

# ROLAND PARK NEWS

## The Roland Water Tower Restoration: A Story of Patience and Persistence

by Mary Page Michel

The Greater Roland Park Master Plan recommended many Open Space projects but only three could be chosen as the Roland Park Community Foundation's (RPCF) top projects. The restoration of the Roland tower and the creation of a pocket park at its base were deemed urgent. By July 2009, the tower was deteriorating so much that the city put a chain link fence around it to protect people from falling debris. The tower, situated on one of the highest spots in the city, has become an icon and historical landmark for the neighborhood. One knows one is home at the sight of the tower as you exit Interstate 83. What has happened in the past 18 months with regard to the tower will both surprise and give you renewed hope in our community's ability to get things done. The story of the Roland Water Tower is a story of patience and persistence.

The Roland Water Tower stands at the intersection of University Parkway, Roland Avenue and Evans Chapel Road. It was constructed in 1905 to serve as a potable water supply for Hampden. Inside the brick structure is a huge steel tank called a standpipe. Between the tank and the brick façade is a spiral staircase with more than 200 steps to reach a landing at the top. It stands 148 feet tall or roughly 14 stories high.

The well-proportioned Italianate structure was designed by the Water Company's architect, William Fizone. Its construction is attributed to John Stack and Sons, a builder responsible for constructing many of Baltimore City's Victorian Age buildings.

In the 1930s, the technology of water supply changed and the City moved to a reservoir system.

At this point, the Roland Water Tower was no longer needed. However, it became a convenient turnaround point for the streetcars along Roland Avenue. This mini-transportation hub was used until the technology changed once again and the bus system became the predominant mode of transportation.

Although many people refer to the tower as the Roland PARK Water Tower, the name does not include the word "park." There was a Roland Park Water Tower, which supplied water to Roland Park, constructed about the same time in the block just south of Petit Louis and the fire station. It was close to where the Roland Park Country School squash courts are today. This tower was constructed with exterior steps and an observation deck at the top, but it was later demolished.

The remaining tower sits at the intersection of four



The Roland Water Tower Photo: Greg Dohler

neighborhoods: Roland Park; Hoes Heights, a tight-knit neighborhood featuring row homes built by and for African-American servicemen returning from World War II; Rolden, a small area of residential homes dating from the early 20th century and Hampden, a former mill town.

There are only two



The construction of the Tower in 1904  
Historic photo courtesy of the collection of Anthony Pinto

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## Editor's Notes

By Anne Stuzin

Thirteen years ago, I was a relative newcomer to Roland Park, adjusting to life after a four-year stint on the West Coast, learning (the hard way) about owning "this old house," and enjoying being a recent addition to The Roland Park Community Foundation board. I had two small children, a third on the way and "volunteered" to help launch a neighborhood newsletter. What was I thinking?

The *Roland Park News*, all 10 black and white pages of it, debuted in spring 2001. It featured as a cover story "Roland Park: How It Got This Way" by the late, great writer (and Roland Park resident), John Dorsey. Other highlights were an article on the 50th Anniversary of Roland Park Baseball League by local author Mark Hyman, and an update on fundraising for the Roland Park Library Renovation.

In the Editor's Notes, Kathleen Vander Horst (then chair of the Roland Park Community Foundation), wrote, "Welcome to the *Roland Park News*, a new quarterly newsletter by and for the Roland Park community."

Thirteen years later, I am passing the baton as co-editor of the *Roland Park News* to a new team, and reflecting on the longest, most rewarding volunteer "job" I have ever had.

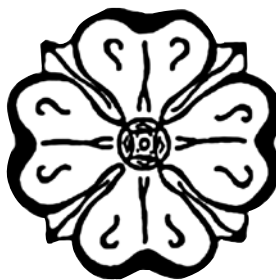
The idea of the *Roland Park News* evolved out of conversations I had with Kathleen in 2000 about ways to enhance neighborhood communication and strengthen the "esprit de corps" of Roland Park residents.

Kathleen and I were inspired to create the *Roland Park News* by early publications of the Roland Park Company. To this end, I paid babysitters and took many field trips to the Maryland Room at the Enoch Pratt Library downtown, researching old issues of the *Roland Park Review* (a monthly publication that began in 1908 and continued to around 1917) and *Gardens, Houses and People* (a monthly published from 1926 until the early 1960s). Filled with fabulous photos, news of the day in the neighborhood and lively summaries of Civic League meetings, these early publications gave me valuable historical perspective and a great appreciation for what the "new" community of Roland Park had accomplished in a relatively short period of time.

It's been my great pleasure to be a part of the *Roland Park News*. I have watched it evolve

in so many positive ways, while still staying true to its original purpose.

Beyond the sheer numbers (countless hours of planning, writing, and editing 1000+ pages and 52 issues, support of over 20 advertisers and distribution to over 1200 households and businesses in Greater Roland Park) that show the tangible success of the *Roland Park News*, being a part of the newsletter has given me many gifts. It has enabled me to meet and work with new and fun people, learn about what makes our neighborhood tick, and play a role in boosting positive energy in Roland Park. It has given me an outlet to give back to a place that welcomed my family so warmly when we arrived from San Francisco in 1998. Lastly, I think my three children, who have grown up with the *Roland Park News*, are proud of their mother and what she does for their community (even though, as teenagers, they probably won't admit to that!).



I owe the current state of the *Roland Park News* to the arrival of Martha Marani in 2003. Martha is a great visionary who took our little publication to new heights when she joined the team. She is my favorite collaborator when it comes to community projects, and is someone I consider a friend for life.

I also second all the thanks Martha directed in her final Editors Notes in the spring issue to our many great contributors, editorial team, advertisers, graphic designers and printer! Producing each issue definitely takes a village.

I want to add my gratitude to our friends and fellow volunteers of the Roland Park Community Foundation and Roland Park Civic League. They have always let us "run" with ideas for the newsletter, and have supported us every step of the way.

Most importantly, I give my thanks to all of you who read The *Roland Park News* on a regular basis. You offer comments and suggestions (helpful), criticism (also helpful) and best of all, your appreciation for the publication!

And now, without further ado, I look forward to being a loyal reader of the *Roland Park News* myself!

Enjoy summer, everyone! ❖

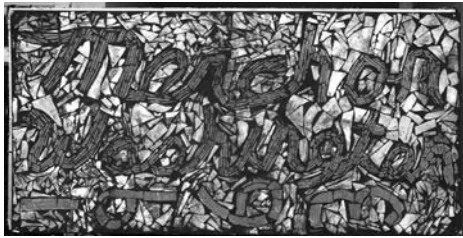


# Art Happenings

**Evergreen Museum & Library** (4545 N. Charles Street) at once an intimate collection of fine and decorative arts, rare books and manuscripts assembled by two generations of the B&O's philanthropic Garrett family, and a vibrant, inspirational venue for contemporary artists. The museum is open by guided tour only, offered on the hour, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The last tour is at 4 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$7 for seniors (65 and over) and AAA members; \$5 for students (with ID), youth (6 to 18) and Johns Hopkins alumni and retirees; and free for members, Johns Hopkins faculty, staff and students (with valid ID), and children (5 and under). For more information, call 410-516-0341, email [evergreenmuseum@jhu.edu](mailto:evergreenmuseum@jhu.edu) or visit [www.museums.jhu.edu](http://www.museums.jhu.edu).

Upcoming events include:

- July 18, 5-7 p.m., Evergreen Museum and Library, **Summer Evening at Evergreen**. Experience Evergreen Museum & Library's artistic wonderland and expansive gardens after hours. Explore the first floor period rooms featuring the newly restored and opened historic kitchen, and a display of rare editions of Shakespeare drawn from the John Work Garrett Library. At 7:30 p.m., head to the Evergreen Meadow to see Hamlet performed under the stars by the Shakespeare Factory Players. Cost is free.



At "Summer Evening at Evergreen" guests will enjoy an artist's tour of the museum's special exhibition of work by Baltimore mosaic artist Loring Cornish Photo: Will Kirk

**Homewood Museum** (3400 N. Charles Street) is a National Historic Landmark built in 1801 by Charles Carroll, Jr., and one of the nation's best surviving examples of Federal period architecture. The museum is open by guided tour only, offered on the hour and half-hour between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The last tour is at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$7 for seniors (65 and over) and AAA members; \$5 for students (with ID), youth (6 to 18) and Johns Hopkins alumni and retirees; and free for members, Johns Hopkins faculty, staff and students (with valid ID), and children (5 and under). For more information, call 410-516-5589, email [homewoodmuseum@jhu.edu](mailto:homewoodmuseum@jhu.edu) or visit [www.museums.jhu.edu](http://www.museums.jhu.edu).

Upcoming events include:

- July 14, 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., Homewood Museum, **The Carroll's 213th Wedding Anniversary Tea**. Celebrate the 213th



The historic Homewood Museum will offer a traditional tea service on July 14

Photo: James T. VanRensselaer/homewoodphoto.jhu.edu

wedding anniversary of Charles Carroll Jr. and Harriet Chew Carroll by savoring a traditional afternoon tea at their country house, Homewood. Learn about the lives and lifestyle of one of early America's wealthiest and most socially prominent families as you dine in the elegant reception hall, designed to be one of the coolest rooms in the house during the summer months. Classic finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, seasonal fruits and pastries will accompany fine black and fruit teas and a celebratory Champagne toast. Cost: \$30 public, \$25 members. By prepaid reservation only: 410-516-5589.

Summer shows at the **Patricia and Arthur Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric** (110 W. Mt. Royal Avenue) include:

- June 12, 8 p.m., **LL Cool J, Ice Cube, Public Enemy and De La Soul Join together for "Kings of the Mic" Tour**. Two-time Grammy®-winning recording artist, LL Cool J featuring DJ Z-Trip, will headline the "Kings Of The Mic" Tour, which will prove to be this summer's ultimate Hip-Hop music experience. Tickets range from \$65 - \$125.
- June 19, 8 p.m., **Harry Connick, Jr.** Harry Connick, Jr. is among today's most successful and multi-talented artists, who have garnered acclaim in both the music and acting arenas. While he first reached a mass audience as a pianist, singer and bandleader, his subsequent success in theatre, film, and television have secured his place as a renaissance man and a versatile entertainer, earning him both Grammy and Emmy awards as well as Tony nominations. He has released 24 albums, totaling more than 28

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million in sales, and has received numerous music honors, including three Grammy Awards.

- September 20, 7:30 p.m., **Sarah Brightman "Dreamchaser" Tour.** Over the past two and a half decades, Sarah Brightman has distinguished herself as the world's biggest selling soprano of all time with global sales reaching over 30 million units. She has received more than 180 gold and platinum awards in over 40 countries. Brightman pioneered the classical crossover music movement and is the only artist to have simultaneously topped the Billboard dance and classical music charts. Tickets range from \$59.50 to \$250.



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Tickets are available by calling 410-547-SEAT or visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Modell Lyric box office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, visit [www.modellpac.com](http://www.modellpac.com).

