



## Keswick to face critics at meeting

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What else can Keswick Multi-Care Center officials possibly say to sway a Roland Park community dead set against Keswick's plan to build a 343-bed retirement community on 17 acres of undeveloped Baltimore Country Club land?

Residents will find out at the Roland Park Civic League meeting Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The meeting, starting at 7 p.m. at Roland Park Elementary and Middle School, will be Keswick's chance to tell its side of the story.

It will be the first time the assisted living and nursing care center will get to address the community about its expansion plans.

"We've not had an opportunity to share in detail" plans for the proposed retirement community, Keswick Chief Executive Officer Libby Bowerman said.

"I think any time I have the opportunity to explain a beautiful and well thought-out project, it's a good thing. I will certainly correct any misinformation," she said.

Meanwhile, Keswick's invitations to the meeting appear to be adding fuel to the fire.

League officials claim that Keswick mailed invitations to people who don't live in Roland Park, in an effort to manufacture support for the project.

"The meeting on the 14th is a Roland Park Civic League meeting for the Roland Park community," league President Phil Spevak said in an e-mail to the Messenger.

"We are aware that Keswick sent mailers inviting residents of outlying areas to our community meeting," Spevak said. "They did this without any consultation with us. That is disappointing. Of course, we will assure that Roland Park residents have priority in seating,"

Bowerman said invitations were supposed to be mailed only to Roland Park residents, and she was unaware of any mailers going much beyond the 21210 ZIP code.

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