

## **Roland Park E-letter**

**Web Editor's E-letter  
September 11, 2009**

### **1. TreeBaltimore Initiative.**

The city is rolling out a new program called TreeNeighborhood. As part of the mayor's TreeBaltimore initiative, the city is providing free and reduced-priced trees to residents for planting on front and back yards this fall.

TreeBaltimore is a part of Mayor Sheila Dixon's Greener Baltimore initiative. This autumn, TreeBaltimore is launching the TreeNeighborhood program to provide free trees to residents of designated Healthy Neighborhoods, and half-price trees (\$10) to residents of all other neighborhoods. (Roland Park is not a designated Healthy Neighborhood. Still, 10 bucks isn't bad.) In order to take advantage of this special pricing, neighborhoods must order a minimum of 10 trees.

Tree orders will be collected through September 25, and trees will be delivered to Roland Park in October or November. For more information about the TreeNeighborhood program for Roland Park, contact Louise Phipps Senft, chair of the RP Civic League Beautification Committee at [CivicLeague2VP@RolandPark.org](mailto:CivicLeague2VP@RolandPark.org). Completed tree order forms should also be returned to Louise. Louise's office number is 443-524-0833. For more information about TreeBaltimore in general, contact Anne Draddy, TreeBaltimore Coordinator, at [anne.draddy@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:anne.draddy@baltimorecity.gov).

Trees planted in the right place save on energy costs, provide shade, and cool and clean our air and water. TreeBaltimore's TreeNeighborhood program represents a great opportunity for you to beautify your neighborhood, increase the value of your property, and reduce your energy costs. Join us in creating a Greener Baltimore! Keep up to date with TreeBaltimore by visiting <http://rolandpark.org/TreeBaltimore.html>.

### **2. Stony Run Stream Walk, Sep. 12.**

The Sierra Club invites you to take a hike along Stony Run on Saturday, September 12. It will be a 5 1/2 mile hike (the whole distance of Stony Run up and back) starting from the parking lot of the old Stieff Silver headquarters, 800 Wyman Park Dr., Baltimore at 10:00 a.m., with an optional lunch afterwards. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and dogs are welcome if they are leashed and friendly. Contact Mary Corrdry, 410-239-4590 (home), 443-386-0862 (cell), [XxDiTz4LyFxx@aol.com](mailto:XxDiTz4LyFxx@aol.com) (that's not a typo).

For updates on the current restoration project on the lower part of Stony Run, visit <http://www.rolandpark.org/StonyRun.html>.

### **3. City Refuses Speed Bumps on Keswick.**

Having repaved the 4700 and 4800 blocks of Keswick Road last spring, the city has now refused to install any speed bumps. Many residents supported the repaving only on the condition that bumps be subsequently installed, guessing, correctly, that the new smooth surface would encourage speeding. (Apart from Roland Avenue, Keswick is the only north/south Roland Park through-street to the rest of Baltimore.) The city letter of rejection can be found here:

<http://www.rolandpark.org/documents/LetterfromtheCity.pdf>.

The rationale for the rejection is that Keswick is too steep a hill to merit traffic calming. This is manifestly incorrect. Nearby Wyndhurst Avenue is considerably steeper and yet it has a number of speed bumps. The part of Keswick that really needs traffic calming — the south side of the intersection of Keswick and Upland — is completely flat. Because there is no stop sign at this intersection, cars here increase speed before the incline down toward Park Lane. Concerned? Infuriated? May I suggest an e-mail to 6th District Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton, who has been a wonderful friend to Roland Park in the past? Her e-mail address is [Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov).

#### **4. Wasp Attack at Stony Run.**

Readers should be advised that a local resident was badly stung by big yellow hornets at Stony Run on the morning of September 10. He was walking his dogs on the section of the path that parallels the Loyola parking lot. The hornets attacked his dogs first, burrowing down into the fur of one. They stung the man on his head when he was trying to pull the hornets off the dog.

#### **5. Annual Wyndhurst Neighborhood Block Party.**

The Annual Wyndhurst Neighborhood Block Party on St. Johns Road is on Sunday, September 20, from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome.

#### **6. New Web-site Portals Created.**

RolandPark.org has created two new portals to serve as repositories for local stories about (a) preservation and development and (b) sustainability and green space. These may be found, respectively, at <http://rolandpark.org/PreservationDevelopment> and <http://rolandpark.org/SustainGreen.html>. Please take a peek.

Best regards,

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