**The Friends of the Roland Park Water Tower** (4210 Roland Avenue) present: July 27, time TBA, Roland Park Water Tower park, **Twilight at the Tower.** Please join your neighbors for a outdoor movie screening at this scenic location. For more information, please visit [www.RolandPark.org](http://www.RolandPark.org). ❖

## Call for Volunteers

Please consider volunteering your time and talents to make Roland Park's annual 4th of July parade an event to remember. We particularly need an enthusiastic MC, singers and performers, plus assistance with traffic coordination. If you can lend a hand, please contact Katy Couch at 410-889-7604 or [katy@katycouch.com](mailto:katy@katycouch.com).

### Join the Fun on the 4th!

Celebrate our nation's birthday with a show of patriotic pride! Decorate yourselves and your bikes, strollers and wagons to join in the parade. We'll meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Roland Park Library for a reading



of the Declaration of Independence and then follow the fire trucks down Roland Avenue to the Roland Park Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Upland Road and Roland.

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## Grilled Asparagus with Egg Dressing

### Woodberry Kitchen

- 1 bunch asparagus
- 4 hard boiled eggs
- 2 oz. lemon juice
- 6 oz. olive oil
- 2 T. chopped pickles
- 1 T. chopped tarragon
- 1 T. chopped parsley
- 1 T. chopped chives
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper



Finely chop hardboiled eggs and add to freshly squeezed lemon juice and olive oil. Add herbs, salt, pepper and pickles. Mix well and set aside in bowl. Remove woody ends from asparagus and blanch in boiling water for 20 seconds. Place in ice bath and cool. Lightly brush with olive oil and grill over hot coals. Remove and lay flat on plate. Pour egg dressing over top. ❖



# Natural Selections: Cylburn Arboretum's Summer Programs

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. This partnership has preserved and protected the Arboretum as a place of beauty and open space for more than half a century. Cylburn has an extensive and expanding collection of trees and shrubs, including groves of magnolias, hollies, conifers and Japanese maples. 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.




Yoga on the lawn. Photo courtesy of Cylburn Arboretum.

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., **Yoga on the Lawn**, lawn adjacent to Vollmer Center. In collaboration with Bare Hills Racquet and Fitness Club we will once again be offering outdoor yoga this summer. Bring a yoga mat and relax in the serene setting at Cylburn. FREE!
- June 2, 1 to 3 p.m., **Sunday Folktales Series**, Vollmer Center. Drop in for FREE stories told by members of the Baltimore Folk Music Society. Two storytellers will entertain us with stories that have nature as their theme. Sponsored by the Baltimore County Commission of Arts and Sciences.
- June 13, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., **Firefly Walk**, Vollmer Center. Dr. Abner B. Lall gives an exciting look into the lives of fireflies. How do they use their glow to communicate? And how can you tell the difference between different types of fireflies? A favorite evening event for families at the arboretum! Please join us! \$5 per person.
- June 20, 6 to 8 p.m., **Solstice in the City**, Mansion Porch and Grounds. Celebrate the Summer Solstice at Cylburn Arboretum with live music and a great atmosphere! \$20 per person, light fare and cash bar. Tickets available online at [cylburn.org](http://cylburn.org).
- June 22, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., **Paint Out in the Gardens**, Cylburn Grounds. Visit the arboretum today and watch some local artists paint the grounds and talk to them about their work. If you are an artist yourself, join other painters, and enjoy the outdoors and paint today at Cylburn. Cylburn's 2013 Artist in Residence, Patricia Bennett, will be on the grounds painting. FREE!
- June 24 to July 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Cylburn Nature Science Camps**, Cylburn Grounds. One week sessions of nature camp


that capitalize on the resources at Cylburn. General nature camp for ages 6-11 and age specific programs for kids 5-7, 8-9 and 10-11. Expert and naturalist visitors; hikes, crafts, games and more! 5:1 Child to staff ratio. Cost is \$250 per week with member and sibling discounts available. Visit [www.cylburn.org](http://www.cylburn.org) for details.

- July 10 and August 21, 6 to 8 p.m., **Cylburn Sounds**, Wednesday evening Jazz, FREE!
- August 6 through 15, **Cylburn Photo Walkers Exhibition**, Vollmer Center. A photography exhibit featuring the work of the Cylburn Photo Walkers. All throughout the year, this group meets and photographs the highlights of Cylburn. Come and see Cylburn through their eyes! Vollmer Center Hours, FREE!
- August 22, 6 p.m., **Light Dancers: All about moths!** Vollmer Center. Join Cylburn Naturalist, Kathy Kadow, for a walk around Cylburn's grounds. Learn about the lives of moths, search for some at Cylburn and discover where to look for them at home! \$5 per person.

Except as noted, please call 410-367-2217 to register for these programs in advance, or go to [www.cylburn.org](http://www.cylburn.org). Contact Lili Levy, Cylburn Arboretum Education Program Manager and Camp Director, at 410-367-2217 x104 or [lili.levy@cylburnassociation.org](mailto:lili.levy@cylburnassociation.org) with any questions. ❖



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# RPE/MS Launches Safe Routes Program

By Amy Bonitz

This school year, the Roland Park Elementary/Middle School (RPE/MS) Wellness Committee launched a Safe Routes to School Program to encourage students to walk, bike and scooter to school. The program included the 2012 International Walk to School Day, 2013 Bike Safety Week and 2013 Earth Day Walk/Bike to School.

Last October's International Walk to School Day brought out more than 300 parents and students who braved the mud and the wet and humid weather to walk and bike to school. It was wonderful to see streams of people walking and biking from all corners of the community and less congestion on Roland Avenue. Students made beautiful posters encouraging their classmates to participate.

During Earth Week, RPES/MS's fabulous elementary school physical education teacher, Luke Hollis, worked with every K-5 class to teach bike safety skills. Two dynamic volunteers from Bike Maryland hosted a bike rodeo with the whole 2nd grade class. To celebrate Earth Day, over 200 parents and students biked, walked, ran and rode scooters to school from meeting points throughout North Baltimore.

These events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of increasing physical activity among children. They also help to reduce traffic congestion and promote a more environmentally friendly way to get to school. ♦

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# Friends School Expands Little Friends Preschool Program

By Heidi Blalock, Director of Communications, Friends School of Baltimore

Beginning this August, Friends School of Baltimore is expanding its Maryland State Department of Education-licensed-daycare operation into a comprehensive preschool. The new preschool, Little Friends, will serve up to 44 children, age 6 weeks to 4 years old. Friends School has been providing limited daycare to faculty children and members of Stony Run Friends Meeting since 2003. Its improved, larger setting will enable the school to serve many more families. The center's freshly renovated facilities are located off of Charles Street, adjacent to the school, with separate entrance and parking facilities for easy drop-off and pick-up.

Little Friends' staff of 20 licensed providers will care for children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional needs in a warm, loving environment suffused with the Quaker values of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality and Stewardship. The center's newly renovated building was consciously designed with child-friendly simplicity in mind. Learning takes place in classrooms painted in warm, inviting colors and furnished with natural wood. In addition to classroom-based activities that promote self-esteem, build socialization skills and encourage fine- and gross-motor development, Little Friends students take advantage of such Friends School campus amenities as the Lower School Library, the gymnasium and the playing fields. Structured interaction with Friends Lower-, Middle- and Upper-School students further enriches our children's experience.

Little Friends serves families 12 months a year during the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The program's monthly cost for infants and toddlers is \$1,845, while twos, threes, and fours cost \$1,538. For more information, or to arrange a tour, contact Janelle Schmidt, the Director of Child Care, at 410-649-3303 or email [jmschmid@friendsbalt.org](mailto:jmschmid@friendsbalt.org). ♦

Now in its 229th year, Friends School of Baltimore is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and girls age 4 through grade 12. Rooted in the enduring values of the Quakers, the School is committed to providing a balanced education and developing in each student a vigorous intellect and the habits of a peaceful heart.

## KidsView

Kids, are you looking for a way to make a difference in your community? Are your parents looking for something to occupy your time this summer? Your community needs you! Please find a way to raise money this summer for the Open Space Campaign and we will reward you! A bake sale, babysitting, window washing, mowing lawns, a lemonade stand, dog walking, a car wash and the list goes on. Save your pennies and bring them to a summer's end party at Wyndhurst Station to collect your GOT GREENSPACE? T-shirt and other prizes. Email [kidsinaction@rolandpark.org](mailto:kidsinaction@rolandpark.org) to sign up.

Send KidsView submissions to  
[Newsletter@RolandPark.org](mailto:Newsletter@RolandPark.org).  
*Note: August 1 is the deadline for Fall!*



# Calendar & Announcements

The **Roland Park Civic League** monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, with the exception of August, at 7 p.m. at the Roland Park Presbyterian Church (4801 Roland Avenue). For more information, call the Civic League office at 410-494-2525.

**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 [www.baltimoredisciples.org](http://www.baltimoredisciples.org).

The **Baltimore Police Department Northern District Community Council** meets on the third Wednesday of every other month at the Northern District Headquarters (2201 W. Cold Spring Lane). All members of the community are welcome. The Council maintains a liaison relationship between Council communities and the police, keeps Council neighborhoods informed of relevant measures that citizens can take to support police efforts to prevent or resolve criminal activity in the area, and establishes a network for effectively educating and sharing information on mechanisms for dealing with problems in Council neighborhoods. To receive updates on the Council via email, join the Yahoo group at [groups.yahoo.com/group/northerncommunitycouncil](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/northerncommunitycouncil).

Baltimore City has a **Household Hazardous Waste** containment facility at its Northwest Citizen Convenience Center located at 2840 Sisson Street. Residents must show proof of city residency (e.g. a

driver's license, telephone bill or tax bill). Hazardous household waste is anything that typically can be found on a grocery store shelf (e.g. bleach, ammonia, batteries). **NO LEAKING OR UNMARKED CONTAINERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule for Summer 2013:

- June 7 and 8, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 5 and 6, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- August 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**2013 Summer Camps at Robert E. Lee Park** (1000 Lakeside Drive), [www.robertleepark.org](http://www.robertleepark.org).

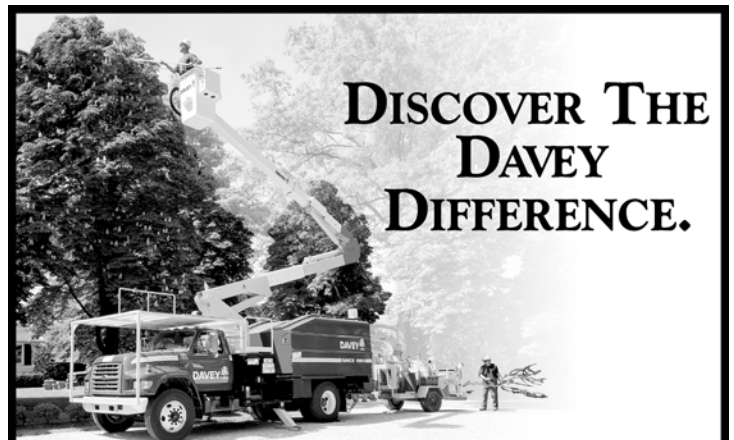
- June 24 through 28:
    - Ages 3-5, Parent-Child, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
    - Ages 8-12, Art Camp, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  - July 1, 2, 3, and 5, ages 4-5, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
  - July 8 through 12, Ages 6-8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - July 22 through 26, Ages 7-10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - August 5 through 9, Ages 9-12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - August 19 through 23, Ages 6-8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- \$75 per week (\$65 members). For registration information, call 410-887-4156. ♦

Please submit information for this column to [Newsletter@RolandPark.org](mailto:Newsletter@RolandPark.org).

