

## **Roland Park E-letter**

### **Web Editor's E-letter October 9, 2009**

#### **1. City Furlough Days.**

Today was the first of five municipal furlough days planned for Baltimore City for this fiscal year. On the remaining four furlough days, Baltimore City government buildings will be closed to the public with four exceptions: Courthouse East, Clarence Mitchell Jr. Courthouse, Police Headquarters complex, and the People's Court. On the following days, the city will be officially closed except for 24/7 operations and trash and recycling collection:

- Friday, October 9, 2009.
- Friday, November 27, 2009.
- Thursday, December 24, 2009.
- Friday, January 15, 2010.
- Friday, May 28, 2010.

Needless to say, parking meters will still be in effect even on the days the city government is closed.

#### **2. Leaf Collection.**

City Department of Public Works fall leaf collection continues through Friday, January 29, 2010. Leaves and yard waste will be picked up on residents' trash collection day (Tuesday for Roland Park). Leaves should be placed in clear or labeled bags. Citizens are asked to limit bagged leaves to 10 per collection day and not to place leaves in the public right-of-way (violators can be cited).

Citizens can also drop off bagged leaves, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at five Bureau of Solid Waste locations:

- Eastern Sanitation Yard — 6101 Bowleys Lane.
- Northwest Sanitation Yard — 2840 Sisson Street.
- Northwest Transfer Station — 5030 Reisterstown Road.
- Quarantine Road Landfill — 6100 Quarantine Road.
- Western Sanitation Yard — 701 Reedbird Avenue.

For more information, residents can call 311.

#### **3. Bicycle Commuter Resource Guide.**

The Baltimore Metropolitan Council has released a Bicycle Commuter Resource Guide, which contains information for both bicycle commuters as well as employers on how to encourage commuting by bicycle. For full information, please see [www.baltometro.org/commuter-options/bicycle](http://www.baltometro.org/commuter-options/bicycle).

#### **4. Remember the Marathon on Oct. 10.**

Readers should keep in mind that there will be major street closures on Saturday, Oct. 10 because of the Baltimore marathon. The city advises that drivers do what they can to bypass the marathon

route by taking routes such as Northern Parkway, Edison Highway, Hilton Street or the Jones Falls Expressway, which do not interfere with the marathon route. In our neck of the woods, the nearest (northernmost) major thoroughfare that will be used by the runners will be 33rd Street. Anything north of that should be clear. Details of the street closures for this Saturday may be found at the RP web site, here:

<http://rolandpark.org/documents/UnderArmourBaltimoreRunningFestivalRevised.pdf>.

### **5. Olmsted Friends Walking Tour of Sudbrook Park, Oct. 18.**

The Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks and Landscapes Fall 2009 Walking Tour will take in Sudbrook Park. The date and time are Sunday, Oct. 18, 2-4 p.m. Meet at 1014 Windsor Road, Baltimore, MD 21208 at 1:45pm. The tours are \$15 for advance purchases or \$18 for day-of-tour purchases. For information or to make reservations, contact Heide Grundman at [hgrundot@aol.com](mailto:hgrundot@aol.com) or 410-945-0586. More details are here: <http://rolandpark.org/images/Sudbrook2009.jpg>.

### **6. H1N1 FluMist Vaccinations, 2009.**

The Baltimore City Health Department will begin giving 2009 H1N1 FluMist vaccinations free of charge to healthy Baltimore City children ages 2 years to 24 years on Thursday, Oct. 15, at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, just down the hill from Roland Park at 1400 W. Cold Spring Lane. The clinic will be open from noon until 8:00 p.m.

FluMist vaccine will be provided to city residents only on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents/guardians should bring proof of age (birth certificate or school ID) and residency (e.g., driver's license, state ID, or a recent power/phone/cable monthly statement). Children under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who can give written consent. Children with chronic health conditions such as asthma or diabetes, and younger children 6-23 months old, cannot receive FluMist. However, these children should receive the H1N1 flu shot once it becomes available.

### **7. Gilman Left-turn Lane Survey Vote.**

The results of the on-line reader survey about the proposed Gilman left-turn lane on Roland Avenue were as follows. Sixty households voted. Of these, 42 (70 percent) opposed any change to the current set up. Six (10 percent) had no objection to Gilman's either narrowing or eliminating the current long, wide and tree-planted median strip. Four voters (6.6 percent) opposed eliminating the strip but did not object to its being narrowed. Two (3.3 percent) were fine with its elimination, but not with its narrowing. And six voters had "other" opinions, which they wrote in. Many of these involved restricting parking on Roland Avenue or having Gilman use its northern entrance (on Northern Parkway). The tally can be viewed here: [http://rolandpark.org/cgi/surveys/surveys.cgi?archive\\_id=2#1](http://rolandpark.org/cgi/surveys/surveys.cgi?archive_id=2#1).

### **8. Reminders.**

There are all sorts of important events this month locally, including:

- The Green Map's charity shredding event, Oct. 10 (see <http://rolandpark.org/documents/BaltoGreenPR.pdf>).

- The city hazardous waste drop off, Oct. 10-11 (see <http://rolandpark.org/documents/HazDropOff2009.pdf>).
- The mayor's neighborhood conversation, Oct. 14 (see [http://rolandpark.org/documents/101409\\_Neigh\\_Conversation09.pdf](http://rolandpark.org/documents/101409_Neigh_Conversation09.pdf)).
- The Wyman Park Fall Fest, Oct. 17 (see <http://rolandpark.org/images/DellFall2009.jpg>).
- The Roland Park Sustainability Initiative's "7th generation weekend, Oct. 23-25 (see [http://rolandpark.org/documents/RPCL\\_Sustain\\_event1\\_final.pdf](http://rolandpark.org/documents/RPCL_Sustain_event1_final.pdf)).

Best regards,

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