

## **Roland Park E-letter**

**Web Editor's E-letter**  
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#### **1. RP Roads & Maintenance Update.**

As of Friday, Roland Park Roads & Maintenance believes that most alleys should be drivable. We think that most cases where that is not true have some special circumstance that prevented our crews from getting there yesterday, but I can't be sure I know the details of every alley.

Therefore, if your alley is still not passable, I am asking that you *please* send an e-mail to [RMVPMaintenance@rolandpark.org](mailto:RMVPMaintenance@rolandpark.org) with as much detail as you can provide. The name of your alley and your street address are important, of course, but if you know of something blocking the alley (piles of snow, tree limbs, a neighbor's car) then please add that information as well. You may also call the RP office at (410) 464-2525. Phone messages will be retrieved periodically.

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#### **2. Parking.**

As readers probably know already, Baltimore's snow emergency has been downgraded from Phase III to Phase II. This means that private, non-emergency vehicles are again allowed onto the roads, provided they have snow tires, all-weather radials or chains. Also, under Phase II, cars can still be towed if parked in snow emergency routes, which are marked by black and white signs stating them to be such. This is not an idle threat. Today in Charles Village I myself saw cars being towed from the snow emergency route on Calvert Street.

#### **3. Trash Collection.**

The city has officially suspended trash, bulk trash and recyclables collection for the rest of the week. Conditions willing, collection will resume again next week. Residents may keep abreast of this issue, and others, by visiting the city's on-line "Snow Page" at <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/Transportation/TheSnowPage.aspx>.

#### **4. Thanks Due.**

Tempers have been short recently, but this does not negate the fact that immense thanks are due to numerous local-area civic volunteers, residents and institutions.

First and foremost, the unpaid board members of Roland Park Roads & Maintenance in general, and Vince Vizachero in particular, deserve a huge round of applause. Since the beginning of this winter 10 weeks or so ago, R&M has spent a total of 10 *years* ' worth of average R&M expenditures on lane snow removal. (R&M is only responsible for the lanes, not the roads.) Vince has been the primary coordinator of this effort.

For his part, RP Civic League President Phil Spevak has relentlessly worked the phones, trying to encourage the city's efforts in Roland Park and drawing attention to concerns about planning, process and execution. If individual streets (not alleys) are being missed, please let our elected (or administration) officials know (and call 311). As a reminder, our City Council members are:

- Sharon Green Middleton (Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov), plats 1, 2, 3 and 6.
- Mary Pat Clarke (MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov), plats 4 and 5.

And the director of the city Dept. of Transportation is:

- Alfred H. Foxx (Alfred.Foxx@baltimorecity.gov or Transportation@baltimorecity.gov).

Thanks are also due to the Roland Park Country School for allowing the Eddie's supermarket employees to use its parking lot. Having an open and fully staffed Eddie's has been exceedingly important over the past couple of days, from both a provisions and a social point of view.

Also, 20 Loyola University soccer players volunteered to help dig out elderly area residents. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. If you yourself are unable to dig yourself out, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the right people at Loyola. (These guys have worked hard, so please have a serious reason for not being able to wield a shovel yourself.)

Last, thanks to the many individuals in the locality who have quietly, without fanfare, assisted friends and neighbors — who have, in other words, just calmly gotten on with it.

Best regards,

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(Vince Vizachero contributed to this e-letter, but not the bit praising his wonderful efforts over the past few days.)

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