

# DIRECTORY UPDATES

## REGISTER ON THE ROLLING FIELDS WEBSITE

If you have not done so already, please take a minute to register your contact information on the new Rolling Fields website: [www.rollingfieldsky.org](http://www.rollingfieldsky.org). In the future, the RF commission will use the information registered on the website to communicate with all residents of the city. Additionally, all registered residents can find contact information for each other on the website.



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# City of Rolling Fields

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Rolling Fields neighbors,

With the end of year upon us, I thought I would recap the work your Rolling Fields commission has accomplished this year.

- Installed a bench in memory of former mayor Bill Conway.
- Held a meeting to discuss coyotes and other wildlife in the city with an expert from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Added recycling to the waste management program.
- Passed a new budget with no increase in the tax rate despite adding recycling services. This was accomplished by eliminating unnecessary fees with outside vendors.
- Held the 4th of July party (thank you Harper Becker!)
- Held the Halloween party at Cane Station Cemetery (thank you DJ Woodward and Elizabeth Dodd!)
- Implemented a new and improved website.
- Worked on a new RF city directory slated for printing by year-end.
- Reworked our tree program to incentivize more canopy style trees.

Feel free to reach me with any questions or concerns about Rolling Fields. Happy Holidays!

*Mayor David Dunn*

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The Rolling Fields Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at 2nd Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

## MEET THE STREET

### Canoe Lane

Canoe Lane is a quiet 9-home cul de sac which adjoins Deep Dale Lane, with its three homes, being the closest neighbor. Located off Pennington and north of Second Presbyterian Church, most homes were built between 1950 and 1955 and most homes have been renovated.

One home has even been in the same family since it was built!

The path of the 1974 tornado left most of the homes unscathed due to the fact it is down in a small valley. Some neighbors are in their nineties and there's a set of one-year old twins. Canoe is known as a great street to take a stroll with children or dogs because there's very little traffic. One neighbor best describes Canoe Lane as "a little bit of heaven".



*Julia and William Moye, the youngest Canoe Lane residents enjoying a ride through the neighborhood.*

## COP'S CORNER



Chief Kelly Spratt  
of the Indian Hills Police Department

### New IHPD Headquarters



The Indian Hills Police Department will be relocating in the very near future – by

December! The City of Indian Hills has purchased a former residence at 3905 Brownsboro Road and has been preparing it to become the home of administrative offices for the City of Indian Hills and the headquarters of the Police Department. Our building on River Road has served us well, but we are looking forward to being more centrally-located to the areas we serve. Our phone numbers and e-mails will remain the same, but we will send a notice to our crime alert subscribers announcing the move immediately after its completion.

**Future Address:**  
3905 Brownsboro Road  
Indian Hills, KY 40207

## ROLLING FIELDS TAXES

George Bush had it right. "Read my lips: no new taxes"

As mentioned by Mayor Dunn, there was no increase in the City's tax rate this year, thanks to careful budgeting and artful contract negotiation.

But did you ever wonder how your taxes are spent? Well, the #1 budget item is the private police protection provided by the Indian Hills Police Department. Chief Spratt and his officers will watch your house when you are out of town, they patrol our streets 24/7 and are close by if needed in an emergency.

Sanitation is the next biggest expense. Residents enjoy twice weekly pick up and you do not have to take the trash to the curb—it will be picked up in your back or side yard. Of course, if you're currently taking the trash to the street, you'll need to call Waste Management (502) 966-0117 to let them know you want to change.

Recycling, yard waste and bulk pick up are also covered by your taxes. Snow plowing, the tree rebate program, the 4th of July parade and Halloween party, street lights, Christmas decor, street paving and street repair after storms are also paid with your tax dollars.

Considering the number of services covered, some residents consider their tax bill to be a pretty good bargain!

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## Fagus Grandifolia

The American Beech, a hard wood tree, can live to be 300-400 years old. It usually flowers in the spring, and has a burr which can contain 2-3 edible nuts. The tree's nuts (its fruit) can be roasted, eaten and used as a coffee substitute. These small nuts are also enjoyed by finches, grosbeaks, deer, squirrels and chipmunks. The Beech may not have a good crop of nuts until it is 40 years old; and then it may only produce a crop every several years. Its wood is used for flooring, furniture, veneer and containers.



