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A Room With a View

By Sally Foster

My cell phone rang. It was Martha Marani, who asked, "Would you take photographs of the peregrine falcons that are nesting in the Roland Water Tower?"

"Huh," I replied.

I live in Roland Park and I have travelled all over the world photographing birds and other wildlife, but I had no idea there were falcons practically in my own backyard.

I grabbed my camera and longest lens and drove down to the tower. I didn't see any birds. Actually, that would be fairly typical. A nesting pair has made it their home for at least five years, and I had never seen them. Yet, the nearby neighbors are very much aware of their existence—mostly from the noise they make in the early morning or evening. Rather than being annoyed, these neighbors seem proud and protective of their feathered "friends".

Suddenly, something swooshed past in front of me. It was indeed a falcon returning home with something clutched in its talons. This gave me hope. My photo wasn't particularly good—although it was sharp. The sky was gray and the bird was dark—but I knew I would return.

And, I did return, and return, and return—spending hours craning my neck upwards—waiting and waiting. Sometimes, I would run into Terry Ross, who would fill me in on the comings and goings of the falcons. Terry lives near the tower and is a member of the Baltimore Bird Club (baltimorebirdclub.org)

"This is a nesting pair," he explains—one of two in Baltimore City.

Sometimes, I would see one of the falcons preening on a ledge. It was a long process. The bird would lift a wing and tuck its head under and draw the feathers out like an archer pulling a bow. The falcon would glance around as if looking for lunch or dinner and then return to preening.

I would watch, waiting for the falcon to raise its wings and take off to hunt. They can travel at speeds of up to 240 miles per hour during their hunting dives, making capturing



Photo: Sally Foster

them in flight a real challenge. I hoped to catch the return flight when the bird would have a mourning dove, cardinal or blue jay caught up in its talons. Sometimes, the falcon would disappear under the eaves with its meal. Other times, it would dine al fresco. Feathers would fly as the bird slurped up the juicy insides of its prey.

After several weeks, the peregrine chicks were born, and Terry tried to count them.

"I saw three," he says. "No, four...maybe five."

I only saw three. I watched the mother feeding one of the chicks and I saw the young fledglings trying out their wings, hopping in short spurts along the edge. Hop, hop.

Finally, one day the fledglings were gone. Where did they go? Where are they now? Terry explains that the adults make the tower their home year-round. They might be a little harder to spot since they're not hunting for themselves and their offspring anymore.

As for the fledglings, like children who've grown and "flown the nest," they might visit from time to time. All we can do is hope they will return next year and that the Roland Water Tower will have a new room for them—one with a view. ❖

Editor's Note: Like the peregrine falcons, Andrew and I have launched our youngest into the world. Our daughter left for college in August. Our son leaves for his sophomore year in a few weeks. We, too, hope they'll return to Roland Park often. Maybe we should renovate our empty nest? MSM

Eddie's Celebrates 75 Years in Roland Park

By Kathy Hudson

As is often true of Roland Park life, Eddie's is a family affair. Eddie's of Roland Park is a three-generation, locally owned grocery business. Now it's celebrating 75 years in a neighborhood where small businesses have always played a vital role.

Its founder was not named Eddie but Victor, Victor Cohen. In 1944, he opened Victor's Market in a prime location in the middle of the "business block" (a term Roland Park developers used for the shopping center) where Bank of America is today. Longtime Roland Park residents still remember Victor standing at the door greeting customers.

In 1954, he added Eddie's Supermarket farther up Roland Avenue, where the old Grauel's Market had been. He called it Eddie's because of a marketing collaborative he joined, one headed by Eddie Levy. Eddie's, like Victor's, was a specialty market, complete with phone-in orders, house charges and home delivery, features that still exist today.

Another grocery store, the A&P, simultaneously did business at the south end of that northerly block. Families often did basic shopping at the A&P then went to Victor's or Eddie's for fish, special cuts of meat, outstanding crab meat, British jams and jellies, Le Sueur canned vegetables, and Cross and Blackwell soups.

As a small child, Victor's daughter Nancy Cohen (president and CEO of Eddie's since 1991) remembers sitting on the ledge of the window in Victor's eating cookies. "They were Dad's Oatmeal Cookies in a big gold tin," she says.

"Eddie's still gives free cookies to children," says Barrie Sigler, lifelong Roland Parker, whose strongest memory of shopping with her mother at Victor's is a free cookie.



Nancy Cohen and her sons, Michael (on her left) and Andrew (on her right) Schaffer, celebrate the 75th anniversary of the three-generation grocery store.
Photo: Sally Foster



Victor Cohen opened Victor's Market in what is now called the Roland Park Shopping Center.
Photo courtesy Eddie's of Roland Park

Nancy never dreamed she would work in the grocery business. "Girls didn't do that." Her only job at Victor's came in a single, two-hour stretch "doing extensions." That meant checking items received from distributors and the prices charged. "After two hours, I said, 'I need to eat and go home.'" Victor took his daughter to lunch at the Morg (Morgan & Millard drugstore, where Petit Louis is today). He then drove her home. That was that.

Nancy majored in English in college and later earned a master's degree in psychology. She was working with physically and emotionally challenged adults when relatives campaigned for her to join the grocery business. She was an only child. Her father wanted to slow down. He was spending time in Florida. What would happen to all he had worked so hard to build, they asked. In July 1981, Nancy finally said. "Okay! I'll try it for a year. What do I do?"

Her father told her, "You stand at the door and say 'hello.'"

"I have a college degree and that's what I'm supposed to do?" Nancy remembers thinking. Her father believed in learning from the ground up. She shadowed the manager and listened to her father for about a year. She felt frustrated as she tried to find her role. Then they showed her the books. "I like to read!" she says. She studied what was working at the store and thought about

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how it might grow and modernize. By then, Victor's Market had closed in the Roland Park Shopping Center and consolidated its business up the street, continuing with specialty meats and seafood in cases still designated as "Victor's Meats."

In 1983, when she was pregnant with her oldest son, Michael Schaffer, Nancy felt sick all of the time. "I didn't want to be around the store," she remembers. "I didn't want to cook. I wondered what I was going to do. If I don't want to cook, other people don't want to cook," she thought. That was the beginning of Gourmet-to-Go, a few small containers at the back of the store. The produce manager liked fiddling with recipes, so they had some fun. Next came a salad bar and homemade soups, as well as a full-time chef. Nancy likes bread, so she created an in-store bakery that year too.

In 1986, second son Andrew was born. Life became more complicated. "Kids came first. Luckily, I had help. I drove to school in the morning. When Andrew was three, I [after a divorce] started the single mom thing...I don't know how I did it. But we've always had great people running the store."

Longtime employees are a hallmark of Eddie's. When asked how she keeps people, Nancy says, "Everyone wants health and retirement benefits. They also spend a lot of time at the store..."



Andrew Schaffer worked in the natural wine business in New York City before joining the family-owned business. Photo: Sally Foster

this has to be like a second home. In order for a business to succeed, employees have to succeed. They have to buy in and feel like it's their department. You're only as good as the people working for you."

Continuity of employees adds to business stability and to the strong sense of community in the neighborhood. Over the years Sarah, Clyde, Dot, Rich, Michael, Charlie, Yolanda, Paul, Jackie, Steve, Ann, Debbie, Frank and many more have become part of the neighborhood fabric.

Ed and Marietta Nolley grew up in Roland Park and are lifelong Eddie's customers. (Ed worked during high school at nearby Jas. Brentley's men's clothing store while his mother worked at Gundy's Gifts.) "Our favorite memories include Mr. Frank and Mr. Charlie, butchers, putting pound-and-a-half [at birth] daughter Tyson on the meat scales each time we stopped by. Couldn't do that today!" says Ed. "Sarah was always warm and welcoming, remembering birthdays."

Charlie Palmer grew up in the neighborhood, married and raised his family here. "Dot knew all customers by name, as well as their families," he says. "When I was in line, she'd always tell me if one of our girls had already been in, and she'd remember what they had bought."

Today, Eddie's employs 265 people in two stores. In 1991, the same year Nancy took over the business, an opportunity came up that she couldn't resist. The former Acme supermarket on Charles Street was for sale. After extensive renovations, it reopened in September 1992 as the larger of the two Eddie's, with 11,400 square feet. After 20 years, Nancy remodeled it, added a small lunch counter and expanded the catering, gifts and candy, bakery and gourmet-to-go departments. Later that year, she opened North Charles Fine Wines & Spirits next door.

Roland Parkers often ask Nancy if she plans to remodel her flagship Roland Avenue store. "We love being asked this question," she says. "It means that people like us and want us to stay around forever! We're always making improvements at the store—some more visible than others—and we definitely take customer input into account when making future plans." No firm answer yet. Stay tuned.

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In 2007, oldest son Michael graduated from Dickinson College and joined Nancy in the business. "I knew when I was a teenager that I wanted to be part of our family business," he says. He worked in every department of both stores "to learn the business, inside and out, from the ground up." Twelve years later, he is vice president and lives with his wife Charlotte in Roland Park, walking distance from the store.

For seven years, Michael's younger brother Andrew worked in the natural wine business in New York City. He was asked to become a part owner. When Andrew called his mother, she asked, "Do they have a lease?" They did not. So, 16 months ago he returned to Baltimore and joined the business, starting in the produce department.

Andrew now shares an office with Michael. "Despite minor apprehension at first about having another family member join, it has been a great fit," Michael says. Andrew is quick to praise his older brother's exceptional operational understanding.