## Home Sales (Feb. through early May)

	List Price	Closing Price
4401 Roland Avenue #415	\$119,900	\$120,000
1 Beechdale Road	\$360,000	\$350,000
4815 Keswick Road	\$479,000	\$479,000
501 W. University Pkwy #F-3	\$139,500	\$114,000
3 Whitfield Road	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000
501 W. University Pkwy #H-2	\$110,999	\$100,000
101 West 39th Street	\$200,000	\$185,000
4401 Roland Avenue #107	\$99,990	\$94,000
4539 Schenley Road	\$229,500	\$229,900
4622 Keswick Road	\$250,000	\$307,500
4604 Schenley Road	\$250,000	\$307,500
5611 Boxhill Road	\$410,000	\$380,000
1107 Harriton Road	\$639,900	\$640,000
207 Club Road	\$775,000	\$598,000
5602 Waycrest lane	\$1,199,000	\$1,200,000
26 Whitfield Road	\$1,349,000	\$1,212,500
114 Ridgewood Road	\$695,000	\$676,500
5 Saint George Road	\$479,900	\$479,900
1107 Washingtonville Drive	\$815,000	\$800,000
220 Stony Run Lane #B3	\$140,000	\$129,100
4404 Wickford Road	\$350,000	\$325,000
331 Tuscany Road	\$525,000	\$516,000
202 Longwood Road	\$539,000	\$490,000

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# Horticultural Society Garden Tour Highlights Roland Park Gardens

By Nell Strachan

The Horticultural Society of Maryland is pleased to announce that its 22nd annual Garden Tour will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visiting nine fabulous gardens in the Kerneway and Roland Park areas. The tour is open to the general public by purchased ticket (see details below) but is free to Society members.

Each year, the garden tour chooses interesting gardens in a specific neighborhood or geographic area. The garden tour is a wonderful opportunity for homeowners and gardeners to see how others have arranged their gardens, solved problems, used plants creatively and to get terrific ideas to apply at home. This year, the tour route has been outlined to minimize parking challenges and permit walking within each group of gardens. The tour brochure, provided to each visitor at the start of the tour, outlines the route with driving and walking directions. A leisurely



An ornamental feature in the tour's second garden

visit through all nine gardens may last about two hours.

Roland Park is an area rich in eateries, and a number of local restaurants and coffee shops are tour sponsors. Refreshments are readily available during the tour and the tour brochure contains all the details. Be sure to thank them for their support!

The tour starts with a cluster of three enticing gardens in the Kerneway neighborhood, adjacent to the Loyola University campus, and just east of Charles Street, north of Cold Spring Lane. The first garden is the well-known garden of Joel Cohen and Richard Cole, on Kerneway. Tickets may be purchased here (if not purchased ahead of time) and wrist bracelets will be issued to all ticket holders, guaranteeing admission to all other gardens.

Joel and Richard began their garden in 1989 and became true plantsmen. Their swimming pool, edged in natural stone, is irresistibly inviting. The large garden has a wide variety of conditions—sun, shade, flat, terraced, wild, cultivated—each with intriguing plants, both

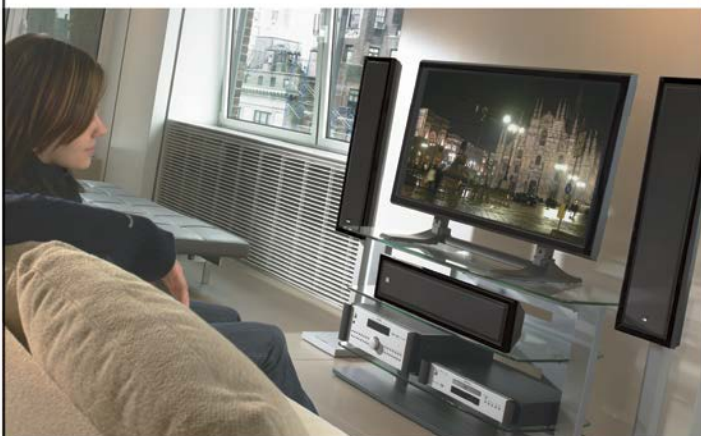
well known and uncommon. Something is in bloom every day of the year!

The second and third gardens are the homes of a daughter and her mother, respectively. The daughter's residence is the mid-1800s carriage house associated with the original Kernewood House. The garden has several distinct outdoor living areas—for dining, swimming, playing tennis—and uses mainly native plants with four-season appeal. A grove of *Aesculus parviflora* (Bottlebrush buckeye), boxwoods and a stone bench original to the Carriage House, a mixed border of plants able to thrive in wet, boggy soil adjacent to the swimming pool and a large plum tree shading a terrace table are special features.



The garden at the mother's house, garden number three, is approached via the driveway, next to the original 1800s stone dairy. The house itself was rebuilt in 1929, following a fire. A large boxwood parterre, original to the estate, is the central feature of the rear garden and is reached after passing a charming antique octagonal glass fish tank and fountain. The current owners, who took up residence in 1978, have added many hardscape elements (including a terrace and tennis court) and special plantings. The

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original “white” garden was broadened into a colorful display; climbing roses adorn the tennis court fence and a *Cladrastis kentuckea* (Kentucky yellowwood) provide horticultural interest.



The ninth garden includes imaginative hardscaping

The tour next visits two groups of gardens along Stony Run Park in Roland Park. The first group—gardens four, five and six—are visited as a group. Each garden has a unique personality and reflects the individual style and philosophy of the owner/gardener. Garden number four is a Peace Garden, and its Asian features include a prominent gold stone Buddha with a fountain, sitting

in a large koi pond. Garden number five has distinct garden areas (including an enclosed vegetable garden) in a space that is both beautiful, low maintenance and dog friendly. Garden number six reflects the owner’s integration of gardening choices with a wildlife habitat for the many nearby creatures.

Gardens seven and eight are located on Wilmslow Road, just south of Wyndhurst. Garden seven reflects the enthusiasm and passion for plants of the owners, who are managing drainage challenges



and using stone and wonderful plants to create beautiful gardens in both sun and shade. Garden number eight is a plant collector’s dream garden—reflecting years of devotion and gardening expertise. The sunny area in front of the house and the shady areas on the side and the back demonstrate contrasting plant selections all reflecting a connoisseur’s taste.

The final garden is a large estate, with a formal look and feel. Imaginative hardscaping includes a cloverleaf-shaped swimming pool with a natural rock edge and diving “board,” an ornamental sculpture of herons, a gazebo and terracing. A Hornbeam alley leads to a gazebo with climbing roses. Conifers and unusual plants throughout add color, interest and beauty.

Members of the Horticultural Society do not need tickets—a membership card entitles the member to admission. Non-members may purchase tickets in advance for \$35 each by visiting the website, [www.Mdhorticulture.org](http://www.Mdhorticulture.org) or at the following outlets: Graul’s Markets in Ruxton, Mays Chapel and Hereford; Green Field’s Nursery at Falls Rd. and Northern Parkway; Lovely Manors Garden and Gift Center on Jarrettsville Pike in Phoenix; The Perennial Farm on Glen Arm Road in Glen Arm; Kingsdene Nursery on York Road in Monkton and Watson’s Garden Center on York Road in Timonium. Tickets may also be purchased for \$40 on the day of the tour at the first garden. ❖

*Nell Strachan is a gardener and a member of the Board of the Horticultural Society. She lived in Roland Park, on Deepdene and then Longwood, for over 30 years.*

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# A Massacre in Haiti, Remembered and Honored in Roland Park

By Cynthia McIntyre

Claude and Josselyne Edeline are French (and now U.S.) citizens. It was that fact alone that saved their lives and those of their two children, on a night in 1963 when 400 Haitians, including Claude's father, were shot and killed in a massacre ordered by then Haitian president, the infamous Papa Doc Duvalier. It's a tragic story, one that the Edelines rarely tell, and it seems far away from their snug brick house on University Parkway in Roland Park. But the memory of these events is still with them, and 50 years later, it has inspired a generous gift to Roland Park's Open Space Campaign, to honor the lives of lost friends and family.



Claude and Josselyne Edeline with their children, Patrick and Florence Photo courtesy of the Edeline family

As a young man growing up in Haiti, Claude Edeline was ordered to military service. He entered the Military Academy and became a member of the Haitian army's elite sharp shooter team. In April 1963, these elite officers were deemed a threat to Duvalier's regime, and targeted by the Tonton Macoute, Duvalier's brutal masked militia. People were slaughtered in the streets, the Edeline home was invaded, and while his mother made it to the house of neighbors, Claude's father was taken away and killed on the spot. Months later, the militia



René Edeline, father of Claude Edeline Photo courtesy of the Edeline family

would appear again at the Edeline home and take his mother, brother, two sisters, his brother-in-law and a baby away to Fort Dimanche, a notorious prison from which they never returned.

Claude and his family escaped to the French embassy where, as French citizens, they were taken in and hidden for nearly three months. Hundreds of other Haitians were not so lucky. Eventually, the Edelines were moved to the Embassy of Ecuador, and two months later were again lucky to be chosen to receive an exit visa and temporary safe conduct to the United States, in response to demands by the United Nations (U.N.). With only 24 hours notice, they had to be on their way. "The French Ambassador gave me \$35, a jacket and some used clothing for my wife and children," Claude remembers. Until the last minute they were desperate with fear—would there be a trap on the way to the airport?

The Edelines arrived at JFK airport in the middle of the night in August 1963, with only a vaguely remembered address in Forest Hills, Queens, where Claude's sister and brother-in-law had moved years before. They took a gamble and hailed a taxi, "so there was \$7 out of our \$35, gone already." The reunion that followed was among the happiest moments of their lives, "a profusion of hugs, tears and questions that lasted until the middle of the day." The following week, Claude got a job pumping gas, which lasted until winter came. With no coat, Claude couldn't continue the outdoor work. He had stints as a chauffeur and a Fuller Brush salesman,

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until one day he got a call that would change his life again. Months before, he had applied to the U.N. to work as an interpreter. In December 1963, an officer at the U.N. telephoned, asking if he would accept a job teaching French at Gilman School in Baltimore.

For the next 10 years, Claude Edeline taught French at Gilman. He remembers it as a wonderful time, a place where he made many friends, among them dozens of his former students, who, now grown, still greet him with, "Bonjour, Monsieur Edeline." He is a loyal teacher. "I attend all their class reunions. My dentist, my ophthalmologist, my attorney—they are all former students." And when they run for office, he even votes for them.

Along the way, he became Gilman's first varsity interscholastic soccer coach. Soccer was just starting in the 1960s, so that, "for the first year, we had only one soccer ball for the whole team! Can you imagine?" He built the program up from the C Conference to the B, and eventually to an A Conference soccer team, winning two championships for the school. "I stayed in Baltimore because of Gilman School," Claude says. "I believe in this place. They form people who are good citizens. What they tell you they are going to do, they do." Eventually, the Edelines would live in Gilman campus housing and, in 1973, they bought the house on University Parkway where they live today.

