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Responds to  
COVID-19***

**Marsha Reeves'  
Unusual Journey**



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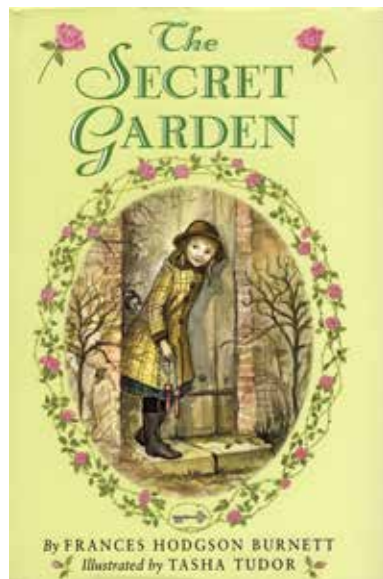
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## Editor's Notes

By Martha Marani

The pandemic has me reaching for old literary friends. I started with *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett because I wanted to visit a bit with Dickon, the Yorkshire lad whose



friends include a crow, a squirrel and a fox kit. The scene in which Dickon teaches the contrary Mary how to find the "wick" in a garden that looks to be dead comes to mind every spring.

*"There's lots o' dead wood as ought to be cut out," he said. "An' there's a lot o' old wood, but it made some new last year. This here's a new bit," and he touched a shoot which looked brownish green instead of hard, dry gray.*

*Mary touched it herself in an eager, reverent way.*

*"That one?" she said. "Is that one quite alive—quite?"*

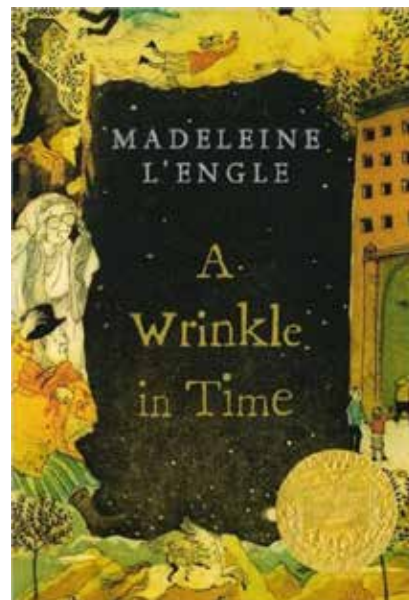
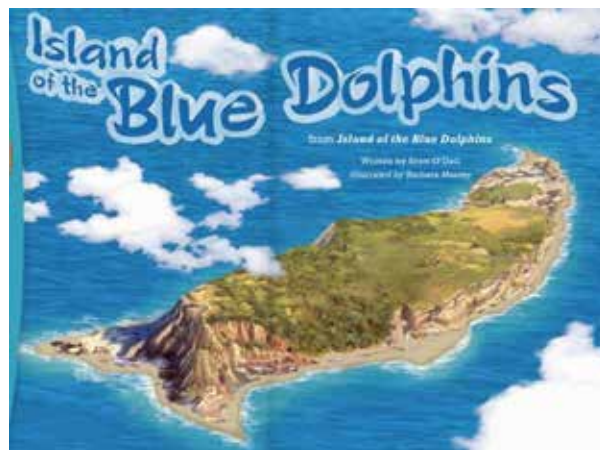
*Dickon curved his wide smiling mouth.*

*"It's as wick as you or me," he said; and Mary remembered that Martha had told her that "wick" meant "alive" or "lively."*

*"I'm glad it's wick!" she cried out in her whisper. "I want them all to be wick. Let us go round the garden and count how many wick ones there are."*

I think I'll read *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George (mother of Park School librarian Twig George) next. I find myself missing Sam, who escapes his crowded New York City apartment to live in

the mountains in a hollowed out tree with a peregrine falcon as his companion. I think of Sam and Frightful every time I see the falcons carving arcs through the skies over the Roland Water Tower.



