



ROLAND PARK

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“Roland Park’s Seven Generations Weekend: October 23-25, 2009”

Baltimore, MD – October 7, 2009. Baltimore City residents are invited to join the Roland Park Civic League for its first **Seven Generations Weekend**, a demonstration of our community’s 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.

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

- On Friday morning, students and parents from area schools will walk, bike, carpool or take public transportation to school and work.
- On Saturday, 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. Topics will include energy conservation, recycling and eco-friendly design. Students and faculty from area schools will showcase their sustainability initiatives (e.g., trash-free lunches, no idle carpooling, etc.) and help spread the word about the Baltimore Neighborhood Energy Challenge (BNEC) program. The movie, “Kilowatt Ours,” will be shown in the library starting at 12:30 p.m.
- From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 25, Roland Park will host Sunday Streets, temporarily closing the southbound lane of Roland Avenue between Northern Parkway and Cold Spring Lane to allow cyclists, pedestrians and skateboarders safe access to the street. Students and other volunteers will be trained and deployed as safety officers. If successful, a larger Sunday Streets event will be organized in March 2010, connecting Roland Park, Lake Montebello and Druid Hill Park (the “Lake to Lake” pilot route).

Planned by the Civic League’s Sustainability Committee, in collaboration with Councilwomen Mary Pat Clarke and Sharon Green Middleton, 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. Saturday’s activities will be streamed to www.350.org.

For more information, please contact the Roland Park Civic League’s Office Manager, Marni Toop (410-464-2525). To volunteer, contact Sustainability Committee co-chairs Mike McQuestion (443-912-7655) or Rita Walters (443-610-3403).