

## **Roland Park E-letter**

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

**December 19, 2009**

#### **1. Baltimore City Snow Emergency, Phase 2.**

Given the severity of the current snow storm, Baltimore City this afternoon implemented phase 2 of its snow emergency plan. Phase 2 of the plan requires that all vehicles traveling on city roadways must be equipped with snow tires, all-season radials or chains. In addition, parking is prohibited on designated "snow emergency routes." The press release I received directed readers to [www.396snow.com](http://www.396snow.com), the municipal Dept. of Transportation's snow page.

From here, readers are prompted to the city's snow route map at this URL: [http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/transportation/snow/downloads/primary\\_snow\\_route.pdf](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/transportation/snow/downloads/primary_snow_route.pdf). The map is of little use, so unclearly are the snow routes marked, but those in our neighborhood seem to be Roland Avenue, Northern Parkway, Cold Spring Lane, Keswick Road, Wyndhurst Avenue, Beechdale Road, Falls Road and University Parkway. Cars left on snow routes are liable to be ticketed and/or towed. If towed, cars are taken to nearby designated lots, in our case Poly/Western at 1400 W. Cold Spring Lane. However, our friends at the Wyndhurst Improvement Association apparently put in a call to the city, whose operator said that, at least for the northern section of Roland Avenue bordering Tuxedo Park, towing was not in effect. I leave it to you to make further inquiries at 311 if concerned. (As an interesting aside, perhaps sensing the potential for residents' complaints about the less-than-helpful snow-route map, the city, according to a map footnote, "makes no representations nor warranties, either expressed or implied, regarding the information contained on this map or its suitability for any particular purpose whatsoever.")

A city brochure about snow emergencies can be found here: <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/transportation/snow/downloads/snowBrochure.pdf>.

Last, the following was contained in a media advisory issued by the mayor's office today:

"Additionally, all city residents and businesses are required to clear their sidewalks. Snow-covered sidewalks force pedestrians to walk in the streets and jeopardize their safety. Motorists should be aware and alert for any pedestrians in the road especially on non-lit roads.

"Citizens are also being asked to assist in clearing bus stops in their neighborhoods to provide increased protection and safety for residents using public transportation."

#### **2. Remember the Master Plan On-line Discussion Forums.**

Please remember that RolandPark.org has created a series of nine on-line discussion forums where area residents may air their news and views about the various aspects of the nascent Roland Park area master plan. The forums may be reached via a “metablog” page on the RP web site. The metablog page contains links to the nine forums, one for each of the issue areas discussed at the first master plan charrette, November 21, plus an additional forum for youth issues (which was not specifically covered at the charrette).

The metablog page is at <http://rolandpark.org/MasterPlanMetaBlog>.

The forums will be a primary vehicle for residents to leave their comments about the master plan. You may respond to specific issues raised at the first community charrette, Nov. 21. Or you may start new threads for your own new ideas. The forums are very user friendly and are free.

### **3. City Holiday Recycling.**

Holiday wrapping paper can be recycled with residents’ usual weekly recyclables, though ribbons cannot. The city will also accept various items for “eCycling,” such as unwanted DVD players, VCRs, etc. These may be dropped off at various sanitation yards throughout the city, the closest to us being at 2840 Sisson Street. For details, see the city press release at <http://rolandpark.org/documents/HolidayRecyc.pdf>.

### **4. December Vaccination Clinics.**

If you are still looking for swine flu vaccinations for your children, a full December city schedule of free immunization clinics can be found here:

[http://rolandpark.org/documents/TIKE\\_DEC\\_2009.pdf](http://rolandpark.org/documents/TIKE_DEC_2009.pdf).

### **5. Marianist Demolition Photos.**

I recently came across some very poignant photos taken last October of the final days and hours of the Marianist Building at 4301 Roland Ave. The photos were posted on Flickr.com by a user calling herself Dorret, apparently a Dutchwoman living in Roland Park. I would love to use the photos on the RP web site, so if you are, or if you know, Dorret, please contact me at [rpcommunication@rolandpark.org](mailto:rpcommunication@rolandpark.org).

Happy hols to all!

Best regards,

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