I also want to reacquaint myself with Karana and *The Island of the Blue Dolphins* (Scott O'Dell), and with Meg and her brother Charles Wallace from *A Wrinkle in Time* (Madeleine L'Engle).

Dickon, Sam, Karana and Meg are my dear childhood friends. When I finish visiting Dickon, I look forward to spending time with each of the others. Perhaps when I look up from the last book, the world will look a bit more "wick".

Be well, Roland Park. ❖

## TOM INGLESBY, MD

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to states on when and how they should reopen, he offered, "The four things that a state really should have in place to lower the risk of reopening is two weeks of declining cases, a health system that can really care for more people if they get sick, widespread diagnostic testing available for anyone who has COVID symptoms and then a program for rapid tracing of contacts of cases so we can try and break the chain of transmission."

King followed up with a question about striking a balance between hope and honesty, to which Inglesby responded, "I think honesty has to come first. People have to understand the situation and know what's going on. I think that's the obligation of government and public health and political leaders." As for hope, he said, "Dr. [Anthony] Fauci [director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and member of the White House's coronavirus task force] talked about vaccine development, there are medicines under development, cases are coming down in many parts of the country and those states are showing us that it's possible to bring this disease under control in the United States. Other countries have as well. But we also have to be realistic that we don't have the same situation around the country and there are some places where this disease could really reaccelerate and cause a much larger outbreak. So, we really have to have a balance of both."

King ended with a question about Inglesby's message for the House panel.

"We really need to build contact tracing around the country," he said. "That's kind of the bread and butter public health disease control strategy that's been in place around the world. We just need to really build it up in the United States to a place where we haven't had it before."

The interview can be viewed at [cbsnews.com/video/ahead-of-senate-hearing-dr-tom-inglesby-weighs-in-on-coronavirus-crisis](https://www.cbsnews.com/video/ahead-of-senate-hearing-dr-tom-inglesby-weighs-in-on-coronavirus-crisis).

During the actual testimony, Inglesby got specific about contract tracing, recommending that the U.S. have about 30 contact tracers per 100,000 people as part of a strategy that also includes widespread diagnostic testing, maintaining physical distancing and cloth mask use in public, and avoidance of large gatherings.

"If we do all this work together, we can lower our local and national risks and begin to reopen the economy as safely as will be possible, given the great COVID challenges that remain ahead of us."

In his closing remarks, Inglesby talked about how impressed he has been with the way the American people have responded. The fact that the U.S. has been able to avoid the kinds of crises that have happened in other countries is, he said, is a testament to the sacrifices people have made over the last six or seven weeks. He also argued for duplicating the efforts of states that have gotten their COVID-19 cases into the single digits.

"This is going to be a marathon and not a sprint," he explained. "And I think it's going to be so important for us to work together in a non-partisan kind of way, in a whole of government way." Inglesby remains hopeful about vaccine development.

To watch the testimony, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1bVHVxHtW4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1bVHVxHtW4&feature=youtu.be). ❖

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# From PayPal to Pedagogy: Marsha Reeves' Unusual Journey

By Johanna Alonso

The leap from a high-ranking legal position at a financial technology company to the chief operating officer (COO), and, soon after, executive director, of a charter school would seem enormous to many. Even Marsha Reeves, who made this very jump when she became COO of KIPP Baltimore, would agree; when she was first told about the position by Jason Botel, founder of KIPP Baltimore, she quickly turned it down.

“Honestly when I first read the job description, I said to Jason, ‘I don’t think this is me. But thanks for telling me about it,’” Reeves recalls.

This was during a period of transition for Reeves. She had been in the financial technology industry for more than nine years, first as an internal lawyer for Bill Me Later, a Timonium-based digital credit start-up, where she worked to build a strong legal team for the company. She continued to lead that team even after Bill Me Later was purchased by PayPal, and eventually rose to head PayPal’s North American legal team.

