

## **Roland Park E-letter**

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

**July 28, 2009**

#### **1. Friends of Roland Water Tower Meeting, July 30.**

Along with the Tudor-style shopping strip next to the firehouse, the Roland Water Tower is iconic of our neighborhood. Greater Roland Park without the water tower is just about unthinkable. However, the city-owned tower has been permitted to fall into a dreadful state of disrepair, to the degree that pieces are — in the literal sense — falling off it. The 105-year-old tower is one of only two such in Baltimore. (The other is in the West Arlington neighborhood, near Park Heights.)

A new organization has been formed, the Friends of the Roland Water Tower (FRWT), with the mission of preserving and ultimately restoring the landmark to its former glory.

All Roland Park-area residents are cordially invited to join the FRWT on the evening of Thursday, July 30 from 8-9 p.m. in front of the tower for a short presentation and social gathering (at the intersection of Roland and University). The presentation will review the history and current status of the tower. FRWT is developing this presentation so that it can be shown to the neighborhood associations of all the communities surrounding the tower in order to enlist their participation in the efforts toward its restoration. FRWT would value your feedback, and would like to meet you.

Please feel free to bring your own snacks and refreshments. And please talk about the event with your neighbors, friends and co-workers.

#### **2. Recycling Do's and Don'ts.**

Even before the introduction this month of the city's new "One Plus One" trash/recycling program, there was some confusion about what is and what is not recyclable in Baltimore. Plat 1 resident Claudia Diamond therefore did a bit of research and this is what she has come up with. For details, see

<http://www.cleanergreenerbaltimore.com/recycle/FAQDetail.aspx?id=14>.

What items can be recycled curbside?

Mixed Paper:

- All colored paper such as printer paper, and school papers.
- All types of mail, including envelopes with plastic windows.
- Books, both hardbound and paperback, and telephone books.
- All newsprint types.
- Paper folders.
- Magazines and catalogs.

Cardboard:

- Corrugated boxes, mailing boxes, shoe boxes. Please remove plastic or Styrofoam packaging material from inside boxes.
- Food boxes that contained a plastic bag which stored the food (cereal, cookies, crackers, etc). Please remove food, plastic liners, waxed paper or Styrofoam packaging material from inside boxes.
- Cardboard egg containers.

Paper Types Not Accepted for Recycling:

- Waxed cartons that contained a liquid such as milk, juices or soups.
- Juice boxes. Consider using a reusable thermos, plastic, steel or aluminum beverage container. Costs you less and reduces trash that's landfill bound.

Metal:

- Aluminum cans.
- Tin cans.
- Empty aerosol cans.
- Steel food and beverage containers.

Glass:

- Rinsed bottles and jars.

Plastic Bottles and Jars, Including Caps:

- Small-necked bottles and jars that have a screw top, labeled #1 through #7 on the bottom of the container. Caps and labels are okay. Unfortunately, the saying "things aren't as they appear" applies to plastics and their #1 through #7 recycling codes. "Other" plastic containers (such as, yogurt, butter, plastic egg carton, plastic strawberry baskets, plastic to-go food containers, toys and beverage cups to name a few) may be labeled # 1 to #7, yet they are made of a different chemical compound and aren't compatible with the standard plastic recycling.

Thanks, Claudia! — Ed.

### **3. New Signs at Wyndhurst Pedestrian Crossing.**

The "Crossing of Death" at Wyndhurst and Wilmslow (and Wyndhurst and Lawndale) finally has Day-Glo plastic "STOP" paddles planted in the middle of the road at the hitherto largely ignored pedestrian crosswalks. Kudos is due — honestly, that is a singular noun (Greek, lit. magical glory) — to Wyndhurst Avenue residents, Wilmslow Road residents, the Wyndhurst Improvement Association and Chris McSherry of the RP Civic League Traffic & Transportation Committee for making this happen with the city.

Best regards,

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