

Roland Park E-letter

Web Editor's E-letter

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1. Citywide Spring Cleanup Day - April 16th.

April 16 has been designated Spring cleanup day by the mayor. Unfortunately, this year, the City will provide just one dumpster for all of Roland Park. It will be placed at the intersection of Woodlawn and Hawthorn Roads on Saturday, April 16. Additionally, the City will supply debris bags which can be picked up on that same day at the dumpster location. These bags can then be left for pickup on Monday, April 18 at 4 locations: Englewood & Edgevale, Club & St. John's, the median of University Parkway near the old trolley stop at the intersection with Overhill Road, or at Oakdale & Woodlawn.

2. Spring Celebration: Friday May 6th.

The Roland Park Community Foundation commemorates its 25th year with the 2011 Spring Celebration on May 6th. Join your neighbors for an evening of merriment as we reflect on our history and look forward to our future. The event will begin at 6:30 PM at The Women's Club of Roland Park, 4500 Roland Avenue. Enjoy Light Fare, Wine and Beer, Southsides, a Silent Auction, Special Music Mix, and More Surprises! Dress in your favorite spring outfit from 1986! Visit the Roland Park web site to download your invitation and reply card: <http://rolandpark.org/foundation/foundEvents.html> .

3. Roland Park Civic League Meeting.

The Roland Park Civic League's monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 7 PM. Meetings are held at the Roland Park Presbyterian Church, 4801 Roland Avenue. Visit to Roland Park Community Calendar at http://www.rolandpark.org/calendar_rp.html to get details on this and other events in the community.

4. Chesapeake Conservation Corps - opportunity for youth.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to announce the second year of a new partnership with the State of Maryland and Constellation Energy to establish a Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program.

The purpose of the Corps is

- 1) to enable stipend volunteers to work with host organizations and communities throughout Maryland to implement on-the-ground restoration and energy conservation projects, and
- 2) to provide leadership and training opportunities for young adults pursuing environmental and conservation careers.

Corps volunteers will work on projects in the realms of watershed restoration, energy conservation, agriculture, forestry, and environmental education.

Over 40 placement possibilities at non-profit and government organizations across Maryland exist and can be viewed at www.cbtrust.org/chesapeakeconservationcorps.

Applications for CORPS VOLUNTEERS, ages 18-25, are currently being solicited, with a deadline of May 20, 2011. Successful Corps Volunteer applicants will be matched with Host Organizations by the end of June, with the one-year service term to begin on August 29, 2011. Corps Volunteers will receive a stipend of \$19,000 for the year of service.

In light of the Trust's commitment to the advancement of diversity in its environmental work, the Trust strongly encouraged applications from Host Organizations and now encourages applications from Volunteers that increase awareness and participation of people and communities of color in natural resource restoration and protection.

More information and application materials can be found at www.cbtrust.org/chesapeakeconservationcorps.

5. Ciclovía survey results.

The results are in. Forty-eight Roland Parkers responded to the March 6th e-letter invitation to participate in an online survey of preferences for *ciclovías* in our neighborhood. Overall, 84% approved of the *ciclovía* concept whereby certain streets are periodically closed to motorized traffic and opened for recreational use.

Respondents were speaking from experience. Eighty-one percent participated in one or both of the past Roland Park *ciclovías* (25 October 2009 and 31 October 2010). Eighty-two percent approve having our next *ciclovía* on 15 May 2011.

Asked about other *ciclovía* preferences, 74% of respondents approved the idea of extending the course across Cold Spring Ln down W University Pkwy to Keswick Rd. In addition:

- 61% prefer *ciclovías* on Sunday, 21% Saturday and 19% neither
- 55% prefer morning (8-1PM), 34% afternoon (noon-5PM)
- 55% prefer 2-3 *ciclovías* per year, 27% one per month, 7% two or more per month; 16%

prefer none.

Based on the above, the Roland Park Civic League submitted a City permit request to have the next Roland Park *ciclovía* on Sunday 15 May, 8AM to 1PM, on an extended route that will connect southbound Roland Avenue to W; University Pkwy as far south as Keswick Road.

More details on the 15 May *ciclovía* will follow.

The Roland Park Civic League Sustainability committee is always looking to build its volunteer ranks. If you want to help out with our *ciclovía* and other Seven Generation II activities slated for 14-20 May, please contact Committee Co-Chairs Mike McQuestion (mike.mcquestion@gmail.com, 443-912-7655) or Rita Walters (rwalter7@jhu.edu, 443-610-3403).

6. Bike Maryland: presentation by Gil Penalosa.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to meet Mr. Gil Penalosa, an internationally renowned livable city adviser who is passionate about vibrant and healthy communities. He has delivered presentations at events across North America, Latin America, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. As Executive Director of the non-profit organization 8-80 Cities and former Commissioner of Parks, Sports and Recreation in Bogota, Colombia, Gil's tireless commitment to fostering healthy communities remains front and center. Centered on the promotion of creating interconnected networks of pedestrian, cycling and public transportation infrastructure and building vibrant parks and public spaces, Gil's presentations are an inspirational method to build capacity in government, business and community settings.

