

Roland Park E-letter

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1. RolandPark.org Historic Photo Site Still Taking Submissions.

If you have not yet had a chance, take a look at RolandPark.org's new historic before-and-after photo web site. There are some 400 old photos, new photos and maps to browse through. The site is at <http://rolandpark.org/ThenAndNow.html>.

We're still taking photo submissions. If you have any old Roland Park photos in digital form, please e-mail them to rpcommunication@rolandpark.org. If you only have hardcopy photos, let me know and I can have them scanned.

Thanks to Christine Thomas to the loan of an excellent books this week, one photo from which went to the site along with much information.

2. Bulk Trash Pick Up is Back.

The city government has wisely reconsidered its decision of a few weeks ago to terminate the popular bulk-trash pick-up program. Service will resume in August but residents can start calling 311 now to schedule appointments. Be advised that pick-up days may change, as the Department of Public Works has streamlined routes in an attempt to conserve funds. If we are advised of new pick-up days for Roland Park, this information will be posted to the RolandPark.org home page. The city's press release announcing that "Bulk is Back" is here: <http://rolandpark.org/documents/BulkBack.pdf>.

3. Raccoons.

Yesterday, I received this e-mail from our friends at the Wyndhurst Improvement Association:

"Racoons, probably coming from the alley between St. Johns and Gladstone (700 block), have been on a rampage at a house on St. Johns. They've broken pots on a second-floor porch, dug up and destroyed plants and generally made a huge mess. The owner is alerting the city. There are sometimes problems with overpopulation and also concerns about possible rabies.

“If you have noticed raccoon problems, please contact the city by calling 311. Also, if you have children, please alert them to stay away from raccoons that are behaving strangely, better yet, tell them to stay away from raccoons. If you notice an animal that appears rabid, I would call 911 and say there is a possibly rabid animal. When you are connected to someone, describe what you saw and where the animal was.”

I got this e-mail last night and, right on cue, this morning I found a raccoon sitting in my trash can out in the alley.

4. Thanks, Keith.

These days, more and more of the RP web site is being maintained by Keith Couch (famous for his recipes at the annual RP chili cookoffs), rather than yours truly. The next time you see him, be sure to thank him!

Best regards,

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