But being a part of a national company can prove challenging, and regularly making the trek from Baltimore to PayPal’s headquarters in San Jose, CA, proved too much for Reeves to handle. The choice became apparent—move out west or leave her position at PayPal.

Reeves chose the latter, and suddenly found herself with the opportunity to do something she had never really done before: take an extended break.

“One of the things I regretted as I look back at my schooling and my career is I never actually took time off. I went straight to college and then straight to law school and then straight into the work world,” Reeves explains. “So I took a year off, intentionally, to spend some time with my then five- and one-year-old boys, but also to just explore what I wanted to do next.”

During this time, she set up meetings to explore some possible paths forward. Her lunch with Jason Botel was one such meeting—though, at the time, she thought the COO position was a dead-end. It took a follow-up with the then-executive director of KIPP Baltimore to convince her that she was right for the position.

Ultimately, though, the tenets and values embodied by KIPP, a national network of charter schools, were the biggest factor in her decision to join the team. She admired KIPP’s central philosophies, which she describes as “[commitment to] innovation in public education, the commitment to public education and the commitment to focus on communities [and] students who generally had not been well-served by the public education structure.”



After leaving PayPal, Reeves took a year off to spend time with her sons. Photo: Anne Stuzin

In another twist of fate, KIPP Baltimore’s executive director soon resigned, only a little more than a year after Reeves became COO, and the board of directors selected her to fill the vacancy.

Now, Reeves is in her fourth year as executive director, and while it may not be the position she imagined herself in when she was studying at Harvard Law School, many skills she used as a lawyer come into play in her current role. For one thing, finance, much like education, is a governmentally regulated industry, and, as a lawyer for Bill Me Later and PayPal, she had to be extremely familiar with those regulations and capable of ensuring compliance.

According to Reeves, working in financial technology “equipped me with a lot of the skills that you need to be able to lead and think creatively in a regulated industry, which is essentially where [KIPP Baltimore is].” Her law background has also

helped her with a number of other duties, such as negotiating contracts.

Law is not the only aspect of Reeves’s background that helps her succeed in this role, however. She has long been involved in volunteering and non-profit work, beginning during her time as an undergraduate at George Washington University in DC. While there, she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a historically black, service-oriented sorority, and she credits the outreach she did with that organization for deepening her love for service.

# MARSHA REEVES' JOURNEY

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Though she had to take a break from volunteering during law school due to the demanding nature of her studies, she “found [herself] yearning for that connection again” after she graduated. She joined the Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter in DC, acting as a big sister for several years, and later served on the board of a DC housing non-profit called Community of Hope. When she moved to Baltimore, she continued supporting local organizations, opening a donor advised fund with



Reeves' goal “is really to help provide our students with the education and the support that they need to be successful in their lives.” Photo courtesy of KIPP Baltimore

the Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) and getting involved with its work in support of public education.

Now, years after getting involved with the BCF, Reeves herself is playing a big part in making big changes to public education in Baltimore. In under four years with Reeves serving as executive director, KIPP Baltimore has seen substantial improvements. One of the most significant, she says, is relocating

out of a building with dilapidated doors and roofs, and inadequate heating and cooling systems.

“It has had a tremendous impact on student and staff morale,” she says of their new location. “Having the school building that our kids are coming to every day be more reflective of the value that our kids hold, I think, is really meaningful and important to me.”

Some of her other accomplishments, like bolstering KIPP Baltimore’s leadership teams and strengthening data systems, may not sound all that exciting. But Reeves knows that these behind-the-scenes elements are essential for running a school that, like KIPP Baltimore, is dedicated to preparing students for lifelong achievement.

