

## **Roland Park E-letter**

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

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#### **1. Plat 6 Resident Killed by Falling Tree.**

This obituary appeared in the July 30, 2010 *Baltimore Sun*. The sad news serves as a poignant reminder as to why should all keep our trees trimmed.

“Mary R. ‘Jenia’ Brown, a homemaker and avid tennis player, died Monday at her Roland Park home after being struck by a falling tree limb. She was 66.

“Mrs. Brown had returned to her Falls Road Terrace home after playing tennis when she was struck by the tree limb, said her husband of 45 years, W. Taylor Brown, a retired Baltimore lawyer, who said the incident was not related to last Sunday’s storm.

“Mrs. Brown, who died at the scene while paramedics were treating her, was later taken to Sinai Hospital, her husband said.”

#### **2. New Photos at RolandPark.org Historic Site.**

This week we have posted new pictures to the “east” and “west” section of the “Then and Now” Roland Park historic photo site (<http://rolandpark.org/ThenAndNow.html>). And more will soon be posted to the “Roland Avenue” section. Thanks are due to Mac Kennedy and Patty Darby for providing the new photos.

#### **3. BGE to Start Work on Northern Parkway.**

Beginning the week of Aug. 9, the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), will begin replacing the underground cable that supplies electricity to street lights along Northern Parkway between Roland Avenue and Charles Street. This work, which will result in greater reliability of the street lights, involves digging up portions of the sidewalk and is estimated to take approximately two weeks, weather permitting. This work is taking place in the same general area as other unrelated work that has been

ongoing for several weeks. BGE apologizes for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, please call the supervisor overseeing this project at 443-677-6475.

#### **4. ArcGIS Expertise Sought.**

Roads & Maintenance Vice President for Maintenance Vince Vizachero asks me to relay the following:

He is looking for someone in the community with expertise (or access to expertise) with ArcGIS and/or custom map creation to help with a project for Roads & Maintenance. If you are the person, or know of such a person, please contact Vince at [RMVPMaintenance@rolandpark.org](mailto:RMVPMaintenance@rolandpark.org).

#### **5. Downspout Disconnection Program.**

Vince Vizachero also recently forwarded to me this message from the Herring Run Watershed Association:

“The majority of homes in Roland Park have their downspouts connected directly to our storm drains. This puts a huge amount of water directly into Stony Run and Jones Falls even though it would be much better for that water to be absorbed by the soil.

“Downspout disconnection is the technical term for diverting rainwater from rooftops onto a vegetated surface rather than into the storm sewer system. The Downspout Disconnection Program is a collaborative effort between the Herring Run and Jones Falls Watershed Associations to reduce the volume of rain water runoff, or stormwater, flowing into our storm drains and streams. The program is a part of an overall effort to reduce flooding in our streams and reduce nutrient, sediment, and other pollution from entering local streams and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

“Dana Puzey is a coordinator for the Program, and is available to consult with you at no charge. She can make suggestions for diverting your rainfall into rain barrels and/or a rain garden. She can also review the discounts and rebates that are available to help make it happen. Contact Dana at 410-746-4170 or [dpuzey@jonesfalls.org](mailto:dpuzey@jonesfalls.org). Dana is familiar with Roland Park, and you won't regret spending 30 or 45 minutes with her.

“For more information, you can also visit the Herring Run Watershed Association website at <http://baywatersheds.org/downspout-disconnection>.”

#### **6. Sickly Raccoon.**

Last, in the light of recent raccoon activity in Tuxedo park, a Plat 1 resident sent me this the other day: “I just saw a sickly looking raccoon cross Hawthorn Road from the east side, and go into the block near the intersection of Hawthorn and Woodlawn, bounded by Elmhurst on the south and Wyndhurst to the north. I phoned it into 311. In case you want to post a warning.”

Best regards,

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