While Josselyne worked at the University of Maryland Hospital and raised their two children, Patrick (Gilman '79) and Florence (RPCS '80), Claude left Gilman after 10 years to run a travel agency next to the Tuxedo Pharmacy, where Starbucks is today. Still later, he became a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker. As the Plat 5 representative to the Roland Park Civic League, he deepened his roots in the Roland Park Community. "There are so many people I know from the Civic League, which was headed by Anthony Pinto when I was there." He also acted as the honorary French consul in Maryland for 23 years, assisting French citizens in their dealings with the state government, and was ultimately decorated, receiving The Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite from French President François Mitterand in 1989.

His one regret was not to be able to take his children to visit Haiti. "We took them to the other islands, because I wanted them to experience a little of the life I had as a child. Haiti is destroyed now, but it was a beautiful place, with incredible beaches...a beautiful life." After the collapse of the Duvalier government in 1986, Claude was able to go back to Haiti for the first time. "That was something," he says, "to visit people we had not seen for so long that we didn't know if they were alive or dead. But the ones we lost, we never found their bodies." Happily, Claude's family and four of his siblings had escaped. They later became U.S. citizens, and one eventually went back to Haiti with her husband.

After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Claude went back again, taking containers of food and clothing donated through his many American friends and contacts, including Coldwell Banker and Gilman School. "They called me the day after the earthquake," he says. "They were asking 'what can we do?' And soon our living

room was full, completely full of things." Still, he never talked about the reason they left. "At first, I didn't want to distract my students. Later, I would think, 'why?' I don't want to talk about it."

50 years later, the Edelines felt the time had come to honor their memories and to mark an event that destroyed so many lives. They had searched for many years in Haiti, where they still send money, for a place to make a lasting memorial to their loved ones, a place that wouldn't be destroyed by the next government. "I was always asking myself, 'where can I put a candle in the window?'"

Now they have decided that that place is here. "We are giving to the place where we have lived for 40 years. That is what you do when you are an American. Roland Park is our home now. We are not going anywhere."

Their gift to the Open Space Campaign is made in the hope that it will help to preserve a green place, "Maybe a park, where people can have a place to sit, and read, and take their children. A place to reflect. This is my mission now." ♦



Claude and Josselyne Edeline with their son Patrick, newly arrived in the United States  
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# Roland Water Tower Restoration

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Beaux Arts water towers left in Baltimore; the other one is in West Arlington, not far from Druid Hill Park, and is also in disrepair. A water tower once stood in Sudbrook Park, an Olmsted-planned community in Baltimore County, but the community was not able to stop its demolition.

Baltimore City has been looking for ways to sell or lease the Roland Water Tower for many years. One Roland Park resident purchased the tower for one dollar in the 1970s and hired an architect to design a home in the structure with an outdoor elevator. The project became cost-prohibitive and she sold it back to the City. City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke has been concerned about the structure for decades and has been an advocate for restoring the tower for years. More recently, Councilman Nick Mosby and Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton have joined her in support of the restoration.

In 1974, the tower was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and, in 2008, the City designated the tower a City Landmark Building. In 2011, it was designated by Preservation Maryland as one of 11 of the state's most endangered sites.

## More Recent News

In 2011, the RPCF, under the leadership of Ken Rice, won a matching \$2,500 grant from The Heritage Fund, a joint program sponsored by Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust, to do an Engineering study of the tower. The Friends of the Water Tower donated \$250 to the \$2,250 provided by the RPCF. The concern was that if the building was about ready to fall over, there was little need to move forward. Quite to the contrary, the engineering study found that the structure was sound.

In a surprising and delightful turn of events, the 41st and 42nd Legislative teams in Annapolis came to the community in the fall of

2011 and proposed the initiation of a Bond Bill in Annapolis in the 2012 session toward the restoration of the tower. The condition would be that the community must be willing to match the Bond Bill. The RPCF voted to pledge the funds to match the Bond Bill. Matthew Fitzsimmons and Elisabeth Sachs, two members of the leadership team, went to Annapolis to testify on behalf of the Bond



The landing at the top of the Tower

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Bill and the City was awarded \$250,000 toward the restoration of the tower. The 40th District Team of Senator Lisa Gladden and Delegates Jill Carter, Nate Oaks and Sandy Rosenberg, as well as the 41st District Team of Senator Catherine Pugh and Delegates Frank Conaway, Jr., Barbara Robinson and Shawn Tarrant, deserve our praise for their support and creativity in getting this Bond Bill approved.

In October 2012, the RPCF spent \$37,000 on the first restoration phase of the tower, which was the removal of decades of dirt and debris inside. As it turned out, it was primarily pigeon dung. Workers in hazardous material suits swept and scrubbed, filling more than 300 bags with bird excrement and dirt. They also secured the building with screens so the birds could not get back in. This was the first step in the restoration and allowed contractors, architects and all those involved in the restoration work to gain safe access to the building.

Allison Barlow and Claudia Diamond, two other individuals on the leadership team with extensive fundraising experience, began work on writing Foundation grants. They approached a funder

who said that they were interested but only if Baltimore City would commit to the project. Phil Spevak, the head of the Roland Park Civic League, and Al Copp, a former community planner and point person on the Roland Water Tower project, approached the City in search of funds.

Because the Roland Water Tower had once provided water to the community, the building was the responsibility of the Department of Public Works (DPW). However, most monuments in the City are the responsibility of the Department of General Services (DGS). DGS said they were willing to have the tower transferred to them, but only if it came with some funding. The DPW team said they could transfer the funds set aside to demolish the tower over to the DGS. They referred to this as the “virtual demolition funds.” Both departments needed to sign off on the transfer, which took many months. The transfer had to be approved by the Board of Estimates, which again took significant time. Copp was determined, however, and called several times a week until the transfer was

completed on March 27, 2013. The Board of Estimates approved the transfer of \$337,000 from the DPW to the DGS for the restoration of the tower, subject to a management agreement.



A view of the Roland Water Tower during the 2012 Ciclovía

Photo: Anne Stuzin

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## Chilled Heirloom Tomato Soup

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- 2.5 lb. Heirloom tomatoes
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- ¼ cup of water
- Salt and pepper to taste



You might need to adjust some of the seasoning depending on the type and ripeness of your tomatoes. The ingredients are simply pureed together in a blender and strained through a fine sieve. We love this soup garnished with lump crab and crème fraîche. This is a great soup to try with different garnishes, like watermelon, avocado, mint or any of your favorite summer flavors! ❖

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# EnergyWise: Taming the Monster in the Attic

By Polly Bart

Yes, I mean that giant metal creature with all the tentacles which cools your house in summer, possibly not as effectively as you would like, or the clunky creature in your basement which mysteriously (why is it called a heat pump?) makes heat from cold air, or burns and blows delightful gusts of warm air not necessarily exactly where and when you would like them. Can anything be done to tame these creatures and the energy bills that feed them?

First, let's discuss maintenance (yawn). Unless you are super-organized, annual maintenance and monthly filter changes do not excite you quite as much as some of your other scheduled activities. A heat pump will actually shut off if the filter gets



clogged, but long before that you are dramatically increasing your bills if the system has to pull air through a clogged filter. It's well worth working out a system to remind you to buy and install the correct filters every month. Similarly, if you buy an annual

**Heat pumps are very common in Maryland, but our climate is not favorable to them.**

maintenance contract, your system will be overhauled and its efficiency checked at least once a year.

There are many types of systems for heating and cooling. They work either by radiating heat (radiator, wood stove, radiant heat flooring) or by blowing warm or cool air into some or all areas of your home. Cool air is produced either by an air conditioner (cool air only) or a heat pump (handles both heating and cooling). A heat pump produces air for heating which feels cool as it blows into a room but is actually slightly warmer than room temperature.

A heat pump takes warmth from fairly cold air, but in more frigid winter temperatures, the costly emergency electric backup system takes over. In more southern climates, the backup works only very occasionally, rendering the heat pump most efficient. If you have a heat pump in Maryland, however, you can save money by doing almost anything else to supplementing your heating system in very cold weather. For example, you could install a woodstove for the main areas and a small supplementary heater, for example, a propane wall heater, in small areas you use more occasionally.

The other way to heat air is by burning an oil or gas flame in a chamber where air is heated to very high temperatures and then blown into ducts by a fan. This feels warm as it enters a room but there is often a contrast between temperatures near ducts and those farther away. In other words, it can be hard to maintain an even temperature. The other challenge is that heating air makes it very dry. This can be hard on the health of our respiratory systems.

A humidifier installed in the main duct as the air leaves the furnace is a good solution to this problem but you will need to maintain it regularly. A humidifier has water in it all during the winter, so you need to inspect and clean it, especially at the end of the season. Some people install air filtration systems in this location as well.

If you notice dry skin and too many colds in the winter, you might check the humidity in your home and make some changes. In my experience, small store-bought humidifiers are not very effective. A humble but effective solution to dry air is to buy an inexpensive crock pot, set it on "warm" next to your bed in winter and leave the top off. It makes the air very comfortable and costs almost nothing.

If you have radiators, you should be less troubled by dry air, but it can still happen. There are some small accessories which hook over the radiator and can be filled with water to humidify the air. Try [www.tullulastreasures.com](http://www.tullulastreasures.com) for a selection.

Better maintenance and increased humidity in winter can significantly improve your comfort and control your costs. Another relatively easy fix for some heating and cooling problems

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# Roland Park Pool News

As the days grow longer and warmer, Roland Park residents look forward to a safe and fun summer at the Roland Park Pool. On May 24, members over 21 had an opportunity to enjoy the pool's relaxing setting in style at the new Pre-opening Cocktail Party. The 2013 regular swim season opened for all members on Saturday, May 25. Please see the pool's website for more information on opening hours.

In response to member requests, the Board has introduced a morning lap swim hour for adults. Initially, the morning lap swim



will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 to 9 a.m. Look for an announcement at the pool for the start date.

Safety is our primary concern at the pool, so we remind families that children 12 and under must take a deep-water test so our guards know they can safely swim in the deeper areas of the pool. All children who pass the pool swim test will receive an identifying wristband. Please see the manager on duty to arrange the test.

## 2013 Swim Team

Welcome Roland Park swimmers! We are looking forward to another fun and successful season building our swimming skills

## Taming the Monster in the Attic

is to improve your ductwork. Every right angle turn in a duct decreases the air flow by up to 30 percent and the little ridges in the ever-popular flex duct do the same thing. Ask your HVAC (heating, ventilation and cooling) company whether they are experts in energy efficient ducting and, if they seem puzzled by your questions, find another company. It is relatively easy to tame the monster if you adjust the ducting so it does not drape over obstacles, take unnecessary bends, have gaps at the connections where your expensive hot or cold air is blowing into walls or the attic, or extend for yards through unconditioned space.

Another adjustment that may be more challenging is to find out where your returns are and to move them if necessary. Older systems may have badly-located returns, for example, directly above a supply vent. The expensive warm or cool air is therefore blown out of the supply vent and sucked right back into the return, giving you little benefit. This challenge may not be easy to remedy but it is worth exploring.

