

# City of Rolling Fields

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

### Dear Rolling Fields neighbors,

Happy Spring to everyone in Rolling Fields! Here are a few of the things the Commission has been working on over the past few months.

As many of you have probably read, Mayor Fischer recently contemplated increasing the insurance tax as a means to raise revenue to meet the city budget and avoid drastic cuts in services. As a safety measure, many small cities in Louisville, including Rolling Fields, passed an ordinance which would allow us to match the insurance tax put in place by the city of Louisville. As of this writing, the insurance tax was defeated by the metro council.

If we had not implemented the ordinance and Louisville Metro had, any increase in revenue over the current 5% tax would have gone to Louisville Metro rather than the City of Rolling Fields. Obviously, we would rather keep our tax money here so if this does happen in the future, we will likely match the increase levied by the city and potentially lower our property taxes to soften the blow of a tax increase.

On a different note, with all of the rain we have had this winter, clogged street drains have become a problem. If you have a drain in your yard, please make it your responsibility to keep it clear of leaves and debris to avoid flooding. We do not have a service to clean drains in the city so it is up to each homeowner to do so.

Finally, you may have noticed a few new speed limit signs on Country Lane. Recently, we installed a new standard 25 MPH speed limit sign at the south end of Country Lane near Brownsboro Road and a battery-powered, lighted sign that flashes your speed near the middle of the 400 block of Country Lane. Although temporary and on loan from the city of Indian Hills, this sign has proven to be very effective in controlling speed so far. Please be mindful of your speed when driving through the neighborhood.

As always, feel free to reach out to me or any member of the Commission with any questions you may have about any of the above, or anything else going on in Rolling Fields.

**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.*

## EASTER EGG HUNT



All Rolling Fields children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20 at 4:00pm at the Cane Station Cemetery. Please drop off 2 dozen filled eggs at 436 Club Lane by Saturday, April 20 at 10am. Don't forget to bring a basket for hunting...and your camera!

Many thanks to volunteer (and new Rolling Fields resident!) Deda Kurtz for her leadership. For questions, contact Deda at [dedakurtz@yahoo.com](mailto:dedakurtz@yahoo.com) or 502-777-7637.

## ROLLING FIELDS NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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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!*

# COP'S CORNER



Chief Kelly Spratt  
of the Indian Hills Police Department

## CRIME PREVENTION



The Indian Hills Police Department investigated fewer criminal reports (a 13 percent decrease) in

2018 than the previous year. Certain preventable crimes continue to occur; most notably, thefts of and from unlocked vehicles. While this issue has been addressed several times, the thieves continue to prey upon the comfortable, and relatively low crime area, of Rolling Fields. Please help protect your property, and your neighbor's, by taking these small steps to prevent yourself from becoming a victim:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle
- Remove keys from your vehicle
- LOCK YOUR VEHICLE (No recent thefts involved any locked vehicles)
- Immediately report suspicious activity by calling our Dispatch at 893-2677

# TREES

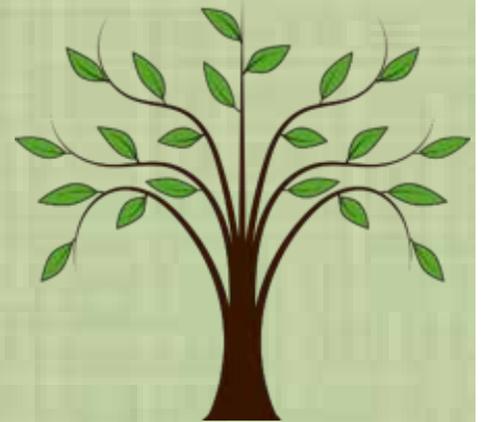
By JOYCE KILMER

*I think that I shall never see  
A poem as lovely as a tree.  
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing  
breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.*

While only God can make a tree, you can give one a good home. Louisville is losing trees at the rate of nearly 54,000 trees per year. The most cursory survey of our beloved neighborhood reveals the emptiness where once tall trees provided shade and the scared remains of trees that have been severely cut along easements. We have highlighted our Rolling Fields tree program but now TreesLouisville and the Louisville Metro Division of Community Forestry have joined together to subsidize the purchase of trees to be planted in the Jefferson County. Charlotte Jones, the director of the program, has confirmed that this Spring when you purchase a shade tree you will receive a 40% rebate (up to \$80).

