

## **Roland Park E-letter**

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

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#### **1. Rolandpark.org Launches Neighborhood On-line Forum.**

RolandPark.org is pleased to announce the creation of an on-line forum/discussion group for local area residents. There are two subforums accessible, an “announcements” page and a “general discussions” page.

- **Announcements** — This page should be used by area residents with time-specific news to get out, such as an impending yard sale or a need for a summer nanny, etc. (Commercial posting is prohibited, other than by RolandPark.org paid advertisers.)
- **General Discussions** — Use this page for anything and everything that might be of interest to the neighborhood policywise. Got an opinion of the city's TransForm Baltimore zoning code rewrite? Post it here. Think another café in the neighborhood would be nice? Say so here.

Posting is free (though the editor reserves the right to delete without notice entries that violate the no-commerce rule or which are illegal or distasteful in the sole opinion of the editor). The forum portal may be found here: <http://rolandpark.org/RPForum.html>.

#### **2. Fourth of July Parade.**

Don't miss Roland Park's wonderful annual July 4th parade! Please note that this year's event will start at 1:00 p.m. to accommodate Sunday church traffic and will convene as always in front of the Roland Park library. Community leaders and elected officials will speak, our beloved firefighters will lead us down Roland Avenue, and all are invited to cool off with popsicles at the corner of Upland and Roland afterward.

Also, the organizers are in dire need of a few “traffic marshals” to help guide drivers and keep our parade route safe and civil. Please contact Katy Couch ([katy@katycouch.com](mailto:katy@katycouch.com)) to volunteer!

#### **3. Village at Home News.**

The Maryland Department of Aging has issued a letter of support for Village At Home (<http://www.villageathome.org/home.html>) as an innovative model for helping people age in their own homes. Consistent with the Village At Home mission and planned services, the Roland Park master plan recommends the development of programs and activities to help Roland Parkers to age in the neighborhood.

In order to launch its services in 2011, Village at Home will need broad support from the entire community.

Village At Home will be canvassing Roland Park in the next several months to bring information about our programs to Roland Park and to gather information about those residents interested in joining, volunteering, or receiving more information. Our goal from the canvassing is to raise awareness about Village At Home and to build neighborhood interest.

Our volunteer “neighborhood ambassadors” will canvass their own streets and be wearing Village At Home name badges.

Anyone who would like to join the canvassing effort, please call Susan Newhouse, (410) 235-3171. We will meet with you and provide all the information and materials you need.

#### **4. Casserole Program for the Homeless.**

This past fall, Bolton Street Synagogue, located on Cold Spring Lane, started a monthly casserole program to help provide food to Our Daily Bread’s hot-meal program. Our Daily Bread, located near downtown, currently serves more than a quarter million meals to the hungry of the city each year.

The synagogue would like to invite members of the Roland Park community to join with them in addressing hunger and homelessness in Baltimore. Participants in the casserole program make a once-a-month casserole in their homes by choosing one of two very easy-to-make recipes — chicken & rice and/or mac & cheese — and delivering, usually, the homemade and frozen casseroles to the synagogue the fourth Sunday of each month in the morning.

However, delivery for the summer will take place at my house, 4702 Keswick Road. Delivery to Our Daily Bread is on June 27, July 25 and August 22. Typically folks deliver to my house on that day and the casseroles are then delivered to Our Daily Bread, but alternative delivery options are available too. If you are interested in participating (and no you don’t have to do it every month), please contact Claudia Diamond at [ClaudiaADiamond@gmail.com](mailto:ClaudiaADiamond@gmail.com) or (410) 662-4734 for recipes and further info. This is a great activity for kids!

#### **5. Drug Bust on Gladstone Road.**

This just in from the Wyndhurst Improvement Association local e-blast: “About a month ago, there was a drug arrest on Gladstone Ave. for possession and, I believe, dealing. People had been noting signs of drug activity. I’m sorry I was so late getting the word out. I was trying to confirm and get more information. I had a hard time doing it.”

Best regards,

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