“Our goal, as an organization, is not just to provide people with a solid elementary and middle school education. It’s not just to produce smart eighth graders, as one of my board members likes to say,” Reeves explains. “It is really to help provide our students with the education and the support that they need to be successful in their lives.” ♦

Johanna Alonso graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) in May with degrees in English literature and media and communications studies. While at UMBC, she interned for two semesters at the *UMBC Magazine* and served as news editor for UMBC’s student paper, *The Retriever*. This summer, she will be a news intern at the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, after which she hopes to pursue a career in print journalism.

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# A Trusted Voice in Uncertain Times: Tom Inglesby, MD

By Martha Marani

It should come as no surprise to those who know him that government officials and journalists reporting on the COVID-19 pandemic have turned to Roland Park's Tom Inglesby again and again over the last few months.

Inglesby is director of the Center for Health Security at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The Center is dedicated to protecting people's health from the consequences of epidemics and disasters, and Inglesby is internationally recognized in the fields of public health preparedness, pandemic and emerging infectious disease, and prevention of and response to biological threats.

On March 4th, he addressed the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security in a hearing on the government's response to the pandemic, offering a series of recommendations to prepare for widespread outbreaks. Among other things, he recommended that healthcare systems begin planning for large numbers of critically ill patients by establishing very strong infection control strategies and responses. He also suggested that the federal government assure manufacturers of personal protective equipment and COVID-19 tests that they will be compensated for increasing their output.

Asked by Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), chair of the House committee, about the government's messaging regarding the pandemic, Inglesby described a need for the messaging that addresses not only the current risk, but those we face in the future.

He argued for communicating "what...health officials believe is likely to happen in their communities, not in an alarmist way but just so that people can be informed and begin to take measures...to try and diminish their own risks, to make sure they're staying home when sick, to make sure that they are washing their hands properly, disinfecting after they touch public surfaces."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) asked Inglesby how federal preparedness grants from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would help state and local communities during times like these.

"They are crucial for long-term preparedness," he explained. "You can't build a firehouse the day before the fire, you have to build it a long time ahead of time. That's what those preparedness grants do."

Testifying along with Inglesby was Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, and Dr. Julie Louise Gerberding, co-chair of the Commission on Strengthening America's Health Security at the Center for Strategic & International Studies and former director of the CDC.

A video of the hearing can be found at [homeland.house.gov/activities/hearings/confronting-the-coronavirus-perspectives-on-the-response-to-a-pandemic-threat](https://homeland.house.gov/activities/hearings/confronting-the-coronavirus-perspectives-on-the-response-to-a-pandemic-threat).



Photo courtesy The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security

One Inglesby's many appearances on a news broadcast included a "60 Minutes" segment that aired on CBS on March 8th, which included footage of Inglesby at a forum he coordinated in October 2019. Dubbed "Event 201", it was a simulation exercise for pandemic preparedness and response that gathered industry and government experts from around the world, including executives from the airline and hotel industries, and leaders from the World Bank, United Nations, and Centers for Disease Control from both the U.S. and China.

The simulation included actors reporting on a fictional outbreak, talking about the kinds of things that we have seen around the world, like travel bans, shortages of medical supplies and significant economic hardship.

"I think it opened the eyes of leaders in various places," Inglesby said to CBS' Dr. Jonathan LaPook. "The CDC director from China was one of the participants. And he has commented since then how eerie the similarities are between the exercise and real life."

The episode can be viewed at [cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-containment-dr-jon-lapook-60-minutes-2020-03-08](https://cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-containment-dr-jon-lapook-60-minutes-2020-03-08).

On May 13th, before testifying to a Select Subcommittee member briefing on testing, tracing and targeted containment, chaired by Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-SC), Inglesby appeared on "CBS This Morning". Asked by co-host Gayle King for his advice

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# Roland Water Tower Update

By Mary Page Michel

**T**he Roland Water Tower Stabilization Project continues to move forward. The tower has been out of use as a source of water since the 1930s and has been fenced for more than 10 years. The Roland Park Community Foundation (RPCF), in partnership with Baltimore City Department of General Services (DGS), agreed to stabilize the Roland Water Tower and create a pocket park at the base. The City agreed to lead the design work and the RPCF agreed to manage the construction.

