

# A visit to historic downtown Louisville

Commentary by Don Knebel

In my ongoing series about places within driving distance of central Indiana, we visit

## TRAVEL

Louisville, Ky., about 113 miles from Indianapolis.

Louisville (locals say "LOO uh vul") is on the south bank of the Ohio River, where rapids of the Falls of the Ohio once presented the only barrier to river travel between Pittsburgh and the Gulf of Mexico. In 1778, during the American Revolution, Col. George Rogers Clark established a settlement on Corn Island, just east of the falls. Two years later, the Virginia General Assembly granted a charter for a town around Corn Island, named "Louisville" in honor of French King Louis XVI, whose troops were supporting the Americans against the British. The town grew rapidly as a portage site, where boats were unloaded and their contents carried beyond the rapids. Louisville also became an important port for Ohio River travel. By 1840, Louisville, incorporated as a city in 1828, had a population of 21,000, about five times the size of Chicago at the time.

Today, Louisville, with a population of 633,000, is the largest city in Kentucky. It is home to Churchill Downs, a horseracing complex that opened in 1875 with the first Kentucky Derby, which is now the nation's longest continually held annual sporting event. The nonprofit Kentucky Derby Museum provides information about the history of the Derby and offers behind-the-scenes tours of the famous racetrack. Downtown Louisville is home to the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, featuring the world's largest baseball bat. A few blocks away is a 30-foot-tall gold-painted foam replica of Michelangelo's "David," twice the size of the original. The downtown area also includes



Replica of Michelangelo's "David" statue in downtown Louisville. (Photo by Don Knebel)

the Bourbon District, where several distilleries offer tours and tasting rooms. Waterfront Park offers a wonderful view of the Ohio River. The nearby six-story Muhammed Ali Center, established in 2005, honors Louisville native Ali's life and principles.



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The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2023. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposed tax rate for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to certification by the Department of Local Government Finance.

Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the City of Fishers Common Council, the Common Council will publish a Notice of Adoption. Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, twenty-five (25) or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2022  
CITY OF FISHERS,  
/s/ Christopher P. Greisl  
City Attorney, Administration  
1 Municipal Drive  
Fishers, IN 46038



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