Making friends with the monster may not be high on your list of priorities but mysteries tend to cost money. Please feel free to email me with questions at [pbart@greenbuilders.com](mailto:pbart@greenbuilders.com). ♦

and participating with other area pools in a series of swim meets. Swimmers of all levels are welcome and we provide "helping hands" for our youngest swimmers.

Swim team suits should be black and/or royal blue, and may be purchased from the store of your choice. Team practices begin in mid-June, with practice times for each age group posted at the pool. For further information on the swim team, please contact Karen Coughlin at (443)676-5761 or [karencoughlin66@gmail.com](mailto:karencoughlin66@gmail.com). ♦

### Swim Team Meet Schedule \*

June 18	L'Hirondelle Club of Ruxton hosts Roland Park
June 20	Roland Park hosts Elkridge Country Club/Greenspring Valley Country Club
June 27	Roland Park hosts Baltimore Country Club
July 2	Roland Park hosts Hillendale Country Club
July 9	L'Hirondelle hosts the Quad Meet

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### Meet Locations

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A 3x3 grid of black and white architectural photographs. The images show various details of a building: a window with a decorative arch, a dormer window, a stone wall with a window, a classical column, a decorative metal scrollwork, a stone wall with three arched doorways, a hanging lantern, a window with shutters, and an arched entryway.

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# Roland Water Tower Restoration

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A key partner in the restoration campaign has been the Friends of the Roland Water Tower. The group holds frequent outdoor festivals featuring live music, food, activities for the kids and raffles, which are always well attended and fun for all (See Art Happenings, p. 4). Last year, they were one of the key stops on the ciclovía trail, when the community closes one side of Roland Avenue for the sole use of walkers, bikers and runners. They are a great group of fun, active people living close to the tower who care deeply about its restoration.

## Future

So what is next for this community icon? The design firm of Ziger-Snead, the architects of many award-winning projects around the country, was chosen by the City to work on this project. They have begun the process of creating a design, which will be presented to the community in a series of charrettes. The restoration work is first on the list, followed by access to the landing deck at the top of the tower. At the top, one can see down to Key Highway and the Inner Harbor, so access to this landing will be critical. An elevator is a possibility although this may prove cost-prohibitive. How to use the space on the ground floor presents

the next challenge. Options include an exhibition space for the surrounding communities to showcase their unique histories and perhaps a way to see the view at the top, from the ground floor. A bathroom to be used by the attendees at the community festivals would also be convenient. With limited space inside the building, as well as cost considerations, these decisions may prove complex.

Peter Pearre, another member of the leadership team, is a well-respected architect specializing in historic renovations. He will be critical to the success of the next stage in the project.

The Water Tower in Volunteer Park, one of Seattle's Olmsted-planned parks, has a display area describing the Olmsteds' work in Seattle. This might be a model for the design work in the Roland Water Tower.

The creation of a pocket park at the base of the tower is the final portion of the project. A pocket park is a park to be used by the surrounding community for which there is no additional parking. The Greater Roland Park Master Plan was founded with the idea that this community is one for all

generations, so the park will be designed for residents of all ages, with space for the community festivals remaining a priority. The key is to create a pleasant green space, while retaining vehicular access for those residents living in Hoes Heights and on Evans Chapel Road.

With appropriate landscaping and benches, the transformation of this area will be complete.

The restoration project, with the new park, is estimated to have a total cost of \$1.2 million, with \$837,000 confirmed. The community hopes to raise additional funds for a maintenance endowment. With the continued patience needed to work on a government-owned building, and the persistence of the community leaders of the project, look for more news in the months ahead. ♦

With special thanks to Doug Munro for his contributions to this article



The Water Tower in Volunteer Park, Seattle

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# A Tall Tale with a Mighty Lesson for Children of All Ages

## An Interview with Matthew Olshan

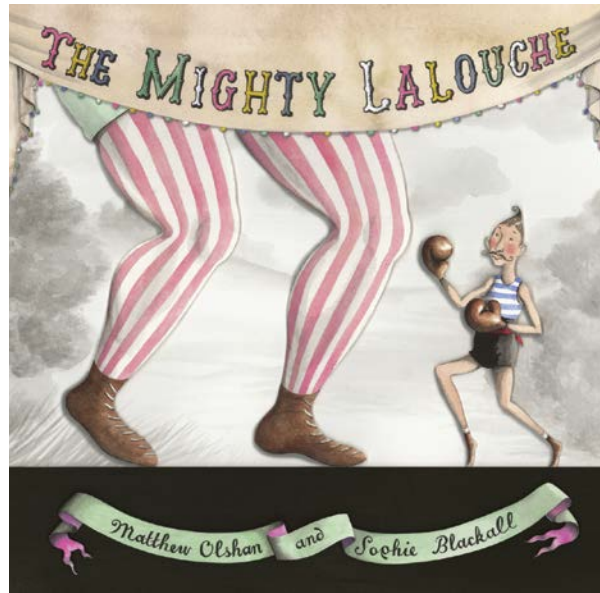
By Henry Mortimer

It may be a cliché, but it's no less true: sometimes the little things in life really do make the biggest difference. At least that's the lesson that Baltimore-based author Matthew Olshan recently learned while writing his latest children's book, *The Mighty Lalouche*. In Olshan's case, such an education came two-fold: First, that a few details about life in 19th century Paris, revealed through a friend's antique photograph collection, can inspire the creation of a memorable character. Second, and more important, that this character, despite his puny size and humble appearance, can teach children of all ages that it is possible to overcome the odds and achieve greatness.

**What was the inspiration for *The Mighty Lalouche*?**

*The Mighty Lalouche* actually grew out of a creative friendship with illustrator

Sophie Blackall, whom I met on a trip to New York to promote my last novel, *The Flown Sky*. As soon as I saw Sophie's artwork, I knew I wanted to write a story for her. So I sneakily asked her what kinds of things she was interested in. She mentioned she liked to collect old pictures of boxers, especially extremely skinny ones with big, billowing boxing trunks. As Sophie described these antique portraits, Lalouche, my little French postman, leaped into my imagination, complete with meticulously groomed mustache and beloved finch. The story—how our humble postman loses his job, becomes a sparring partner to make ends meet, and discovers, much to everyone's surprise, that he's invincible in the ring—came later.



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# Roland Park Civic League Annual Report, 2012-2013

**By Phil Spevak, Outgoing President, Roland Park Civic League**

For the first time, the Roland Park Civic League (RPCL) is reporting to the community in this newsletter its activities and accomplishments of the past year, and the challenges we face. It's my hope that this report will become an annual tradition.

## Organizational Changes

Community organizations evolve in response to changing circumstances and Roland Park is no exception, particularly as we implement the ambitious and forward-looking Greater Roland Park Master Plan.

**Over the course of the past 12 months, we have improved our operational efficiency, increased our fundraising capacity, and made our covenant enforcement mechanisms more effective and transparent.**

Changes to the RPCL and Roland Park Roads & Maintenance Corporation (RPR&M) bylaws implemented in late 2012 resulted in the transfer of all business functions to the RPCL. The maintenance responsibilities formerly under the purview of the RPR&M now fall to a new RPCL Maintenance Committee (RPCL-MC), which enables the RPR&M's Architectural Review Committee to focus entirely on its core mission—covenant enforcement through the review of plans for residential exterior changes. The RPCF retained its 501(c) (3) status as a separate fundraising organization with RPCL oversight.

These changes have yielded very positive results. The RPCL-MC implemented an open bidding process for all maintenance contracts, which resulted in better quality and more consistent vendor performance, plus major cost savings. In some cases, costs were reduced by more than 50 percent. These savings allowed us to consider projects we previously could not afford.

The Architectural Review Committee, led by Paula Dubé and Judy Dobbs, has probably never been more active, transparent and fair. During the past year, the committee reviewed 188 projects at their monthly meetings, 70 of which were new projects, approving the overwhelming majority of applications outright or after some consultation with homeowners.

The RPCF, co-chaired by Mary Page Michel and Ellen Webb, expanded its membership dramatically, allowing us to pursue multiple opportunities. Since this time last year, the RPCF has solicited \$1.35 million in private donations, partnered to secure \$1.8 million in public investment in open space projects and was awarded two foundation grants.

## Taking Care of Our Community's Property

Under the leadership of Trudy Bartel and Andrew Marani, the RPCL-MC inventoried the condition and ownership responsibility of our community's public areas, and identified both critical needs for improvement on Roland Park-owned

property and even more serious deficiencies in City-owned land. Prioritizing the community's property, the RPCL-MC allocated \$24,000 of its \$105,000 budget for landscaping in community islands and along paths, \$5,000 for repairing path railings, \$20,000 for replacing missing path signs, \$10,000 for removing snow along lanes (funds we thankfully did not need to spend this year) and \$20,000 for collecting organic debris. With the exception of the sign replacement project, all work has been completed for the year. Sign materials have been ordered and should be installed within the next six weeks. Because of the maintenance cost savings mentioned above, the committee has sufficient funds to budget \$30,000 to complete path sign replacement this coming year, as well as to continue the existing projects.

In 2011 and 2012, the City medians along Roland Avenue, University Parkway and Falls Road Terrace were in serious disrepair and, despite our best efforts, the RPCL was unable to get the City to do a better job of maintaining them. Recognizing the impact on our community, the RPCL-MC elected to invest part of its budget on City property: pruning trees (\$18,000), mowing (\$15,000) and planting street trees (\$8,000) along Roland and University. The committee plans to improve maintenance of the medians along Falls Road Terrace. In the coming year, we expect funds to be used to replace most of the remaining missing path signs and complete targeted repairs of damaged path sidewalks.

## Our Financial Health

We cannot do the important work entrusted to the Roland Park community organizations without sufficient funds. RPCL membership is voluntary and in 2013, 66 percent of homeowners paid to join, an increase of 15 percent over the previous year. These memberships contributed \$32,832 to our revenue. Payment of minimum maintenance fees, however, a fee established in 1909, is not voluntary; it is included as part of our property deeds. More than 83 percent of homeowners honor this legal requirement, which means that roughly 170 pay nothing, essentially getting a "free ride."

The issue goes beyond fairness, since if everyone only paid the original 1909 minimum fee, we would collect just \$26,000 each year, an amount which would not cover our existing maintenance needs of roughly \$120,000. That is why we request that all homeowners pay eight times the minimum which fortunately, 55 percent of homeowners do, which brought in total maintenance fees of \$120,140 this past year.

**In May, all Roland Park homeowners received their combined membership and maintenance dues statement. Your prompt payment is essential and appreciated.**



Still, 45 percent do not pay their full requested maintenance fees and this will represent a serious challenge looking forward, as we expect annual maintenance costs to grow to \$205,000 with open space acquisition. If everyone did pay their full fee, we would collect \$208,000. We hope that as more homeowners recognize how we all benefit from the maintenance services, they will choose to pay the recommended fee. If that doesn't happen, we may need to find an alternative funding mechanism. That may mean establishing a community benefit district or placing notices on deeds of homeowners with unpaid dues to enforce minimum fee payment. If you have not paid your fair share, please do so now.

