

Roland Park E-letter

September 19, 2008

## NEWS FOR THE WEEK

### 1. Roundtable Meetings.

The neighborhood roundtable meetings have begun and we have been thrilled with the turnout. Members of the Civic League and its Land Use Committee are meeting in small groups in homes around Roland Park to explain the issues at stake in the Baltimore Country Club proposed sale, take a look at Keswick's proposed plans and discuss an alternative plan. These roundtables are a great way for neighbors to raise questions, make comments and be a part of the process. The small groups make it easier to have a great exchange of information. Please join us!

Check the meeting schedule at <http://rolandpark.org/PlatMeetings>.

Then e-mail us at [roundtable@rolandpark.org](mailto:roundtable@rolandpark.org) to book your attendance.

### 2. Preservationist E-petition.

The on-line version of the preservationist petition is up and running. We will continue to seek petition signatures in person, but we have also started an e-petition for those in the community who have not yet had a chance to sign by hand and for whom an e-signature is faster or more convenient. If you have not signed the hardcopy petition, please visit the e-petition web page at:

<http://rolandpark.org/KMCCPetition>.

Signing on line takes about five seconds.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. In recent meetings, Mayor Sheila Dixon has listened intently to our leadership explain the reason our neighborhood is against the would-be PUD's change in zoning. We need to keep up our communication with City Hall. Make your voice heard! Write the mayor at:

The Honorable Sheila Dixon  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
100 N. Holiday St., Room 250  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

or e-mail her at [mayor@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:mayor@baltimorecity.gov).

Let Mayor Dixon know your thoughts on the Keswick development and the requested change in zoning that would significantly change the character of this neighborhood. Ask the mayor to support our neighborhood by definitively opposing the PUD and by advocating for the community alternative plan.

The mayor and all other city elected officials can be e-mailed individually or *en masse* from this URL:

<http://rolandpark.org/RPReps.html>.

2. Sunday, September 21: Join us for some fun! One of the critical arguments against the Keswick development is the damage to the Jones Falls watershed. Let's get together and celebrate the rich history and natural beauty of the Jones Falls River and stream valley that runs right through our neighborhood. The Jones Falls Watershed Association's annual event, the Rally for the River, is this Sunday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The northbound lane of the Jones Falls Expressway from President Street to Cold Spring Lane will be closed down and open for public activities. Join a group from Roland Park that will meet at 11 a.m. at the Poly/Western tennis courts at the Poly entrance opposite Hillside Road and let's ride down onto the Jones Falls Expressway together. Wear your Save the Park T-shirts, make signs and let's enjoy the day. Bikers, walkers, strollers, skateboarders are all welcome. It is \$5 for adults, and 17s and under are free. Check out the festivities at [www.jonesfalls.org](http://www.jonesfalls.org).

3. Mark your calendars for October 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the Roland Park Elementary School for the Special Board Meeting of the Roland Park Civic League concerning the proposed land sale by the Baltimore Country Club and the proposed development by Keswick Multi-Care.

4. A new batch of Greg Otto T-shirts has arrived and is on sale at Schneider's for \$10 a shirt. They will also be available at the Jones Falls event on Sunday.

Save the Park in Roland Park!

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