And like his mother and Michael before him, Andrew is now finding his role at Eddie's. He lends support to management and employees and offers a new pair of eyes. "We already have a successful store, with deep expertise in each department and the service-oriented aspect...We're not looking to change too much. There's always improvements that can be made." He talks of many emerging products. "We could fill an aisle with pasta sauces," he says. "Curating the selection of products is key."

Nancy agrees, "It becomes more and more important that we curate our selection and remember our origin as a destination for specialty goods—a place customers can count on for premium and hard-to-find ingredients."

Her hopes for the future of Eddie's? "Being independent, we have the flexibility to carry whatever we want to sell, and we have a strong commitment to local food vendors. I foresee an emphasis on local sourcing continuing for the foreseeable future—brands like Mount Royal Soap, Secret Sauce ketchup and Molly's Bakeovers are all new to our shelves this year, joining more established locals like Michele's Granola, Rise Up Coffee and Baltimore Coffee & Tea that we've carried for years."

Nancy also expects to turn over more of the day-to-day decision-making and running of the business to Michael and Andrew. "I trust in their instincts, and they will be the ones executing decisions in the future." ♦

Kathy Hudson, an almost lifelong Roland Parker, is an almost daily Eddie's shopper.

The **Eddie's 75th Anniversary Exhibit** will be on display at the Jewish Museum of Maryland (15 Lloyd St.) from September 16 through October 24. For more information, visit eddiesofrolandpark.com/content/celebrating-75-years.



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Looking Out for the Neighbors: The Peregrine Falcons

By Lynne Parks

You can't separate the Roland Water Tower from its beloved residents, the peregrine falcons. The trouble is that the tower is deteriorating. If the community hadn't become involved, the city might have had no recourse but to demolish it. Happily, the Roland Park Community Foundation has been working for over a decade to secure the funds needed to renovate the structure. The state, city and Friends of the Roland Water Tower have also contributed. In saving the tower, we preserve a historic site and the falcons' home.

Renovation plans are finally being drawn up, but how do we ensure the falcons won't be driven away during the project? Call in an expert, Craig Koppie, a raptor biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Koppie helps raptors transition when their homes are disrupted. He has suggested a possible solution for these falcons, which would involve building



Left: The fledglings share a meal with their parent.



Above: One of the bonded pair of peregrines returning to its perch on the Roland Water Tower.
Photos: Sally Foster

a nest box at the top of the Roland Water Tower.

Terry Ross of the Baltimore Bird Club has been reporting falcon sightings for the past five years. "Often when I walk up the street with my binoculars or scope, people who live very close to the tower will talk about what they've seen. One man told me they'd been here for nine years; the earliest report I've seen is from 2014," he says. In fact, Koppie banded the male falcon five years ago in a nest box at the Craighill Channel Lighthouse near Hart-Miller Island.

Peregrine adults have blue-gray backs, and barred underparts. They have dark heads with thick sideburns. The female is 30 percent larger than the male and has a hint of roseate-beige over her chest and belly. They mainly feed on other birds. At the tower, they are often seen dining on pigeons, starlings and blue jays. If you've watched the pair, you've been privy to acrobatic feats, including loop-the-loops, power dives, figure eights and locked-talon free falls. They are known as the fastest animal alive; their speed during a "stoop" or hunting dive can reach

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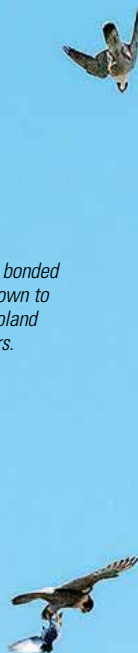
more than 200 miles per hour.

Opening the base of the tower to the public is under consideration. One possibility would be to participate in Doors Open Baltimore (doorsopenbaltimore.com), an annual celebration of the city's architecture and neighborhoods. During the two-day festival, visitors would be able to "peek inside" the Roland Water Tower. Koppie believes that limiting the public's access to the tower to once a year would not dissuade the falcons from residency. The birds are aggressive and territorial, and they would noisily stand their ground until the fuss was over, with sharp warning calls, "rehk rehk rehk rehk rehk."

The word "peregrine" comes from the Latin for "wanderer". These birds of prey are long-distance migrants, some traveling as far as 20,000 miles annually from Argentina to the Arctic and back. Koppie believes the tower pair stays year-round. The neighborhood is lucky to have them.

In the mid-20th century, peregrine falcons were nearly extirpated from

A rare capture of the bonded pair of peregrines known to have nested in the Roland Water Tower for years.



eastern North America by organochlorine pesticide (e.g., DDT) poisoning. Following the pesticides ban in 1972, the species has rebounded owing to captive breeding and release programs. The birds are now seen regularly in large cities and coastal areas. They nest on cliffs, skyscrapers, bridges and other high edifices—like the Roland Water Tower.

Courtship begins in February. In the spring, the falcons create a "scrape"—a small depression in gravel or debris—under the roof. Eggs are laid mid-March and hatch mid-April. When first hatched, the nestlings are helpless. The female broods for 10 to 12 days, but then increasingly leaves the scrape to help the male hunt. When the hatchlings have fledged, you might see them catching flying insects in the air, which is practice for larger prey. The young birds leave in early July, going off to find new territory for themselves.

Whenever the renovations begin and whatever is decided about public access, Koppie will be there to help secure a safe home for the peregrine falcons. Hopefully, when the work is complete, the birds will have resettled in their tower home. What's next? We'll name them, of course! ❖

Lynne Parks is the Outreach Coordinator for Lights Out Baltimore (lightsoutbaltimore.org), a bird conservation and wildlife rescue organization. She is a practicing visual artist, curator, writer and performer.

Roland Water Tower Update

By Mary Page Michel

After years of little movement on the Roland Water Tower project, it is finally moving forward, and rather quickly. As you might recall, Baltimore City Department of General Services is responsible for the design of the tower's restoration. In June, they hired JMT Architecture to lead this important work. Under the agreement with the Roland Park Community Foundation (RPCF), the design work must be completed in 18 months, but it will most likely be finished this fall. At that time, the City will hand the design over to the RPCF, which will assume responsibility for construction. The RPCF hired Tom McCracken, president and founder of McCracken Consulting, as its owner's representative, a role he also played for the Mt. Vernon Conservancy during the restoration of the 200-year-old Washington Monument in Mt. Vernon Place.

The most recent news on the Roland Water Tower project is that we hired a construction management firm to lead the preconstruction phase and, later, the restoration phase of the project. Lewis Contractors, the contractor for the Washington Monument, was chosen for their expertise in historic restoration. Lewis completed the monument project on time and on budget. ❖

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Green and Growing: Our Free Tree Program

By Kate Culotta

Last spring, the free tree program had its most successful planting to date. Thanks to an increased interest in adding to the Roland Park tree canopy, we successfully planted 61 new trees in Roland Park, including large shade trees like Princeton elms, red maples and oaks, and pretty flowering ornamentals like dogwood, redbud, white fringe, crabapple and cherry.

Trees were planted at the Springhouse Condominiums on Falls Road and the Roland Park Condominiums on Upland Road. Look for a new sweep of pink blossoms along Club and Upland next spring when the redbuds and cherry trees bloom.



K&C Grounds Maintenance planted 88 free trees last spring. Photo: Kate Culotta

We also expanded our tree planting efforts outside of Roland Park. To help clear the City's tree nursery, we partnered with Friends of Stony Run to add trees in Stony Run Park, both in Roland Park and farther south in Linkwood and Wyman parks. We also sent trees to our neighbors in Guilford. All told, 88 trees were planted in May and June.

Maples, black gum, oaks and flowering ornamentals will be available for

planting in November. Please contact me at krculotta@msn.com or landscape@rolandpark.org if you are interested. Visit rolandpark.org/roland-park-tree-program for more information.

Tips for Fall Winter Tree Care

- For trees planted last spring, continue to water frequently, even when they go dormant. Trees take about two years to become established.

Mapping the Tree Canopy

By Jim Considine

Baltimore is one of the only cities in the U.S. that has expanded its tree canopy since 2007. From 2007 to 2015, the city saw a 1 percent gain, going from around 27 percent to around 28 percent. To see a map of every tree on public property in the city, visit treebaltimore.org/maps and click on the Web Map App link. You can enter your address to see the trees in your neighborhood and print a map of Roland Park's tree canopy. You can also see the city's large, historic or otherwise notable trees by clicking the Notable Trees in Baltimore City link.

After killing an entire afternoon playing on this site, I know how many trees are planted along the sidewalk and in the median along Roland Avenue. Would you care to take a guess how many? Email your answer to me at jimconsidine@gmail.com.

- Keep new trees staked for at least one year and install deer-proof netting around the base.
- Remove weeds and grass from around the base of all trees.
- Apply a fresh layer of mulch around the base, being careful not to pile mulch up against the trunk.
- Trees planted more than 18 months ago can have their support stakes removed. If the tree still needs support, check to see that the straps are not too tight.
- Prune any damaged or dead branches.
- Remove any ivy from tree trunks. If an otherwise healthy tree has ivy growing on it, cut it off at the base. It will die back and fall out. Wear gloves in case you encounter poison ivy.

The Landscape Committee has noticed an uptick in flyers and posters being nailed, tacked and stapled to trees. Anything that penetrates a tree's bark puts it at risk for disease or insect infestation. The tree can also grow around nails, tacks and staples, making it dangerous for anyone trying to trim it or cut it down at a later date. If you notice flyers and posters attached in any of these ways, please remove them immediately. ❖

Kate Culotta serves on the Roland Park Civic League's Landscape Committee.

