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Editor's Notes

By Hilary Paska

Summer has passed by so quickly this year, with pleasant August temperatures making the "dog days" of summer less challenging than usual. The neighborhood is looking especially green after the heavy rain storms and thanks to the ongoing efforts of many neighborhood partners, the streets surrounding the Stony Run have remained flood-free. Find out how the community is working together to improve the health of the Stony Run stream and park on P. 14.

This strong sense of community is one of the reasons why the Zacharopoulos family first moved to Roland Park in 2009. After suffering a devastating house fire in April 2016, they're looking forward to returning to their restored home this fall and share some of their experiences over the past months.

Valuing the environment is another recurring theme in this issue. Roland Park's landscaping is a natural draw for wildlife and honey bees are a common sight in our gardens. Sally Foster's article, "It's All the Buzz," explores the growing interest in beekeeping in the neighborhood and highlights some fun facts about these tiny creatures.

The Roland Park Civic League continues to be very active on many fronts and there are several ongoing projects that neighbors should be aware of. The RPCL

strongly encourages residents to attend their monthly meetings and keep up-to-date on neighborhood issues through their website, rolandpark.org, and Twitter [@roland_park](https://twitter.com/roland_park).

Speaking of neighborhood involvement, after more than four years with the *Roland Park News*, I'm moving onto new projects. Many thanks to everyone who's contributed to the newsletter during this time — we have some amazing writers and photographers in the neighborhood. Thank you, too, to the advertisers for your ongoing support. We couldn't produce this publication without you.

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I sometimes compare working on the *Roland Park News* to building a jigsaw puzzle, fitting the news items and stories together to produce the final issue. It's a fun challenge and there are always so many more neighborhood stories to tell. I look forward to learning more about Roland Park in future newsletters. ❖

Executive Editor Required

The Roland Park Community Foundation is seeking an Executive Editor with an eye for detail and a strong interest in Greater Roland Park. The Editor is responsible for producing the quarterly *Roland Park News* on time and on budget; has overall responsibility for the magazine's content; coordinates a team of volunteer writers; helps to recruit and retain advertisers; and works closely with the graphic designer to create an excellent publication.

For more information on this flexible, part-time paid position, please contact the Foundation at Communityfoundation@rolandpark.org.

Arts Happenings

Upcoming events sponsored by **Community Concerts at Second, Inc.** (Second Presbyterian Church, 4200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore) include:

September 17, October 15 and November 5, 7:30 p.m., **Chamber Music by Candlelight.** Join us as members of the BSO perform chamber works in a beautiful candlelit setting.

September 24, 3:30 p.m., **Felix Hell**, organ. Organist Felix Hell is renowned internationally



Felix Hell
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Concerts at Second

for his natural musicality, innovative programming, and fluid execution. Join us for his performance, which centers around works composed and inspired by J.S. Bach.

October 8, 3:30 p.m., **Amadi Azikiwe**, viola. Lauded for his effortless musicianship and warm, rich tone, Amadi Azikiwe tours extensively throughout the U.S. His program will feature a virtuosic body of repertoire performed gracefully and expressively, including



Amadi Azikiwe
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works by Dvorak, Bach and Paganini.



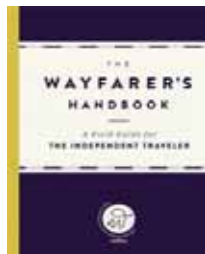
Robert Cantrell
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Concerts at Second

November 12, 3:30 p.m., **Robert Cantrell**, bass-baritone. Robert Cantrell is often praised for his rich, powerful sound and lyrical musical interpretations. A local favorite, Cantrell promises to deliver an engaging and dynamic performance, exhibiting great vocal control and sensitivity.

The concerts are free of charge with free street parking and require no advance ticketing. Visit **communityconcertsatsecond.org** for complete programming information.

Fall programs for adults at the **Enoch Pratt Free Library Roland Park Branch** (5108 Roland Avenue) include:

September 6, 6:30 p.m., **Meet the Author: Evan Rice, *The Wayfarer's Handbook***. In this day and age, too many people are under the misguided impression that large swaths of the world are too dangerous to travel through safely or that traveling is a frivolous hobby reserved for the wealthy. In a photo-illustrated talk, local author Evan Rice, who has traveled alone through 32 countries across six continents, will disprove these misconceptions and show you what a wonderfully accessible place the world is. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after the talk.



September 16, 11 a.m., **Writers LIVE!: Kris**

Faatz, *To Love a Stranger*. Local pianist and writer Kris Faatz presents her debut novel, *To Love A Stranger*, a nuanced love story set in the backstage world of the classical symphony. Kris will read from the novel and share some of the music that inspired the story. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after the talk.



September 27, 5:30 p.m., **Audubon's Bird-Friendly Garden Design**. Welcome, gardeners! Building on what we know about native plants for birds, we'll dive into bird-friendly garden design and maintenance. You'll learn the best methods to plan for a beautiful landscape and sustain your native garden while supporting beneficial wildlife. This workshop is intended for more advanced gardeners. We recommend Audubon's "Introduction to Wildlife Gardening" presentation as a prerequisite. Please register in advance at **baltimore@audubon.org** or call 410-558-2473.



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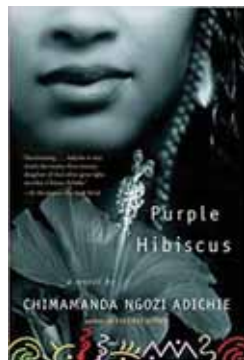
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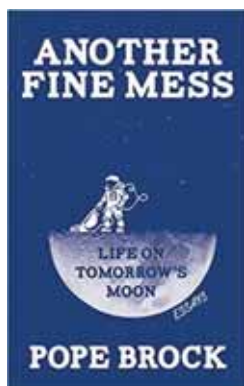
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Arts Happenings

October 14, 11 a.m., **One Maryland/One Book: Book Discussion.** Enjoy a lively discussion of this year's One Maryland/One Book, *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. We have a limited number of free copies available to individuals who will be attending our book discussion. Contact Julie at 410-396-6099 x35502 for more information.



November 13, 6:30 p.m., **Writers LIVE! Pope Brock, Another Fine Mess: Life on Tomorrow's Moon.** We've gotten into another fine mess, destroying the planet and all. So where will we go next? Is it time to colonize outer space? Acclaimed essayist Pope Brock takes us on a vivid satirical journey to learn just what life might look like living on tomorrow's moon. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after the talk.



November 18, 11 a.m., **Writers LIVE! Holly Lewis Maddux, *I Wouldn't Have Changed a Thing: Ludie Tall's Memories of Growing Up in Roland Park*, 1902-1924.** Who knew growing up in Baltimore in the early 1900s could be so much fun? In the recently published book, *I Wouldn't Have Changed a Thing*, Roland Park, a leafy, gentrified suburb of Baltimore, is populated with gypsies, tramps, traveling minstrels and boys having way too much fun. Then there's the serious side. The rumble with the City Boys, the heartbreak of young lives lost and the pending Great War. Based on the memoirs of one of Roland Park's earliest residents, Luther S. "Ludie" Tall, *I Wouldn't Have Changed a Thing* brings the past to life in a most entertaining and delightful way. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after the talk at a special discounted price of \$20.



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Fall shows at **The Lyric** (110 W. Mount Royal Avenue) include:

- September 8: **Dwight Yoakam**
- September 9: **Boz Scaggs**
- September 30: **Bill Engvall**
- October 4: **Swan Lake** (Russian Grand Ballet)
- October 6: **The Price is Right Live!**
- October 13: **Peppa Pig Live!**
- October 21: **United Way- Boyz II Men**
- October 29: **The Manns**
- November 3: **The Legend of Zelda (Symphony of the Goddesses)**
- November 18: **Chicago**
- November 27: **Dream Theater**
- December 3: **Jackie Evancho**



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For more information, visit **modell-lyric.com**. For tickets call 410-547-SEAT [7328] or visit **Ticketmaster.com**. For further information and group rates, contact the Box Office at 410-900-1150 (Monday – Friday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.).

Village Square Café (5100 Falls Road) is a casual eatery and neighborhood gathering spot serving fresh, simple fare in a warm and inviting setting. Located in the lovely Village of Cross Keys in Roland Park, they host live music every Saturday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. featuring a variety of local musicians. Performances are held outdoors in their beautiful garden patio, weather permitting. No cover charge. Family-friendly. The Café serves the full regular menu, dinner entrée specials and full bar. Contact 410-433-2233 (CAFÉ) or **villagesquarecafe.com**.

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- September 23: **The Songbirds** (Eclectic Acoustic)
- September 30: **Julie Riffle** (Folk/Country)
- October 7: **Deb & Gary** (Pop/Rock)
- October 14: **Mark & Judy** (Folk/Rock)
- October 21: **The Dharma Bums** (Folk/Rock/Indie/World Beat Blues)
- October 28: **Mark Weinberg** (60s & 70s Oldies)
- November 4: **The Powell Younger Project** (R&B/Soul/Blues)
- November 11: **Lauren Weiner & Julie Riffle** (Folk/Country)
- November 18: **Vagabond Motel** (Americana Folk Rock)



Scott Fulton



Lauren Weiner & Julie Riffle



The Powell Younger Project

Photos courtesy of VSC.

Early September through December, **Joel Cohen Paintings**. Every quarter, Village Square Café showcases a local artist's work and hosts an "Artist Meet & Greet." The fall exhibition features the work of Mount Washington-based artist Joel Cohen. Joel started painting in 2009 and has completed over 300 canvases combining acrylic paint and mixed media to produce abstract interpretations of people, places and things. In addition, at the top of his feel good list, Joel paints renderings of the dogs belonging to his friends and business associates, or as he calls them "miracles with paws." Described by others as primitive, satirical, or naive, ask Joel to define what he paints and the word "fun" repeats itself over and over. For more information, visit joelcohenpaintings.com.



