

Roland Park E-letter

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1. RolandPark.org Releases Historic Photo Web Site.

RolandPark.org has today released its “Then and Now” series of Roland Park area historic photo and map galleries. The site is composed of eight web pages, which between them contain over 400 maps, plans, and historic and modern photos — and a 1946 movie of a streetcar ride from the Eddie's block to Lake Roland. The project, 21 months in the making, is intended to serve as an electronic repository of Roland Park area history. Additional future pages will showcase readers’ historic-photo submissions. As far as we are aware, no neighborhood association in Maryland has such an extensive historic web section as this one. The site’s portal page is at <http://rolandpark.org/ThenAndNow.html>

I am indebted to Barrie Sigler for providing the superb streetcar footage and to Houpla, Inc. for converting it to a digital format usable by this site. I am also indebted to Leslie Goldsmith and Tony Pinto for allowing me to scan dozens of photos and old magazine pages from their extensive collections of Roland Park memorabilia. Thanks are due to Kathy Hudson for reviewing draft versions of these pages. Last but certainly not least, I must express my sincere appreciation to Therese O'Malley and Murray West for helping immensely by taking many of the “now” photos, particularly in the “west” section of the site. Additional “then” and “now” photos were also provided by James W. Arnold, John Hammond and Anne C. Stuzin, for which thank you.

Happy browsing!

2. Evergreen Resident Available for Gardening.

Thank goodness for the recent rain! Great for the plants — and the weeds, too. I am available for any house and garden needs:

- Watering.
- Weeding.
- General plant care.
- Pruning if needed.

- Consultation.
- House cleaning (once or on a regular basis).
- Making picnics and afternoon teas to go.

I am a master gardener and have a culinary degree. I also worked as a nursing assistant in geriatrics for 10 years. If you are an elderly person or if you know of one who needs help with activities of daily living, companionship, meal preparation or nursing tasks, I can help out. You can reach me at gonegalmary@gmail.com or call me at 410-375-4552. I have many references.

3. Remember the RP On-line Forum.

Announcements such as that above can be posted directly to the RolandPark.org 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>.

4. Roland Park Presbyterian Church Summer Music Series.

The Presbyterian church’s Summer Chamber Music in Roland Park series continues. One event remains in this year’s series, on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The music of R. Vaughan Williams and Aaron Copland will be featured. The church is at 4801 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210. See <http://sitlisten.blogspot.com> for details.

Best regards,

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