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Hitting the Right Chord: How Music Lessons Boost STEM

By Christine Thomas-O’Meally

Contemporary trends in education include an emphasis on a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum. In some school systems, there is also an arts component (i.e., STEAM); however, this is less common in public schools in the U.S. Although some schools may have a strong arts program, many do not. Often, the arts are confined to a specific magnet school, which accepts students based on audition or lottery, leaving those not accepted to find another source of arts education or, sadly, without any significant arts education at all.

With music, an option for interested students is to take private lessons—vocal, instrumental or both. These lessons can be taken at local colleges, like the Peabody Institute’s Peabody Preparatory, at private music schools or from individual teachers (in Baltimore, often graduates of Peabody or Towson University). In addition, most of the Baltimore area private schools offer after-school music lessons. A search for Baltimore-area music lessons offers far too many options to be included here.

But why should your child take music lessons if they’re not planning to go into music as a profession? What is the point? How will it enhance their education, particularly if that education has a STEM emphasis? According to Dr. Devonna B. Rowe, who is a member of the Maryland State Arts Council and of the Peabody faculty, the following elements of a STEM




education are addressed by music study:

Many studies show links between music study and increased academic performance. The arts should be a part of a comprehensive education, whether study is done in or outside the classroom. Private lessons can only enhance a student’s overall performance. ❖


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STEM	Private Music Lessons
Develops critical thinking	Include music analysis and technical development
Involves real world skills	Reinforce discipline and focus (through practice), collaboration (in ensembles), leadership, creativity and kinesthetic awareness
Includes design development	Include songwriting, instrument building, audio engineering and recital programming
Includes hands-on activities	Include hands-on activities
Teacher serves as facilitator, not lecturer	Teacher provides tools and technique for student implementation
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Go Native: The Herring Run Nursery

By Jim Considine

Native plants," exclaims Kathy Hudson with considerable animation. The longtime Roland Park resident, author and gardener continues, "Native plants are the reason you go to the Herring Run Nursery. Plus, they have a very knowledgeable and helpful staff."

Native plants are the hottest thing in Roland Park, and the Herring Run Nursery offers 300 different varieties of plants from categories such as Chesapeake natives, ferns, edibles, grasses, sedge, perennial shade or sun plants, shrubbery, trees and



Herring Run offers 300 different varieties of plants. Natives require less maintenance and watering than non-natives

Photos: Jim Considine

native plants, and is now a self-sufficient, profitable business. It is a source of revenue for its parent, Blue Water Baltimore, which has a mission "to restore the quality of Baltimore's rivers, streams and harbor to foster a healthy environment, a strong economy, and thriving communities."

When you visit Herring Run, the big fellow you will see ambling about is Rob Jenkins, the manager, who looks more like a Fells Point bouncer than a nursery manager.

Talking to Rob, you can feel his passion for the work he does. His B.S. in biology and master's in environmental science come from Towson University. He has 23 years of experience working in horticulture.

Jean Mellot, landscape architect and a partner with Grow Landscape Designs, LLC, also makes the case for natives. "Native plants tend to have deep roots, which helps with soil erosion and helps maintain and filter water. Our soil in the Chesapeake Bay region tends to be clay. Deep-rooted plants provide lots of pockets for water absorption and also reduce soil erosion by anchoring the dirt with their roots."

Natives also require less work than their non-native counterparts.

"If you're looking for lower-maintenance plants, native plants need less watering. Better yet, natives require less fertilizer as natives evolved to thrive in our region's weather and soil conditions," says Mellott, another longtime Roland Park resident.

Rob points out that non-natives can overtake natives since there are no natural predators to arrest and control their growth. Further, they do not provide food for insects, birds and other wildlife, throwing off the ecological balance on which these life forms depend.

vines. Chances are, you will find something that appeals to your gardening sensibilities. And incorporating natives into your garden may be the easiest way for you to reduce your carbon footprint since you swore off leaded gasoline.

Herring Run, located at 6131 Hillen Road between the 4th green and 5th tee box of the historic Mt. Pleasant Golf course, was founded to grow natives for planting along our watershed, which includes the Stony Run, Gwynn's Falls and Herring Run in Baltimore City. It expanded to become a retail nursery selling



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Fall Landscaping Checklist

Fall is the perfect time to prepare your yard for the next growing season. Plants grow more slowly in cooler weather and roots grow better when the soil has more moisture. It is a good time to get rid of dead stems and branches, and to deal with the fallen leaves. Here is checklist of tasks for the fall:

- Aerate and feed the lawn
- Mow one final time
- Rake fallen leaves, then either shred them and use them as mulch for trees, shrubs and flower beds, or bag them to be picked up on your regular trash collection day (you are limited to five bags of leaves and other yard waste).
- Divide perennials, as needed
- Plant new shrubs, perennials and bulbs
- Trim dead limbs
- Mulch young plants
- Drain all water from hoses, fountains and drip irrigation systems, and store them in a dry place
- Clean and store landscaping tools



the month before (for September, that would have been the end of August). On the form, indicate where you are placing your debris (for example, the front or back of your property). If you cannot submit your request online, you can call the Roland Park office at 410-464-2525.

All households are limited to a monthly pickup of 2 cubic yards of debris (roughly, what would fill the flatbed of a pickup truck). If you have more, you can pay a nominal rate of \$45 for each additional 2 cubic yards.

Debris must be put out by the first of the month. Piles intermingled with materials not approved for the program (e.g., leaves, logs, stumps, fenceposts, metal) will be left.

It is also worth noting that bagged organic debris, including leaves, will be

picked up by the City on regular trash days. ❖

Organic Debris Removal

What to do with all the twigs, stems and small limbs you have collected during fall cleanup? Fortunately, Roland Park's organic debris removal program starts up again in September for those who have paid their Roland Park Civic League dues and their full maintenance fees. It is available monthly through November.

Submit your request for pickup at the link found at rolandpark.org/community-resources/organic-debris-pickup by the end of

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For example, Mellot explains, "Maryland's state butterfly is the Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly, and this insect only eats White Turtleheads [a native]...When we plant natives in our landscapes, we are boosting the insect food supply. A plentiful insect population ensures migrating and non-migratory birds have plenty to eat as most feed their offspring insects. It's that circle-of-life thing." ❖

Jim Considine is a native Baltimorean. Though marketing was his livelihood, he filled his Sundays managing the press box for the Ravens and keeping stats for the Redskins. Volunteering with the Roland Park Baseball Leagues has also become a habit since 1995. Coincidentally, his school mascots were a bee and a cardinal (both essential pollinators).



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Travelogue: Southern Utah

By Martha Marani

This year, our annual family vacation took us to southern Utah, where we spent a week hiking and camping. We watched dawn break on the iconic Bryce Canyon hoodoos. We cooled off in the pool under the 126-foot Lower Calf Creek Falls and marveled at ancient Native American petroglyphs at Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Andrew and Will even braved the hike to Angels Landing, a 1,488-foot tall rock formation at Zion National Park that is only accessible by hiking 21 steep switchbacks (Walter's Wiggles) and pulling yourself up chained sections of the most treacherous parts of the path. We saw mule deer and rock squirrels, and a herd of bighorn sheep seemed to pose above us on the ride into Zion. One of the many highlights was the ammonite fossil I found at one of the campgrounds. ♦ Photos: Martha Marani





Protect Our Pollinators and Our Trees

By Devra Kitterman

The dearth is upon us. I am referring to the dearth of pollinator forage—or food—that occurs approximately and primarily between July and early next spring when there is little to no naturally available plant nectar for the bees to collect. Here in the Mid-Atlantic, we are pollen rich and nectar poor, with the bulk of nectar being available from trees between March and early July, depending upon the weather. Everyone can help out by planting late-season (August through September) forage plants for pollinators (see box).

The results of this dearth are clearly visible, as bees, hornets, wasps, butterflies and hummingbirds are all becoming a little more desperate in their search for food sources. Honeybees become more...let's say assertive...about protecting their hives because they need to safeguard their precious honey stash from other hungry bees, wasps and yellow jackets. These competitors are also more assertive in their quest for food because they do not store honey and are very hungry—in some areas, starving—during this time of the year (we all get a little grouchy when we are hungry). Hint: Simply paying attention to flying insect activity around your home will help protect everyone from wasp and hornet stings.

I will admit that I was absolutely heartbroken when I noticed earlier this year that the ivy had been cut from and killed on

the very large, mature Norway spruces (*Picea abies*) that line Falls Road next to Cross Keys. Now, before folks go berserk about this provocative comment, be aware that I have advocated, for decades, that ivy should never, ever be sold by nurseries, specified by landscape architects or installed by landscapers. English ivy (*Hedera helix*), a non-native, kills trees by heaving their bark and exposing the only living part of the tree—the very thin, green cambium layer immediately under the bark, to insect and other

pathogen invasion. Any ivy that is observed just getting started up a tree should be cut off or pulled up at the base immediately. The most tragic part of the Norway spruce situation on Falls Road is that the trees have been completely covered by ivy for at least 30 years, to my best recollection. As it turns out, English ivy is one of the very few and best late-season sources of nectar for bees, butterflies (including Monarchs), other flying insects and hummingbirds on their migratory path south. The ivy damage was done long ago and will never be reversed. All that cutting the vines accomplished was to deprive hundreds of thousands of pollinators and the like of an astronomical amount of nectar that would have helped protect and feed those that migrate and those that overwinter here. Hysteria and misinformation, rather than facts and an awareness of the big picture, led to the decision to cut the ivy at this late stage. Why can't we leave some of the older trees already engulfed in ivy for the pollinators and control the ivy on younger trees? We can and should plant a lot more trees, but we are losing our pollinators by the billions.

