

## **Roland Park E-letter**

**Web Editor's E-letter**  
**May 12, 2009**

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

The RPCL annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20 from 7-9pm. The meeting is open to all, especially those in north central Baltimore. During the business session, RPCL officers for the upcoming year will be elected. See <http://rolandpark.org/documents/Slate09Mtg.pdf> for the slate. There will also be a review of the league's major initiatives, including its efforts to build a dialogue with the leadership and members of the Baltimore Country Club. The evening's featured speaker will be Dr. Andres A. Alonso, CEO of the Baltimore City public school system. This promises to be a fascinating evening and not one you want to miss. The venue is the Roland Park Elementary/Middle School — 5207 Roland Avenue.

### **2. Roland Park Lecture Series: Green Space Policy Options and One Park.**

Mike McQuestion's great lecture series continues tomorrow, Wednesday, May 13, with "Green Space Policy Options and One Park." North Baltimore Mennonite Church, 4615 Roland Avenue. The lecture will be from 7-9 pm and will be free to the public.

Baltimore is endowed with several Olmsted-designed parks and green spaces. However, crucial greenways to connect these jewels, as Olmsted envisioned, are missing. This lecture will present an overview of the One Park concept and will show how implementing it would affect Baltimore's quality of life. Case studies from other communities that have preserved green space will be discussed. Participants will learn about the city's "master plan," which envisions connecting greenways, bicycle and pedestrian paths, reforestation and other innovative proposals. An interesting map of the original Olmstedian proposed greenways may be found at this URL: <http://rolandpark.org/documents/olmsted.pdf>.

Lecturers: Steve Zeiger (Parks & People), Kent Whitehead (Trust for Public Land) and Beth Strommen (Baltimore City Department of Planning).

Reserve readings for the One Park lecture can be found on the Roland Park web-site Reading Room: <http://rolandpark.org/BCCUrbanHist.html>.

For more information contact Mike McQuestion: 410-243-9151.

Refreshments will be served!

### **3. Beautification Committee Native Plant Sale.**

And don't forget the RP Beautification Committee's first Native Plant Sale and Swap, Saturday, May 16, starting at 8:00am. In front of the Roland Park library (5108 Roland Avenue). Committee members will offer a selection of perennials, ferns, grasses, shrubs and trees native to the Chesapeake Bay watershed, perfect for planting in Roland Park landscapes. The sale will begin at 8am and last until the plants are sold (by 10am, they expect). Cash and checks accepted. For more information, call (443) 682-1331 or e-mail [info@rolandparknative.org](mailto:info@rolandparknative.org).

### **4. Beautification Committee Olmsted Path Walk.**

There's just no holding back the Beautification Committee! Plan to come to an Olmstead path walk (about two hours) on May 17, meet outside the RP library at 9am. To sign up, e-mail ahead or just come. All are welcome! Contact: Louise Phipps Senft, [mediate@starpower.net](mailto:mediate@starpower.net).

### **5. Spring and Summer Roland Park Dumpsters.**

Between now and September, there will be dumpsters in Roland Park on four occasions for those of you with bulk items you are looking to get rid of.

Sat., May 30: in front of 101 St. Johns Rd.

Sat., June 13: in front of 504 Somerset Rd.

Sat., June 20: in front of 206 Ridgewood Rd.

Sat., Sept. 19: in front of 502 Woodlawn Rd.

There will also be dumpsters in the Wyndhurst Improvement Association's area on the following days:

Sat., June 13: Summit & Colorado (Tuxedo Park).

Sat., August 22: Lawndale & parking lot by drycleaner (Embla Park).

All dumpsters will arrive about 2pm on Friday afternoon and will be taken away Saturday afternoon. Bulk household items and bagged trash only — no paint. Hazardous material drop-off dates are Oct. 10-11 at Poly-Western High School parking lot (Falls Rd. and Cold Spring Lane).

If you miss a dumpster date, call 311 for a bulk trash pick-up three days before our scheduled day (the fourth Wednesdays of each month).

### **6. Cross Keys MovieFest.**

Don't forget the Cross Keys MovieFest come June, as described in the last e-letter. Free Baltimore-themed movies will be screened June 6 ("Hairspray"), June 13 ("Avalon"), June 20 ("The Accidental Tourist"), and June 27 ("Cry Baby"). You will find full details at: <http://rolandpark.org/documents/MovieFestFlyer2.pdf>. Watch this space for more reminders closer to the time.

Best regards,

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