Bright Spot
Photo courtesy of Joel Cohen Paintings

September. 14, 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Artist "Meet and Greet" with Joel Cohen**. Meet the VSC's featured artist and learn more about his work. Complimentary wine and cheese will be served.



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Natural Selections

Cylburn Arboretum (4915 Greenspring Avenue) is a 207-acre, nature preserve and public garden located in northwest Baltimore. The property takes its name from the Civil War-era mansion, which was once the private estate of industrialist Jesse Tyson. The house, designed by Baltimore City Hall architect George Aloysius Frederick, was completed in 1888. Now it is home to the Cylburn Arboretum Association and the Horticultural Division of the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. The grounds include 13,000 square feet of greenhouse space, more than three miles of walking trails, wildflowers and natural habitats. The grounds are open to the public from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year.

Fall events at **Cylburn** include:

Every Saturday through the fall, 8:30-9:30 a.m., **Yoga at Cylburn**. Enjoy yoga on the lawn with instructors from Coppermine Racquet and Fitness Club. This is a free class, just bring your mat



Yoga at Cylburn Photo courtesy of Cylburn

Calendar & Announcements

During construction at the Presbyterian Church, the September 2017 through April 2018 **Roland Park Civic League** meetings will be held at the North Baltimore Mennonite Church (4615 Roland Avenue). Meetings will be held at the regular time (7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month). For more information, please call the Civic League offices at 410-464-2525 or visit the Community Calendar page at rolandpark.org.

Job Hunters Support Group meetings are held on Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at First Christian Church (5802 Roland Avenue). Participants are welcome to share ideas, challenges and spiritual support. A sandwich luncheon will be served. Call 410-435-1506 or visit baltimoredisciples.org.

Cars, Trucks and Things That Go! September 23, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Gilman Lower School (5407 Roland Ave). Children and their parents are invited to climb big trucks, explore emergency vehicles, and meet local heroes who build, protect, and serve our community. All are welcome to attend this free event. Register at: gilman.edu/admissions/trucks.

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and get your Zen on. Meet on the lawn directly in front of the visitor parking lot.

September 15, 6:30-10 p.m., **Discover Cylburn**. Join us on September 15 to discover, celebrate and support Cylburn Arboretum and all that it has to offer! Enjoy delicious casual fare and drinks, music, a live auction and raffle and a wine pull. Fun-filled party games will highlight Cylburn's gardens, trails, trees and more. All proceeds help the Cylburn Arboretum Association to enrich and enhance this Baltimore treasure. Tickets: \$125.

Please RSVP at:
discover-cylburn.
eventbrite.com.

October 27, 6-8 p.m.,
ArBOOretum.

Come after dark to Cylburn Arboretum and celebrate the Halloween season in the shadow of the historic 1860's mansion! Inside we'll have Halloween crafts, games, activities, and more! More details to come — please check our website.



ArBOOretum Photo courtesy of Cylburn

For more information on our fall events, please check our website at **cylburn.org** or visit our Facebook page.

Lake Roland (1000 Lakeside Drive), a 500-plus acre park leased to Baltimore County, is a multi-faceted facility with numerous trails, nature and environmental programs, a dog park, pavilions and waterfront activities, such as canoeing and kayaking, for all to enjoy. The Lake Roland Nature Center, which opened in 2016, offers year-round educational programming and special events.

Fall activities at **Lake Roland** include:

September 18, 19. **Pioneer Days**. Learn how the early Americans pioneers lived! Activities include creating mini log cabins, corn husk dolls, and candle dipping. Visit **lakeroland.org** for more information.

September 24, 2-4 p.m. **Nature Quest Canoe Trip**. Join a ranger to search for the Nature Quest marker on Lake Roland. Enjoy time on the lake looking for wildlife such as turtles, beavers, eagles, and more. For more information, visit **relpnc.org/nature-quest**. Ages 5 and up, \$15 per person (\$10 members). To register, please email **lakerol-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov**.

October 7, 7-8:30 p.m. **Creatures of the Full Moon Campfire**. Ever wonder what animals visit Lake Roland during the night? Join us for a night hike to observe our nocturnal visitors. We will look for bats, owls, and other mysterious creatures! After, we'll enjoy s'mores around our campfire. For ages 5 and up. \$5 (\$3 members). To register, please email **lakerol-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov**.

October 22, 12-2 p.m. **Nature Quest Fest**. Join us for an afternoon of fun for all ages! Activities include games, a raffle,

Stony Run Bird Fest

September 16, 1-4 p.m.

Come celebrate urban birds along Stony Run! The second annual Urban Bird Fest, sponsored by Friends of Stony Run and Patterson Park Audubon Center, will take place on Saturday, September 16 at Linkwood Park on Cold Spring Lane. This free, family-friendly event will include crafts, games, a raffle for kids, and live raptors from Carrie Murray Nature Center.



crafts, canoeing, dam tours, and face painting. There will also be food and live animals! Admission is \$5 (free for Nature Questers who have completed five or more trails). For more information, please call 410-887-4156 or email **lakerolrp@baltimorecountymd.gov**. For our complete calendar, please visit **lakeroland.org**. ❖



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101 Longwood Road: A Homecoming

By Hilary Paska

This fall will mark a special homecoming for the Zacharopoulos family when they return to 101 Longwood Road after experiencing a devastating house fire in the early hours of April 22, 2016. Their home's lengthy restoration, which has included a complete rebuilding of its interior, is scheduled for completion in October, just in time for the family to celebrate the holiday season with their Roland Park neighbors.

Gretchen Dickinson, a part-time physician at St. Joseph's Medical Center, and Demetrios Zacharopoulos, an attorney, first moved to Roland Park in 2009. Gretchen's family is from the Baltimore area and her father had attended Gilman. They were drawn to Roland Park because of the strong sense of community and neighborhood feel.

"We wanted to raise our family in the city and Roland Park, with its great schools and beautiful landscaping, was the ideal fit," says Gretchen.

It only took five minutes for the firefighters to arrive, but the blaze quickly escalated to a two alarm fire, rapidly spreading across the roof, fueled by the wood shingles.

Their sons, Keller (9) and Max (7) attend Gilman, while Caroline "Callie" (4) is enjoying preschool at St. David's Day School.

Soon after their move, the family made several updates to their shingle-style 1906 home, including an open-plan kitchen and a two-story addition with a new master bedroom. Shortly before 6 a.m. on April 22, 2016, Gretchen awoke to a snapping, crackling sound and saw flames erupting from the master bedroom's closet.

"The fire had taken hold at the back of the house. Demetrios rushed to grab Callie and I woke the boys — Max's room was also on fire — and we all ran outside with our dog. It was terrifying."

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the roof, fueled by the wood shingles. With the family safely evacuated, firefighters concentrated on putting out the fire with four-inch hoses from two ladder trucks, eventually extinguishing it around 10 a.m.



The Zacharopoulos family are more than ready to return to Roland Park. (L to R: Gretchen, Max, Keller, Demetrios and Callie) Photo courtesy of Gretchen Dickinson

The damage was immense. The home's third floor was completely destroyed, as was most of the second floor and parts of the first. None of the house contents were salvageable, having been either burned or badly damaged by smoke and water.

"We were so lucky to escape when we did," says Gretchen. "We were later told that by the time the firefighters arrived, the smoke was so intense that they couldn't safely battle the fire from inside the house."

The fire's cause was never determined, although the Fire Department later concluded that it began on a back deck. This explained why the smoke detectors had failed to activate immediately as it took a while for smoke to build up inside the house.

With the support of relatives and friends, the family recovered from the initial shock of losing their home. They stayed with Gretchen's parents in Charlesbrooke until July 2016 when they eventually found a house to rent in Timonium. Working with their insurance company, they then had to decide the future of 101 Longwood Road — whether to completely demolish the house or undertake a lengthy restoration.

"Budget-wise, we realized it made more sense to restore the house," Gretchen says. "We could keep the less damaged features, including the original porch and the front side of the house, while redesigning the interior layout and adding an attached garage."

One original feature that had to change, however, was the old-style wood shingling. "The Fire Department told us that the wood shingles had acted as kindling for the fire so we've replaced them with fire-resistant fiber cement shingles. We've also installed a sprinkler system and smoke detectors connected to an alarm system," says Gretchen. "After this experience, we can't compromise on safety."

The discovery of asbestos and its costly removal has been an unexpected expense, but otherwise the renovation work has steadily moved forward.

'Negotiating with our insurance company was the most time-

consuming challenge,” comments Demetrios. “We hired a private adjustor and it still took a full six months to complete the process, from April to October 2016.”

When asked if they have any advice for their Roland Park neighbors, Demetrios strongly recommends reviewing your homeowner’s insurance to ensure that you have a guaranteed replacement cost policy, i.e. a policy that pays the full cost of replacing the home with no deduction for depreciation and no dollar limit.

“In an older neighborhood such as ours, where the homes are built from historic materials and include period features, I’d strongly urge neighbors to be as prepared as possible in the event of damage,” he says. “Also review your personal property coverage regularly and make sure that your possessions are



101 Longwood Road is undergoing an extensive restoration, due to be completed this October.
Photo courtesy of Beth Hayes

adequately covered. In our case, the entire house contents were damaged and the adjustors had to take photos of literally everything.”

Finally, he says, if you need to make a large-scale claim, make sure you have an expert on your side. “We needed a private adjustor to ensure the best outcome for us.”

After so many months of upheaval and work, the Zacharopoulos family was glad to spend this past summer relaxing at the beach in Ocean City, but now they’re ready to return to their own neighborhood.

“From that first morning, our neighbors, school communities, and of course, our friends and families, have been incredibly supportive and helped us in so many ways,” says

Gretchen. “This made us determined to move back to Roland Park as soon as we could.”

Above all, the family remains grateful to the local First Responders who took control of the fire on that terrifying morning. “We’d already evacuated, but they were fully prepared to enter the burning house if they’d needed to.” ❖

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It's All the Buzz...

By Sally Foster

It's all the buzz around Roland Park these days. It's becoming quite trendy to have a beehive and harvest your own honey. And if you, yourself, don't want the responsibility, perhaps you can offer your sunny, pesticide-free safe yard to one of the area's established beekeepers.