Wednesday, April 6th, 2011, 7-9PM at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3807 N. Charles Street, Baltimore. Presentation - Moving from Talking to Doing! Visit the Bike Maryland web site for more details and to RSVP: <http://bikemd.org/page.php?id=281> .

7. Village At Home seeks Executive Director.

Village At Home (<http://www.villageathome.org/>) is a non-profit organization seeking to build a supportive community for all ages, with a special focus on providing activities and services to older adults and people with disabilities so they may have the practical means and the confidence to live full lives in their homes and neighborhoods. The organization is seeking to hire an Executive Director to drive the development of the organization. Requirements include MSW or equivalent degree with 5 years post-graduate minimum experience, to include as many as possible of the following: geriatric care management or other direct service to aging population; program development & administration; fiscal oversight; volunteer management; non-profit management; fundraising; staff supervision; & community organization. Leadership abilities,

communication skills, attention to detail, & dedication to mission required. Resume to: Search, Village At Home, PO Box 5652, Baltimore, MD 21210

8. Donate used clothing, food, toys and more at Cross Keys.

The merchants of Cross Keys have joined forces to support the work of several local charitable organizations through Cross Keys Cares (April 15 - 23). A dozen Cross Keys businesses are collecting gently worn clothing, shoes, toys, food, cash contributions, and other donations in support of eight local organizations. Drop off your donations from April 15-23 - and many of these stores will give you a special discount, cup of coffee or other small 'thank you' for participating!

BARCS: The Store Ltd is collecting toys, blankets for dogs & cats, as well as cash contributions for the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter,

FACE FORWARD FOUNDATION: La Terra is collecting new shoes and sandals and summer wear for women & children for Face Forward Foundation, which provides free surgical treatment to children in developing countries to help eliminate facial deformities.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF THE CHESAPEAKE: Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is sponsoring a Goodwill Industries Collection Drive for unwanted household items, small electronics, books and tools.

HOUSE OF RUTH: Ruth Shaw is collecting gently used clothing and cash donations, J.Jill is collecting gently worn clothing, Jean Pool is collecting jeans AND Donna's Café & Coffee Bar is donating 15% of every dinner check (for restaurant patrons who identify themselves as House of Ruth supporters).

JUNIOR LEAGUE: Pied Piper is collecting gently worn Spring and Summer children's clothing for the Junior League of Baltimore.

MARYLAND FOOD BANK: Village Square Café is collecting non-perishable food items for The Maryland Food Bank, which provides free food to the State's hungry.

SQUASH-WISE BALTIMORE: Gore Dean is collecting cash donations for Squash-Wise, a not-for-profit after school youth enrichment program combining squash instruction, academic tutoring and community service for middle school students in Baltimore City.

SUITED TO SUCCEED: Chezelle and Jones & Jones are collecting gently worn business apparel, which will be donated to Suited to Succeed, a Baltimore-based organization that helps women make the transition from unemployment to self-sufficiency.

<http://www.villageofcrosskeys.com/events/cross-keys-cares>

9. Leash-law enforcement.

Roland Park-area dog walkers should be aware that the city has again begun sending leash-law enforcers to Stony Run. Some warnings have been issued to walkers caught unawares. First-time citations are \$200 for each unleashed dog.

10. Revamped "Then and Now" history section on RolandPark.org.

[RolandPark.org](http://www.RolandPark.org) will in the next few weeks be revamping and expanding the "Then and Now" RP historical site, <http://www.rolandpark.org/ThenAndNow>. (In the book-publishing world, the new site would constitute a revised and enlarged second edition.) About 50 new pairs of old and new photos will be added to the site, about 40 of them on two entirely new subpages. The other 10 or so will be spread over the existing eight subpages. New maps are also being added and a number of the explanatory captions from summer 2010 version of the site are being rewritten to take into account new information gleaned from the additional 50 photos. Reworking the historical site is very cumbersome so, if readers have any old RP photos in the attic that they would like included on the site, now would be the time to submit them. Scans of your photos may be e-mailed to rphistory@rolandpark.org. Please include a line or two saying what the photo is of, as sometimes this is not as obvious as one might think, and giving the date if you know it. Please send the highest-resolution scans you can. If you do not have a scanner, contact editor Doug Munro at the e-mail given and he will, with your permission, bring a portable scanner to you house.

11. Free Document Shredding and Identity Theft Awareness Event.

On Saturday, April 9th from 9 AM until 1 PM, there will be a free document and digital data shred event at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Falls Road and Cold Spring Lane). Citizens will be able to bring their old documents and data files and have them shredded to protect against identity theft. Incred-A-Shred is mobilizing a fleet of massive shredding trucks to offer the region's corporate, private and nonprofit citizens an opportunity to shred documents, hard drives, DVD's, old cell phones, memory sticks and any other form of paper or electronic data collection devices that could present a point of opportunity for identity thieves. The event is free and no advanced registration is required – just show-up with the items you'd like to shred. This is being made possible by Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler, Incred-A-Shred Corporation and Junior Achievement. Incred-A-Shred will make a donation Junior Achievement based on the volume shredded at the event. This is free community service and a way to protect yourself and your assets against identity theft.

Respectfully Submitted,

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