This beautiful Beech tree sits at the corner of Fairway and Rolling Lanes.

The American Beech matures slowly, growing 12-14 inches a year reaching 80 feet. Beech leaves are slightly notched, 3-5 inches long, heavily veined, 8-12 pairs per leaf. They turn yellow in the Fall. The trunk of the American Beech may be 13 feet in diameter. Most trees grow, shed and regrow their bark as the trunk increases in size. The American Beech sports a beautiful smooth grey trunk because its bark grows with the tree.

In Rolling Fields, there are at least 18 American Beech trees of various ages. If grown naturally and in the open with no competition from other trees, the Beech will typically grow either branched low to the ground or occasionally multi-trunked. Trees grown in a nursery are almost always trained to a single trunk and limbed up to about 6-8 feet. Beech trees in the woods grow straight trunks as they stretch for the sunlight.

If planting an American Beech in your yard, make sure it has plenty of room to mature well. A European Beech (Fagus Sylvania) may be more appropriate. There are purple/copper leaved, purple variegated, weeping and columnar forms of the European Beech. You can observe some of these specimens at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens. If you google "American Beech/The Druid's Garden", you will find a wonderful post on the Magic, Medicine, and other qualities of the American Beech.

## We PAY you to Plant Trees!

### Updated Tree Incentive

The purpose of the updated tree program is to rebuild Rolling Fields tree canopy along our roads. To be eligible for reimbursement for planting a new tree in your yard....

- The tree must be planted no farther than 18 feet from the edge of the road
- At maturity, the tree must be at least 40' feet in height (defined by Arbor Day Foundation)
- The homeowner is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of tree If you meet these criteria, you may be eligible for reimbursement of 2/3rd the cost of the tree up to \$200 per home, per year. One caveat: the City budgets \$3000 per year for the tree program and funds are on a first come, first served basis. Once the funds are depleted, reimbursements cannot be made.

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# THE EARLY DAYS OF ROLLING FIELDS

Rolling Fields has a rolling residency. Some residents moved to Louisville and bought their initial home in Rolling Fields. Some have moved from their first house to make room for growing families while some have downsized because their children are grown. And, there are residents whose families have lived in Rolling Fields for two or more generations.

The Kemp family has been part of Rolling Fields for a long time. Fairway Lane resident Harcourt Kemp's brother, Penn Kemp lived in what is now Rolling Fields from 1933-1984 and wrote the following story about some history and happenings that occurred in our neighborhood.

## ROLLING FIELDS

by Penny

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Mom!

### DEDICATION

To all the kids and Jane (Penny's dog)

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### Part One (and only)

Although I do not actually live in Rolling Fields, I am and have been quite close to it both physically and mentally. It occurred to me that a short historical sketch of the area might be of interest to its current residents.

May we begin with the fact that the territory which composes Rolling Fields, Indian Hills, and The Louisville Country Club property was before the turn of the century the Yeach cattle farm. The Country Club purchased the golf course, clubhouse grounds, and adjoining woods area shortly after 1900. A Reynolds family later bought the remainder and subsequently sold it to the Club for an amount approximating \$300 per acre. The later developments will be discussed later.

This Mr. Yeach seems to have been quite a fellow. A forerunner of his by the name of Douglas deeded employment when Yeach closed down his cattle operation. Douglas contacted Mr. Atilla Cox on this matter and the latter naturally wanted a reference. Mr. Yeach said he had replied something to this effect, "Douglas has been with me for thirty-five years; a few years ago he was stranded out of town when his horse went lame and he mended one afternoon's milking - He is thoroughly dependable."

Where shall I start? Why not Swing Lane? Swing Lane was originally the road to the Riglow estate, soon to be described, which was located in the upper Club Lane vicinity, at the more recently developed section. The lane was named by Mrs. Catherine Shalton for the drive which was popular in the middle 30's. At one time, Swing Lane was the boundary road between the sixth class city of Mockingbird Valley and the Louisville Country Club property. This is evidenced by the partially still existing "Wild Cherry Tree Lane" to the south west of the present lane. Sections of the lane's original road bed can be found today as "parking circles" at three houses west of Swing Lane. From Danwood to U.S. 42 the lane by the graveyard is also the original thoroughfare.

