



October 19, 2009

To my Roland Park neighbors:

Please participate next weekend, October 23 through 25, in the Civic League's first **Seven Generations Weekend**, a demonstration of our community commitment to becoming more sustainable. "Seven generations" refers to the Great Law of the Iroquois, "In every deliberation, we must consider the impact on the seventh generation." It is a founding principle of the sustainability movement, an understanding of the long-term implications of our actions. The Civic League, the Roads and Maintenance Corporation and the Community Foundation are supporting this occasion.

Here are some of the exciting events planned for the weekend:

- On Friday morning, students from area schools are strongly encouraged to walk, bike and carpool, or take public transportation to school. School children walking on Roland will gather together at Upland at 7:30 a.m. to walk as a symbolic "school bus" to school. Community and elected officials will help to lead the bus. Parents are organizing other gathering places to walk from throughout the community. Adults are encouraged to commute to work using the same alternative means of transportation.
- On Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability, local vendors and other community organizations will host a variety of information sessions in front of the Roland Park Library. More than 25 vendors or groups will be present. Topics will include energy conservation, recycling and eco-friendly design. Planned by the Civic League's Sustainability Committee, Roland Park's **Seven Generations Weekend** will be one of thousands of actions orchestrated globally by the virtual organization 350.org, an international campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis. Please join us at the library at 11:45 a.m., when a video of Saturday's activities along with those from around the world, will be streamed to www.350.org.
- On Sunday, Roland Park will host the first ever Ciclovía in Baltimore when southbound Roland Avenue between Northern and Cold Spring will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to allow cyclists, pedestrians and skateboarders safe access to the street. Get out there with your family and have fun. A map and details of street closures can be viewed at <http://rolandpark.org/documents/StreetClosure.pdf>. No parking will be allowed on southbound Roland that day. We hope this event will motivate a larger Ciclovía in Baltimore next spring, and regularly thereafter.

Hats off to the organizers of these events: Michael McQuestion, Rita Walters, Peter Kannam, Muriel Berkeley and to our Councilpersons Sharon Green Middleton and Mary Pat Clarke. We have been assisted by One Less Car and the Mayor's Office.

Please save two important dates

Roland Park Civic League Meeting, Thursday, November 5, 7:15 p.m. A discussion of the proposal by Roland Park Place to amend their existing planned unit development to increase parking along Roland Avenue. Proposals include destruction of the church at the corner of Roland and 40th Street and/or the home at 4021 Roland Avenue.

Roland Park Area Master Plan, Saturday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m.-noon. Public charrette for all in our community as we begin the process to develop a Roland Park area master plan. More information to come!

Sincerely yours,

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President, Roland Park Civic League