

## **Roland Park E-letter**

**Web Editor's E-letter**  
**October 19, 2009**

### **1. Roland Park Sustainability Seven Generations Weekend: Message from the Civic League President.**

Please participate this weekend, October 23 through 25, in the Civic League's first Seven Generations Weekend, a demonstration of our community commitment to becoming more sustainable. "Seven generations" refers to the Great Law of the Iroquois, "In every deliberation, we must consider the impact on the seventh generation." It is a founding principle of the sustainability movement, an understanding of the long-term implications of our actions. The Civic League, the Roads and Maintenance Corporation and the Community Foundation are supporting this occasion. Here are some of the exciting events planned for the weekend:

On Friday morning, students from area schools are strongly encouraged to walk, bike and carpool, or take public transportation to school. School children walking on Roland will gather together at Upland at 7:30 a.m. to walk as a symbolic "school bus" to school. Community and elected officials will help to lead the bus. Parents are organizing other gathering places to walk from throughout the community. Adults are encouraged to commute to work using the same alternative means of transportation.

On Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability, local vendors and other community organizations will host a variety of information sessions in front of the Roland Park Library. More than 25 vendors or groups will be present. Topics will include energy conservation, recycling and eco-friendly design. Planned by the Civic League's Sustainability Committee, Roland Park's Seven Generations Weekend will be one of thousands of actions orchestrated globally by the virtual organization 350.org, an international campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis. Please join us at the library at 11:45 a.m., when a video of Saturday's activities along with those from around the world, will be streamed to [www.350.org](http://www.350.org).

On Sunday, Roland Park will host the first ever ciclovía in Baltimore when southbound Roland Avenue between Northern Parkway and Cold Spring Lane will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to allow cyclists, pedestrians and skateboarders safe access to the street. Get out there with your family and have fun. A map and details of street closures can be viewed at <http://rolandpark.org/documents/StreetClosure.pdf>. No parking will be allowed on southbound Roland that day. We hope this event will motivate a larger ciclovía in Baltimore next spring, and regularly thereafter.

Hats off to the organizers of these events: Michael McQuestion, Rita Walters, Peter Kannam, Muriel Berkeley and to our Councilpersons Sharon Green Middleton and Mary Pat Clarke. We have been assisted by One Less Car and the Mayor's Office.

Philip Spevak  
President, Roland Park Civic League

## **2. Help Needed for Seven Generations Planning.**

The Sustainability Committee volunteers could sorely use some help this week with publicity and other preparatory tasks. If you would like to get involved, please contact event the Sustainability Committee's co-chairs, Mike McQuestion ([mike.mcquestion@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mcquestion@gmail.com)) and Rita Walters ([rwalter7@jhu.edu](mailto:rwalter7@jhu.edu)).

## **3. Leaf Vacuuming.**

I have been asked by the Roland Park Roads & Maintenance Corp. to relay to you that apparently the city will once again be undertaking leaf vacuuming this year, though we do not yet know when this will start. As soon as R&M has a firm date, you will be notified.

## **4. Dues Payments Returned.**

Marni Troop, the RP office manager, has recently been receiving calls from residents whose Civic League and/or Roads & Maintenance Corp. dues have been returned to them by the post office.

The situation is this. When the RP civic organizations moved back to the neighborhood from Riderwood this summer, they requested that the mail be forwarded to 5115B Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210 (the new office address). However, the post office made an error by only capturing the "B" part of the address and not the "5115" part. If you have not yet sent in your dues, or if your previously mailed dues have been returned, please send to 5115B Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210. If you would like to talk to Marni, her e-mail address is [rporg@verizon.net](mailto:rporg@verizon.net), her phone number (410) 464-2525 and her fax number (410) 464-2533.

## **5. RP Architectural Plans Available.**

For those of you with a historic bent, the University of Baltimore library has architectural plans for many Roland Park houses, along with a large number for Guilford, Homeland, Roland Run Valley, Original Northwood and The Orchards. Not every RP house is there, but a good many are. Browse through the collection catalog by visiting this URL: <http://archives.ubalt.edu/architect.htm>.

## **6. Local Halloween Events.**

Remember to check out the local children's Halloween events over the next couple of weeks:

October 24: Plat 1 Halloween Parade and Block Party.

October 25: Tuxedo Park Halloween Parade.

October 26: S'ghetti Eddie's 3rd Annual Fall Festival.

Oct. 24-30: First Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, The Colonnade.

See this web site's event calendar (<http://rolandpark.org/cgi/Calendar/RP/calendar.cgi>) and community bulletin board (<http://rolandpark.org/CommunityBoard.html>) for details.

## **7. Other Upcoming Events.**

Roland Park Civic League Meeting, Thursday, November 5, 7:15 p.m. A discussion of the proposal by Roland Park Place to amend their existing planned unit development to increase

parking along Roland Avenue. Proposals include destruction of the church at the corner of Roland and 40th Street and/or the home at 4021 Roland Avenue. See <http://rolandpark.org/RPP.html> for background.

Roland Park Area Master Plan, Saturday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m.-noon. Public charrette for all in our community as we begin the process to develop a Roland Park area master plan. More information to come!

Best regards,

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