Before Wakefield Realty Company's first purchase of the area from the Louisville Country Club in 1909, it was like this: bromo-sage and woods between US 42 and now existing Pennington Lane. From there to the golf course were about small heavily treed. A very dense, however small, woods area was found near the junction of Swing and Club Lanes. More thick woods were in Crown Lane "picks." In the scrub brushy areas were found ash, hickory, locust, or five feet high; it wasn't much fun when six or seven of these little beavers got on you. Also in July the area teemed with blackberry pickers (span intended).

As was true of the entire area between Swing and Elmhurst/Lakeside Lanes, there was a network of bridle paths emanating from Travis Howell's riding stable which was situated at the present site of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The stable was later dismantled and rebuilt, board by board by Travis Road and was known as Indian Hills Riding Academy. My friend and I would frequent the stable several times a week. Usually Mr. Howell would treat us to a few rides just to get rid of us. His dandy, Empress (I believe), was rented along with crate traps and a small wagon to birthday parties and other occasions.

A "Tobacco Road" type of family, the Burghs, resided in two or three shacks, and I mean shacks, near the junction of Tilbury and Rolling Lanes. I remember the daily trek to Baser's for a bucket of beer for Souper Burghs.

This might be a good place to mention that I was an eight year old freewig and just about every summer I would "accidentally" set fire to the bromo-sage. Men with brooms, rakes, etc. would come from all around to beat out the fire.

The original Rolling Fields consisted of a rock-eyed circle of Country, Club and Pennington Lanes. The origin of Country and Club Lanes should be obvious. My father, Pennington Kemp was the only resident in the vicinity who wasn't violently opposed to the new subdivisions, so the Wakefields saved the little eighty yard connecting road after him. Later of course it became the "main drag." There was a story circulating that Pennington Lane was named for a cute little blond kid (guess who?) who frolicked around playing and bothering the construction workers - only a story.

A peek at the map at this point would give the reader a clearer idea of the development chronology. The dates are furnished courtesy of Sox McMain and are obviously approximate.

A daily event was the "Tale" truck star and present circuit Judge Macaulay Smith running around the bridle paths in his evening staying in shape.

Not geographically Rolling Fields, but certainly of interest was Baser's since 1925. In the late 30's, Baser's consisted of the present bar room and that was all. Through the years there have been several additions. I remember playing the pinball machine when I could hardly see over the top. The bar was originally set of a waiting room for the nearby blacksmith shop. Things haven't changed much, have they?

With the growing number of horseless carriages came the need of a gas station and garage. Ed Schwartz, a German from southern Indiana, ran the "oil pump and one car garage" service station. Its dimensions were 50 by 30 feet. It was full of tools and junk and had grease almost an inch thick on the floor and walls. A far cry from today. Schwartz's son today has a service station in the eastern part of the county.

Again another reminiscence comes to mind. As a kid, early in the morning, I discovered a group of my present nearest friends sleeping off "something" in a car behind some trees near the present-day junction of Fairway and Country Lanes. Other mornings I happened upon some red-necked sailors and companions in the same bushes. It was a shame I was so young.

Another memorable incident to me was the construction of a two story log cabin in the "poison ivy woods" adjacent to the old flood road in the present Starke-Clay property. It was built under the supervision of the Shalton boys and was the center for all neighborhood, perhaps sub-town, proceedings; again I was quite young, but I do have a memory.

Some folks, pardon me, remember the "Victory Garden." Patriotic Mrs. Riglow donated a very large (usable) plot to those who were interested. My father and others, anxious to support the war, participated enthusiastically in this activity.

In about 1942, Mrs. Riglow gave a sizeable sum of money for the construction of a neighborhood playground called Ann's Acres, dedicated to a relative of hers. The playground included a basketball and baseball court, a football-baseball field, sliding boards, sandboxes, etc. For several summers, Jefferson County sponsored a seasonal recreation for the kids. The Sunday afternoon basketball game was "the thing" in the fifties. While this piece was being produced, my Mother told me that Mrs. Riglow actually presented me with the check for the construction of the playground facilities. I was incognizant and unoccupied at the time, so she thought that the involvement would be beneficial to my recovery; my medication prevented such activity so my father did the whole thing.