One such beekeeper is Devra Kitterman. It's easy to find her house on Hawthorn Road. It's the one with all the plants and shrubs, and hardly a blade of grass. There are even some very large, nurtured yellow dandelions.

She met me at the door and apologized for her gardening clothes. "Can I get you some chamomile iced tea with honey?" she asked. Settling down in a comfortable chair, she recounted what sparked her interest in beekeeping. She explained that she had her own landscape and horticultural service and one day an older client asked if she could help him with his bees. "I was just mesmerized," she recalled. But, she was far too busy to even think about starting a hive herself.

About four years ago, she changed her mind and took a beginners course in beekeeping. She followed it up with an intermediate course and then helped an older beekeeper with his hives to gain some practical experience.

Her yard had always been full of plants—mostly because she was hardly ever home and she didn't want her husband to have to worry about cutting the lawn. Now, she was ready to find the bees. "Did you know," she said, "most honey bees in America came from Europe or Russia." The settlers found they couldn't grow vegetables and brought them here. The Native Americans called the honey bees "the white man's fly."

Devra ordered a bee package that had a queen in a little cage. It was sealed closed with a candy plug that the bees chew and release the queen in a couple of days. At least that is what is supposed to happen — sometimes they require a little help. They need this time to get acquainted with the queen.

She also bought a NUC, or nucleus, which is a smaller temporary bee colony box. It came with five frames of comb filled with brood (baby bees being developed) and was a really good deal for \$145.

Devra explained that, in nature, bees live in hollow trees and their combs can easily be three feet long. They are filled with pollen, honey and brood.

A few days later she transferred the frames into a larger hive body comb — which really looks like a larger sturdier wooden box.

We went out to look at one of the hives. Devra suited up in her white bee jacket with a hood and put on gloves. I got a jacket, too. She told me about the brand new beekeeper who was so pleased with his outfit and excited to work with his hive that he didn't zip everything up correctly, and received numerous stings.



Bees might fly a radius of two to three miles from the hive, looking for nectar and pollen.
Photo courtesy of Sally Foster

Devra checks her hives bi-weekly to make sure they are healthy. Mainly, she is looking to see that there isn't any overcrowding and that the queen hasn't disappeared. If the bees feel too crowded, they will swarm and leave the hive. Once they are gone, it is difficult to capture them—unless the swarm lands in a nearby tree and you have the proper equipment and a good measure of luck.

The hive looks healthy, although I don't really know what I am looking at. However, I do recognize the honeycomb. The comb is formed by the worker bees, which have glands on their abdomens that extrude wax. The bees gather up the wax and use it to form the comb. Devra told me that honeycomb with honey was the first chewing gum. Furthermore, if you swallowed the wax, it would keep you regular. TMI.

Devra talked about the makeup of the hive. The queen lays 1,200-2,000 eggs per day for hopefully three or four years. The bulk of the bees are workers and all worker bees are female. They go out to seek the nectar and pollen from flowering bushes, shrubs and trees. There is also a small percentage of male drones, who mate with a queen, if they can, and are otherwise are pretty useless. Drones don't sting, they don't forage and they have to be fed by the workers.

During the summer, both workers and drones live six to eight weeks. The females throw the males out in winter so they don't waste resources. They shut the door and don't let them back in.

We stood for a few moments and watched the bees circling a flowering plant a short distance from the hive. “Bees smell with their antenna,” she explained. “They communicate with pheromones — the chemical smells all of us give off.”

She noted that bees see colors in reverse from humans. We might see a red flower with a yellow center; to the bee, the lighter color in the center will appear darker. Large swatches of color catch their eyes — much like humans — and, like humans, they have flower preferences.



In nature, bees live in hollow trees and their combs can easily be three feet long.

Photo courtesy of Sally Foster

If you want to get stung, eat bananas around bees. Bananas smell like venom and the bees will become agitated. They also don't like the smell of aftershave and perfumes.

Devra told me that honeycomb with honey was the first chewing gum.

Bees gather nectar with their proboscis, a long pink tongue. They roll the proboscis out and extend it to suck up nectar from hundreds of flowers. Back at the hive, they regurgitate the nectar and transfer it to another worker. It is stored in their honey stomach, which is different from their food stomach.

Bees also gather pollen, which sticks to all the hairs on their bodies. As they gather the pollen, they comb it back and pack it onto hairs on their legs. It looks as if they have little saddle bags on their legs. Pollen is food for the bees and they use it to make a beebread, which they also feed to the larvae.

Devra pulled a frame up out of the hive. It was crawling with bees. I backed up a few steps. You could see that the drones looked bigger and it seemed that they had one very large eye spread across like a unibrow. You could see the honeycomb cells — some filled with honey and some with pollen. The queen lays eggs in the bottom of the cell. The eggs hatch, turn into larvae and are fed by the workers. At a certain point these workers cap the cells. When the larvae mature, they chew their way out and immediately start working.



Local beekeeper Devra Kitterman checks her hives bi-weekly to make sure they are healthy.
Photo courtesy of Sally Foster

Devra carefully — ever so carefully — replaced the frame and closed the box.

Then she went to get some water to add to a dish with small stones. “This is for the bees,” she explained. Sometimes, on a hot day, she will add ice cubes. “I spoil my bees,” she said with a smile.

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Lake Roland's Historic Carriage Road Bridge Restored

By Nancy Worden Horst

The stone arched bridge that once carried horses and buggies from Lake Side Drive and East Carriage Road up to the grand homes on Woodbrook Lane has been restored to its former structural integrity.

The c. 1862 bridge crosses the streamlet that emanates from Cochran's Pond, once part of the Woodbrook estate and now on the grounds of the Elkridge Club. Over time, it had deteriorated due to age, hydraulic heave and water damage, neglect and vandalism. Two years ago, a Lake Roland Nature Council (LRNC) volunteer approached

Baltimore County about the bridge's poor condition. Given that the beautifully crafted structure is specifically mentioned in the 1992 National Register of Historic Places nomination, it was important that the restoration met both engineering and historic standards

At the direction of Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, the project was managed by the County Property Management Division. The restoration plan, which included engineering and site design, site inspection and surveys, was put together in the spring of 2016. The actual staging and mobilization occurred in

March 2017 and the project was completed this past summer.

Brawner Builders acted as the general contractor and M.G. Fulton Services was the primary site excavator/grader. Stonemasons from Stegman Stone Masonry performed the exacting work of restoring the bridge, repointing the stone knee walls and shaping stones to replace those missing. Machado Construction Co., Inc. installed the concrete curbing necessary to protect the bridge from future storms.

Lake Roland Nature Council advocated for and supported the restoration, providing equipment and volunteers for some of the heavy lifting. This included removing sections of trees that had fallen into the stream and the recovery of some original capstones and fascia stones, several of which had washed hundreds of feet down the stream.

The Nature Council also provided a skid loader with its logging grapple and a 15,000-pound hydraulic winch. According to Jeffrey Budnitz, LRNC's Treasurer, the winch was used to recover capstones and tree sections from the stream, and the grapple then moved them around the site.

Recovering the capstones required significant manual labor, as a cable snare needed to be placed around each stone before it could be dragged up the steep hills. Volunteer Declan Budnitz proved to be quite handy for this job, and he deserves many kudos. In addition, a blacksmith fabricated historically accurate metal staples to replicate those that once held the capstones in place.

Budnitz opined that "The project has been a joy to work on — the contractor and the county have done a phenomenal job. The bridge [can] be enjoyed for generations to come as it has been since it was built. Once you lose a structure like this, you can never replace it." ❖



A view from the newly restored carriage bridge. Photo courtesy of Nancy Worden Horst.



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New Memorandum of Understanding Created for Roland Water Tower Restoration

By Mary Page Michel

The Roland Water Tower restoration project is moving forward again. As described in the Winter 2016 issue of the *Roland Park News*, the Roland Park Community Foundation (RPCF) has increased its leadership role in the Roland Water Tower's restoration. The City has also stepped up and changed the management of the project.

Deputy Mayor Pete Hammen, Chief of Operations for the Mayor's Office, is taking over the project's leadership on the City side. Mr. Hammen's expertise and experience has proved critical to moving this project forward, as Mr. Hammen brought Steve Sharkey, the head of the Department of General Services (DGS) and Rudy Chow, the head of the Department of Public Works (DPW), together to work with the RPCF.

In early June, the City and the RPCF verbally agreed to the City paying for the design of the restoration and the RPCF paying for the construction. The next step is to formally establish this relationship, so the City created a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the end of June. The RPCF Water Tower Committee suggested some changes to the agreement and met with the City's team, who accepted most of the requested changes and created another draft. Creating the MOU is tedious, detailed work, but it is important to establish maintenance responsibilities, repairs, trash pickups, event fees, etc., and the list goes on. For a small community foundation, this project is a serious commitment and worthy of such time and attention.

Once the MOU has been signed by the City and the RPCF board, the City will move forward with the design firm, JMT, a multi-disciplined architectural and engineering company. Tom McCracken has been hired by the RPCF to act as its representative and his extensive expertise in this area will help to ensure that the project comes in on budget and on time.

The expertise on the all-volunteer Roland Water Tower Committee is a distinct help. The Committee consists of Peter Pearre, Phil Spevak, Rick Corcoran, Jamie Snead, Richard Truelove, Suzanne Frasier, Ian Macfarlane and Don McPherson. Suzanne Frasier is a representative of the Friends of the Roland Water Tower, a crucial partner in this project. Don McPherson, a retired DLA Piper attorney, is leading the analysis of the MOU. Mr. McPherson created the agreement between the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy and the City concerning the Washington Monument, so his knowledge and advice is invaluable.



Photo courtesy of Adrian Lasker

Baltimore City Councilperson Mary Pat Clarke has also been instrumental in moving the restoration forward, attending

every meeting and following up with the project's details. Mrs. Clarke's assistant, Cindy Leahy, is equally committed to the project, even hand-delivering the MOU to the Water Tower team.

