

Roland Park E-letter

Web Editor's E-letter

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1. Third Master Plan Charrette on April 8.

The third Roland Park-area master plan community charrette will be held on Thu., April 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Roland Park Elementary/Middle School, 5207 Roland Ave. Draft designs for various improvements to the neighborhood will be displayed and comments invited.

And don't forget to add your comments to the master plan topic-area on-line forums, which may be accessed here: <http://rolandpark.org/MasterPlanMetaBlog>.

2. Census 2010.

You will by now have received your census form. A correct head count helps Baltimore City win federal and state funds, which in turn may go some way to keeping property taxes no higher than they currently are.

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake is challenging residents and neighborhoods to take 10 minutes to fill out the 10 census questions throughout the month of March, so that Baltimore City can maximize the federal and state funding it will receive over the next 10 years. After you fill out and mail in your census form, the mayor asks, contact 10 other people and urge them to fill it out. Encourage everyone in the organizations you work with to participate in the challenge throughout the month of March. The contest will run from March 1 and will end on Census Day, April 1, 2010. Prizes will be awarded to organizations that use the most creative outreach methods to get the word out about the Census (block parties, posters, promotions, etc.). The on-line challenge sign up is at www.baltimorecity.gov/2010Census.

The Census Bureau's "Take 10 Map" is at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map>. This allows viewers to compare participation rates to date. For example, as I write, the national participation rate so far

has been 46 percent; Maryland's rate is 49 percent; while Baltimore's specifically is 41 percent.

3. Campaign to Repave Roland Avenue.

Plat 2 resident Blake Goldsmith wishes to encourage residents to join him in a campaign to urge the city to repave Roland Avenue. His case is stated here: <http://rolandpark.org/rpfaq.html> (first letter to the editor in the right column). If you would like to get involved with Blake's campaign, please contact him at the e-mail address provided in his letter.

4. Evergreen Egg Hunt.

Everyone is invited to the Evergreen neighborhood Easter egg hunt, 2 p.m. this Saturday, April 3, in the community meadow at the end of Alpine, east of Wilmslow Road. If people would like to donate plastic eggs or nut-free (only) candy, please drop them off in advance by 6 p.m. Friday to 4600 Wilmslow Road. Please leave dogs at home during the egg hunt on Saturday.

5. DPW Closed on Good Friday.

The city Department of Public Works will be closed Good Friday, April 2. No trash or recyclables will be collected that day. However, Saturday April 3, is the make-up day. If you would ordinarily have had pick up on Friday, put your stuff out on Saturday instead.

Trash collection or not on Friday, it goes without saying that parking meters will still be in effect. There will be no bulk trash collection this Friday and the usual trash drop-off centers will be closed.

6. Cat Found.

Cat found at the Friends School of Baltimore Campus at 3/26/10 at night. Call 443-468-8122 for information (Sarah). Description: male, green eyes, black and white, very friendly and loveable, seems to be house broken.

Best regards,

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