Also, Ann's Acres proved later to be the scene for several building remonstrances, mostly in the daytime, but there were a few nocturnal try-ons. Two ended in matrimony.

Captain J.T. MacCauley, founder and owner of MacCauley's Theater, the original, had a dog, Bert, whom he loved dearly. Bert and his grave were reared comfortably near the flood road at junction of Swing and Club Lanes since before 1916, when the Colonel died. The stone still guards the gate near Judge MacCauley Smith's Indianapolis farm.

A great patron of the arts, Mrs. Riglow left the entire estate to the U. of L. overlooking an art school similar, though not as big, as Garden Court near Cherokee Park. After her death, the U of L trustees elected to sell the property and use the proceeds to build an auditorium. Hence - Rolling Hall, on Belknap Campus.

The bulldozers came in 1940; but they didn't get quite everything. A few of the stately beech trees remain and a portion of the stone wall which edged the courtyard still stands just off upper Club Lane. Incidentally, speaking of the stately beech trees, it was under one of them that I had my first respiratory session with one of the opposite gender.

Rachel Riglow, nee MacCauley, from Louisville and Albert Jason Riglow from St. Paul Minnesota met while at college; Vassar and Yale respectively, both in the class of 1914. Shortly after their marriage, he fell heir to the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance fortune and hence were able to establish this estate in approximately 1906, with the "Big Room" addition in 1912.

The "Old Estate" and its memories was really the impetus for the writing of this "what-ifs-etc." It consisted of four buildings, large, medium, small and a stable-garage-apartment "complex." The barn was known as "The Old Estate" and the other three a gray stone. See map for the approximate locations.

"The Big House" as we called it was "L" shaped with the garage, kitchen, dining room and servants quarters in one wing and a very large, high-ceilinged main room, and three bedrooms with balconies on the second floor of the other wing. Between these was a marble foyer, a library-den and a beautiful wrought-iron staircase.

The elegance of the large room was unassailable in my opinion. Four large Dutch-door type windows let in the soft shaded light from outside. Renaissance paintings, tapestries and statues alternated with the windows. At one end of the room was an organ pipe with golden pipes. The furniture was velvet soft in pastel colors. The ceiling thimble was exquisitely fashioned by Mr. Grassini, the father of the present day restaurateurs. So fine and valuable was the whole set-up that we kids were hardly ever allowed in it without being "scolded" by Mrs. R's butler, Clifton.

When Nancy Anderson brought her future husband, Adlai Stevenson Jr. to town to meet friends etc., Mrs. Riglow gave a small formal side-to-side-to-side-moonlight dinner to which I was invited. This was just about the last formal affair at the Big House.

Good news news provided the shade that rendered the mention in comfortable coziness. The long driveway ended in a circle at the front entrance to the Big House. This circle when doubled as a race track for us kids. I never won.

The middle-sized house, then occupied by Mac Smith and family was found across the circle and was also nestled between large trees. What it lacked in splendor, it had in coziness and "hominess" well supplied by Emory.

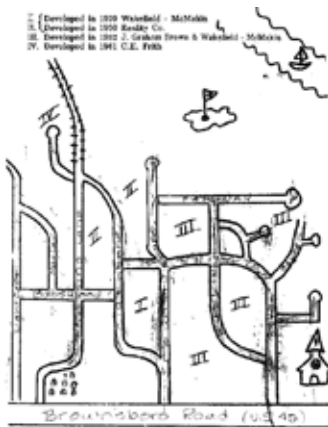
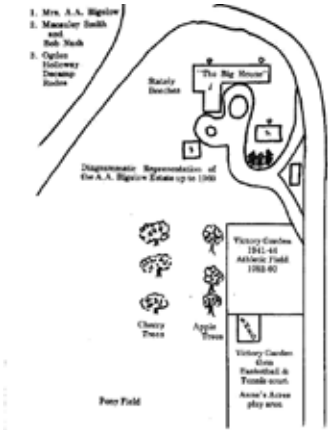
The little cottage, whose residents are too many to mention, had three rooms and a cramped kitchen, but it was an adequate lodging. In the late thirties and early forties, John, Rachel/Mrs. Kate (Ladd) and I played together almost daily. Later we were joined by Charles Kasperow. We rec'd, hiked, explored, picked apples and cherries, caught pollen try it was a hospital case and generally had a great time.

