

Roland Park E-letter

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1. Local CHAP Districts Listed.

A quick line to remind all area residents of the Civic League meeting tomorrow, Thursday, 7-9 p.m., at the Roland Park Presbyterian Church (4801 Roland Avenue).

The special topic for discussion will be covenants and the possibility of Roland Park's getting designated as a CHAP historic district. (CHAP stands for the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation.) The meeting will include special presentations by Jean Mellot, Ilene Asner and Donald Kann. CHAP designation provides far stronger protection than National Park Service Historic Register placement, which RP has had since the 1970s.

It is not commonly realized just how many CHAP districts there are in Baltimore. Most people know that Bolton Hill is one. There are, however, 32 others. At risk of treading on toes, it is probably fair to say that a number of these neighborhoods are less well known nationally than is Roland Park. The list follows. I do not know the significance of the ordering, but assume that it reflects the sequence in which the neighborhoods became CHAP-protected areas.

1. Mount Vernon.
2. Bolton Hill.
3. Seton Hill.
4. Seton Hill Addition.
5. Dickeyville.
6. Union Square.
7. Mt. Royal Terrace/Reservoir Hill.
8. Madison Park.
9. Waverly.
10. Loft.
11. Ridgely's Delight.
12. Stirling Street.
13. Butchers Hill.
14. Butchers Hill [*listed twice on my source information — Ed.*]
15. Eutaw Place/Madison Avenue.
16. Otterbein.
17. Upton's Marble Hill.
18. Washington Hill.
19. Mount Washington.
20. Bancroft Park.
21. Mill Hill Deck of Cards Block.

22. Franklinton.
23. Railroad.
24. Ten Hills.
25. Perlman Place.
26. Jonestown.
27. Hunting Ridge.
28. Better Waverly.
29. Barclay Greenmount.
30. Auchentoroly Terrace.
31. Oldtown Mall Local.
32. Fells Point.
33. Wyndhurst Historic District.

Looking at the length of this list, many may be prompted to ask, not “why should Roland Park become a CHAP district?” but “why isn’t it one *already*?”

2. Home for Heroes Report.

It was wonderful seeing all of you this past Saturday at the Home for Heroes Chili Cook-off held at the Cross Keys Radisson. We were able to raise more than \$1,000 to give to another needy firehouse in Baltimore to help spruce up their kitchen.

We would like to give the chefs another big round of applause for their efforts. Once again, the chili was delicious and all 12 recipes were uniquely different. The chili chefs were:

- Southwestern Winter Squash Soup, Chili Style: David Soderblom
- Zora’s White Vegetarian Chili: Sharon Beach
- Matty B’s Silly Chilly: Matthew Brennan (judges’ choice winner)
- White Tai Chili: Tom Hickey
- Old Boyfriend Chili: Jennifer Lester
- Blizzard Chili: Laura Grier (3rd place community choice)
- The Whole Chile Pepper Chili Con Carne: Richard Truelove
- Smoke Alarm Chili: Keith Couch (2nd place community choice)
- Chili #44: Will Everett
- 5 Peppers & a Lentil: Vince Vizachero
- Dreams of Juarez: Paul Bartlett (winner community choice)
- Chili by Ellie Wang (who did not want to be judged)

Congratulations and thank you to all of you for your considerable time and talent to create such wonderful chili and share with the community! A few more cookbooks, with all the recipes, are still available for \$7.50. E-mail Martha Marani at firehousefund@rolandpark.org.

Thank you to our judges for donating their time — and stomachs — to such a wonderful cause. The judges were:

- Jeff Webb, General Manager, Radisson Cross Keys
- Jim Clack, Chief, Baltimore City Fire Department
- Sharon Green Middleton, Councilwoman, Baltimore City Council
- Anita Ward, Owner, Roland Park Deli
- Andrew Marani, Plat 1 Rep, Roads & Maintenance Corp. (and Principal, A.R. Marani, Inc.)

Several community business owners and residents donated products and services to the event:

- Fire House poster by artist Greg Otto
- Restaurant gift certificates as door prizes by Jeff Webb
- Cornbread from Roland Park Deli
- Fresh bread baskets from Eddie's of Roland Park
- Desserts by Ellie Wang, Frances Lentz, Ann Lundy, Cara Kohler, Bill Sharpe and Sweet Indulgences
- Composting services from Waste Neutral Group

Another big round of applause goes to our host, Jeff Webb and the Radisson Hotel, Cross Keys. The Radisson not only donated the space, but the executive chef, David Marion, delighted us with additional goodies to enjoy with the chili. Items like mini pulled pork sandwiches on homemade biscuits, chicken salad on croissants, fresh bread and artistic cheese displays, lemon pound cake with fresh berries and additional hot corn bread. Jeff and his hard-working crew stayed throughout the event, helping us set up, catering to our needs, assisting guests and then cleaning up for us in the end. Jeff and his staff were wonderful and they hope to see more of you visiting the hotel and Crossroads restaurant.

Jeff has even agreed to host us again next year. Of course, that was after we enjoyed a few margaritas together — but we just may hold him to it!

We hope to see you again at the 3rd Annual Home for Hero's Chili Fest and Cook-Off next February!

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3. More Crime.

The day before yesterday's report on the serious assault in next-door Tuxedo Park prompted one reader to send in another crime notification. (This is not a police-verified report.)

Yesterday, a Woodlawn Road (Plat 1) resident came home at about 3 to find that her house had been broken into. Apparently, the burglar(s) broke a window in the back of the house and managed to get what I am told was about \$10,000 worth of goods (mostly electronics, watches and so on). Earlier, at about 2:30, a friend of the victim's had dropped off a coat, putting it between the storm door and front door. This noise seems to have spooked the burglar(s), who dropped the TV they'd been carrying and left. When the victim came home after 3, she walked in and saw the dropped TV and the back door hanging open. The burglar(s) were not in the house by this time. The burglar(s) got away with a basket full of stuff and, apparently, nobody saw them.

Folks, I know it's nice and it's tree lined, but please lock your doors in Roland Park all the same.

Best regards,

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