JMT, an architectural firm, was hired by the DGS to create a design plan, which the firm completed in December 2019 with guidance from Tom McCracken, our owners' representative. Lewis Contractors, the construction manager hired by the RPCF, sent the design plan to subcontractors to solicit their bids, which came in well over the budget

agreed upon between the DGS and the RPCF. Lewis is currently working to bring the construction budget closer to the original estimate.

Another factor affecting progress is that the foundations that support historic preservation have directed all of their funding to human services in light of the global pandemic and the extensive needs of members of our community.

As a result, for now at least, construction of the Roland Water Tower

Project is on hold. Regardless, the RPCF is committed to moving it forward as quickly as possible.

One element that is moving forward is the creation of an updated pocket park at the base of the tower. A Roland Water Tower Park group was formed with at least two representatives from the three surrounding communities—Roland Park, Hoes Heights and Rolden. The group has extensive experience in gardening, landscape architecture and community development. Members created and distributed a Request for Proposal to local landscape architects, and the group will select a firm in the next few weeks. While it will be

a challenge to generate community interest for the greenspace, the three communities care deeply about the park and the landscape architecture firm will find a way to make sure all opinions are heard.

You can support the efforts of the Roland Park Community Foundation (RPCF) by making a donation designated to the Roland Water Tower Project. Checks should be mailed to the RPCF at 5115B Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210.

Finally, the peregrine falcons are back! In fact, we may see their fledglings soon. For now, the birds nest in the Roland Water Tower's roof. The fledglings will start flying in June and will be on their way by July. The RPCF is excited that the renovated tower will include a nesting box, which has already been approved by the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation. So these rare, fascinating birds will be with us for a long time. ❖

Mary Page Michel is chair of the board of the RPCF, a non-profit 501c(3) organization established in 1986 to preserve, maintain and improve the parks, streams, squares, trees and other green spaces in our community. Its mission is to benefit present and future generations of residents and stay true to the Olmsted Brother's vision for this community.



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# Notes from the Garden: An Arboretum for Our Time

By the Cylburn Arboretum Friends Head Gardener

## The Beech

by Robert Frost

*Where my imaginary line  
Bends square in woods an iron spine  
And pile of real rocks have been founded.  
And off this corner in the wild,  
Where these are driven in and piled,  
One tree, by being deeply wounded,  
Has been impressed as Witness Tree  
And made commit to memory  
My proof of being not unbounded.  
Thus truth's established and borne out,  
Though circumstanced with dark and doubt  
Though by a world of doubt surrounded.*



The term "Witness Tree" has recently made it into my vocabulary. The original meaning of this term has its roots in land surveying. Witness trees were used as stand-ins where property corners could not be staked. Notable trees were selected and coordinates given beyond their position as a stand-in for a corner, say, over water. The meaning was later modified to include trees that bore witness to significant events in U.S. history, like the battle at Gettysburg. A battered honey locust remains on the site. In both cases, trees were selected for their permanence and stoic stature in the face of fluctuating and turbulent contexts.

While I have yet to alert the gardens that we are experiencing a pandemic, I think they know. The use of Cylburn has been staggering as of late. I wonder what the trees of our communities, of Cylburn, are witnessing. My work places me daily among the trees and, uniquely now, among the growing crowds of solace seekers too. Many take photos of themselves, of blooming plants, or of themselves in front of said blooms.

These events bring to mind one of the greatest champions of public parks—a man depicted in very few photos but who shaped many Instagrammable scenes—Fredrick Law Olmsted. With no social media presence to fawn over, we know Olmsted only by the parks he created and the legacy of publicly accessible nature he pioneered.