The next memorable events were the arguments over and the construction of the sewers. What a mess! Most of us remember that. Then the tornado! No need to elaborate. I cannot mention that without paying tribute to the Salvation Army and to the men and women of Rolling Fields who worked so well and hard to make life on the victims of the disaster.

Now come a couple of diagrams which might make the development of Rolling Fields a little more meaningful.

This isn't the whole story of course. Hopefully this little pamphlet will inspire some pleasant conversation.

Penn Kemp 12-74



# GOOD NEIGHBORS

Rolling Fields is a city of good neighbors. We are friendly, open, welcoming and helpful. Yet social media which enables us to stay in touch with our friends and family can have an isolating effect as well. It is important that we continue building relationships with neighbors which enriches us and sets a wonderful example for our children.

Many of us wonder what Mother Nature has in store for us this winter. Colder months are particularly challenging for many of our neighbors, whether it is the person with limited mobility, a family that is new to our community, the young parents with the sick child or the seniors who may not be able to get out and about. We can make Rolling Fields even stronger by reaching out to our neighbors in helpful ways that build community and increase security for all of us. Here are some suggestions of ways to reach out and we would like to hear from you about neighbors who have made a difference in your life.

- Perhaps you can (or volunteer your teen) carry packages or mail.
- Shovel snow for a neighbor.
- Maybe ask younger children to make a holiday card for a neighbor.
- Offer to pick up items at the grocery when you are running out.
- Help with trash pick up or recycling.
- Keep an eye out for those who live alone and give them a call from time to time.

**"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop**



This bench, placed in the triangle at Pennington and Rolling Lanes, is placed in honor of former Mayor Bill Conway, who served our city for many years.

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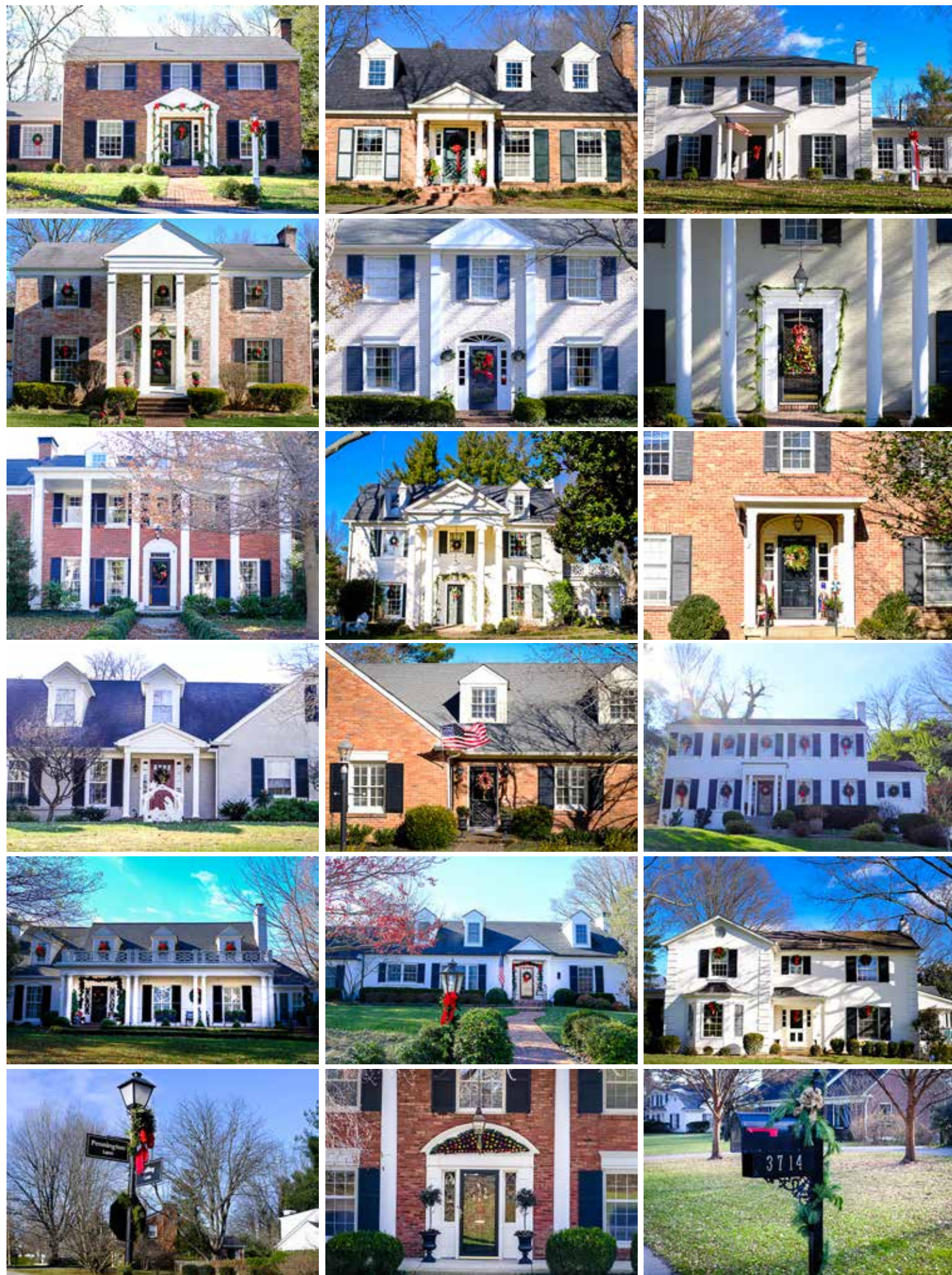
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Many thanks to the Rolling Fields Newsletter Committee for researching, writing, editing and proofreading this issue. Maybe you'd like to join the group or have an article for the next issue-let us know!

