

## **Roland Park E-letter**

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

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#### **1. Roland Park Civic League Annual Meeting and Master Plan Review.**

Please attend the annual meeting of the Roland Park Civic League this Wednesday, May 19, 7-9 p.m., at the Roland Park Elementary and Middle School, 5207 Roland Avenue.

We welcome your participation at this year's meeting, a very special one, when the Greater Roland Park Area Master Plan will be unveiled. Residents from Roland Park and surrounding communities will join together. There will be updated sketches, and new renderings will be displayed for 5100 Roland Avenue (the Eddie's block), Wyndhurst Station, the Baltimore Country Club land, Cold Spring Lane and Stony Run.

The plan is a collaborative effort of multiple communities and other key stakeholders: business, educational, religious and governmental. It represents the vision of where the community wishes to go over the next 100 years.

#### **2. Civic League Membership Drive.**

As I write, looking over the 2011 Civic League membership roster for the year to date, I see that there are 672 households that have *not* joined for the year — which is 61 percent of the 1,100 households in Roland Park.

Folks, please: with only 39 percent membership, the league simply cannot maintain the high level of service Parkers have come to know and expect.

- If you dislike commercial edge development, please join the league.
- If you would like to see the master plan implemented, please join the league.
- If you love what the league's Beautification Committee has done with our medians and islands, please join the league.
- If you favor the retention of green space in Roland Park, please join the league.
- If you enjoyed the bike-friendly "ciclovía" last fall, please join the league.

- If you find the RP web site and e-letter system useful, please join the league.

There are a hundred reasons to join the league. Of these, the most important is you. Since 1895, the Roland Park Civic League has steadfastly — and frequently in the teeth of fierce opposition — represented the interests of Roland Park residents. It's been there for you. Won't you be there for it?

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. Alternatively, you may pay your dues on line at <http://rolandpark.org/duescivicleague.htm> (though this costs the league about 3 percent a transaction).

### **3. Roland Park Swimming Pool.**

The Roland Park swimming pool will open for the summer 2010 season on May 29. If you are a resident of Roland Park proper, you must be a Civic League member to join the pool. This requirement does not apply to pool applicants from the surrounding neighborhoods (Wyndhurst, Keswick and Evergreen). Please see <http://rolandpark.org/rppool.html> for pool updates during the summer.

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

Reminder — 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.

### **5. BARCS Benefit, June 4.**

Dog lovers, remember that 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.

### **6. Local Author Book Reading.**

Roland Park resident Chris Corbett will be reading from his new book, *The Poker Bride: The First Chinese in the Wild West*, at the Walters Art Museum on Sunday, May 23 at 2 p.m. Admission is free. All welcome. The book's web site is here: <http://www.thepokerbride.com>.

## **7. Zoning for Review.**

The Baltimore City Zoning Code April 2010 draft will be available for you to view and comment on between the following dates:

Start date, May 11, 12:00 p.m.; and

End date, September 10, 12:00 p.m.

Please select the following link to view this document:

<http://www.transformbaltimore.net/portal/zoning-apr-draft>.

Regarding the Civic League, David Tufaro is leading a group to represent the interests of the Civic League. This review is incorporated into the larger efforts of the master plan. The community is encouraged to remain informed about this important process.

Best regards,

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