As a champion of the need for nature in our daily lives, Olmsted said, "The enjoyment of scenery employs the mind without fatigue and yet it exercises it, tranquilizes it and yet enlivens it, and thus, through the influence of the mind over the body gives the effect of refreshing rest and reinvigoration of the whole system."

He understood this connection well before contemporary studies proved the correlation between natural surroundings and wellbeing.

Although he is most popularly known for his collaboration with Calvert Vaux in the creation of Central Park in New York City, Olmsted also helped develop our nation's first arboretum, The Arnold Arboretum in Boston. Like Cylburn, it is a former estate. This trajectory and the Olmsted legacy at The Arboretum would go on to become the model for arboreta nationwide. After Frederick Sr.'s retirement, the style and tradition of his work was carried on by his sons in the Olmsted Brothers firm. Famed for the development of Roland Park, Olmsted Brothers is also believed to have consulted at the Cylburn Estate.



Cylburn Arboretum has offered a respite from the pandemic this spring. Photo: Alan Gilbert

According to the Olmsted scholar Charles E. Beveridge, Olmsted's can be identified by several enduring qualities. He was known for creating landscape compositions in which "all the parts were subordinated to a single coherent effect." Of the many programmatic features in a given park, Olmsted wove them together in a way that created a collective whole greater than the sum of all the individual parts, such as

buildings, gateways or plazas. When combined with his pastoral style, Olmsted created iconic and simple landscape gestures identifiable by name, such as the "Long Meadow" in Prospect Park, Central Park's "Sheep Meadow" and "Peter's Hill" in The Arnold Arboretum. Here at Cylburn, the East, West and South lawns allow the same pastoral experience for visitors, while simultaneously showcasing collections of trees. These are the spaces that allow people to gather in an unprogrammed manner. This is the magic of Olmsted landscapes.

When first exposed to the public parks of Europe, Olmsted



# ARBORETUM FOR OUR TIME

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referred to them as “People’s Gardens.” He later lauded parks as “a democratic development of the highest significance.” Parks and arboreta allow people to commune with nature publicly. The act of sharing common open space is therefore an exercise in social cohesion. The fact that we must now be vigilant about social distancing while in public open space heightens our awareness of other people’s need to also spend time in greenspaces. Olmsted aptly forecasted our needs in asking, “Who can measure the value generation after generation, of such provisions for recreation to the over-wrought much-confined people of the great town that is to be?”

Whether we go to parks because we can’t do anything else or because it is a fundamental human need for the restorative



An aerial shot shows Cylburn Arboretum in the fall. Photo: Beverly Davis

power of the natural, we cannot know. My hope is that we do not forget the reliable pleasure of a walk at the Arboretum. I

hope that the underlying message during this pandemic is a message of hope for our city “that is to be.” Many jurisdictions have closed their parks, ceasing access to communal greenspaces. For now, Baltimore City has a panoply of parks still available to the community. Should access be denied, remember to get outside and appreciate the nature within median strips, the tree pits or even the cracks in pavement. Baltimore City has been branded with many slogans, some of which made it onto benches—“The City that Reads,” “The Monument City” and even “The Greatest City in America.” One identity yet to be realized for our city—“The City that Gardens”

Be Well, Do Good Work, and Go Outside. ❖

The article is submitted by Cylburn Arboretum Friends, the non-profit organization that helps maintain the gardens and grounds at the Arboretum and offers nature education programs for all ages. [cylburn.org](http://cylburn.org)

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# Observations of a Bee/Plant Lady

By Devra Kitterman

**T**his past winter season was one of the most oddly temperate in memory. Combined with a remarkably long and cool wet spring, the result has been a verdant and abundant response from plants and wildlife alike. One of the few pleasures that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided is seeing so many people out walking in the neighborhood, greeting each other from a safe distance and working in their own yards. A lovely landscape gentleman friend of mine recently mentioned that a significant amount of work he had planned for this year had disappeared, a reflection perhaps of how homeowners are feeling about their finances and their yards. Many of us are both concerned about our incomes and stuck at home.