Once the design documents are complete, a budget will be established and more funds will likely need to be raised. Through government and private funding, \$837,000 has been raised so far. With Tom McCracken working with the design firm as a community representative, the design will be within the scope of what the Roland Park, Hoes Heights, Hampden and Rolden communities can support. The future is starting to look

a bit brighter for this 112-year old neighborhood icon. ❖

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Stony Run Update

By Martha Holleman

So far this rainy season Roland Park neighbors who live along the Stony Run stream are flood free! We are also increasingly inspired and encouraged by the commitment of the many partners who are joining together to improve the long term health of the stream and park – an amazing urban treasure that we all share.

Beginning in June 2015, Wilmslow Road (along the west side of Stony Run) experienced a series of floods that caused the street to be repaved twice and two neighbors to lose their cars. After a particularly severe flood in February 2016, a group of neighbors, along with representatives from the Roland Park Community Foundation/ Stony Run Master Plan, the Wyndhurst Improvement Association, the Friends of Stony Run, the Roland Park Civic League, local businesses and the Baltimore City Departments of Public Works and Transportation began meeting regularly to come up with short and long term solutions to address the flooding. Recently this group was expanded to officially include the Bryn Mawr School, Friends School, Gilman School and Roland Park Elementary/ Middle School. The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen plans to join us at the next meeting.

Recent progress includes:



Exploring the stream. Photo courtesy of Sally Foster.

- Removal of the bump outs along Wyndhurst Avenue that were blocking the storm drains. Two new speed humps have been installed to calm traffic and the clethra (native shrubs planted in the bump outs) have been replanted throughout the neighborhood by Civic League volunteers. This simple action, neighbors believe, has already dramatically improved drainage and reduced the chances of repeat flooding.
- The Department of Public Works (DPW) has begun posting neighborhood-specific weather alerts, including flash flood warnings, on **Nextdoor.com**.
- At a community meeting in early June, DPW representatives presented their plans for maintenance work along the Stony Run to address the erosion that has occurred since the major stream restoration in 2008. Well over 50 neighbors attended this meeting. Many suggestions for further repairs were made, along with opportunities to improve the streambed and Stony Run trail. DPW is now working to incorporate these suggestions into their plans, with maintenance work slated to begin in mid-October.
- On August 7, school partners joined us to discuss how we might all work together to better address storm water run-off, and reduce impervious surfaces in the watershed. DPW's community outreach and storm water expert recommended concerted efforts to:
 - Encourage area residents, particularly in upstream neighborhoods, to make residential improvements such as rain barrels and rain gardens to help control run-off and slow water to the stream. He noted that 85 percent of the watershed is made up of area homes.
 - Pursue joint planning and action with local institutions, including the schools who are already leading on storm water reduction and area churches that have not yet been among our partners, to further reduce impervious surfaces, control invasive plants and promote native species, and maintain, improve and expand the existing

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storm water retention infrastructure.

We look forward to making further progress in the months ahead. Meanwhile, readers ready to take leadership action on their own can find online resources for installing rain gardens, rain barrels and disconnecting downspouts at the following websites:

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stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/take-action/installations/downspout-disconnect

Additional information on free tree planting/maintenance (Tree Keeper) and invasive plant removal (Weed Warrior) workshops through Tree Baltimore can be found at **treebaltimore.org** under the “programs” tab. ❖



Wilmslow Road experienced a series of floods that caused the street to be repaved twice. Photos courtesy of Mary Page Michel.



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The Turbulent Summer of 2017

By Chris McSherry

I. The Annual Meeting

The summer of 2017 was a test of the strength of our community in many ways. We held the Roland Park Civic League's (RPCL) Annual Meeting on May 24, and the agenda was full of important issues. The board presented amendments to the by-laws based on the recommendations of a special By-Laws Committee that studied them during the winter and spring. Those amendments were in response to a motion made from the floor at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The by-laws amendments were adopted.

The issue of the cycle track was once again hotly debated. The Civic League offered a position statement to be communicated to the City regarding the cycle track. This statement had been proposed by the Cycle Track Committee (CTC) after a great deal of study. The RPCL convened the CTC last year to study the cycle track as deployed, and report findings to the board and broader membership. The CTC held fourteen committee meetings, two



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public meetings, and solicited input from an outside engineering consulting firm. The CTC produced a year-end report that included the following consensus statement: "either restore curbside parking with a wider, safer bike lane and slower traffic, or partner with the community to create a complete street that works for everyone."

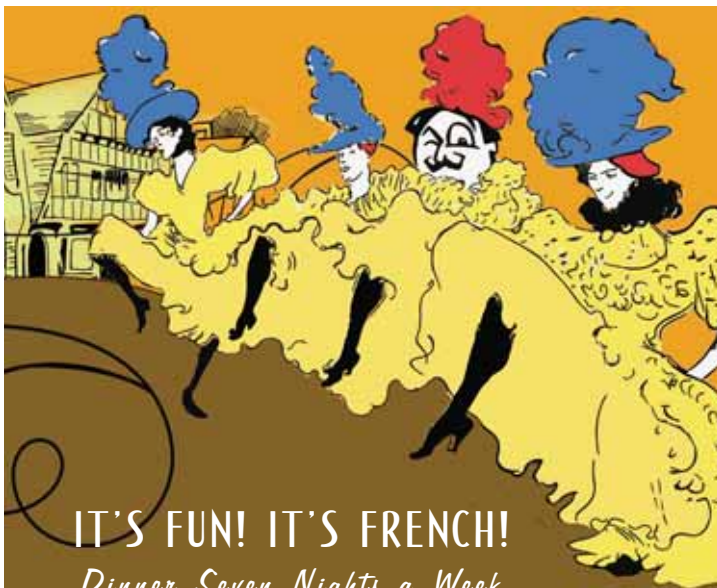
That position statement was rejected by those in attendance at the Annual Meeting. A Civic League member made a motion from the floor to amend the adopted statement. Following discussion on that motion, members in attendance voted 55-31 to request that Baltimore City: "[r]estore curbside parking

immediately and completely on Roland Avenue and continue the work of the committee to achieve the other objectives (included in the year-end report)."

On June 6, new RPCL President Hap Cooper sent a letter to all of our City representatives and requested that the City implement the motion to restore curbside parking immediately, while continuing to work with the community and the Baltimore City DOT toward developing a safer "complete street." That full letter can be found on our website, rolandpark.org. The RPCL has continued to push for this throughout the summer.

II. The Overlook at Roland Park

The board was asked by our neighbors in North Roland Park to help them oppose a proposed development at the northeast



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Photo courtesy of Anne Stuzin

corner of Falls Road and Northern Parkway. Blue Ocean Realty was seeking a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to construct a large apartment building just to the east of the existing Belvedere Towers, on the tree covered hillside. A North Roland Park resident, Hunter Cochran, made a presentation to the board at our June meeting and the board voted to oppose the PUD, because we had been left out of the process. Councilman Yitzy Schleifer, the Fifth District Councilman, pushed the PUD through

On a brighter note, many neighbors have gotten involved in helping promote the well being of the community.

the Planning Department and the City Council at record speed. The board did everything they could to ask our representatives to oppose the proposed PUD legislation needed to build that apartment building, but ultimately, the bill passed the City Council and the Mayor signed the legislation. The neighbors who will be most affected by the construction of that apartment building are filing a lawsuit asking for judicial review of the process used by the City Department of Planning and the City Council in approving the PUD, and the RPCL joined the petition for judicial review, so the matter is not settled yet.

III. The Strength of our Bonds

On a brighter note, many neighbors have gotten involved in helping promote the well being of the community. A group of dedicated neighbors from Wilmslow Road and the area around Wyndhurst Road and Lawndale, led by Martha Holleman, have been meeting with City Department of Public Works to address flooding problems that started in 2015. They have made progress in reducing the incidents of flooding in that area. Our RPCL Maintenance Committee was without a leader for many months, but new resident Tom Hunt stepped up and agreed to take on leadership of that committee. He will be overseeing the maintenance of the paths, the islands and green spaces, the organic debris removal program and the snow plowing (if needed). We should all thank Tom for accepting this job. The Roland Park Community Foundation formed a new Landscaping Committee, led by Kathy Hudson and Kathy Manson, that will be overseeing the long-term planning of the green spaces in the neighborhood. The committee members are spending a lot of time making sure that our community looks its best and is getting the appropriate care. Many neighbors also answered the call to ask our City representatives to stop the PUD for the Overlook at Roland Park. Even though we didn't prevail, we did show the strength of our community.

The summer is now ending and the kids are going back to school, but the strength of our community will carry on, no matter what challenges we face. ❖

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Roland Park's Fourth of July Parade Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

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The Fourth of July Parade was one of the biggest and best ever, despite some difficulties early in the planning. In the end, we had a gorgeous summer day and a record turnout! We almost didn't have a fire truck to lead us, because Engine 25 from the Roland Park station was called out to an incident, but the Fire Chief stepped in and arranged for Engine 43 to lead our parade. Mayor Catherine Pugh arrived and presented us with a Proclamation recognizing that this was the neighborhood's 20th Annual Parade.

Thank you Dorothy Baker and crew for starting the tradition in 1997! Delegate Sandy Rosenberg read the Declaration of Independence very patriotically. Then, led by Major Richard Gibson, the Northern District Commander for the Baltimore Police Department, we all paraded down Roland Avenue full of civic pride. ❖





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IT'S ALL THE BUZZ...

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Later in the day, I went around to Woodlawn Road to talk to Andrew Marani, who is in his seventh year of beekeeping. I knew he was one of the principal beekeepers in Roland Park. His name crops up sometimes when a frantic SOS goes out on **nextdoor.com** about a loose swarm of bees swirling around in someone's



Andrew Marani is in his seventh year of beekeeping. Photo courtesy of Sally Foster

backyard. Fortunately, this doesn't happen very often.

Andrew got into beekeeping when his construction company was asked to rebuild an old gazebo at a convent. When they began to take it apart, angry bees came flying out of a huge hive inside! The Maryland State Beekeepers came to the rescue and removed the bees and comb.