A tour of Baltimore street trees my husband and I took recently exposed a treepocalypse in the making. All over the city, street trees are dead and dying. Despite their best efforts, the Forestry Division folks struggle to keep up with the demand for tree removal. Our precious trees are dying due to a combination of lack of water, compacted soils, and damage to the bark (exposed cambium layers) done by cars, bikes locked to trees, vandalism, pests and diseases. Arborist Kevin Mullinary of Davey Tree told me that the average life of a street tree these days is a mere eight years! Keep in mind that Baltimore has the third largest tree canopy of cities in the U.S.—a positive for a city struggling



The Norway spruces that line Falls Road have been ivy-covered for at least 30 years.

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with its reputation right now. The city's commitment to its tree canopy speaks directly to the character of Baltimore and should be celebrated and protected.

It has never occurred to most citizens to water their trees, especially street trees, and the very act of watering trees cannot be emphasized enough. One need only look at the size of a tree's crown (its top part) to understand of the size of its root system. Street trees' roots are negatively impacted by hot macadam paving, sidewalks, and the combination of soil compaction and lack of sufficient moisture. This year, rather than being mostly leaf-covered, more street trees are clearly showing their entire branch structures, with lots of dead leaders, branches and boughs. Most are not mulched properly, if at all. There should be a program in place for the Forestry Division or volunteers to water street trees, especially recently planted trees. Otherwise, the money and time spent installing the trees is totally wasted.

The accelerating climate disaster calls upon all of us to plant more new trees, and to protect, maintain and cherish all trees.

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Imagine life on Earth if (when) the environment crashes and we lose our trees and pollinators, and with them our ability to grow food. Worrying about traffic congestion, or the services that our fair city is unable to provide, will be the very least of our problems. ❖

Devra He'ui Kitterman is a Baltimore City beekeeper and the Pollinator Program coordinator for the Maryland Agricultural Resource Council (marylandagriculture.org), a non-profit that emphasizes public education. She runs multiple classes and workshops for beekeepers and others. She formerly owned and operated He'ui Horticultural Services, which provided commercial interior plant services and exterior landscape design and maintenance for 27 years. To receive her free pollinator plant list, contact her at devra.kitterman@gmail.com.

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Friends School's Global Exchange Program

The return of upper school students Zayda Greene (2022) and Peter Micciche (2022) from a four-week exchange at The Friends' School, Hobart, in Tasmania, Australia, marks the beginning of an exciting chapter for Friends School of Baltimore (Friends).

The new global exchange program between Friends and Monteverde Friends School (MFS) in Costa Rica, as well as The Friends' School, Hobart, is one of several innovative initiatives stemming from the 2019 launch of the school's strategic direction, Friends Connects (for more information, read the article in the spring issue). A central goal of this initiative is to help students "develop the skills and understanding needed to thrive in a global society." The program, developed with the guidance of Global Community Research &

Design team members Jennifer Robinson, Director of Academic Technology and Libraries, and Laura Flenorl, a middle school teacher, will provide transformative global educational experiences for Friends students for years to come.



Zayda Green and Peter Micciche spent four weeks studying in Australia this summer as part of Friends Connects.

Photo courtesy Friends School

Each year, a small cohort of students will attend classes at MFS and Friends School, Hobart, while living with host families and students. Likewise, students from these international schools will attend classes at Friends and live with host families and students in our community.

Zayda and Peter are the first students to participate in the exchange, returning this month after four weeks in Tasmania and a stop in Sydney (Zayda reports this was her favorite part of the adventure). Students from The Friends' School, Hobart, will arrive in Baltimore this winter. ❖

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Skating to Seventy

By Patricia Schultheis

In frigid mornings, before first light, sometimes I stand in a crumbling parking lot and watch slender forms materialize out of the dark. Sleek and insouciant as cats, they drag suitcases toward a low-slung building shimmed into the edge of a Baltimore golf course. The building is an ice rink, and the girls—they almost always are girls—hold a strange admixture of sleepiness and steeliness in their eyes. These are the dedicated skaters, ones with promise and coaches to help them fulfill it.

As they put on their skates they observe a meticulous casualness. No giggly enthusiasm punctures their self-possession. No spontaneity ruptures their serenity. However, their nonchalant affectation is flimsy—just a tad too thin to fully camouflage their twitchy craving. Despite having clear skin, teeth like odes to white alignment and limbs as supple as green willows, each and every one is an addict. Their drug of choice is speed. Only speed's rush can narcotize them to whatever they imagine is troubling their young lives.

On the ice, they enter a demi-dimension of being. Arms outstretched, tummies tucked, they command not only their bodies, but the ice and air over and through which their bodies move. Unfettered from footsteps, they find grace. And undistracted by thought, they experience hyper-awareness. For the truly superior ones, time slows, sound fades, and sight blurs. All that exists is existence. Nothing else can compare. Encased in a bubble of speed, they rotate their arms, set their shoulders and shift their center of gravity. While hurtling at twenty, thirty miles an hour, they adjust their bodies with the unhurried elegance of a geisha.

No wonder these girls conduct themselves with such calm self-assurance: they have mastered the theory of relativity. In fact, they embody it. Traveling over a treacherous and mercilessly hard surface, they express the co-dependency of speed and time. The greater their speed, the greater the distance they'll travel, and the greater time they'll have to ready their limbs to spin or fly.

Too old to be regarded even as an oddity, to them I am less than invisible. And this presents a problem: skating's protocols decree that lesser skaters give way to better ones—a protocol putting the responsibility for accident avoidance on whomever's weakest. It's a protocol that fixes me at the ice's edge, nearest the Plexiglas scuffed by hockey pucks. There, I go round and round, caught in the gyre of age and loss. Some of these girls were toddlers, others were not even born, the year I got my



Photo courtesy Patricia Schultheis

current skates, a gift from my husband the Christmas before my mother died. Now she is dead. And he is too. And still I spend my time on a sport at which I never was any good, circling round and round at the ice's edge, careful not to get my blade caught in the barrier, careful, too, not to get swept into the asteroid belt of young skaters. And most of all, careful, to avoid the empty center that sometimes draws a young girl with such force she'll spin herself into near oblivion. I watch as her spin loses momentum, slows, and then stops. And she throws up her arms in triumph, while her expression looks slightly confused, as if she's asking herself, What have I done? Where have I gone?

I could tell her. I could say to her, "Oh, Sweetie, don't you know? You answered the siren song of speed? Years ago, I heard it too. Old and nearly broken now, I sometimes hear it still. Listen." ❖

Patricia Schultheis is the author of the memoir, *A Balanced Life*, the award-winning short story collection, *St. Bart's Way*, and *Baltimore's Lexington Market*. She has received awards from The Fitzgerald Writers' Conference, Memoirs Ink, the Nob Hill Branch of the League of American Pen Women, Winning Writers and Washington Writers Publishing House. "Skating to Seventy" is excerpted from various chapters from *A Balanced Life*.

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Senior Games: A Roland Parker Participates and Wins!

By Glen Allen

This year's National Senior Games (nsga.com)—an athletic competition for the 50-and-over crowd—was held in Albuquerque, NM, in June. According to the organization, the event had the most registered athletes in its 32-year history. All 50 states were represented and more than 13,000 athletes competed in 20 medal sports, including track and field, cycling and basketball.

The NSGA and the state-level organization, the Maryland Senior Olympics (maryland.nsga.com), live up to the motto, "To Participate is to Win." Both offer enough competitiveness in a variety of sports to inspire participants to do their best, but the overall spirit is one of camaraderie, encouragement and engagement. In races, for example, the folks who finish last are generally greeted at the finish line with



Fourth from left, Glen Allen celebrates his third place win at the 2019 National Senior Games. Photo courtesy Glen Allen

great applause. And the really senior folks—those 80 and over—are cheered on with great enthusiasm. There were several participants in Albuquerque who were over 100, including a 103-year-old lady who was the subject of a national TV news story.

This year, I ran a 63.5-second 400 meters, finishing third in the event in my 65- to 69-year-old bracket. Due to the altitude (Albuquerque is about a mile above sea level) and the heat, I felt

nauseated afterwards, but the feeling went away and I was left with my medal, so it was worth it. ♦

The 2019 Maryland Senior Olympics began on August 10. To find out the results, visit the website.