- The program is open to residents of Jefferson County, Ky
- Tree must be planted in a residential yard
- Tree must be selected from Approved Species list (found on [TreesLouisville.org](http://TreesLouisville.org))



- Maximum of 3 submissions per household
  - Tree trunk must measure at least 1" in diameter at a point 6 inches above the soil line
  - Rebate is eligible for the price of tree only (excludes tax, delivery, planting fees, etc.)
- Please thoughtfully consider this program and give the gift of green to our children and grandchildren.



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# ROLLING FIELDS COMMISSIONERS

## *Goodbye and Welcome!*

The City of Rolling Fields welcomes Robert Johnston and Abby Scherer to the City Commission, while we say good bye and thank you to Carolyn Wetterer and Kathy Oyler for their service on the Commission.

Robert and his wife, Laura, live on Swing Lane with their sons, Winn and Ford. Robert is a lawyer and will support the Commission addressing legal matters. Abby and her husband E.P., live on Country Lane with their children Winn, Rhodes, and Hank. Abby will be supporting the Commission with

communications and the newsletter.

The Commission wishes to express its sincere gratitude to both Carolyn and Kathy for their service as Commissioners. Carolyn served on the Commission for over 15 years providing valuable legal advice, and Kathy is credited with reviving our newsletter and helping it sustain itself with the support of local advertisers.

Please join us in thanking Carolyn and Kathy for their efforts and achievements to make Rolling Fields a better place to live. Additionally, please welcome Robert and Abby and provide them your support as

their service to the City benefits all of us.

Our website is updated with their contact information. Please feel free to reach out to Robert, Abby, or your other Commissioners.

## MEET YOUR NEW COMMISSIONERS!

### **ROBERT JOHNSTON**

I grew up in Bowling Green and attended Bowling Green High School and the University of the South (Sewanee) where I graduated 297th in my class of 297 (1998). I later attended University of Louisville law school after working construction in Wyoming and Florida.

My mother Dexter England was from Greenville, Mississippi and my father Harvey grew up on Country Lane , where John and Ann Davis now live. My older sister Alston lives in Italy and my younger brother Kyle lives in Richmond, Virginia. Coincidentally, my wife Laura's sister, Julie also lives in Richmond.

My wife Laura is from Louisville and grew up on Indian Ridge Road. She is a realtor with the Skelton Company. She attended Holy Trinity, Sacred Heart for high school and College Charleston for college. Her parents, Ace & Mary Hazelip, live around the corner on Old Brownsboro Road.

For a living I practice law and develop real estate property on a small scale. In my spare time I like to spend time with my family. We have two sons, Winn (8) and Ford (7). I love to cook, read, hike and travel.

I have lived on Swing Lane since

March of 2012. Laura and I bought our house from the estate of Howard Clay. Interestingly Laura drove me by our house when we were dating in 2007, 3 years before we married and 5 years before we ultimately bought it.

I love Rolling Fields because of the people and the true neighborhood feel. It reminds me of where I grew up. There are so many friendly faces in the neighborhood and many I consider genuine friends.



*Robert and Laura in Montana*

### **ABBY SCHERER**

EP and I moved onto Country Lane in November of 2005. I was expecting our first child. We have 3 children: Winn 13, Rhodes 10 and Hank 8. We love the location of Rolling Fields. Our kiddos attend Holy Trinity School right down the road and we are members of Louisville Country Club a few yards away! We have been fortunate to know and meet lots of families in the neighborhood and our kids have tons of friends of all ages to play with. We even have family members who live on Mayfair Lane (my bother and sister!). My husband and I are both born and raised in Louisville. I attended the University of Kentucky and that is the farthest I have ever lived away from home. I love to relax in the sun, play tennis and of course spend time with my family! We love Rolling Fields and could not imagine living in any other neighborhood!



*Abby and her family*

# WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Please say hello to these new neighbors and if you have a new neighbor or are new to Rolling Fields yourself, please let the newsletter committee know at [RFnewsletter40207@gmail.com](mailto:RFnewsletter40207@gmail.com). Please join us in welcoming our new families to our neighborhood.



Blair and Dustin Bell recently purchased their new home on Country Lane. They are delighted to be joining the Rolling Fields neighborhood. They have a little boy Baylor who will be 2 in May and are eagerly awaiting a new baby Bell arriving in August. Blair will now join her mother and father Susan and Richmond Simpson and her sister Storey O'Barr as the newest family member to live in Rolling Fields!



Mark and Bee Northup and their children Michael (8), Mary Margaret (7), Joseph (6), Theresa (4), and John (2) moved to Rolling Lane.

We enjoy watching sports (especially UofL and Notre Dame) as a family and spending time at the pool during the summer.

We're thrilled to be in a neighborhood with so many other families and we can't wait to get to know people better once the weather warms up!



