

## **Roland Park E-letter**

### **Web Editor's E-letter**

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#### **1. Remember the Master Plan Survey.**

If you have not already done so, please remember to complete the on-line Greater Roland Park Master Plan survey. It takes less than 10 minutes and it is available at:

<http://www.rolandpark.org/MasterPlan.html#survey>.

The link to the survey page is also near the top of the RolandPark.org homepage.

The draft master plan sections may be reviewed on line at:

<http://rolandpark.org/MasterPlan.html#sections>.

Residents can fill this out from any computer. One survey per household, please. For those with no Internet access, you can get a paper copy from the Roland Park office. Call (410) 464-2525 for assistance.

#### **2. Roland Park Civic League Annual Meeting.**

Hold the date: May 19 from 7-9 p.m., Roland Park Elementary/Middle School. This is when the completed master plan will be presented. It is also the Civic League annual meeting. A slate of candidates for league officer and plat rep positions will be presented.

#### **3. Civic League Membership Drive.**

The Civic League's fiscal year started on May 1 and through May 8 it had received membership dues from 348 households. There are 1,100 households in Roland Park, so

that's 31.6 percent that have joined so far this year. The league is seeking to improve on the 70 percent membership of last year.

Please remember the vital work the league does year after year. Though league members are not paid, it nonetheless costs money to keep the league up and running — and working for you. Consider the various calamities that might have occurred in years past had it not been for league efforts:

- 1940 — installation of three sets of overhead power wires along Roland Avenue, the existing one along the median for the tracked nos. 24 and 29 trolleys, and, new, one each on the north- and southbound carriageways for the trackless no. 10 trolley. (The median-strip lines had been in place since 1893. It was the proposed new ones above the pavements that the league prevented.)
- 1948 — conversion of Charles Street, Lake Avenue, Roland Avenue and University Parkway into a major highway (a sort of proto-JFX).
- 1974 — demolition of the Tudor-style shopping center at 4800 Roland Avenue and the building in its place of a modern strip mall. (Don't believe me? See the plans here: <http://rolandpark.org/PreservationDevelopment>.)
- 2008 — development for institutional purposes of the BCC tract along Falls Road.

Roland Park is nationally known as one of the crown jewels of late Victorian suburban development in America. Please help the Civic League keep it that way. Your invoice should have arrived in the mail. If it has not, please call the Roland Park office and ask for one, (410) 464-2525.

#### **4. Request for Donation of Folding Chairs.**

The Roland Park civic organizations — the Civic League, the Roads and Maintenance Corp. and the Community Foundation — are looking for donations of folding chairs for the Roland Park office. A couple of weeks ago, we asked for donations of up to eight chairs to facilitate meetings in the office. Sadly, there has been no response yet. If you have chairs to spare, please e-mail office manager Marni Toop at [rporg@verizon.net](mailto:rporg@verizon.net).

#### **5. Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks and Landscapes.**

You are invited to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks and Landscapes on Monday, May 17 at Cylburn Arboretum's new Vollmer Center, at 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore 21209.

A tour of Cylburn is scheduled at 6 p.m. The annual meeting will begin at 7 p.m., with a presentation by the Cylburn Arboretum Association following a brief business meeting to

elect new members of the board of directors. For more information about Friends of Maryland's Olmsted's Parks and Landscapes go to [www.olmstedmaryland.org](http://www.olmstedmaryland.org)

## **6. Enoch Pratt Community Awards.**

The First Unitarian Church of Baltimore will honor up to five organizations and individuals with its Enoch Pratt Community Awards — to organizations and individuals making a difference in Baltimore by enhancing the quality of human or community life. One award will go to a young organization or individual. The awards are part of the 2010 Baltimore Social Action Awards: Celebrating Beacons of Hope in Baltimore and the World. For more information and the nomination form, go to <http://firstunitarian.net/activities/social/Awards.asp>. The nominations deadline is June 15. The awards ceremony will be Sunday, October 3. For more information, contact Paul Sturm at [socialaction@firstunitarian.net](mailto:socialaction@firstunitarian.net).

## **7. Guilford Movies in the Park.**

Guilford's 6th Annual Free Movies in the Sunken Park. Thursday, May 20, 8:15 p.m. or dusk. Location: The "Sunken Park" at the northwest corner of the intersection of Charles, St. Paul and Overhill. Feature Presentation: "O Brother Where Art Thou?" starring George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson.

## **8. Summer Nanny Request.**

Sitter needed in our home for 7-year-old boy in Roland Park from July 19 through August 27 (some flexibility in dates is okay). Hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, and the house is within walking distance of Roland Park pool, playgrounds, and library. Previous child care experience required. Pay is \$250 per week. Contact Rebecca at [snyder.rebecca@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.rebecca@gmail.com) or 443-768-3281.

## **9. Thanks to Keith Couch.**

Last but certainly not least, thanks are due to Keith Couch who has recently volunteered to undertake the relentless task of posting events to this web site's calendar, <http://rolandpark.org/cgi/Calendar/RP/calendar.cgi>. Please join me in a hearty "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"!

Best regards,

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