Fortunately, there are farmers eager to sell their produce through Lowe Creek Farmer's Market.

Other products available include bratwurst from local meat farmers, honey and preserves. The latter are not only delicious on toast but are handy for gifts and favors during the holidays.

In case you are interested, Lowe Creek Farmer's Market has a store that's open year-round on 13206 W. Hwy 42, #100 (just east of Prospect). Check out the Market – you can enjoy great produce and support local farmers!



# “Lee’s Famous” in Rolling Fields *By Dan Tafel*

Jeff and Kay Alfir, who live on Club Lane, moved to Rolling Fields from Ohio. Kay attended college at Western Kentucky and fell in love with Louisville when visiting friends. Jeff moved to Louisville as a horse trainer working with owners, including Kay’s father, Vic Johnson, who owned several Thoroughbred race horses.



Vic Johnson owned several Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) franchises in Cincinnati and taught his children about the chicken business. Vic and his family worked closely with Colonel Harland Sanders to learn the business and attended “Chicken College” at nearby Sullivan University. However, when they came to Louisville, KFC wasn’t franchising so they turned their attention to the Colonel’s early partnership with his nephew, Lee Cummings. The Colonel worked closely

together with his nephew, then President of KFC, until they sold KFC to John Y. Brown in 1962. In 1966, Lee, with the support of his Uncle Harland, started Lee’s Famous Recipe. Lee sought to continue the traditional process the Colonel used to prepare his fried chicken.



Vic Johnson’s daughters, Kay Alfir and Poochie Johnson, invested in three Lee’s Famous Recipe restaurants (including today’s location on lower Brownsboro Road). Kay said “we still use the same process to prepare chicken that the Colonel taught his nephew in the early days”. Jeff and Kay are very involved and give back to their local community including Second Presbyterian, Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity and the Crescent Hill neighborhood. They often provide meals to Bellarmine coach Scotty Davenport’s team. In September this year, they were awarded a Crescent Hill community service award. And they’re always open to suggestions for creative phrases on their sign, which changes weekly, recently displaying, “Football Season, Lee’s is Pleasin”.

Jeff and Kay loved raising their three boys, Scott, Ollie, and Joey, in Rolling Fields. She often talks about their love of playing ‘hide ‘n seek’ and other neighborhood games while running around Rolling Fields. Now Scott lives in California while Ollie and Joey are managing the restaurants. Jeff and Kay still love calling Rolling Fields home and are avid horse racing fans. While they still oversee the restaurants, they enjoy attending the races at Churchill Downs, as well as their annual trip to Saratoga.



1 Pictured left to right: Vic Johnson, Poochie Johnson, The Colonel, Kay Johnson



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# Beyond the Fields Mission Moment

## Katy Bade and The West End School

Katy Bade, who started volunteering at the West End School 13 years ago, has discovered one of the most important things about serving as a volunteer – it often helps you as much or more as those you are helping. Three years ago, her role changed from volunteer to part-time employee at the residential middle school and elementary day school. Her role has expanded to include recruiting and organizing volunteers, as well as grant writing.

Katy has been a resident of Rolling Fields since moving from Lightfoot Road seven years ago. She has three adult children who all live in Louisville. Katy shares that “my favorite part of going to work every day is hearing the violin music coming from the music room downstairs where the students are practicing before school.” Not only does her work help the school enrich the lives of its talented young students, it also enriches hers, giving her new ways to use her own talents.

So, if you’ve thought about volunteering and didn’t know where to turn, she’d love for you to consider helping at the 140-student scholarship-based independent school serving students in West Louisville.

### Ways to volunteer include:

- Helping teachers in the classroom, particularly with reading in pre-K, 1st and 3rd grades, and in middle school language arts and social studies classes.
- Supervising lower school lunches and cleaning up between classes.
- Providing and serving cooked dinners Monday through Thursday evenings for the 40 middle school boys and teachers who live on campus during the week. This is a great team project for neighbors, colleagues and church groups.
- Donating rubber mulch for the playground.