The whole idea of bees fascinated Andrew. His wife, Martha, was less fascinated. When Andrew said he would like to start a hive in the backyard, Martha wasn't convinced that this was a good idea. She offered the excuse that she would have to check with the neighbors. But, the neighbors thought it would be fine!

Andrew took the beekeeper short course and spent time researching bees. He looked up hives online and found something called a Top Bar Design. It looked practical and not too difficult to build. He went through the same steps as Devra to acquire the bees and he well remembers those first days. "You worry about the bees all the time," he said.

What can go wrong? Several things actually. Varroa mites, external parasites that originated in Asia, climb onto the bees and ride them into the hive. Once inside, they crawl into any open cells to damage the young larvae. On the brighter side, bees have begun evolving to deal with the problem by cleaning off the mites.

Then, there are hive beetles that can be pretty damaging to bees. A healthy colony, however, can fend off insect invaders and pathogens. During warm weather, for example, guard bees stand



Bees see colors in reverse from humans; lighter colors appear darker to them.

Photo courtesy of Sally Foster

at the entrance of the hive and close it off if foreign bees try to invade.

In the Marani's yard is a very large oakleaf hydrangea — a honeybee favorite — and the worker bees had discovered the open flowers and abundant pollen. How do they know where to go, I wondered, and how do they tell the others about their find? Andrew told me about the "Waggle Dance." The bees enter the dark hive and land on the comb. A bee will then dance in a circle,

If you want to get stung, eat bananas around bees. Bananas smell like venom and the bees will become agitated. They also don't like the smell of aftershave and perfumes.

indicating the distance and direction of a source of nectar. It's related to the position of the sun.

Bees might fly a radius of two to three miles from the hive, looking for nectar and pollen. They also collect plant sap and make it into propolis. Propolis is used to seal the hives and fill in any cracks or holes. It has an antibiotic quality for humans and can be made into a spray to possibly help avert a sore throat. It is also very good for wounds.

Andrew feeds his bees sugar syrup in the spring and late fall. When it gets really cold, the queen and the workers ball up into a cluster and barely move. They use little food and manage to keep the temperature at the center of the cluster a scorching 95 degrees — even if there is snow outside. The bees might appear dormant, but they are still alive, vibrating their wing muscles to produce heat. Colder bees hanging around on the outside of the cluster try to migrate in.

Andrew said that sometimes you hear beekeepers talking with great fondness about "their girls." As you stroll around Roland Park, stop to watch the bees gracefully moving from flower to flower, gathering nectar and pollen. Also, think twice or maybe even three times before you have your lawn sprayed with pesticides, as chemicals can kill bees. Bee populations have significantly declined over the past decade and their continued loss may eventually affect our food supply. ❖

Gingered Butternut Squash Soup with Coconut

Kerry Dunnington

This soothing and vibrant combination delivers on many levels! Serve for lunch, dinner, or as a first course for a sit-down dinner party.

Serves 8

- 4 T. butter
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 apple, unpeeled and chopped
- 2 tsp. powdered ginger
- 5 cups water
- 3 vegetable bouillon cubes
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 4½ lbs. butternut squash, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1½ tsp. salt
- A few grindings of black pepper

1 14 oz. can coconut milk

Fresh parsley (garnish)

Heat the butter in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the onion, celery, and apple, and cook until tender. Add the ginger and cook for about 1 minute. Add the water, bouillon cubes, cinnamon stick, butternut squash, salt, and pepper. Cover and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the butternut squash is tender.



Photo: Whitney Wasson

Remove from heat and discard the cinnamon stick. Allow the mixture to cool slightly before transferring to a food processor or blender. Purée the butternut squash mixture in batches until silky smooth. Add the coconut milk to the last batch to be puréed. Transfer all puréed soup back into the original large pot and stir until well combined. Serve hot. ❖

*Kerry Dunnington is a Baltimore-based award-winning cookbook author, caterer and food blogger. **The Seasonal Kitchen: Farm-Fresh Ingredients Enhance 165 Recipes**, Kerry's third book in a series of farm-to-table cookbooks, is available this September.*



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After 35 years, Miss Jackie Says Farewell to Eddie's

At the end of July, Jackie Braunstein – “Miss Jackie,” as she was known to all – retired from Eddie's of Roland Park, where she was a warm and welcoming presence for 35 years.

Braunstein, who will be 79 in November, was torn about leaving her Eddie's family. But after two knee replacements and a hip replacement, it's the right time. “I want to do other things,” she says, such as volunteering with Hopewell Cancer Support. She recently joined the Covenant Guild, an organization that offers her both social and charitable opportunities.

She was hired by the late Victor Cohen, who founded Eddie's, to manage the liquor section. That



Jackie Braunstein, “Miss Jackie,” a warm and welcoming presence at Eddie's for 35 years. Photo courtesy of Eddie's of Roland Park

turned out not to be the best fit for her. Soon, she says, “I ended up working on the floor. Victor taught me to learn the customers' names and help them any way I could.”

Interacting with customers all day didn't come that easily at first, but she learned to love it. “I wasn't as outgoing then as I am now,” she says with a laugh.

Braunstein says she will miss her co-workers and customers, who have become like family to her. “My customers are the smartest and the kindest people,” she says. “They are so respectful and they treat everybody the same.”

She will be missed by many, but Miss Jackie promises frequent visits to keep those connections alive. We wish her all the best in this new chapter in her life. ❖

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12 Club Rd.	\$1,690,000	\$1,550,000
309 Edgevale Rd.	\$439,900	\$425,000
5 Elmhurst Rd.	\$599,500	\$621,000
6 Elmwood Rd.	\$284,000	\$301,000
13 Elmwood Rd.	\$625,000	\$600,000
13 Englewood Rd.	\$445,000	\$445,000
303 Goodwood Gdns.	\$1,275,000	\$1,195,000
5003 Greenleaf Rd.	\$870,000	\$870,000
225 Hawthorn Rd.	\$689,900	\$711,000
413 Hawthorn Rd.	\$915,000	\$860,000
425 Hawthorn Rd.	\$719,900	\$700,000
23 Merrymount Rd.	\$774,900	\$720,000
9 Midvale Rd.	\$799,500	\$775,000
4904 Roland Ave.	\$825,000	\$800,000
5514 Roland Ave.	\$798,500	\$805,000
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558 W. University Pkwy.	\$499,000	\$499,000
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6 fresh Mission figs, quartered

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½ cup extra virgin olive oil

¼ tsp. coarse kosher salt

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a small baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Whisk together olive oil and herbes de Provence. Drizzle oil mixture over chèvre medallions. Dust each medallion with bread crumbs on both sides. Place on prepared baking sheet and lightly season with salt. Bake for 10 minutes until golden. Set aside.

Meanwhile, combine spring mix, apple slices, fresh figs and honey roasted pecans in a large bowl. In a medium bowl, whisk together vinegar, maple syrup and mustard. Slowly whisk in olive oil until emulsified. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Toss with salad.

To serve, divide the salad among 4 plates and carefully transfer a warm chèvre medallion onto each plate.

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Eddie's Tip: If fresh figs are unavailable, substitute dried figs.

Vinaigrette:

¼ cup balsamic vinegar

1 T. maple syrup

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Bookends: 'Tall' Tales from a (Not Quite) Forgotten Roland Park

AN INTERVIEW WITH HOLLY LEWIS MADDUX

By Henry Mortimer

Almost everyone who lives in Roland Park, and is curious, knows that it has a fairly storied past. Built in 1891 by Edward Bouton, who teamed with prominent landscape designer Frederick Law Olmsted (designer of New York's Central Park, among others), Roland Park is one of the first planned suburban communities in the US. The Roland Park Shopping Center is even credited by Guinness World Records as the first of its kind. And so on. But did you also know that tramps, traveling minstrels and gypsy families in horse-drawn wagons frequently traveled up and down Roland Avenue? That the building where Majestic Cleaners sits on Lawndale Road used to be a horse stable (now captured in the logo), and that two dairies operated in the neighborhood? There was also a Girls' Latin School and Mrs. Frey's School, dancing classes for boys and girls were held at the Women's Club, and a great "rumble" broke out in 1915 between locals and the City Boys. Think you know Roland Park now? Well, these less well-known, though no less entertaining, historical tidbits, and many more, can be found in *I Wouldn't*

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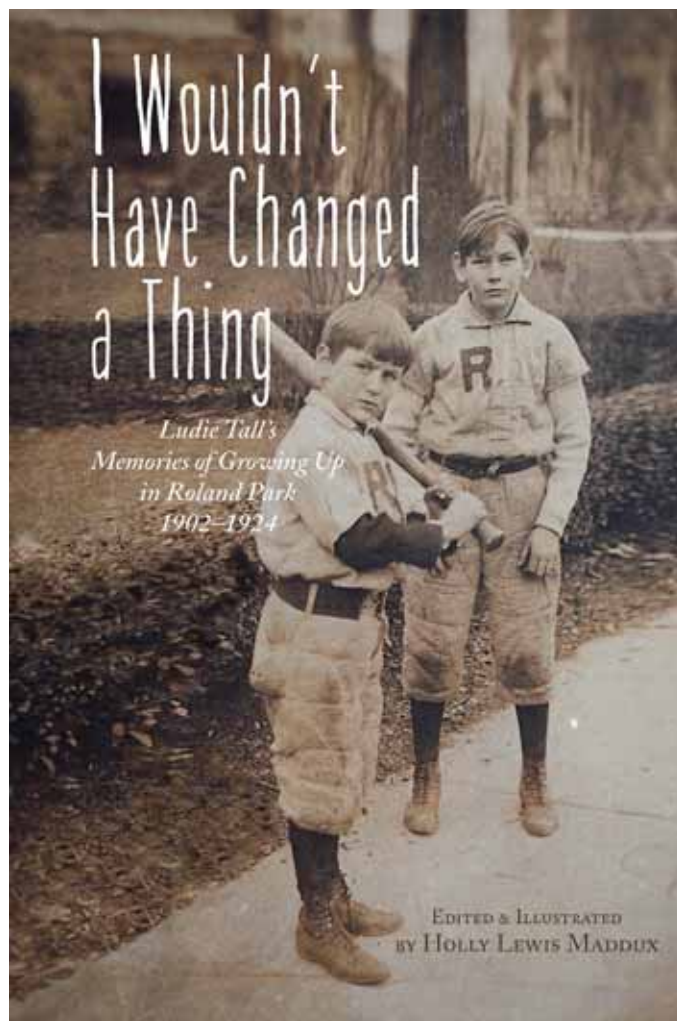


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Have Changed a Thing: Ludie Tall's Memories of Growing Up in Roland Park (1902-1924), edited and illustrated by Roland Park native Holly Lewis Maddux. The slim volume — an updated version of a homespun memoir published in 1976, with nearly 50 historical and modern-day photographs — is a comforting reminder that, as life in Baltimore continues to evolve, it's necessary to point out a few things that we wouldn't want to change.