## Civic League Activities

The RPCL is leading the implementation of the Greater Roland Park Master Plan. Al Copp outlines our progress in this issue (see Master Plan, p. 20).

Due to the urgency of the purchase of the surplus Baltimore Country Club (BCC) land, the RPCL donated \$25,000, or 75 percent, of its dues to the Open Space Campaign. The RPCL is also coordinating discussions with the BCC leadership regarding the transaction.

Other important RPCL activities include:

- Hilary Paska created the "New Neighbors" program, which welcomes those who have recently moved to Roland Park with a basket that includes gifts and coupons from local merchants and information about the community.
- Laura Grier organized a "Shop Local" day in 2012 and will expand the program this year.
- Laura, Ken Winkler and Keith Couch are working on a project to refurbish the Roland Park website ([www.RolandPark.org](http://www.RolandPark.org)).
- Betsy Kreiger and Anne Porterfield are co-leading the development of a community listserv.
- In 2012, Mike McQuestion and Rita Walters organized "Ciclovía 5: From Park to Park," in partnership with Keswick Multi-Care and Johns Hopkins University, and in cooperation with the communities of Roland Park, Rolden, Hoes Heights, Wyman Park, Hampden and Remington, and with the Friends of Druid Hill Park, Friends of the Roland Water Tower, and the City of Baltimore.
- The RPCL donated \$2,500 to support the "Mighty Minds," a remarkable team of fourth-graders from Roland Park Elementary/Middle School who advanced to Destination Imagination's global finals at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where they'll compete against teams from the U.S. and other countries. For more information, visit [www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org).
- Elisabeth Sachs, Muriel Berkeley and Anne Porterfield partnered with Major Sabrina Tapp Harper of the Baltimore Police Department's Northern District and the State's Attorney's Office to strengthen crime prevention and enable a more effective police response to crime in Roland Park. Police Commissioner Anthony Batts addressed the RPCL Annual Meeting on May 22.
- Led by Jennifer Vey, the RPCL Zoning Committee considered a number of land use issues, including the expansion of Miss

Shirley's Café, development of Johnny's, renovation of M&T Bank and proposed transit-oriented development along Cold Spring Lane. Working in collaboration with neighboring communities, the committee worked to strengthen the vitality of commercial areas while preserving our town center feel.

- The RPCL is actively participating in the Transform Baltimore rezoning process.
- Joel Fidler continues to lead efforts to facilitate improvements in commercial areas, in partnership with owners and merchants.
- John Kevin, outgoing RPCL Treasurer, is establishing a unified resident database which will be used for more effective and costeffective tracking of community finances.

We have much that remains to be done but the organizational structure is in place and, most encouraging, new people continue to become involved in community projects. There are plenty of causes to support, depending on your personal interests, so please find an opportunity to participate in this highly rewarding work.

I extend my best wishes to Chris McSherry, who is taking over as our next RPCL president. ♦

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# Master Plan Updates

Under the able leadership of Phil Spevak, progress continues on meeting the goals of the Greater Roland Park Master Plan.

## ■ Baltimore Country Club Property (Mary Page Michel, Ellen Webb, and others)

The Baltimore Country Club (BCC) property remains for sale and we continue to work toward the creation of a neighborhood recreation area through community purchase. The BCC leadership has expressed an understanding of the advantages, both for the neighborhood and for the Club itself, of a sale of the property to the community. We are pursuing private, public and foundation dollars, aiming to raise \$4 million in private donations. To date we have raised nearly \$1.5 million through the Open Space campaign.

## ■ Roland Water Tower (Al Copp, Peter Pearre, Matthew Fitzsimmons)

The Roland Water Tower has been transferred from the City Department of Public Works (DPW) to the Department of General Services (DGS) together with a development grant of \$337,000. Design will soon commence, led by the design firm of Ziger-Snead, Architects.

## ■ Stony Run Path (Amy Bonitz and Trudy Bartel)

The Stony Run effort is moving forward with the support of a

\$600,000 State grant from the Department of Natural Resources. Grant recipient Baltimore City Recreation and Parks has begun the engineering of a new pedestrian bridge that will link the Stony Run Walking Path to the neighborhoods to the south by creating a crossing under the University Parkway Bridge.

Central to the success of this effort is the acquisition of key parcels of land along the former Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad rail bed on the west side of the stream. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Adam Cocky has generously donated a key



Kathy Hudson and Judy Dobbs leading a walking tour along Roland Park's scenic footpaths this spring. Photo credit: Sally Foster

parcel north of Gladstone in memory of her husband. This parcel will be dedicated open space, maintained by the Department of Recreation and Parks, and will ensure that the Path links Roland Park to Wyndhurst, Friends School, Gilman School and Roland Park Elementary/Middle School.

## ■ Roland Avenue, Northern Parkway and Cold Spring Lane Street Improvements (Al Copp)

Engineering drawings are complete and are now being reviewed by City and State departments, prior to being advertised for bid. Construction will start in late summer or early fall of 2013.

## ■ Path Restoration (Trudy Bartel and Andrew Marani)

According to reports from neighbors, the contractor is maintaining the paths well. Railing repairs were completed in early spring and upcoming projects include clearing the path drains and resetting concrete sidewalk sections that have shifted due to roots and the freeze/thaw cycles over the years.

## ■ Cold Spring Lane Commercial Upgrades (Joel Fidler)

Several merchants and property owners met in late April to review progress, and they decided on the following steps: City and State programs will be explored for possible façade upgrade financial resources; property owners will be urged to use planting buffers as a way to spruce up the area in the short term; and peer pressure will be used to bring all property owners and tenants together to develop longer term plans for creating a more vibrant neighborhood shopping area.

## ■ Tree Planting and Tree Canopy (Al Copp)

In 2012, the Roland Park Civic League (RPCL) began a tree-planting program on behalf of Civic League members who pay what is known as the "full fee." Some 40 trees were planted last



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# Roland Park Roads & Maintenance Architectural Review Committee Update

By Paula Dubé, President, Roland Park Roads & Maintenance Corporation

We are the folks who have responsibility under the deed covenants for reviewing applications and granting approval for exterior changes to your property. Our committee now has a representative from every plat and our contact information can be found on the Roland Park website. In addition, our office manager, Marni Toop, will be glad to forward any questions or information directly to us. We have recently revised the application for exterior changes and it is available online. We continue to make sure the list of properties under covenant is accurate and up to date (by individually checking original deeds and deed renewals in the digitized Maryland land records), and we are currently reviewing our design guidelines.

**We are most grateful for the ongoing cooperation of members of our community as they seek to improve their properties for their own benefit and, as a consequence, that of their neighbors.**

Prior to initiating any exterior home improvements or repairs this summer, including fences, parking pads, patios, decks, walkways, railings, lighting, windows, painting, and, of course, additions, please make application to the Architectural Review Committee of Roland Park Roads and Maintenance. The application is available under the "Roads & Maintenance" tab on the Roland Park website, [www.RolandPark.org/roads/roadsApp.html](http://www.RolandPark.org/roads/roadsApp.html). Landscaping (trees, shrubs and lawns) is at your own tasteful discretion, with the exception of permanent hardscape.

The committee promptly reviews applications (in most cases within the month in which they are received) and seeks to work with homeowners. Our difficulties have occurred when homeowners proceed with work without prior approval, in violation of covenants.

## Master Plan Updates

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year and another planting is planned this fall. Interested Civic League members who pay full fees in 2013 are urged to register their desire for a tree with Marni at the Civic League office.

### ■ Broadband (David Longaker and Ken Winkler)

The RPCL has organized a multi-community effort throughout North Baltimore to improve the level of cooperation for broadband services (internet, digital voice and television). The effort is being conducted in cooperation with the City. We hope this initiative will motivate additional providers to offer services, thereby leading to faster broadband speeds and more favorable pricing. ♦

While application is only required for those homeowners whose properties are under covenant, please assume that your properties are under covenant. Most are.

- If you have questions about whether your property is under covenant, we will be glad to review the digitized Maryland land records and make that determination. Should you want to do the research yourself, we will soon be making available a short primer on how to do so.
- Should your property not be under covenant, we urge you to place it under covenant.
- Should you definitely not want to do so, please honor the spirit of the covenants and make application for all exterior improvements.

**Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.**

If we need to change the date of the meeting, the revised date is posted in the e-newsletter and on the website calendar. It is most helpful if applications are received at least one week before the meeting, to allow us to gather any additional information that may be needed.

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# Bookends

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## How challenging is it to have a character arrive fully formed in the mind, before you start writing?

You must ask yourself, who is this plucky little fellow? How did he come to be such a brilliant boxer? Who is that huge bald man lying on the canvas? And, while we're at it, what's with the finch? These mysteries may lead you to bury your own beak in research. You know your man's French because his name is Lalouche, and you know the story is set late in the 19th century, but there's much more to learn before you're ready to sit down at your writing desk. For instance, what was boxing like in Paris back then? (Your research reveals that La Boxe Francaise, or French boxing, actually emphasized kicking over punching.) And a seemingly irrelevant detail, like the French obsession with electric cars, may suggest an interesting plot twist: Lalouche is fired because the post office is "modernizing." But with Lalouche suddenly out of a job, what will he do? How will he feed his beloved finch (whose name, it

occurs to you, is obviously Genevieve)? What if, walking down the rain-slick cobbles of Paris, Lalouche sees a help-wanted poster for a sparring partner? Maybe the same skills that made him a great postman—his nimble hands, his speed, his strength—make him invincible in the boxing ring. Et voilà!

## What do you hope readers will gain most from reading *The Mighty Lalouche*?

If there's a message in the story, I suppose it's that the size of the dog in the fight doesn't matter; it's the size of the fight in the dog. Lalouche is fighting for noble causes: to pay his rent, to keep his finch in bird feed and to glorify the mail. His opponents are fighting for baser reasons: personal glory, filthy lucre and bragging rights. It doesn't matter how puny he is, how knock-kneed, he has the moral high ground.

## How has living and working in Baltimore inspired or otherwise shaped you as an author?

Baltimore has played an important role in my development as a writer. I came here in 1995 to be a teaching fellow in the Graduate Writing Seminars at Hopkins and, except for the year I spent studying at Oxford, I have lived here

ever since. A writing life would scarcely have been possible if my wife and I had settled in our hometown, Washington, D.C. The cost of living simply wouldn't have allowed one of us to follow such a meandering—and impecunious!—path.

## What are you working on next?

For the past three years, I've been revising a literary novel for adults with a superb editor at Farrar, Straus, and Giroux. That book—a harrowing story about a military doctor whose loyalties are tested during a long and morally ambiguous occupation—is finally done and scheduled to come out in February 2014. I am also working on another picture book with Sophie Blackall, called *Henry and Henri*. It is about the very first international flight, a perilous balloon journey across the English Channel in 1785, taken by an English doctor and a French showman who simply hated each other. *Henry and Henri* is told from the point of view of two patient and long-suffering bulldogs, one French and one English, who go along for the ride. ♦

To learn more about *The Mighty Lalouche*, as well as his other books, visit Matthew Olshan's website [www.matthewolshan.com](http://www.matthewolshan.com). You may view Sophie Blackall's illustrations at [www.sophieblackall.com](http://www.sophieblackall.com).