Katy is happy to give you a tour of the school and to talk about other ways to support the school. You can contact her by email: [katy.bade@westendschool.org](mailto:katy.bade@westendschool.org) or by phone at 502.776.5236.



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# Upcoming Local Area Events

## The Annual Chenoweth Square Holiday Walk Located off Chenoweth Lane

Friday, November 3rd, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Select merchants will offer specials & refreshments  
and Santa will be in attendance spreading Holiday cheer!

## The Chenoweth Plaza Holiday Sip & Shop Located off Brownsboro Road

Saturday, November 11th: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Center-wide discounts, food & drinks and photos with Santa!

Other Holiday Events can be found at the  
Louisville Tourism website: [www.gotolouisville.com](http://www.gotolouisville.com)



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# Chenoweth Square Holiday Walk

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd**  
**5-8pm**



## The Weekend Gardener: “Learn To Love Ferns!” *By John Hubbard*

Life teaches us to be kind to our elders. Well, if you're into the plant world, be kind to ferns since they were the first plants to appear on Earth 390,000 million years ago (a dinosaur's scrumptious meal) – about 250,000 years before flowering plants. Ferns are beautiful fragile plants that obviously are not too fragile if they've been around that long.

So what to consider for your new fern? First, consider whether you want an outdoor fern (a perennial) or an indoor one (tropical). Next, if perennial, which this article covers, find the right location. Most people consider ferns as shade-loving plants. Actually, most ferns would rather have filtered sun (dappled shade). But since there are 481 different species of ferns in North America, there is a species for almost every setting. The exception is full sun – some ferns can survive but they will never look their best. Fertile well-drained soil is the winning ticket for all ferns. If your site's soil is compacted, add compost as you dig to make it to a 50-50 ratio with existing soil.



Here are a few site examples and ferns I would suggest:

- Wetter than usual location like under outdoor faucet or sump pump discharge: Cinnamon, Royal, Ghost and 'Lady in Red' ferns. All are beautiful and love moist feet.
- Evergreen ferns that look great in 1, 3 or 5 fern grouping: Autumn fern 'Brilliance', Tassel, Christmas, Japanese Holly ferns.
- The tallest fern that catches everyone's attention as soon as they see it: Dixie Wood fern.
- Deep shade: Christmas, Lady and Japanese Holly ferns.
- Tolerate a drought: Lady fern.

Become a Fernatic! Just google any fern for a little more information if needed. All of these ferns are locally available but probably not until next April, which is the ideal time to plant. The biggest mistake made with ferns is not providing enough water the first year after planting.

# Meet Your Commissioner: Cy Radford

I am Cy Radford and had the honor of service as one of your commissioners my 3rd and final term. Ladies and gentlemen, time to step up and serve your city.

My wife (Liz) and I have had the wonderful pleasure of raising our two daughters (Keller-26, and Ann Preston-24) in Rolling Fields for the last 18 plus years.



I retired from the mortgage business several years ago. I'm now resurrecting a bourbon my grandfather, C S Radford Sr., started with my grandmother, Beth Radford, just after prohibition was repealed. Kentucky Par, a 12 year old 100- proof bourbon, was launched in 2020.

What I am most proud of while serving on the commission is the tweaking and getting our tree program back on its feet. Our goal was to plant 100 trees in 5 years. While it may take us 6 years to achieve that goal, we are building back our street lined tree canopy that will be legacy for the future of Rolling Fields. We've had tremendous participation and several surrounding cities are using the success of our program to launch similar initiatives. A special thanks to all that who have participated. We intend to continue the program past 100 trees with the plan to establish stately tree-lined streets.

I also lead our Architectural Review Committee. We work closely with Metro Louisville to review building permits and variance requests. Our reviews are a simple process intended to preserve architectural integrity, building set-backs, single family dwelling use so our collective investment in Rolling Fields is not compromised. If you plan exterior construction, please check out the guidelines, which can be found at [www.rollingfieldsky.com](http://www.rollingfieldsky.com). It's helpful to share those guidelines with your contractor and contact me with your plans early in the process.

It's been privilege and great pleasure serving our neighbors in Rolling Fields.

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