Please briefly describe your new book, *I Wouldn't Have Changed a Thing*.

It is a memoir of growing up in Roland Park, written by one of its earliest residents, Luther S. "Ludie" Tall. Born in 1900, Ludie lived in Roland Park from 1902, when his father built a house on Woodlawn Road, until he died in 1988. The book covers his formative years, from 1902-1924, and is full of pranks, adventures and fun. He and his gang were very mischievous! Think Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn or Spanky and Our Gang. There were also some tragic and poignant tales. It's very entertaining and conveys

a Roland Park that was a very different world than now.

What inspired you personally to edit and republish this memoir?

Ludie Tall was my grandfather — my mother's father — and a wonderful storyteller. Family and friends always found his tales fun and entertaining. I was delighted when, in 1976, he printed up about 100 copies of a brochure that included many of his stories. I loved the brochure but was a bit dismayed that there were many spelling mistakes and that it didn't hang together as well as it could have. It was kind of a rough draft.

I graduated from college that year and was already working as a writer. I told him, "Ludie, I love this booklet and I am going to fix it up for you and republish it with a beautiful cover and some pictures!" Well, life got busy and, 41 years later, I finally had the time to make good on my promise.

What does the title, "I Wouldn't have Changed a Thing," mean to you?

The title of the brochure he published in 1976 was "Memories of Growing Up in Roland Park," hence the subtitle. I extracted the current title from a line in the first paragraph, in which he talks about how splendid Roland Park was, surrounded by beautiful countryside yet so close to the advantages of the city, etc. About the Roland Park of his youth and his growing up years in general, he concludes, "I wouldn't have changed a thing." That was his attitude, so it made sense to become the title of the book.

What are your favorite passages or stories from the book? Why?

I love the passage about the Roland Park fire truck tipping over on Edgevale Road. Of course, this was a very serious matter. But without guile, Ludie explains that the kids were delighted and they took "souvenirs," such as lanterns and other tools that had fallen off the vehicle. Furthermore, he tells us, he got the ultimate prize, the fire captain's helmet, which he excitedly took home. "Father made me return it to the firehouse," he tells us, and allows that he was very disappointed as he had intended to hang it on the wall of his bedroom. In this and some of the other anecdotes, he conveys not only some interesting events but also the innocence of childhood so entertainingly. I also really enjoy the last chapter, "Lucky," in which he tells the stories of some very close calls, brushes with death, that he experienced as a young adult. The stories are intriguing with great surprise endings.

How do you think life in Roland Park has changed over the past 100 years? How has it stayed the same?

Roland Park was a very different world back then. Gypsies camped on Roland Avenue, traveling minstrel musicians wandered the neighborhoods entertaining the residents as they sat on their porches on summer nights. During most of the years covered in the book, horses were the main transportation. But it's funny that some things never change. The way children think and

imagine and play is the same, and sadly, such things as fights between two gangs — one from Roland Park and the other from Baltimore City, in the book — are with us in the present day.

What do you hope your readers will gain most from reading this book?

My hope is that readers will smile and laugh, and that the book will warm their hearts.

What are you working on next?

I am currently working on a piece of historical fiction. It is based on characters and events from the other side of my family, who lived in Northern Virginia during and after the Civil War.

Holly Lewis Maddux lives in Roland Park and operates UpStart Creative, which specializes in the research, writing and editing of custom-published books, as well as content for magazines, web sites, blogs, annual reports, newsletters and brochures. For more information, including how to buy her book, visit upstartcreativellc.com. ♦

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A Letter from Caroline Blatti, RPCS Head of School

Dear Roland Park neighbors,
When I began in my new position as Head of School at RPCS on July 1, 2016, I embarked on a journey that would take me through a full academic cycle, as well as the ever-turning seasons of the year. In addition to my time on campus learning and leading our school community, I have also enjoyed spending this year settling into the beautiful and historic Roland Park neighborhood with my family. I have particularly loved exploring my way through roads and trails on my morning runs. Throughout our year, Stephan (my husband), Sullivan (my son) and I have taken time to visit the Baltimore Museum of Art (we are new members!), the National Aquarium, The Maryland Zoo, Science Center and Irvine Nature Center. It has been so much fun making Baltimore our new home.

On June 13, 2017, RPCS celebrated the Class of 2017 at our Commencement ceremony. RPCS Alumna Adena Testa Friedman, Class of 1987, President and CEO of Nasdaq, delivered a powerful Commencement

address on finding success through pursuing one's passion. Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, I loved getting to know the remarkable young women in the Class of 2017 who compassionately supported me in my first year as Head of School.



Caroline Blatti
Courtesy of RPCS

As we usher in a new senior class, I want to highlight an exciting opportunity that students in the Class of 2018 participated in this summer. This past year, we launched the RPCS Summer Internship Program which connects rising seniors with professional internships experiences in a wide range of career fields. The introduction of the RPCS Summer Internship Program is the first step in the articulation of future opportunities in leadership, design, innovation, and entrepreneurship for all of our students. This summer, our new program connected 33 students with internships in fields such as medicine, law, computer science, social work, finance—and many more interesting and enlightening areas for real world learning.

This program speaks to our vision for an RPCS education that connects classrooms to communities and equips our students with the future directed skills that enable their success here at RPCS—and beyond into their professional journeys. We were thrilled to see our students jump at the opportunity to be a part of this new program and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return back to school this fall.

This fall we will pilot initiatives in leadership, entrepreneurship and financial literacy, design thinking, debate, and philanthropic literacy. Across all departments and divisions our innovative faculty members are embracing opportunities for students to engage with a rigorous curriculum that positions our students to pursue complex learning across authentic classroom and community learning.

Roland Park Country School's philosophy is grounded in the understanding that students "look within and beyond themselves to contribute to and serve as stewards and leaders of their communities." This philosophy undergirds all our current and future planning for opportunities for our students. In my first year, I have quickly come to understand the many strengths that lie in our School's strong sense of community, dynamic students, talented faculty, and interest in honoring tradition while innovating for the future. As RPCS evolves along with the ever changing needs of our students, I am excited for the opportunities for RPCS in the future.

I encourage you to come visit and learn more about what makes Roland Park Country School so special.

Warmly,

Caroline Blatti

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Bryn Mawr Welcomes Sue Sadler

Sue Sadler, The Bryn Mawr School's tenth head of school, began her tenure on July 1, 2017. She comes to Bryn Mawr from Hathaway Brown (HB), an all-girls school in Shaker Heights, Ohio, where she served for 31 years in a variety of capacities including most recently as the associate head of school and Upper School director. She has managed several facilities updates, including a state-of-the-art innovation lab and a learning commons within the school library. She was also instrumental in launching HB's Center for Leadership and Well-Being and brought together the wellness and leadership resources in the school to create "Be Well, Lead Well," an early childhood through grade 12 program that helps students build strong and healthy internal and external resources to become leaders in their own lives.

Over the course of her career, Sadler has taught or coached first, fifth, ninth and twelfth grades, "and pretty much everything in between," she says, laughing. "I even did a little stint as an early childhood science teacher, but then they asked me to stop because I was getting the kids too excited and the teachers couldn't calm them down afterward!" She has been recognized for excellence in teaching, such as through the establishment of



Sue Sadler, The Bryn Mawr School's tenth head of school.
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the Sadler Promise in Education Award, initiated by an HB alumna donor.

As Sadler begins her time at Bryn Mawr, she says the most exciting aspect is carrying on a mission that has been going strong for more than 130 years. "This place has the most amazing reputation, and it is really a historical powerhouse," Sadler says. "I just want to be part of a team that is doing great things for girls, and Bryn Mawr seems like a great match for my educational philosophy, which is that girls can do really terrific things if you give them the opportunity."

Most importantly, she says, she believes strongly in the power of single-sex education. "I think girls' schools can counterbalance the popular culture message about what girls 'should' be," Sadler notes.

"This also gives girls the message that they are the leaders. When they elect a student-body president, it's going to be one of the girls. The science club leader is going to be one of the girls. The people who take the field hockey team to state are going to be girls. We are able to empower girls and take down barriers and stereotypes. It is really a gift to be able to go to a girls' school." Sadler and her husband, Mark, are thrilled to be joining the Roland Park community. Together they have four grown children who live in Ohio and California. ❖

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Upper School science teacher **Alvaro Salcedo** returned to the vacation spot of his childhood in Suances, a small fishing town on the northern coast of Spain, for a semester of professional development upon winning Gilman's Riepe Family Sabbatical Award. Alvaro's wife, Bryn Mawr Spanish teacher **Jennifer Gray**, accompanied him as he learned to program the computer language Python and did research related to his former career in the magnetism field. Why Suances? "I could not think of a better place to learn to write code than from my family's living room overlooking the sea," said Alvaro. The couple also spent time in Iceland, where they viewed the Aurora Borealis, got a first-hand look at geothermic energy in the form of geysers, and visited other geographic marvels, like the basalt formation pictured. In Europe, field hockey is played by men as well as women. While on sabbatical, Alvaro played in a tournament with Club de Campo, his former field hockey club.