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Roasted Corn Chowder

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Ingredients

- ½ lb. bacon, small dice
- 1 small yellow onion, small dice
- 2 shallots, small dice
- 5 ears of corn in husk
- 1 lb. Yukon Gold potatoes, small dice
- 2 c. milk
- 1 qt. heavy cream
- fresh chives, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Finely dice bacon, onion, shallots and potatoes. Roast corn in husks until lightly golden (approx. 25 minutes). Let cool, then shuck, cut off cob and set aside. Heat a large sauce pot over medium heat and add diced bacon cold, gently cooking until crispy. Add onion and shallots, cooking over medium heat for 5 mins until translucent. Add milk and heavy cream, bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer for 20 minutes. Add corn, cooking for 5 minutes. Add potatoes, cooking for 8 minutes until tender. Remove from heat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Finish with sliced fresh chives as garnish. ❖

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Prep Time: 2 hours

Cook Time: 1 hour

Serves: 4

Ingredients

1 ½ lbs. Victor's USDA Prime boneless rib eye steaks (about 2 steaks)

1 bottle Eddie's Signature Caesar Dressing

1 head garlic, cut in half horizontally

8 plum tomatoes, halved and seeded

1 tsp. olive oil

Coarse kosher salt



Photo courtesy Eddie's of Roland Park

1-20 oz. pkg. cubed butternut squash

¾ lb. brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved

1 small red onion, halved and sliced vertically

2 c. cauliflower florets (about ½ head)

1/3 c. shaved Parmesan Reggiano

Marinate steaks in 1/3 c. Eddie's Caesar dressing. Place in plastic resealable bag and refrigerate for at least an hour or up to 4 hours. Twenty minutes before grilling, remove from refrigerator and drain.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Toss tomato halves with 1 T. Eddie's Caesar dressing and spread out on sheet pan, cut side up. Place garlic halves on a piece of aluminum foil, drizzle garlic with 1 tsp. olive oil and sprinkle with a pinch of salt. Turn garlic cut side down on foil and bring edges of foil up and crimp to seal. Place packet on sheet pan with tomatoes and roast for 45 minutes, turning tomatoes over after 20 minutes. When done, tomatoes will be evenly browned and caramelized, and garlic will be lightly browned and tender. Set aside.

While tomatoes are roasting, put the rest of the veggies on a large sheet pan. Toss with 1/3 c. Eddie's Caesar dressing. Spread out in one layer on the sheet pan and roast for 30 to 40 minutes until the vegetables are evenly browned and tender. The brussels sprouts and onions will be crispy on the surface. Set aside.

As vegetables roast, prepare grill for medium-high direct heat. Grill steaks 5 minutes on each side for medium-rare (130-degree internal temperature). Cook longer for medium. Remove from heat and allow to rest 15 minutes before slicing.

Toss roasted vegetables and tomatoes with a few tablespoons of Eddie's Caesar dressing. Transfer to serving platter. Top with sliced rib eye and roasted garlic cloves. Drizzle 1 T. of dressing on top of steak, then sprinkle with shaved Parmesan. Serve warm or room temperature.

Pair with Montefalco Rosso DOC.

Eddie's Tip: Roasting vegetables is simple but can feel time-consuming and cumbersome on a busy weeknight. Make "convenience" your secret ingredient, with already-roasted butternut squash and brussels sprouts from the Gourmet-to-Go case at Eddie's of Roland Park. ♦

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Boys' Latin: A Community Partner in Puerto Rico

By Mac McDonald



Over the summer, Boys' Latin students traveled to Bucarabones, Puerto Rico, as part of the school's Community OutREACH program. Photo courtesy Boys' Latin

Only three days after final exams, 18 students and three faculty members from Boys' Latin traveled to Puerto Rico. For the second year in a row, I was joined by upper school math teacher Joe Bailey and Accounting Manager Jenn McDonald in leading a group of students to Las Marias, Puerto Rico, to work with small communities still recovering from Hurricane Maria.

This trip has quickly become a flagship component of the upper school's Community OutREACH program, which was first implemented during the 2017/18 academic year. The program takes an internship-style approach, and emphasizes the development of empathy, altruism and citizenship. The Puerto Rico trip is one of the many paths that students can choose to fulfill the program requirement. These community partnerships are designed to motivate and inspire students to serve as compassionate stewards in their own community.

Coordinated by Walking Tree Travel, our group reunited with Centro de Apoyo Mutuo Bucarabones Unidos (CAMBU) in Bucarabones, Puerto Rico. This grassroots community organization provided meaningful ways for the boys to work with and provide support to various communities, while reinforcing the ideals of solidarity, collective growth and humility. Every step of the way, the boys and leaders worked alongside local community members, painting homes, landscaping, farming and doing light construction. Despite blistering heat, the students were determined not to let the conditions slow them down.

For most, working closely with members of the community was a new experience, but for seniors Jake Sims, Joey Lorenz and Jack Erwin, it was about expanding and solidifying relationships that gained footing last year.

Sims explains, "Being back in Puerto Rico felt like my eyes were opened for a second time. It felt good to reconnect with a family that I had been apart from for too long. I love being in a part of the world that isn't always at the forefront of our minds, but it is so amazing and beautiful."

Like Sims, many of the boys came away from the trip with a new sense of gratitude and perspective.

"The experience impacted my views on society and work. I learned what it meant to work for something more than yourself

or money," says rising sophomore Teddy Davies. "After this tragic catastrophe, many people lost everything, but everyone continued to have a positive attitude and work to rebuild their community. From the moment we got here, we were treated like family. If we all learned only one thing during our time here, it's that no matter who you are or where you live, you can still make a difference in your community."

On the last night in Las Marias, CAMBU hosted us at a party. We celebrated the birthday of Ramon, our chef for the week, and Omar, the founder of CAMBU, but mostly we just enjoyed spending time together. It was a festive evening, as we shared in the celebration of the community and their accomplishments.

Community OutREACH reflects the best of our school community—students displaying grit and determination while developing lifelong relationships. I can't tell you how proud I am of this group. They worked hard, they tried new foods, they got dirty, they used their Spanish, they met new people, they learned new skills, and they fully embraced their experience in Puerto Rico. They learned what it was like to be welcomed into a community. A community that has very little, but was willing to share with everyone. They learned a lot about themselves and that we can accomplish a lot when we all work together. What a great trip for all of us! ❖

Mac McDonald is upper school dean of students at Boys' Latin School of Maryland (boyslatinmd.com).



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NFL Players Return to Gilman

New York Jet Brandon Copeland and Baltimore Raven Cyrus Jones each held free football clinics on Gilman's campus over the summer.

Copeland hosted his fourth annual "Beyond the Basics," a camp for kids ages 11 through 17, in June. While he considers football to be the "bait," Copeland's real goal is to teach young men that there is more to life than football. In addition to football drills, campers also spent time packing 1,000 bookbags and hygiene kits for people facing difficulties.

A 2009 graduate of Gilman, Copeland practices what he preaches. Understanding that playing football is not a life-long career plan, he saves close to 90 percent of his salary. During off seasons, he has renovated houses and worked as an intern at an asset management firm. Last spring, Copeland shared his cautious philosophy while teaching a financial literacy course at his alma mater, University of Pennsylvania.

Cyrus Jones, a 2012 Gilman graduate, always wanted to give back to his hometown. As a boy, he attended former Raven Ed Hartwell's football camp, and it made a lasting impression. The newly formed Cy Jones Foundation hosted its first FINAO ("failure is not an option") Football Camp at Gilman in July. The goal of the foundation is "to provide hope and motivation to youth of all ages and ethnicities." Participating NFL players

New York Jet Brandon Copeland hosted his fourth annual "Beyond the Basics" football clinic at Gilman in June.

Photo courtesy Gilman School



included the Ravens' Lamar Jackson and Robert Griffin III, as well as another Gilman alumnus, Tennessee Titan Darius Jennings (class of 2011). Plans are also underway to hold a back-to-school drive as well as community outreach projects during the holidays.

Gilman Director of External Relations Tim Holley, class of 1977, who served as director of athletics while Copeland and Jones were students, is not surprised that both players have extended their visibility on the field to inspire young people in their hometown.

"Brandon and Cyrus are exemplars of Gilman's mission to educate boys in mind, body and spirit. Both were extraordinary three-sport student-athletes at a time when the more popular route was specialization. Their leadership and commitment to the community place them in a long tradition of 'Gilman Guys.' Their unswerving desire to give back to young people, particularly on the campus of their alma mater, allows Gilman a partnership that is a great blessing and source of pride." says Holley. ❖

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The Park School of Baltimore was recently awarded a \$975,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to restore Moores Branch, the stream that runs through Park's campus, in the Jones Falls watershed. Park's stream restoration project — intended to improve water quality and habitat — was one of the 18 proposals selected to improve Maryland's waterways through the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund. The school partnered with Ecotone Inc., a Maryland-based environmental design firm, which began the restoration this summer.

Park's longtime commitment to environmental stewardship made this restoration project a top priority for the Baltimore school. As a natural resource and one of the campus features that is integral to curricular and co-curricular programming, the stream plays an important part in the life of the school community — and to all downstream. The primary objective of the undertaking is to provide ecological and functional uplift for the stream, which has been showing signs of erosion. For over 50 years, Park has incorporated



Park School first graders explore Moores Branch, the stream that runs through the school's campus.
Photo courtesy Park School

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Computers are a huge interest of mine. *I really like my technology class.*

I also love to make things with my hands; *I can start with just some materials and turn them into something that matters.*

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—Luca, 5th Grade



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The Book Nook

By Julie Johnson

We have a jam-packed fall schedule of activities for everyone, including a bird-friendly gardening workshop, the discussion for the 2019 One Maryland/One Book, *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City* by Mona Hanna-Attisha, several programs on aging, story times and movies for families, teens and grown-ups. Please take a look at "Calendar Highlights" (page 26) and see what tickles your fancy.

The library is open Monday and Thursday, 10 am–8 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 am–5:30 pm; and Friday and Saturday, 10 am–5 pm. The branch is closed Sunday. This fall, all Pratt libraries will be closed on September 2 (Labor Day), October 14 (Columbus Day), November 11 (Veterans Day), at 5 pm on November 27 (Thanksgiving Eve) and November 28 (Thanksgiving). I always update the first message recorded on the branch phone (410-396-6099) when there are changes to our schedule. Changes are also posted, usually as a banner, on the Pratt webpage at prattlibrary.org.

Our branch email is rln@prattlibrary.org. Please summarize your question in the email's subject line (e.g., "book request").

