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Dear Roland Park residents:

In addition to wishing you a happy and healthy New Year, we'd like to update you on the status of the Roland Park Area Master Plan. As most of you know, the Roland Park Civic League, Community Foundation and Roads & Maintenance Corporation are partnering with the City's Department of Planning to develop a Master Plan for Roland Park. This may be one of the most important efforts our community has undertaken, as the result will influence the character of our community for years to come. The timetable is aggressive, but we are on schedule.

We got off to a fantastic start. At the first community charrette in November, leaders from area schools, businesses and churches, and representatives from City government, joined over 200 Roland Park residents, with the common goal to brainstorm ideas in the areas of:

1. Commercial and retail development
2. Future development areas
3. Historic preservation and architectural standards
4. Housing
5. Infrastructure
6. Livability
7. Open, green and recreational space
8. Transportation

We achieved that goal, but there's more to be done. **We need more input.** If you weren't able to attend the first charrette, or if you were and have some new ideas to share in any of the eight areas, please visit [www.RolandPark.org/MasterPlanMetaBlog](http://www.RolandPark.org/MasterPlanMetaBlog), where you can submit your ideas. There is even a special blog set up for input from Roland Park's children (Youth Forum).

**We also need you to attend the charrette sessions on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,** at the Roland Park Elementary/Middle School (5207 Roland Avenue). We recognize that attending will require an enormous time commitment, but it's vital that all who can should attend. The eight teams have been hard at work consolidating and synthesizing the input from the first charrette. On Friday evening, each team will summarize their results, and on Saturday, we'll all work together to develop specific elements to be included in the Master Plan. It's our hope that your children will participate in the second charrette with you. You can get the ball rolling by talking with them over the next few weeks about their vision of the future of Roland Park.

Please take a moment to review the summaries from the November charrette ([www.RolandPark.org/MasterPlanMetaBlog](http://www.RolandPark.org/MasterPlanMetaBlog)), and join us in January. Together, we can influence the character of our community for years to come.

Best wishes,

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President, Roads & Maintenance



## Save these Dates for the Community Charrettes

Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Roland Park Elementary/Middle School  
To refine strategies for addressing areas under study

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9 p.m., Roland Park Presbyterian Church  
Presentation concerning whether Roland Park should request Commission for  
Historical and Architectural Protection (CHAP) status

Week of April 5<sup>th</sup>, time and site to be determined  
To review progress with the community

May 19<sup>th</sup>, site to be determined  
To present the final area master plan to Roland Park