Deda, Michael, Millie, (3) & Kalan, (2) Galla moved from Prospect to Club Lane recently.

We already love our new neighborhood and we are looking forward to the beautiful spring weather to be outside and hopefully meet new neighbors.



Charlie Ray, Erin & Raymond (20 Months) Montgomery moved from Nulu into their new home on Club Lane in July 2017. They love being a part of the Rolling Fields Community and look forward to welcoming their second child in May!

# MANY THANKS

Many thanks to Tiffany Lane residents Eliza (15) & Molly Louise (12) Denley and Corky Carman for taking down the holiday decorations in Rolling Fields.

Corky helps with both the installation and the removal of greenery every year and the Denley girls are his able assistants.

Corky and his wife Margaret have lived on Tiffany Lane since 1972. They befriended the Denley family when they moved on the street 5 years ago from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Eric Denley, father of Eliza and Molly Louise, says the Carmans are wonderful neighbors— which is exactly what the Carmans have to say about the Denleys!



## BABYSITTERS WE LOVE

•Eliza (15) and Molly Louise (12) on Tiffany Lane. Red Cross certified.

Contact [eadenley@gmail.com](mailto:eadenley@gmail.com)

•Alene Hanson (18) on Club Lane. Looking for a summer gig.

Contact [joycephanson@gmail.com](mailto:joycephanson@gmail.com)



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You know him...

...And chances are, he knows you too! Doug Morgan has been delivering UPS packages right to your door since 2002. He started working at UPS in 1985 and says his route is the envy of many drivers because of the light traffic in the neighborhood. It makes for a more relaxed atmosphere and gives a feeling of being in a more rural area.

Doug's workday begins at 8am and ends when he's delivered the last package in his truck, which is usually 6:30 or 7pm. His heaviest delivery day was during the 2004 holidays when he delivered 450 packages. In one day!

He also remembers the challenges of the 2009 ice storm which led to extended power outages. He chuckles when recalling the Duff Lane neighbors running multiple extension cords across the street.

Doug grew up in Louisville and his wife Kathy teaches at 2nd Pres Weekday School. They have two daughters, a sophomore in high school and a freshman in college.

When you see Doug, be sure and ask about the family dog Stella, which by the way, is named for his favorite beverage, Stella Artois. It seems the puppy was brought home from a daughter's job at Feeders Supply and adopted....all while Kathy was in the hospital. Welcome home, Mom!

Doug wants you to know he's not retiring anytime soon and he'll be here a few more years, so please wave and say hello when you see him in that big brown truck.



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Our three Waste Management teams were delighted to receive generous holiday gratuities from the Gathof, Jaeger, Oyler, Snyder and Tachau families.

If you meant to recognize their excellent service but were in a holiday frenzy, it's not too late to do so.

Joanna Nugent, RF Treasurer has offered to simplify the task so you won't have to catch each team at the exact moment they're at your house. You may send one check earmarked WM Teams, payable to City of Rolling Fields to:

City of Rolling Fields  
P.O. Box 221043  
Louisville, KY 40252

Joanna will combine the checks and include a list of those who've contributed so the teams will know whom to thank.



Recyclers Shaun Johnson and Deondra Whitlow receive gratuities



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(No photo of Yard Waste Hauler Randy Thompson who also thanks residents)



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# MEET THE STREET

## Swing Lane

Tidbits about Swing Lane:

- Swing Lane was originally the flood road to the Bigelow Estate (which was located in the upper/newer Club Ln vicinity)
- 452 Swing was the 1st house built on Swing Lane in 1937 by Vernon Shallcross for his family (see picture where he is standing in the front yard of his house and nothing but farm land around)
- The lane was named by Mrs. Catherine Shallcross for the "swing" dance which was popular in the middle 30's
- The little lane by the graveyard was the original Swing Lane thoroughfare from US 42
- Doll Crockett has lived on Swing Lane for over 50 years and in 2 different houses
- The Grohmanns have also lived on Swing Lane for 50 years with the Davises coming in at a close 48 years!
- Currently there are 27 children under the age of 18 who live on Swing Lane
- One side of the street is actually the City of Louisville, while the other side is Rolling Fields...thus, trash pickup on the street is on different days depending on which side you live!



Vernon Shallcross, standing in the front yard of the house he built at 452 Swing Lane

# ROLLING FIELDS WEBSITE

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to register your contact information on the Rolling Fields website: [www.rollingfields.org](http://www.rollingfields.org)

Once we have a critical mass of registered residents, the RF Commissioners will use the information to communicate with all residents. Additionally, all registered residents can find contact information for each other on the website.



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