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

FICTION

You've Been Volunteered by Laura Gelman. In the eagerly anticipated follow-up to Gelman's "irreverent and hilarious" (*The New York Post*) hit, *Class Mom*, brash, lovable Jen Dixon is back with a new class and has her work cut out for her. If you've ever been a room parent or school volunteer, Dixon is your hero. She says what every class mom is really thinking, whether in her notoriously frank emails or standup-worthy interactions with the micromanaging PTA president and the gamut of difficult parents. Luckily, she has the charm and wit to get away with it...most of the time. Dixon is sassier than ever but she's dealing with a whole new set of challenges in the world of parental politics and at home. She's been roped into room-parenting yet again, for her son Max's third grade class, but as her husband buries himself in work, her older daughters navigate adulthood, and Jen's own aging parents start to need some parenting themselves, Jen gets pulled in more directions than any one mom, or superhero, can handle. Refreshingly down-to-earth and brimming with warmth, Dixon's next chapter will keep you turning the pages to find out what's really going on under the veneer of polite parent interactions and will have you laughing along with her the whole way.



PARK SCHOOL

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explorations of Moores Branch into the hands-on learning curriculum, serving students of all ages. From kindergartners observing stream life to middle and upper schoolers conducting in-depth, data-driven studies of water quality, students have been able to explore, observe and study the stream in a variety of ways. The stream has provided inspiration for K–12 writing and art projects; it plays host to visiting rubber boot-clad students from downtown preschools; and it welcomes thirsty dogs following long walks through Park's extensive trails on the wooded campus.

The process of applying for grants — and the resulting partnership with the DNR and Ecotone — also both serve as a model for civic engagement for Park's students. As Ecotone works to restore the stream applying environmentally sustainable practices, their staff and Park's science faculty members have engaged students of all ages by explaining the process and purpose of environmental restoration, welcoming questions, and, this fall, will be handing off the continued care and monitoring of this restored resource to the students. Subsequent seasons will bring increased native flora and fauna, along with unforgettable connections with, and understanding of, the natural world — right here in Baltimore. ♦

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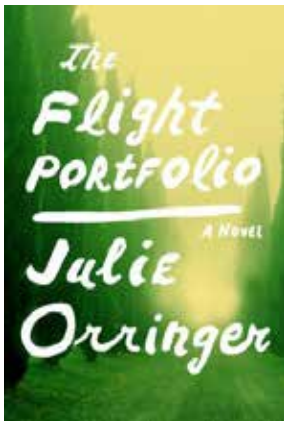
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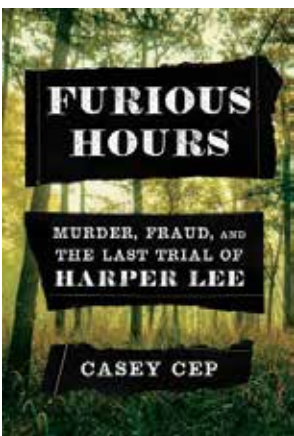
Ghost Stories: Classic Tales of Horror and Suspense edited by Lisa Morton and Leslie S. Klinger. The ghost story has long been a staple of world literature, but many of the genre's greatest tales have been forgotten, overshadowed in many cases by their authors' bestselling work in other genres. In this spine-tingling anthology, little known stories from literary titans like Charles Dickens and Edith Wharton

are collected alongside overlooked works from masters of horror fiction like Edgar Allan Poe and M. R. James



The Flight Portfolio by Julie Orringer. The long-awaited new work from the best-selling author of *The Invisible Bridge* takes us back to occupied Europe in this gripping historical novel based on the true story of Varian Fry's extraordinary attempt to save the work, and the lives, of Jewish artists. In 1940, Varian Fry, a Harvard educated American journalist, traveled to Marseille carrying \$3,000 and a list of imperiled artists and writers he hoped to rescue within a few weeks. Instead, he ended

up staying in France for 13 months, working under the veil of a legitimate relief organization to procure false documents, amass emergency funds, and set up an underground railroad that led over the Pyrenees, into Spain, and finally to Lisbon, where the refugees embarked for safer ports. Among his many clients were Hannah Arendt, Franz Werfel, Andre Breton, Max Ernst, Marcel Duchamp and Marc Chagall. *The Flight Portfolio* opens at Chagall's ancient stone house in Gordes, France, as the novel's hero desperately tries to persuade the artist and his family of the barbarism and tragedy descending on Europe. Masterfully crafted, exquisitely written, impossible to put down, this is historical fiction of the very first order, and resounding confirmation of Orringer's gifts as a novelist



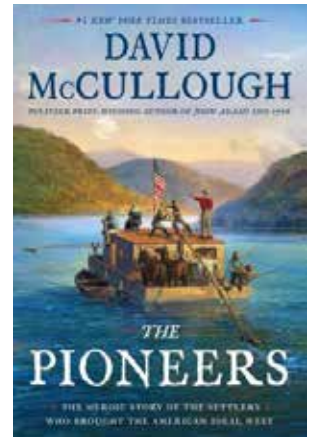
NONFICTION

Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and The Last Trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep. This is the stunning story of an Alabama serial killer and the true-crime book that Harper Lee worked on obsessively in the years after *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Reverend Willie Maxwell was a rural preacher accused of murdering five of his family members for insurance money in the 1970s. With the help of a savvy lawyer, he escaped justice

for years until a relative shot him dead at the funeral of his last victim. Despite hundreds of witnesses, Maxwell's murderer was acquitted, thanks to the same attorney who had previously defended the Reverend. Sitting in the audience during the

vigilante's trial was Lee, who had traveled from New York City to her native Alabama with the idea of writing her own *In Cold Blood*, the true-crime classic she had helped her friend Truman Capote research 17 years earlier. Lee spent a year in town reporting, and many more working on her own version of the case. Now Cep brings this nearly inconceivable story to life, from the shocking murders, to the courtroom drama, to the racial politics of the Deep South. At the same time, she offers a deeply moving portrait of one of the country's most beloved writers and her struggle with fame, success and the mystery of artistic creativity.

The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West by David McCullough. McCullough, a prize-winning historian, rediscovers an important and dramatic chapter in the American story—the settling of the Northwest Territory by dauntless pioneers who overcame incredible hardships to build a community based on ideals that would come to define our country. As part of the Treaty of Paris, in which Great Britain recognized the new United States of America, Britain ceded the land that comprised the immense Northwest Territory, a wilderness empire northwest of the Ohio River



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KidLit Picks

By Rona Sue London

Picture Books (Ages 3-6)

Strong is the New Pretty and *The Heart of a Boy* by Kate T. Parker. A celebration of children in all of their innocence and wisdom, these companion books revel in the truth of what makes each youngster so special. Eschewing stereotypes for both sexes, beautiful photographs of children of all shapes, sizes, ages and interests capture their strength and honor their individuality. Accompanied by their own poignant words, we are invited to explore creativity, fearlessness, confidence, independence, resiliency and kindness in all of its positive and joyful diversity. With an abundance of heart, these books are an affirmation of what makes our sons and daughters perfect, each in their own way.

How to Read a Book by Kwame Alexander. In this luscious love poem to literacy, you are invited to experience the pleasure of books through your senses. Cozy up in your favorite space, the pages suggest, and dig into the story as you would a deliciously

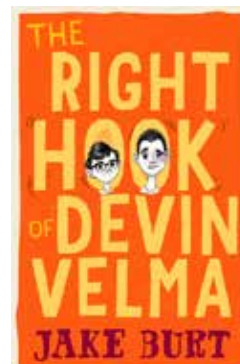


ripe Clementine orange. Then, watch as the world between the covers unfurls beneath your eyes. Experience the quiet wonder as you enter the new adventure this, and every, book promises to be. With pop-off-the-page vibrancy, the neon colors and a lovely poem encourage you to slow down and appreciate the beautiful richness of books and reading.



Early Readers (Ages 6-9)

The Right Hook of Devin Velma by Jake Burt. Addison, 12, is sure about four things: the Golden State Warriors rule, he freezes whenever the spotlight is on him, Devin is his best friend, and both his and Devin's families are feeling financial strains. So, when Devin suggests stunt after stunt designed to propel him to Twitter stardom with the hopes of earning enough money to pay for his father's heart surgery, Addy is reluctant. Addy suffers from anxiety and can think of nothing worse than having all eyes on him. He is relieved when the recording of Devin's Double-Barreled Monkey Bar Backflip of Doom on the playground fails, but Devin has hatched a new scheme to appear during the kiss cam behind a famous couple



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at the Clippers game. All plans are on until a crucial mistake is made, and Addy must save his best friend from certain death. The video of the rescue goes viral, but instead of Devin becoming famous, Addy is the one in the limelight. With a light touch, this book explores the timeless issues of anxiety, friendship and family in our social media age.



Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech. Ten-year-old Louie loves animals but has not had much luck taking care of them. There was the worm that dried up and the kitten that ran away. Then his Uncle Pete, a farmer, gives him a donkey foal. Louie immediately falls in love with the sickly runt he names Winslow, in honor of the Winslow Homer painting, *Weaning the*

Calf, hanging in his home. Winslow fills the emptiness left by his beloved older brother, Gus, who is serving in the military, and reminds Louie that he himself was born prematurely and had to struggle to survive. Others in Louie's life are not optimistic about Winslow's chances, but Louie refuses to give up, nurturing Winslow constantly. As the foal grows stronger, so does Louie. Both the boy and his animal seem to intuitively understand the need to peer beneath the surface to learn about people and look on the bright side of life, revealing the real beauty of this uplifting story.