It's been an eventful year for Upper School Spanish teacher **Joe Duncan**. He received the 2017 May Holmes Award, which honors a member of the Gilman community who has served the School in a distinguished and meritorious fashion. Joe and his wife, Calvert teacher **Shara Khan**, led a 15-day summer leadership trip to Peru, where Gilman and Bryn Mawr students paired with local families, worked on a service project, hiked in the rain forest and expanded their world view.



Joe Duncan, pictured with Gilman Headmaster Henry Smyth, displays the May Holmes Award.

Photo courtesy of Gilman School

Joe was also one of the coaches of the 2016-17 IAAM/MIAA championship varsity outdoor track and field team.

Another track coach living on campus, Middle School English teacher **Matt Tully** (Gilman Class of '02), has led the indoor track team to three MIAA Championships in the past four years. In 2016, Matt was named *Baltimore Sun* Indoor Track Coach of the Year.



Matt Tully. Photo courtesy of Gilman School

During the summer, Middle School teacher **Gretchen Martin** served as a lab scholar for the Gardner Carney Leadership Institute's Leadership Lab in Colorado. Gretchen worked with participants from around the world to help them bring the pedagogy of leadership back to their schools. The Institute's mission is to help K-12 teachers develop leadership qualities in themselves and their students. In Gilman's Middle School, Gretchen has established a student-led Student Council and Honor Committee as well as a leadership course. She also works with the Association of Independent Maryland & DC Schools

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Lower School teacher **Rakiya Brown**, who comes from a family of educators, was awarded a fellowship to the two-week Summer Institute for Early Career Teachers, which is offered by the Klingenstein Center for Independent School Leadership of Teachers College, Columbia University. The award is granted annually to 75 educators who have demonstrated potential for excellence. This year's participants represented 26 states and four countries.

Rakiya's husband, Upper School history teacher **Omar Brown** (Gilman Class of '07), attended the Global



Gretchen Martin. Photo courtesy of Gilman School



Rakiya Brown Photo courtesy of Gilman School



Omar Brown Photo courtesy of Gilman School

Online Academy (GOA) Blended Learning Institute in Washington State in preparation for teaching a GOA course, Applying Philosophy to Modern Global Issues. Gilman is one of 50 leading schools worldwide and the only school in Maryland to participate in the GOA, which provides online courses to diversify and deepen the student learning experience.

While Gilman students live as far away as York, Chevy Chase and Annapolis, students living in Roland Park enjoy a short commute.

Local residents to graduate with the Class of 2017 included:

Charlie Darby is attending Bucknell University. At Gilman the honor roll student was captain of the varsity volleyball, and basketball teams and played baseball as well. Having served as president of the Athletic Association it is no surprise that Charlie won the C. Markland Kelly Athletic Service Award for Leadership.

Jason Moscow graduated Cum Laude and is attending UC Berkeley. Active on the debate team while at Gilman, Jason was a winner of the Sixth Form Speaking Prize. He also received a faculty award for helpfulness and unsung contributions. During his senior year Jason served as editor of *The Gilman News*.

Andrew Poverman is attending Bard. He was honored in his senior year with a Redmond C.S. Finney Award for his dedication to eliminating racism, prejudice and intolerance. He also won the 2017 D.K. Esté Nature Study Award and a Harold Holmes Wrenn Art Prize. While at Gilman, Andrew played lacrosse and ice hockey and served as the art editor of the literary publication *Paragon*.

Sam Sobkov graduated Cum Laude and is attending Vanderbilt University. At Gilman Sam served as president of three clubs: BBQ, mock trial, and business, as well as serving as the business editor of *Cynosure*, Gilman's yearbook. He was the captain of the varsity tennis team, which won a fourth consecutive MIAA title in 2017. ❖



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By Julie Johnson, Branch Manager, Roland Park Library

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For the first time in over two decades, the Pratt Library has embarked on our journey with a new hand on the tiller as we welcomed our new President and CEO Heidi Daniel on July 31. An interview with Ms. Daniel is available on the Pratt Library's Youtube channel at: [youtube.com/user/enochprattlibrary/](https://www.youtube.com/user/enochprattlibrary/) featured.

We are also pleased to announce that a selection of five A. Aubrey Bodine photographs has been presented to the Roland Park Library in memory of William G. Kouwenhoven by his friends and family. The photographs are located on the second floor, and are a source of delight and conversation.

As always, the following reviews are excerpted from the library's online catalog, available at prattlibrary.org.

Fiction

The Chessman: A Jack Haldean Mystery by Dolores Gordon-Smith

Fans of Golden Age grande dames Christie, Allingham and Sayers will delight in this quintessentially British murder mystery set in 1920s England, featuring a wealth of suspects,

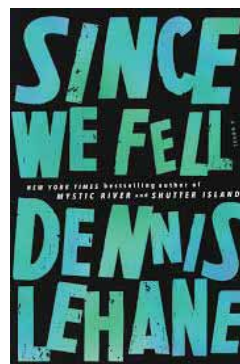
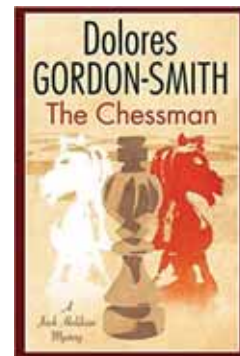
motives and enough twists to keep even seasoned readers guessing. When the badly mutilated body of a man is found in a church in the tiny village of Croxton Ferriers, Major Jack Haldean is called in to assist the local police in finding the killer. Not only does the dashing Haldean have previous experience in such cases, but it was his cousin Isabelle who discovered the body. The most baffling and chilling aspect of the case is the black chess piece found beside the body. Haldean is still puzzling over what the chess piece means when another body turns up, with a second chess piece beside it. Understanding that he has no time to lose and that the killer is devilishly clever, Haldean finally unearths both the motive and the shocking truth about the killer's identity.

Since We Fell by Dennis Lehane

Set in contemporary Boston, this expertly wrought character study from Edgar-winner Lehane features his first-ever female protagonist. Once a star journalist, until something snapped during her TV coverage of the devastation in Haiti following the 2009 earthquake, Rachel Childs now barely leaves her house. Lehane portrays the frantic hamster wheel of waxing and waning anxiety with unnerving clarity. A lifetime of tension, much of it spawning from her now-deceased mother's refusal to disclose the identity of Rachel's father, weighs on Rachel. The quest to put a name to half her DNA is what first sets Rachel on a collision course with Brian Delacroix, a PI (or so he claims) who advises her against the whole thing. Fast forward several years, and Rachel and Brian meet again. Their eventual marriage is romantic and life-affirming, as Brian coaxes Rachel through the swamp of her psyche — until it's suddenly not. The book's conspiracy plot doesn't cut the deepest; it's Lehane's intensely intimate portrayal of a woman tormented by her own mind.

Enemy of the Good by Matthew Palmer

Foreign Service human rights officer Kate Hollister, the heroine of this international thriller, is transferred from Cuba to Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan. The country where she was raised and where her parents were murdered at the behest of Kyrgyzstan's "President for Life," Nurlan Eralieiev, Kate's familiarity with Kyrgyzstan will help her with her mission to identify the leader of Boldu, a revolutionary group. She has to navigate both the super-secret underground movement and the intrigues of the embassy, particularly



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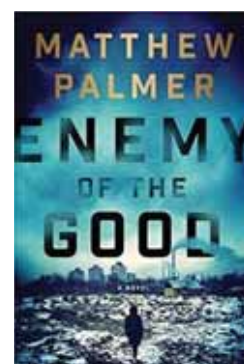
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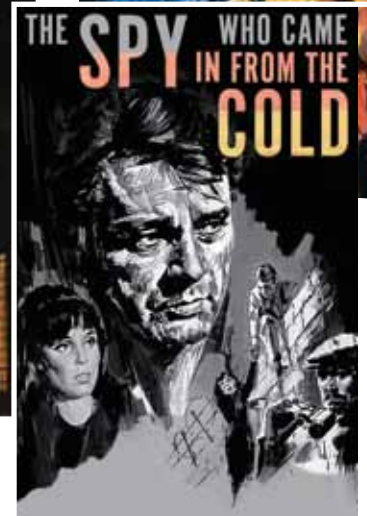
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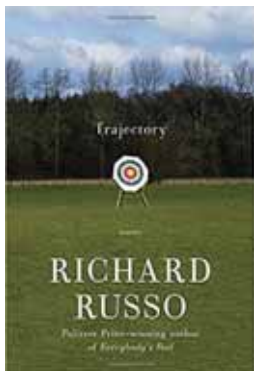


the more hawkish elements from the CIA, whose motives are suspect from the beginning. Palmer, a U.S. Foreign Service veteran and author of *The Wolf of Sarajevo* (2016) makes the nuances of diplomacy come alive, capturing the contrast between the tedium of diplomatic work and the dangers of espionage.

Trajectory by Richard Russo

In a cohesive and astute collection of short stories, Russo eschews the middle-class working Everyman he portrays in such novels as *Everybody's Fool* (2016) and revisits ground familiar to fans of his academic satire, *Straight Man* (1998) and the poignant *Bridge of Sighs* (2008). In doing so, he probes the tender egos and fractured psyches of academics and writers, and ponders the tenuous ties that bind brother to brother, father to son, husband to wife. The lopsided world of the modern university is exposed when a professor's confrontation with a plagiarizing student challenges her own career and marriage in "Horseman", while a semi-retired professor is conned

into accompanying his brother on a trip to Venice, where the exotic change of scene serves only to remind them of failed relationships at home and abroad. A struggling real-estate agent faces an emotional and physical crisis in "Intervention", while an



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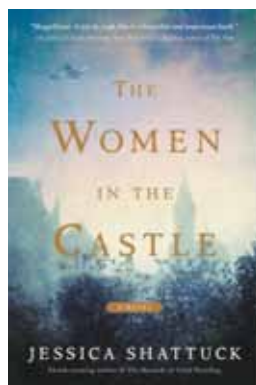
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erstwhile screenwriter navigates Hollywood's mercurial egos in "Milton and Marcus".