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# Spring Celebration – What a Great Party!

By **Chris McSherry**

The Roland Park Community Foundation's (RPCF) Spring Celebration took place on Friday, May 10 at the newly redecorated Woman's Club of Roland Park. A banner crowd attended this year, treated to delicious appetizers donated by Woodberry Kitchen, Fleet Street Kitchen, The Verandah, The Radisson Cross Keys and Miss Shirley's.

The bar was generously stocked with "southsides," beer and wine from The Wine Source and a delicious keg of beer donated by Union Craft Brewery in Woodberry. The wine bottle grab bag raffle proved popular, with wines donated by the

Foreman-Wolf Restaurant Group, Avenú Brand Wines and many of our neighbors' private collections.

Thanks to Green Fields Nursery, the assembly room of the Woman's Club was transformed into an indoor garden in honor of the Open Space Campaign. The highlight of the evening was a tribute to retiring Civic League President, Phil Spevak, which chronicled his many achievements, especially the protection of

Roland Park's open spaces, the formation of the Master Plan and plans for the future preservation of Roland Park. The RPCF also updated guests on the Open Space Campaign's progress and fundraising efforts.

Guests left with a smile and a reusable shopping bag, provided by the Open Space Campaign. ♦



Anne Stuzin and Phil Spevak

Photo: Ken Stuzin

At Left: Greg Otto, Kathy Hudson and Ken Stuzin enjoy the party

Photo: Anne Stuzin



Above: What a great party! Beth Falcone, left, Mary Page Michel, Michael Morrill and Mike Falcone

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At Right: Alicia Schmidt and Andrew Wolfe at the popular Wine Grab raffle

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Loco Hombre	Village Square Café
Kathy Hudson and Greg Otto	Williams-Sonoma, Cross Keys
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### Correction to the Spring Issue

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Thursdays, 11 a.m.	<b>Preschool Leaps.</b> Stories, songs and fun for children ages 3 to 5. No program August 22 and 29.
Saturday, June 1, 11:00 a.m.	<b>Family Summer Reading Kickoff Celebrations:</b> "Dig Into Reading" at the Roland Park Branch this summer. Stop by and sign up and enjoy special activities in celebration of the beginning of Summer Reading 2013. All ages.
Monday, July 8, 3:30 p.m.	<b>Mike Rose: Magic You Will Dig!</b> Impossible magic tricks, weird mind-reading stunts, and off-the-wall comedy all themed around things that occur in the ground (you know, dirt!). In addition, the show features lots of audience participation, and many children will become a part of the show. For kids ages 6 to 12
Wednesday, July 17, 3:30 p.m.	<b>Aquarium on Wheels: A Crazy Day on Oyster Bay.</b> An interactive play presentation about a kid who jumps into a water-filled adventure as he joins a journey to defeat run-off. Presented by the National Aquarium in Baltimore. For kids ages 6 to 12.
Monday, July 22 to Thursday, July 25, 2 p.m.	<b>Science in the Summer: Physical Science and Electricity, Level I.</b> Learn about magnetism, static electricity, electrical currents and circuits through hands-on experiments. Funded by GlaxoSmithKline and with support from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, students will make a compass, an electromagnet and use an electrostatic generator. This session is for rising second and third graders only. Class size is limited. Registration and a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, are required. Visit <a href="http://scienceinthesummer.com">scienceinthesummer.com</a> for more information.
Thursday, July 25, 11 a.m.	<b>Spice Sings!</b> Energetic songs with movement, singing, shaking, and dancing. For kids ages 3 to 5.
Monday, July 29 to Thursday, August 1, 2 p.m.	<b>Science in the Summer: Physical Science and Electricity, Level II.</b> Learn about magnetism, static electricity, electrical currents and circuits through hands-on experiments. Funded by GlaxoSmithKline and with support from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, students will make a compass, an electromagnet and use an electrostatic generator. This session is for rising fourth to sixth graders only. Class size is limited. Registration and a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, are required. Visit <a href="http://www.scienceinthesummer.com">www.scienceinthesummer.com</a> for more information.



# The Book Nook

By Julie Johnson, Branch Manager, Roland Park Library

Welcome to the Book Nook. As we have for several years now, we invite you to join our summer reading programs at the library. The children (ages 0 – 12) will “Dig into Reading,” the teens will be “Beneath the Surface,” while the adults will be uncovering “Groundbreaking Reads.” The programs begin June 1 and will include a variety of age-appropriate programs and prizes. Be sure to stop by and sign up!

This summer's suggested readings reflect the growing interest in the outdoors and nature that many of us have. There are a few mysteries, a meditation or two on the state of the world and a bit of memoir and history. I hope you find something that propels you out the door to enjoy and appreciate the natural world.

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Roland Park Branch hours are Monday and Wednesday: 12 to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Friday and Sunday closed. Please note the following holiday closings for all Pratt Libraries: Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day and Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.

Reviews are excerpted from editorial reviews found on the Pratt Library's online catalog ([pac.epfl.net](http://pac.epfl.net)).

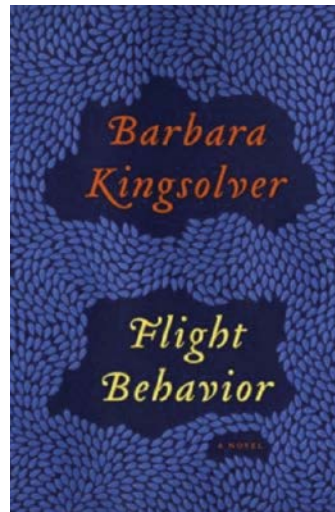
## Fiction

*Breaking Point* by C. J. Box.

Box has always been adept at giving Joe Pickett, his old-school Wyoming game warden, modern issues to confront. Here, Joe finds himself tracking Butch Roberson, the father of his younger daughter's best friend, after Butch seemingly kills two armed EPA agents and heads for the hills. Armed EPA agents? You read that right. In this nightmarish scenario, the EPA carries guns, the Forest Service has a SWAT team, and an unhinged administrator can target a fugitive with a missile-carrying drone. Hell had broken open and hundreds of bureaucrats were gushing out, laments Pickett, wondering whether he can stand to wear his badge anymore. Should war break out between the government and the people, he knows whose side he would be on.

*Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Drawing on both her Appalachian roots and her background in biology, Kingsolver delivers a passionate novel on the effects



of global warming. Dellarobia Turnbow got pregnant in high school; now, some 11 years into her unhappy marriage, she's ready for a big change, and she thinks she's found it with a randy young telephone lineman. But on her way to a rendezvous, she is waylaid by the sight of a forest ablaze with millions of butterflies. Their usual migratory route has been disrupted, and what looks to be a stunningly beautiful view is really an ominous sign, for the Appalachian winter could prove to be the demise of the species. The phenomenon draws the whole world to Dellarobia's doorstep—scientists, the media, hordes of tourists—and gives her

new and galvanizing insight into her poverty-stricken life on the sheep farm of her disapproving in-laws.

*Gray Ghost Murders* by Keith McCafferty.

Even amid the serene trout streams of Montana, Sean Stranahan can't seem to stay out of trouble—and there's a heap of it in this bracing second adventure for the fly fisher/painter/PI (after 2012's *The Royal Wulff Murders*). When the skeletal remains of two

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# Roland Park Community Foundation Forms Investment Committee

By Mary Page Michel

As donations to the Open Space Campaign for Greater Roland Park have increased to well over 250 donors and more than \$1 million, the Board of the Roland Park Community Foundation has decided to form an Investment Committee to advise it on investing these funds. Many donors have given funds contingent on certain conditions being met, such as the purchase of the Baltimore Country Club, which raises the possibility of having to return these pledges. The Investment Committee was formed to ensure good stewardship of the donations and its five members possess more than 100 cumulative years of investing experience.

## Tedd Alexander

Credo Capital Management  
Founder, Portfolio Manager,  
Managing Member

Tedd's passion for working both on and in the investment management business stems from



his entrepreneurial DNA and interest in stocks, which was piqued at the age of nine.

Tedd is primarily responsible for portfolio management and investment research as well as providing leadership and vision, charting the firm's strategic course, setting corporate priorities, and advancing the firm's collaborative, collegial, performance-based culture.

Tedd has been in the industry since 1985. Prior to founding Credo in 2004, he was Vice President and Portfolio Manager/Analyst at Brown Capital Management where he co-managed over \$2.5 billion in institutional assets as a member of the large/mid cap investment team.

As a sell-side analyst at Alex. Brown & Sons, and Legg Mason, Tedd conducted research on large, mid and small cap companies. Prior to that, he was an investment banking associate at E.F. Hutton.

He received his BA from Morehouse College and his MBA from Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife Teri have three boys. He is a member of the board of the Baltimore School for the Arts and Cristo Rey Jesuit High School and the Board Chair of the Baltimore School for the Arts.

## Darcy Carroll

Principal  
Brown Advisory Securities, LLC.

Darcy C. Carroll is a Principal with Brown Advisory Securities, LLC and advises clients on importance of asset allocation,

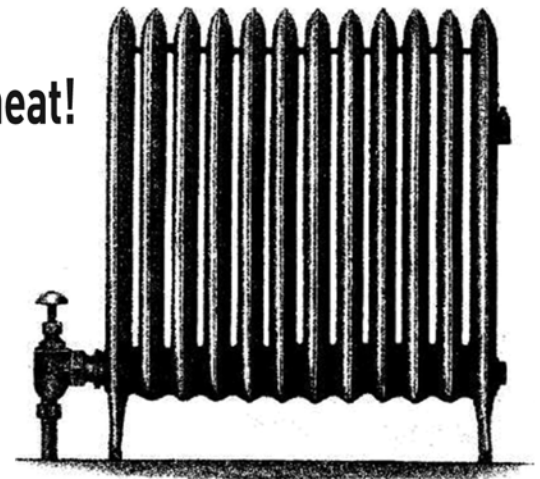
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diversification, risk analysis, and portfolio re-balancing. She primarily focuses on the creation, implementation and oversight of prudent investment strategies based on a thorough understanding of each client's unique goals and objectives. She has a deep knowledge base related to estate planning tools and techniques. Prior to joining Brown Advisory in 2006, Darcy served as a Vice President at Credit Suisse, where she oversaw several

institutional relationships. Corporate assignments included but were not limited to: employee stock option programs, retirement plans, directed share programs and 10b5-1 plans. She began her career as a financial advisor in 1995 at Alex Brown & Sons. She received her BA from the University of Virginia. She and her husband David have three children. She is on the Board of Roland Park Country School and WYPR.

## Kevin Kenny

President  
Consilium Investment, LLC

Kevin Kenny has worked in the financial services industry for 25 years. Kevin currently owns and operates a company called Consilium Investment, LLC in Towson. Consilium Investments LLC operates as an independent investment practice offering investment products and services through Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network.

Prior to the formation of Consilium Investments, LLC in 2007, Kevin spent 14 years with Merrill Lynch in downtown Baltimore, managing money for affluent investors and small business owners. Kevin graduated from Boston College in 1986 with a major in economics and philosophy. Kevin and his wife Ellie have lived in Roland Park for 21 years and they have three children: Jack (18), Courtney (15) and Rory (11). Kevin is a lector at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and active in Catholic community activities.