# HOLIDAY DECORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY



## WASTE MANAGEMENT REMINDERS

As a reminder, the schedule for all WM pick up:

**TRASH** - Tuesdays & Fridays. Limit of three 30 gallon cans in the rear of the house and three 30 gallon cans or equivalent at the curb.

**RECYCLING** - Fridays. Place covered bin at the curb.

**YARD WASTE** - Tuesdays. Limit 12 bags or 12 bundles, maximum of 4' length and 36" diameter. Christmas trees placed at the curb will be picked up on Tuesdays after Christmas.

**BULK ITEMS** - One item/week, either Tuesday or Thursday at the curb. Call 502-966-0117 to schedule in advance.

*Please refer to this chart and keep it handy, perhaps keeping it in a kitchen cabinet or drawer.*

## Recycling "Do's and Don't's"

### PLASTIC



# 1- 6 Soft plastic household bottles or jars and other plastic containers such as

- > Liter soda bottles
- > Salad dressing bottles
- > Milk/water jugs
- > Laundry/cleaning products containers

#### DO NOT RECYCLE:

- > Plastic bags
- > Plastic containers used for motor oil, automotive products, paint, solvents, lawn care products, and chemicals

### METAL



- > Tin food cans
- > Aluminum & Steel beverage cans
- > Aluminum foil and pie pans
- > Aerosol spray cans

#### DO NOT RECYCLE

- > Cans used for chemicals or paints
- > Appliances, power tools
- > Batteries
- > Hangers

### GLASS (ALL COLORS)



- > Juice, pop & soda bottles
- > Water bottles
- > Beer & wine bottles
- > Food jars

#### DO NOT RECYCLE:

- > Drinking glasses, dishes
- > Mirrors or window glass
- > Light bulbs
- > Broken glass

### NEWSPAPER CARDBOARD



- > All newspapers
- > Drink boxes, milk & juice cartons
- > Food boxes, cereal, etc.) - Remove liners in boxes
- > Junk mail or other papers
- > Magazines

#### DO NOT RECYCLE

- > Books
- > Beverage cartons (soft drink & beer cases)
- > Phone Books

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