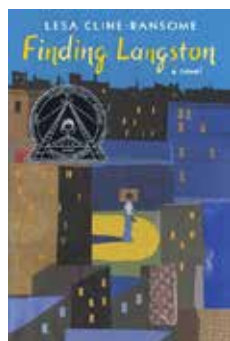
Upper Middle Readers (Ages 10-13)

Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh. "How powerful, in the end, was a single story?" Uprooted and adrift, two teenage boys find their lives intertwined in Brussels. One is an American boy, Max, whose father has relocated the family to an upscale neighborhood for a new job. The other is a Syrian refugee, Ahmed, whose father has taken him on a perilous journey across the sea to find a new life after his mother and sister perished in a bombing in Aleppo. After Ahmed's father is lost at sea, he lands in Belgium with nowhere to go. He eventually hides in the basement of a house on Avenue Albert Jonnart, named for a righteous Gentile who hid a Jewish teenager during WWII. Max is inspired by the story of Jonnart and, upon discovering Ahmed in his house, seeks to disregard the anti-Muslim sentiment amid the current day bombings in Brussels and Paris. The boys become close friends and confidants, courageously working together with classmates to make a life for Ahmed, even with the authorities at their backs and detention and deportation hanging in the balance. A single story

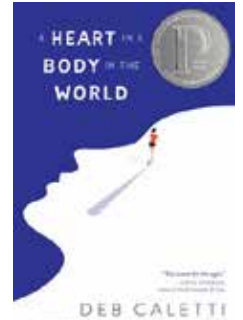


can indeed be powerful when it is told with empathy, humanity and hope, as this book assuredly is.

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome. Langston, 11, and his father are among the millions who have moved north as part of the Great Migration. It is 1946 and, following Langston's mother's death, his father decided to relocate them from the red clay of Alabama to the bustling, crowded and noisy city of



Chicago. Langston is having trouble adjusting and desperately misses his grandma's cooking, the sense of community, the slower pace and even the sounds of the crickets in Alabama. He is being bullied in school and feels totally isolated. When Langston accidentally stumbles into the local library, the real-life George Cleveland Hall branch of the Chicago Public Library, where blacks are allowed (unlike in the South), he discovers a new world where black people are revered and accomplished. Langston soon uncovers secrets about his learned mama and her literary aspirations. He realizes he was named for a famous poet and begins exploring the towering figures of the Harlem Renaissance and listening to blues music of which his father is so fond. Each new discovery brings him closer to his roots and to himself in this moving book about loneliness and the meaning of home.



Young Adult (Ages 14-18)

A Heart in a Body in the World by Deb Caletti. Annabelle is a senior with a bright future. But when an incident at a restaurant triggers a memory, and before she understands what is happening, she takes off running. By the time evening falls and she is forced to stop, Annabelle has formulated a plan to run 2,719 miles from her home in Seattle to Washington, D.C. As she travels across the country, we learn that Annabelle is dealing with the tragic fallout from a relationship with a socially awkward boy she calls The Taker whom she alternately encouraged and spurned, with disastrous results. With support from her family, friends and strangers on the road, Annabelle works her way through the pain, trying to understand and regain control of her life. As her mission becomes a cause, complete with interviews and t-shirts, and as each mile passes underfoot, she struggles with her guilt, anger, shame and the expectations of a society that wants girls to be nice and good, while embracing her new role as a survivor fighting for justice and power in a world dominated by sexual abuse and gun violence. ❖

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Calendar Highlights

MONTHLY

Mondays at 9 am. **Friday Strolls**, Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. lakeroland.org/calendar

Mondays at 6:30 pm and Tuesdays at 1 pm. **Job Hunters Support Group**, Corner Community Center, 5802 Roland Ave. bjhsg.org, 410-627-2372

Tuesdays at 9:25 am. **Village at Home Weekly Walk** (all are welcome). Eddie's Block, 5129 Roland Ave. villageathome.org

First Friday at 1 pm. **Village at Home Lunch**, Village Square Café, 66 Village Square

SEPTEMBER

Wed. Sep. 4, 7 pm. **Roland Park Civic League Monthly Meeting**, Roland Park Presbyterian Church, 4801 Roland Ave. All are welcome. Please enter through side door. rolandpark.org

Thu. Sep. 5, 6:30 pm. **10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's**, Roland Park Library, 5108 Roland Ave. calendar.prattlibrary.org/roland_park_branch_40/calendar

Sat. Sep. 7, 6 pm. **Lauren Weiner and Julie Riffle** (folk and country), Village Square Café, 66 Village Square. villagesquarecafe.com

Sat. Sep. 14, 9 am. **Native Plant Sale**, Lake Roland

Sat. Sep. 14, 10 am. **Fire Museum of Maryland: Motor Muster, Honoring Our Heroes**, 1301 York Rd. firemuseummd.org or 410-321-7500

Sat. Sep. 14, 6 pm. **Haiti Carnavale**, Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St. cathedralofmary.org

Sat. Sep. 14, 6 pm. **Buzz Merrick** (classic and original acoustic folk), Village Square Café

Sun. Sep. 15, 12 pm. **The SoulCollage® Journey**, Inner Harbor Wellness, Hale Auditorium, Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St. \$55 per class, \$225 for five classes. innerharborwellness.com

Mon. Sep. 16, 5:30 pm. **Audubon's Bird-Friendly Gardening**, Roland Park Library. Advance registration recommended: baltimore@audubon.org or 410-558-2473.

Wed. Sep. 18, 7 pm. **Baltimore Police Department Northern District Community Council Meeting**, Northern District Headquarters, 2201 W. Cold Spring Ln. baltimorepolice.org/districts/northern-district

Sat. Sep. 19, 6:30 pm. **Nonprofit Fair**, Corner Community Center, 5802 Roland Ave. bjhsg.org, 410-627-2372

Sat. Sep. 21, 6 pm. **Roger Friskey** (blues, folk and jazz), Village Square Café

Mon. Sep. 23, 6:30 pm. **Village at Home Volunteer Orientation**, Roland Park Library. villageathome.org

Wed. Sep. 25, 6:30 pm. **Mindful Art: An Introduction**, Inner Harbor Wellness

Thu. Sep. 26, 6:30 pm. **What You Can Do to Reduce Your Risk for Falls**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Sep. 28, 6 pm. **Terry and Vicky** (folk-rock fusion), Village Square Café

OCTOBER

Wed. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 6:30 pm. **Mindful Art**, Inner Harbor Wellness, Hale Auditorium, Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St. innerharborwellness.com

Wed. Oct. 2, 7 pm. **Roland Park Civic League Monthly Meeting**, Roland Park Presbyterian Church, 4801 Roland Ave. All are welcome. Please enter through side door. rolandpark.org

Thu. Oct. 3, 10 am. **Opening Day Activities Fair**, The Woman's Club of Roland Park, 4500 Roland Ave. Advance tickets \$50. twcrp.org

Sat. Oct. 5 and 19, 9 am. **Yoga in the Park**, Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. lakeroland.org/calendar

Sat. Oct. 5, 1 pm. **4th Annual Urban Bird Fest**, Linkwood Park, 101 W. Cold Spring Ln. Sponsored by Friends of Stony Run and Patterson Park Audubon. stonyrun.org

Sat. Oct. 5, 6 pm. **Ebb and Nova** (indie acoustic), Village Square Café, 66 Village Square. villagesquarecafe.com

Thu. Oct. 10, 6:30 pm. **What is an Advance Directive? And How Do I Fill Mine Out?**, Roland Park Library, 5108 Roland Ave. calendar.prattlibrary.org/roland_park_branch_40/calendar

Sat. Oct. 12, 11 am. **Book Discussion: *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City***, Roland Park Library

Sat. Oct. 12, 1:30 pm. **Healthy Living as We Age**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Oct. 12, 6 pm. **Terry and Vickie** (folk-rock fusion), Village Square Café

Sun. Oct. 20, 1 pm. **Floral Design Workshop with Michael Gaffney**, The Woman's Club of Roland Park

Sun. Oct. 20, 6:30 pm. **Baltimore Musicales: "In Moonlight and Dreaming"**, Corner Community Center, 5802 Roland Ave. baltimoremusicales.org, 410-825-1297

Mon. Oct. 21, 6:30 pm. **More than a Care-Partner Workshop**, Roland Park Library

Thu. Oct. 24, 6:30 pm. **Celebrating 75 Years of Eddie's of Roland Park**, Roland Park Library

Fri. Oct. 25, 12 pm. **Village at Home Volunteer Orientation**, Roland Park Library. villageathome.org

Fri. Oct. 25, 5:30 pm. **Trunk or Treat, Dinner and Bingo**, Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St. cathedralofmary.org

Sat. Oct. 26, 6 pm. **The Dharma Bums** (folk/rock/indie/world beat blues), Village Square Café

Sat. Oct. 26, 6 pm. **Fire Museum of Maryland: Lantern Night**, 1301 York Rd. firemuseummd.org or 410-321-7500

NOVEMBER

Sat. Nov. 2 and 16, 9 am. **Yoga in the Park**, Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. lakeroland.org/calendar

Sat. Nov. 2, 6 pm. **The M&M's** (classic and contemporary soft acoustic rock), Village Square Café, 66 Village Square. villagesquarecafe.com

Wed. Nov. 6, 7 pm. **Roland Park Civic League Monthly Meeting**, Roland Park Presbyterian Church, 4801 Roland Ave. All are welcome. Please enter through side door. rolandpark.org