## Kenneth M. Stuzin,

Portfolio Manager, Partner  
Brown Investment Advisory, LLC

Kenneth Stuzin is a Partner at Brown Advisory and is responsible for managing large-cap growth portfolios as well as large-cap growth UCIT. In addition, he is the lead manager for the Brown Advisory Growth Equity Fund (BIAGX). Prior to joining Brown Advisory, he was a Vice President and Portfolio Manager at J.P. Morgan Investment Management in Los Angeles, where he was a U.S. Large-Cap Portfolio Manager. Prior to this position, Ken was a quantitative Portfolio Strategist in New York, where he advised clients on capital markets issues and strategic asset allocation decisions. He received a BA and MBA from Columbia University. He is a Member of the Endowment Committee



for Bryn Mawr School and a Trustee at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

## Tom Wetzler

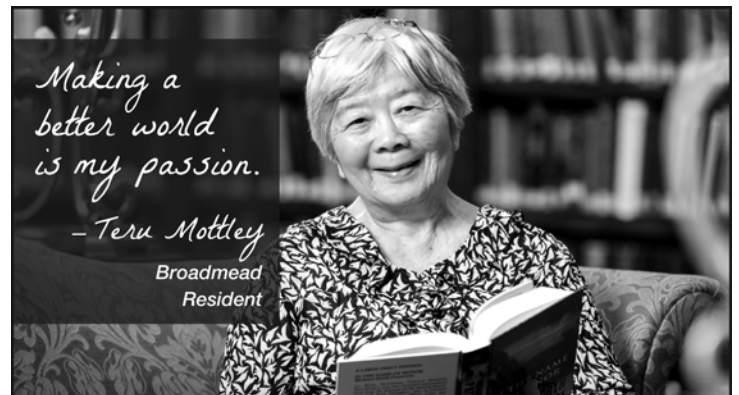
Vice President, Morgan Stanley

Tom Wetzler is a Vice President and Wealth Advisor with Morgan Stanley. He leads The Wetzler Group — a team of integrated specialists providing comprehensive wealth management solutions for high net worth individuals.

Tom graduated from Lafayette College in 1988 where he received a major in Finance and Marketing. Tom began his career in the financial arena as a commercial lender with the First National Bank of Maryland, working as a portfolio manager in Latin America. He became a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch in 1998 out of the Baltimore office. Tom and his team joined Morgan Stanley in the fall of 2008.

At Morgan Stanley, Tom works with individuals, corporations and non-profit organizations in managing their assets and liabilities. Tom and his group provide comprehensive investment, legacy planning, wealth transfer, and risk and liability management strategies to help clients achieve their goals.

Tom currently lives in Roland Park with his wife and three children. He is active within the community and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Park School and the Roland Park Baseball League. ♦



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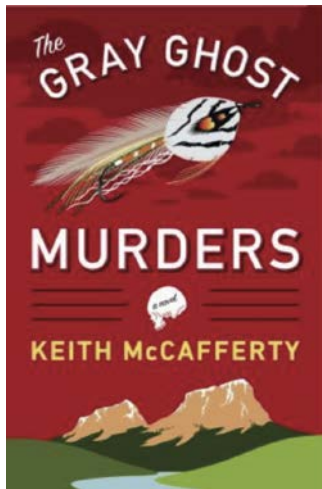


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# Book Nook

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people surface in as many days on Sphinx Mountain, shorthanded Sheriff Martha Ettinger asks for Sean's help investigating. Another case Sean's already pursuing, concerning a pair of extremely valuable stolen fishing flies, provides the perfect cover for snooping — and he soon uncovers disturbing suggestions that someone could be hunting human quarry.

*Constant Heart* by Craig Nova.

After writing nearly a dozen character-piloted novels with noirish undertones (e.g., *Cruisers*, 2004) and one thriller (*The Informer*, 2010), Nova cycles back to the inspiration for his memoir,

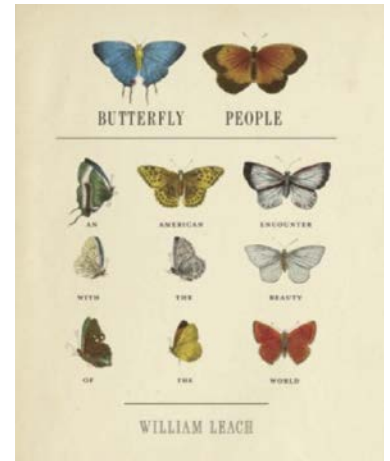
*Brook Trout and the Writing Life* (1999; expanded edition 2011), in this taut and relentless tale of fly-fishing, family crises, and crime. Jake, an astronomer fascinated by Einstein, has always been happiest fishing in the Adirondack wilderness with his wildlife-biologist father, Jason. Now, at a crucial juncture, he flashes

back to his teenage self and his foundational ardor for nebulae, astrophysics and audacious, wounded and elusive Sara. Her mother murdered her father while Jake's mother commits lesser crimes against her family, strengthening the love between wise Jason and cosmic-minded Jake. Years later, their father-son bond is put to the ultimate test when Sara reappears and drags them into her surprising and barbaric underworld.

## Nonfiction

*Butterfly People: An American Encounter with the Beauty of the World* by William Leach.

National Book Award-finalist and Columbia University historian Leach (*Land of Desire: Merchants, Power, and the Rise of a New American Culture*) offers a mesmerizing and comprehensive history of butterfly collecting in America, and this pastime's relation to the nation's landscape, ideologies, and industry. The individuals profiled—including William Henry Edwards, Samuel Scudder, Herman Strecker and Augustus Grote—are men grappling with the great ideas of the modern age: evolution, the expansion of the industrial age, the rise of the market economy, humans' relationship with nature and beauty. This is a deep dive into what, at first glance, seems an esoteric subject, but after further perusal reveals itself as an essential component of this nation's intellectual history. Fully informative on all things Lepidoptera, this work embodies that 19th-century synthesis of science and art, while staying firmly grounded as a history of its namesake, as the Butterfly People become as rare as their most highly prized specimens.




*Gold Rush in the Jungle: The Race to Discover and Defend the Rarest Animals of Vietnam's "Lost World"* by Dan Drollette Jr.

In 1937 at the Paris Zoo, a "fabled wild forest ox" emerged from the tumult of an Indochinese shipment of common wildlife. The accidental passenger turned out to be the only Kouprey ever recorded in captivity, and it later disappeared amidst the madness of German-occupied France. A near-mythic creature figured in bas relief at Angkor Wat, the Kouprey has been hotly pursued ever since. If recaptured and bred with modern cattle, the result would be a "supercow" immune to multiple diseases. Its ancient genes could be worth billions. The Kouprey is just one of many fetching creatures that haunt this book and the Southeast Asian region known as the "Lost World." Due to the remoteness of the land and the conflicts that have plagued the area over past decades, its exotic inhabitants—like a barking deer or a pig-nosed 200-lb soft-shell turtle—have largely been overlooked. Modern poachers, however, have made up for lost time, smuggling out tragic caravans of trophy creatures for slaughter. But some brave scientists are dedicated to protecting them, and veteran science journalist Drollette ably details both the poetic and practical reasons to defend such lost worlds and their bizarre residents.

*Dirt Work: An Education in the Woods* by Christine Byl.

This chronicle of years spent as a "traildog"—a seasonal worker doing the underappreciated, backbreaking work of maintaining wilderness trails, first in Montana's Glacier National Park and later

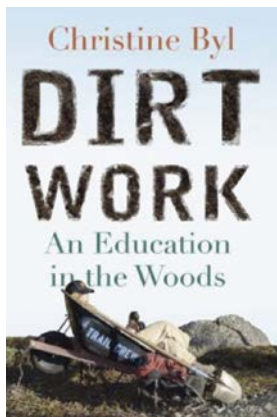


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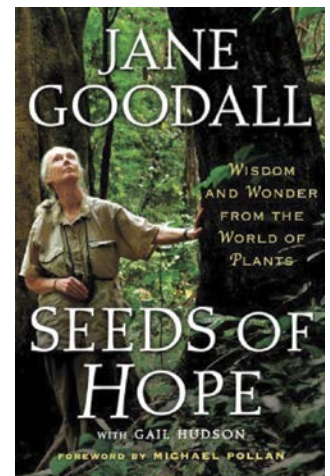


in Alaska's Denali National Park—blends beauty and crudeness, grit and grace. Successfully articulating the satisfaction of physical labor and the camaraderie of the people who do it, Byl organizes the book around her beloved tools, starting with whimsical descriptions of each and using her experience to launch stories about how she learned to do the myriad unseen jobs that keep park trails navigable. Byl is just as likely to be sentimental about backhoes and boots as about the gorgeous vistas of Alaska, but her most obvious love is for the people who work the trails with her, whose taciturn

behavior, practical jokes, and machismo she must navigate, whose internal culture she learns as she becomes a part of the team, and whose mentorship is invaluable. With language that is lyrical despite the earthiness of its subject, Byl turns the words of work into found poetry (“brake on, choke on, pull, pull, fire”), offering a bridge for readers to those “who would not speak like this themselves” — a beautiful memoir of muscle and metal.

*Seeds of Hope: Wisdom and Wonder Through the World of Plants* by Jane Goodall. Goodall begins this tribute to the glory of plants and trees and protest against their endangerment with memories of her grandmother's English country home, where her best friend was a large, cradling beech. She also shares her reverence for the

forests of Gombe that nurture chimpanzees. In this far-ranging, gracefully impassioned book, Goodall, aided by frequent coauthor Hudson, shares her fascination with the “beingness” of plants, from the miracles of seeds to photosynthesis and astonishing strategies of seed dispersal, pollination, defense and communication. She writes of her mystical experiences with trees, obsessive and daring plant hunters, orchid fever, and the deep psychological benefits of gardening. Goodall celebrates the long history of medicinal plants and decries corporate biopiracy and exposes the horrendous human suffering and environmental damage wrought by today's cotton industry and the disastrous consequences of genetically modified crops. Appalled by the on-going destruction of forests, Goodall finds seeds of hope in those who work to protect the green world, upon which we are utterly dependent. ❖



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## Thornberry Circle (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

*Roland Thornberry was a 17th century Englishman and owner of estates in what is now the Lake Falls area of Baltimore County. Lake Roland, an attractive reservoir constructed in 1861, is named after Thornberry. In using Thornberry's name for Roland Park, developer Edward Bouton hoped to conjure up a pastoral image for his new suburb.*

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*Anna Heath was the first president of the Woman's Club of Roland Park. The club first met on December 9, 1896, with 28 members, all Roland Parkers. Members and their friends bought mortgage bonds to cover the cost of the impressive clubhouse at 4500 Roland Avenue, which was completed in 1904.*

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*The Hundermark Circle is named for William H. Hundermark, Jr., an early Roland Park firefighter. Born in 1884, Hundermark was tragically killed fighting the blaze that destroyed the original Baltimore Country Club clubhouse, a wood structure designed by Wyatt &*

*Nolting. Hundermark is buried at Prospect Hill Park Cemetery, Towson.*

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