The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck

In this redemptive tale, Shattuck (*The Hazards of Good Breeding*, 2003) explores the lives of three widows at the tail end of World War II. Marianne von Lingenfels, whose husband was one of many resisters murdered in a failed attempt to assassinate Hitler, returns to the beautiful but dilapidated Bavarian castle, Burg Lingenfels, as the war comes to an end. At the outset of the war, she had promised her friend, another resister, that she would watch over his wife Benita and their child if anything happened to him. Seeking safety in numbers after the deaths of their husbands, Marianne invites Benita to live with her as well as another widow, Ania, and her two sons. The women come to rely on each other as a makeshift family, much as the entire country, reeling after the horrors of the war, must imagine a new future and forge a new identity. Shattuck's latest has an intricately

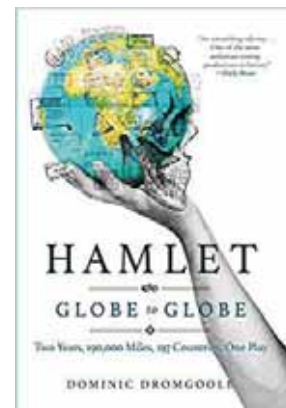


woven narrative with frequent plot twists that will shock and please. The quotidian focus of the story, falling on the period just after the war, provides a unique glimpse into what the average German was and was not aware of during World War II's darkest months.

Nonfiction

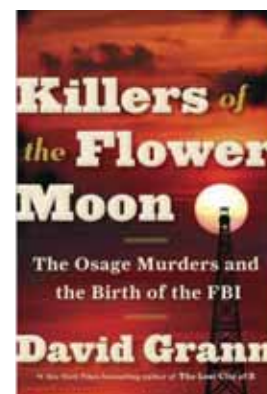
Hamlet Globe to Globe: Two Years, 190,000 Miles, 197 Countries, One Play by Dominic Dromgoole

How did Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, land in Somaliland? As artistic director of London's Globe Theater, Dromgoole took Shakespeare's most famous character not just to Somaliland but to 197 countries as part of an ambitious worldwide celebration of the 450th anniversary of the Bard's birth. In Dromgoole's breakneck journey from a retractable-roof theater in Poland to a crammed cream-and-gold palace in Peru to a sweltering, bat-infested auditorium in Cambodia, the narrative covers an astonishing swath of world-girdling geography. But Dromgoole hurtles through time as well as space, visiting the late 16th century, when Shakespeare's troupe, the Lord Chamberlain's Men, experience the thrills and trials of touring before making their home in the Globe. To recapture the Elizabethan theatrical magic of *Hamlet* in far-flung 21st century venues, Dromgoole's four modern stage managers and 12 actors must repeatedly wrest from Renaissance blank verse a human drama that still speaks to the spirit across national and ethnic boundaries. No chronicle ever gave more compelling meaning to Shakespeare's conviction that "all the world's a stage."



Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Greed, depravity and serial murder in 1920s Oklahoma. During that time, enrolled members of the Osage Indian nation were among the wealthiest people per capita in the world. The rich oil fields beneath their reservation brought millions of dollars into the tribe annually, distributed to tribal members holding "headrights" that could not be bought or sold but only inherited. This vast wealth attracted the attention of unscrupulous whites, who found ways to divert it to themselves by marrying Osage women or by having Osage declared legally incompetent. For some, however, these deceptive tactics were not enough, and a plague of violent deaths by shooting, poison, orchestrated automobile accident and bombing began to decimate the Osage in what they came to call the "Reign of Terror." Corrupt and incompetent law enforcement and judicial systems ensured that the perpetrators were never found or punished – until the young J. Edgar Hoover saw cracking these cases as a means of burnishing the reputation of the newly



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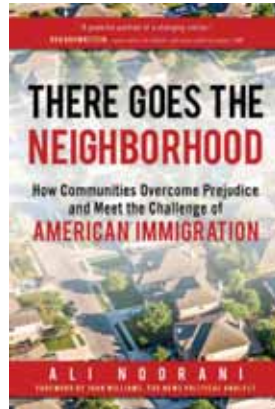
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professionalized FBI. Relying almost entirely on primary and unpublished sources, the author exposes a web of conspiracy and corruption that extended far wider than even the FBI ever suspected. This page turner surges forward with the pacing of a true-crime thriller, elevated by Grann's crisp and evocative prose, and enhanced by dozens of period photographs. Dogged original research and superb narrative skills come together in this gripping account of pitiless evil.

There Goes the Neighborhood: How Communities Overcome Prejudice and Meet the Challenge of American Immigration by Ali Noorani

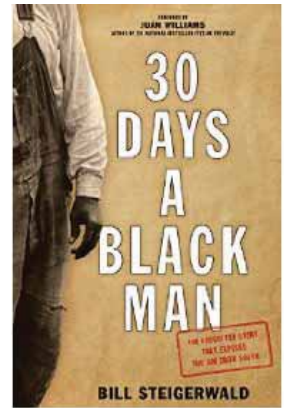
Immigration advocate Noorani tells the story of his conversion from a policy-driven approach aimed at resolving nationwide immigration problems to a retail-style politics focused on smaller targets, such as the Arizona law S.B. 1070. This is a timely memoir of unexpected allies, from the Mormon Church and Southern Baptist leaders to a rural sheriff and red state attorney general. More than just presenting a theory that cultural engagement is essential for political



engagement, the author describes how he put that theory into practice to bring these stakeholders together over an issue that is key to American identity. In this, Noorani has assembled a compelling critique of what he calls the "wait-them-out" strategy, which acknowledges that shifting demographics and the browning of America may force legislative compromise that is more inclusive toward immigrants – though the author believes it is a disservice to all Americans to let decades pass by while waiting for census numbers to shift.

30 Days a Black Man: The Forgotten Story That Exposed the Jim Crow South by Bill Steigerwald

A fascinating account of an anti-Jim Crow muckraking adventure. Longtime journalist Steigerwald (*Dogging Steinbeck: Discovering America and Exposing the Truth about Travels with Charley*, 2012, etc.) offers a valuable corrective in resurrecting Ray Sprigle (1886-1957), an old-school white Pittsburgh



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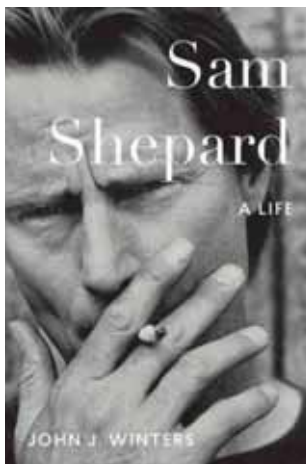
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newspaperman who produced an exposé after traveling the South disguised as a black man. As Juan Williams notes in his foreword, “over thirty days, Sprigle learned of the daily humiliations experienced by blacks in the 1948 Deep South.” Before he details Sprigle’s tense journey, Steigerwald strongly depicts the pre-civil rights landscape, arguing that most white Americans could ignore blacks’ plight, and some enforced the color line. He focuses on once-prominent figures, including the NAACP’s driven head Walter Francis White, so-called “progressive segregationists” like journalist Hodding Carter and determined middle-class blacks like John Wesley Dobbs, a Masonic Grand Master recruited by White to guide Sprigle. He portrays Atlanta and Pittsburgh as cities in their primes in 1948, vastly different for black and white citizens, as was the country overall. Sprigle, who won a Pulitzer Prize for exposing the Ku Klux Klan associations of Supreme Court justice Hugo Black, was described by Time as “a hard-digging, hell-for-leather newsman.” His newspaper stories were carried nationwide and turned into a book, yet Steigerwald concludes that “by Christmas of 1948, the intense debate over the future of Jim Crow segregation had burned out in the national media.” Sprigle’s audacity was forgotten, but Steigerwald turns it into rollicking, haunting American history.

Sam Shepard: A Life by John J. Winters

A journalist who has devoted years to Shepard’s life and works, Winters débuts with a comprehensive account of the life of the prolific playwright, poet, fiction writer and musician. Although Winters, who has written for the Boston Globe and numerous other publications, tells us that he’s not writing an extensive description and assessment of Shepard’s work, he does just that. Readers who are not aficionados of Shepard’s work will be surprised by his vast output and range. The story begins in Greenwich Village in 1964, when Samuel Shepard Rogers (he later dropped the surname) was beginning to see his revolutionary works produced. Winters then goes back to Shepard’s birth

in 1943 and marches steadily forward until the present day. Using his unsurpassed knowledge of the various Shepard archives and the contents of his interviews with those involved in Shepard’s life and career, Winters shows us connections between the playwright’s life and works. Shepard himself, however, did not participate in the publication. Throughout, the author emphasizes his subject’s prolific output, including plays, film scripts, performances in films, and music, which he has frequently integrated with the texts of his plays. Winters also reveals the extent of Shepard’s friendship with collaborator Joseph Chaikin and his work with Bob Dylan. ❖



Parents' Library Corner: Programs for Children

DATE & TIME	PROGRAM
Thursdays, 11 a.m.	Preschool Leaps. Ages 3 to 5 Stories, songs, and fun for preschoolers. (No program on September 21 & 28)
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.	Mother Goose Baby Steps. Birth to 2 An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement. (No program on September 21 & 28)
Tuesdays, Sept. 5, Oct. 3 & Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m.	Hands on Holidays. Birth to five The Jewish Community Center of Baltimore celebrates the traditions of various aspects and holidays of Jewish life using stories, songs and crafts.
Mondays, Sept. 11, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Noon – 4 p.m.	Maker Mondays. Ages 5-12. Create, explore, design and experiment, using elements of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.
Saturdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7 & Nov 4	Family Fun Days • Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. • Disney Delights , 11 a.m., No movie Sept. 9; Oct. 7(Tarzan); Nov. 4 (<i>Monsters, Inc.</i>) • Games Galore/Origami, 1 to 4 p.m.

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