Thu. Nov. 7, 6:30 pm. **Meet the Author: Sam Bleicher, *The Plot to Cool the Planet***, Roland Park Library

Thu. Nov. 14, 6:30 pm. **The Industrial Valley: 200 Years of Manufacturing Along the Jones Falls**, Roland Park Library

Sun. Nov. 17, 12 pm. **The SoulCollage® Journey**, Inner Harbor Wellness, Hale Auditorium, Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St. \$55 per class, \$225 for five classes. innerharborwellness.com

Mon. Nov. 18, 6:30 pm. **Village at Home Volunteer Orientation**, Roland Park Library. villageathome.org

Wed. Nov. 20, 7 pm. **Baltimore Police Department Northern District Community Council Meeting**, Northern District Headquarters, 2201 W. Cold Spring Ln. baltimorepolice.org/districts/northern-district

Sat. Nov. 30, 10 am. **Fire Museum of Maryland: Holiday Train Garden**, 1301 York Rd. firemuseummd.org or 410-321-7500

Fri. Sep. 27, 6 pm, to Sat. Sep. 28, 9 am. **Fall Campout** (ages 5 and up with adult), Lake Roland. \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Sat. Sep. 28, 10:30 am. **Rollin' Reels: "Silkwood"**, Roland Park Library

OCTOBER

Wed. Oct. 2, 12:30 pm. **After-School Movie: "McFarland USA"**, Roland Park Library, 5108 Roland Ave. calendar.prattlibrary.org/roland_park_branch_40/calendar

Thu. Oct. 3, 11 am. **Hands on Holidays: Sukkot** (ages 3-5), Roland Park Library

Thu. Oct. 3, 4 pm and 6:30 pm. **National History Day Research at Your Library**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Oct. 5, 9 am. **Nature Quest Serpentine Hike** (ages 8 and up), Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. Free. lakeroland.org/calendar

Sat. Oct. 5, 10:30 am, and Thu. Oct. 17, 5 pm. **Free Family Flicks: "Coco"**, Roland Park Library

Sat., Oct. 5, 1 pm. **Games Galore**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Oct. 5, 1 pm. **Origami Saturday** (all ages, but those under 8 will do best with an adult's help), Roland Park Library

For the Kids

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WEEKLY

Thursdays at 11 am (except Nov. 28). **Roland Park Branch Family Story Time** (ages 2-5 with adult), Roland Park Library, 5108 Roland Ave. Siblings welcome. calendar.prattlibrary.org/roland_park_branch_40/calendar

Thursdays at 1:30 pm (except Nov. 28). **Roland Park Branch Baby and Toddler Story Time** (ages up to 2 with adult), Roland Park Library

SEPTEMBER

Thu. Sep. 5, 11 am. **Hands on Holidays: Rosh Hashanah** (ages 3-5), Roland Park Library, 5108 Roland Ave. calendar.prattlibrary.org/roland_park_branch_40/calendar

Fri. Sep. 6, dusk. **Outdoor Movie Night: "Wallace and Gromit"**, Eddie's of Roland Park, 5113 Roland Ave. eddiesofarolandpark.com

Sat. Sep. 7, 10:30 am, and Sat. Sep. 19, 5 pm. **Free Family Flicks: "The Bee Movie"**, Roland Park Library

Sat., Sep. 7, 1 pm. **Games Galore**, Roland Park Library


Sat., Sep. 7, 1 pm. **Origami Saturday** (all ages, but those under 8 will do best with an adult's help), Roland Park Library. In partnership with the Charm City Creasers.

Sat. Sep. 7, 2 pm. **Pawpaw: The Wild Banana** (ages 5 and up), Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. Free. lakeroland.org/calendar

Sat. Sep. 21, 10 am. **Bees and Butterflies** (ages 5 and up), Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

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FOR THE KIDS

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Sun. Oct. 20, 12 pm. **Nature Quest Fest** (all ages), Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. Free for people who have completed at least 5 Nature Quest Trails (available at Wegmans, the Nature Center or at lakeroland.org), otherwise \$5 per person.

Fri. Oct. 25, 7 pm. **Halloween Campfire** (ages 5 and up), Lake Roland. \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Sat. Oct. 27, 10:30 am. **Rollin' Reels: "Eight Men Out"**, Roland Park Library

Mon. Oct. 28 through Sat. Nov. 2, 10 am. **PeaceFire for Ceasefire** (arts and crafts), Roland Park Library

Wed. Oct. 30, 3:30 pm. **One Book Baltimore: Unity and Peace Button Making**, Roland Park Library

NOVEMBER

Fri. Nov. 1 and Sat. Nov. 2, 10 am. **PeaceFire for Ceasefire (arts and crafts)**, Roland Park Library, 5108 Roland Ave. calendar.prattlibrary.org/roland_park_branch_40/calendar

Sat. Nov. 2, 2 pm. **White-Tailed Deer** (ages 5 and up), Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. Free. lakeroland.org/calendar

Wed. Nov. 6, 12:30 pm. **After-School Movie: "Remember the Titans"**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Nov. 9, 10:30 am, and Sat. Nov. 21, 5 pm. **Free Family Flicks: "Paddington"**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Nov. 9, 1 pm. **Games Galore**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Nov. 9, 1 pm. **Origami Saturday** (all ages, but those under 8 will do best with an adult's help), Roland Park Library

Wed. Nov. 20, 3:30 pm. **One Book Baltimore: Unity and Peace Button Making**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Nov. 23, 1 pm. **Maryland Native Americans** (ages 7 and up), Lake Roland, 1000 Lakeside Dr. \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Tue. Nov. 26, 3:30 pm. **One Book Baltimore: Unity and Peace Movement Trivia for Teens**, Roland Park Library

Sat. Nov. 30, 10:30 am. **Rollin' Reels: "Duck Soup"**, Roland Park Library

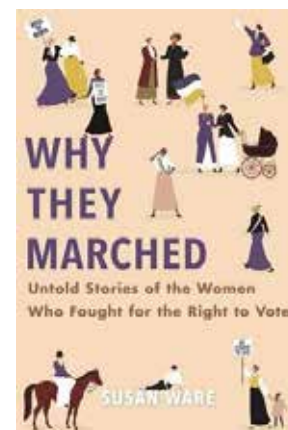
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BOOK NOOK

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containing the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. A Massachusetts minister named Manasseh Cutler was instrumental in opening this vast territory to veterans of the Revolutionary War and their families for settlement. Included in the Northwest Ordinance were three remarkable conditions: freedom of religion, free universal education and, most importantly, the prohibition of slavery. In 1788, the first band of pioneers set out from New England for the Northwest Territory under the leadership of Revolutionary War veteran General Rufus Putnam. They settled in what is now Marietta on the banks of the Ohio River. McCullough tells the story through five major characters: Cutler and Putnam; Cutler's son Ephraim; and two other men, one a carpenter turned architect, and the other a physician who became a prominent pioneer in American science. They and their families created a town in a primeval wilderness, while coping with such frontier realities as floods, fires, wolves and bears, no roads or bridges, no guarantees of any sort, all the while negotiating a contentious and sometimes hostile relationship with the native people.

Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote by Susan Ware. For too long, the history of how American women won the right to vote has been told as the visionary adventures of a few iconic leaders, all white and native-born, who spearheaded a national movement. In this essential reconsideration, Ware uncovers a much broader and more diverse history waiting to be told. *Why They Marched* is the inspiring story of the dedicated women—and occasionally men—who carried the banner in communities across the nation, out of the spotlight, protesting, petitioning and demonstrating for the right to become full citizens. ♦





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Bird of the Stony Run

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Tprecise number is difficult to pin down, but Baltimore is thought to host more than 250 bird species throughout the year. You can find many of these in the parks along the Stony Run.

Wyman Park and Stony Run Park are two of 100 “hotspots” around Baltimore mapped on **eBird.org**, Cornell Ornithology Lab’s app and Web platform that allows birders of any experience to record and share their observations from the field. Data collected on the eBird species checklists is used in scientific research, conservation and education, and the site provides a wealth of information for knowledgeable and new birders alike.

More than 20 birders have shared more than 60 species checklists for Stony Run Park since 2014, while more than 300 checklists have been posted from Wyman Park since eBird was established.

With 100 species noted, educator Brian Rolfinke holds a record for sightings in Stony Run Park. Lynne Parks is the top eBirder in Wyman Park,



A yellow crowned night heron has been spotted recently in Wyman Park.
Photo: Alice Greely-Nelson

having sighted 121 species.

Rolfinke has led contingents of students and teachers to Stony Run Park each May through the Irvine Nature Center’s annual Bird-a-Thon. In 2019, the group spotted 58 species, including a bald eagle, an osprey and an ovenbird—a small migrator with a big song that sounds “teach-er, TEA-cher, TEA-CHER!”

Bird populations change along with the landscape. Parks notes the impact of the recent stream restoration in Wyman Park, which removed several trees to make way for new wetlands. “I’ve seen fewer songbirds and more herons. A great egret showed up a few times to feed in the new pools. When you are concerned about birds, you assess the health of their stopping points...find ways to engage to help keep habitats healthy.”

Learn more about birds and their habitats at the Friends of the Stony Run 4th Annual Urban Bird Fest in Linkwood Park on October 5, from 1 to 4 pm. ❖

Amy Johanson is vice president of the board of Friends of Stony Run (**stonyrun.org**), a volunteer-based organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the entire Stony Run stream valley. FSR is interested in creating cooperation among all stakeholders in the area—neighborhoods, schools, government, people, animals and plants.

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