

Roland Park E-letter

Web Editor's E-letter
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1. Master Plan Charrette Reminder, April 8.

Please remember this week's community meeting concerning the greater Roland Park area master plan, Thursday, April 8, 7-9 p.m., RP Elementary/Middle School, 5207 Roland Avenue. A map showing the approximate boundaries of the plan has been posted on the RP web site: <http://rolandpark.org/MasterPlan.html>. (I say "approximate" because not all aspects of the plan apply to all the areas shown; still, the map will give you a pretty good idea.)

Even if individuals have not yet participated, we encourage them to get involved now. Input is welcome and improves the plan. The meeting is open to all residents in Roland Park and surrounding communities, as well as those from schools, churches, commercial/retail areas and other institutions in greater Roland Park. Please attend and pass on the word to neighbors, friends and other interested stakeholders.

Much progress has been made since the last charrette. Designs for key areas have been created and will be shown at this meeting:

- Open space (Stony Run, water tower, BCC land area, connectors).
- Commercial/retail areas (Cold Spring Lane, Wyndhurst Station, 5100 Roland Avenue area).
- Transportation (general designs and specific for northern Roland Avenue school area and along Northern Parkway).
- Streetscapes.

Time will be allocated for public comment and next steps will be explained. (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>.)

We are pointing towards plan completion with presentation of the plan by the target date in mid-May.

2. Roland Park Place Letter Campaign.

Roland Park Place initiated a pro-parking lot letter-writing campaign in March, a campaign that saw many RPP residents write to the mayor in support of RPP's plan for parking lots on Roland Avenue. (For full story, see <http://rolandpark.org/RPP.html>.) The lead preservationist role has

been taken by the Rolden association, but the Roland Park Civic League has adopted a position of supporting Rolden. The parking lots in question would not be in Roland Park proper; however, RPP abuts Roland Park, so the issue is of concern.

For those that wish to get involved, the Rolden Land Use Committee's next meeting is Sunday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m., 4107 Roland Avenue. The business meeting will take place from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Children are welcome. Please e-mail Julia Pierson if you intend going (juliapierson@verizon.net).

Rolden met last month with Baltimore Heritage, Inc. BHI has decided to support Rolden's position to save the church on the northeast corner of 40th and Roland, slated for demolition under the RPP plan. BHI stresses the importance of publicity. A template letter, part of Rolden's own letter-writing campaign, may be found at <http://rolandpark.org/RPP.html>.

3. RP Community Foundation Spring Fling.

Have you sent in your RSVP for the Roland Park Spring Celebration? It's less than a month away, on Friday, April 23, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Join dozens of your neighbors at the Woman's Club of Roland Park for this great annual event. Don't miss it!

There will be wonderful food, Mr. Lee's Southsides, live music and a silent auction of themed baskets. If you have not received your invitation in the mail, or if you have just plain old lost it, you may download one from <http://rolandpark.org/foundation/foundEvents.html>.

Space is limited to 250 guests. Please RSVP by April 9th.

4. Spring Cleaning for Cold Spring Lane & Stony Run Creek.

Saturday, April 10, 9-noon: Join other volunteers in removing trash from our local watershed at Stony Run Creek and Cold Spring Lane. Gloves, trash bags and other equipment will be provided. Meet at Linkwood Park on Cold Spring Lane (between Roland Ave. & Charles St.). Questions or to RSVP, contact Phil Diamond at pdiamond@gejlaw.com or 410-598-0633. Walk-ons welcome!

This project is part of the statewide Project Clean Stream sponsored by Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Jones Falls Watershed Association & other watershed associations.

5. Cat Found.

A reader writes in that there has been a lost cat frequently seen around Poplar Hill/Clarks Hill/Bellmore the past few weeks. Is anyone looking for it? It's a large red and white tabby; may be unaltered since it howls a lot, especially early in the morning. Has been too shy to approach. Looked like a well-kept pet at first; starting to appear a bit thinner/haggard now. Call 410-464-0686 if you know anything about this cat.

6. Nanny Wanted.

Today I received this e-mail from an Evergreen resident:

“We are expecting a baby in late July and looking for a full-time nanny starting in September. We would love to find someone who is known and trusted by a local family. Please send any suggestions to tkspence@yahoo.com.”

Best regards,

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