

Roland Park E-letter

Web Editor's E-letter

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1. Roland Park Civic League Releases On-line Neighborhood Master Plan Survey.

The Roland Park Civic League on April 27, 2010 released an on-line questionnaire for greater Roland Park residents. The survey, which takes between 5 and 10 minutes to complete, asks residents about services and amenities in the neighborhood, about their views on the master-plan process, and about their views on becoming a historically protected district under the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP).

Taking the survey requires no registration and can be anonymous. You do not need to be a resident of Roland Park proper to take the survey, but you must be a resident of one of the neighborhoods probably to be covered by the master plan (Roland Park, Evergreen, Keswick, Wyndhurst (Tuxedo and Embla parks), Cross Keys, Tuscany-Canterbury, The Orchards, North Roland Park/Poplar Hill, or Blythewood).

Only one survey per family should be completed. The survey may be completed at a home computer or at a public (e.g., library) computer, though for the latter you will have to write down and type in the URL for accessing the survey. The survey's URL is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GRPmasterplan>. Either copy and paste this into your browser's URL bar or access the survey through the master plan main page at <http://www.rolandpark.org/MasterPlan.html>.

2. That's not Trash in Stony Run.

Local school 9th graders last week put leaf packs (net bags of leaves) in various places in Stony Run. They are not trash and need to stay in place for several weeks. Please do not remove the bags and please alert others about this. The students have placed these as constructed habitats to collect benthic macroinvertebrates. They will be looking at them

with the 1st graders as another way of looking at the water quality in Stony Run. Thanks for your help!

3. Rolden Responds to RPP.

RolandPark.org on April 22, 2010 received a copy of Rolden's April 19 letter to Roland Park Place's president about RPP's plans to expand parking onto lots abutting Roland Avenue. The letter is reproduced verbatim at RolandPark.org's page dedicated to the RPP parking issue, <http://www.rolandpark.org/RPP.html>. The story also contains a link to a simultaneously released Rolden petition against RPP's parking-lot plans. The Roland Park Civic League supports the Rolden position.

4. Cornell Returns Roland Park Records to Baltimore.

Local history buffs will be pleased to learn that Cornell University Library has transferred ownership of its major collection of Roland Park records and plans to the Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries. Cornell held the collection from 1968, according to Hopkins library blogger Cynthia Requardt, but recently decided to return them to Baltimore. The full story can be read on the Hopkins library web site, on this page, <http://elibris.jhu.edu/?p=2633>. Thanks to Marty Millsbaugh for bringing this to my attention.

5. Native Plant Sale on May 15.

The Roland Park Civic League will be holding a native plant sale on May 15, 2010, starting at 8:00 a.m. We will offer a selection of perennials, ferns, grasses, shrubs and trees native to the Baltimore area. The sale will happen in front of the Roland Park branch of the Enoch Pratt Library (5108 Roland Avenue). Cash and checks will be accepted. We expect most of the plants to be gone by 10 or 11 a.m., so come early. For more information, call 443-682-1331.

6. Roland Park Couples Work on Benefit for Baltimore Animal Rescue on June 4.

World renowned pianists Leon and Katherine Fleisher are performing an event being produced by Leslie and Blake Goldsmith of Extraordinary Events, Friday, June 4, 2010. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Silent auction from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info and ticket info go to <http://baltimoreanimalshelter.org>. The recital is being presented by the artists for the benefit of the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS) at the Miriam A. Friedberg Concert Hall, Peabody Conservatory of Music, located on Baltimore's historic Mount Vernon cultural district. BARCS as a city agency (now with a non-profit status) whose budget has been cut by over \$200,000, according to Goldsmith. BARCS provides vital service for over 12,000 animals yearly. Helping these animals is not only humane but it improves the quality of life and health for the citizens of Baltimore.

7. Views of Roland Park, Homeland & Guilford.

Stony Run Home cordially invites you to attend an art show featuring local artists. Fred Craig, Lisa Kyle, Monty McCausland, Wendy Doak and Judith Fulmer share their perspectives on the community, its architecture and landscape. 318 Wyndhurst Avenue, Thursday, May 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Refreshments served. For info, call 410-435-4663.

8. St. George's Garden Club Roland Park Ramble.

St. George's Garden Club celebrates Roland Park, past and present, at a spring flower show, open to the public, featuring artistic and horticultural exhibits. The club presents "A Roland Park Ramble," a GCA flower show, May 5-6, 2010. The event is open to the public and free of charge. It is at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Roland Park Branch, 5108 Roland Avenue. Wednesday, May 5, 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 6, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Best regards,

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