It has been delightful to see that so many neighbors have focused on converting their yards from grass to a more pollinator-friendly habitat. The planet is surely grateful for the environmental benefits derived from the world essentially shutting down, with the positive ecological results being obvious to us all. That more of our neighbors are turning away from unnecessary and toxic lawn chemicals can only be considered a bonus. I am hoping that all of us try to retain our recently cleaner atmosphere and take the necessary steps to reduce our negative impact on the planet. Earth Day truly needs to be every day.

As a beekeeper, this has been a banner year for honeybee swarms. As of May 1st, I captured 17. Due to the warm winter and the great seesawing of spring temperatures, bees started building up their populations early. Even though they got knocked back a few times when the temperatures dropped into the 30s at night, their increases continued to the point where swarming became necessary.

A honeybee swarm is a natural method of reproduction that involves a colony splitting. In the Mid-Atlantic, it occurs primarily in April and May, but can happen throughout the summer and even into the fall. Once a colony has decided that it will swarm, pretty much nothing will prevent it. The queen and about two-thirds of the colony, including female workers and a few male



*A nuc is a small, portable hive box often used to catch honey bee swarms.*

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# OBSERVATIONS OF A BEE/PLANT LADY

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drones, will prepare to leave. The queen lays eggs into queen cells, from which a new queen will be hatched to take over the duties of rebuilding the remaining colony. When the new queen cells are ready to hatch, the swarm is triggered. If you're lucky enough to be watching when it happens, the process resembles water pouring out of a spigot, as swarm bees pour out of the hive and follow their queen, who may not have left the hive in years. Flying in a large cloud to a nearby branch or bush (or compost bin, car fender, bench), the bees will rest in a tight protective cluster



Swarm catching methods and equipment vary depending on the location and orientation of the swarm.  
Photo: Sally Foster

around where the queen has landed. Bee scouts will reconnoiter to determine where they will create their new home. Some swarms are so loud you hear them before you see them, but swarming bees are the least likely to sting, as they are no longer defending a hive.

Swarm catching methods and equipment vary depending on the location and orientation of the swarm. Sometimes, the bees can just be scooped off a smooth surface right into a bucket with a vented lid. If the swarm is wrapped around a tree, through a chain

link fence covered with poison ivy, or other inconvenient surface, more time-consuming measures are required. I typically use a wooden nucleus (also called a nuc), a small, portable hive box that holds five frames—one of honey and the others of comb and wax foundation. I start by trying to catch a few gloved handfuls of bees and putting them into the nuc, then put the lid on. Those bees will do the rest of the work, dispensing pheromones from the Nasonov's gland on their abdomen and blowing it outward with their wings from the entrance of the nuc to signal to the rest of the bees to come inside. It can take from 20 minutes to several hours for the rest of the swarm to walk or fly into the nuc, after which I install them into a new hive.

In Roland Park, bee swarms seem to prefer hollow trees, and the walls and attics of our old houses. In Maryland, it is against the law to kill honeybees, so if you find yourself with a swarm, visit the Maryland State Beekeepers Association website ([mdbeekeepers.org/swarm-retrieval-list](http://mdbeekeepers.org/swarm-retrieval-list)) to see a list of crazy folks, like me, who remove swarms.

Please remember to plant for pollinators this season. Be safe and well, everyone. ❖

Devra He'ui Kitterman is a Baltimore City beekeeper. 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. You will find her at the Annual Native Plant Sale at the Church of the Redeemer (5603 N Charles St.) on April 4. To receive her free pollinator plant list, contact her at [devra.kitterman@gmail.com](mailto:devra.kitterman@gmail.com).



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# Our Owl Neighbors

By Sally Foster

**Y**ou can hear them sometimes in early spring, the distinctive hoot, "Who cooks for you?" carries across the neighborhood. Sometimes, the call is returned, like an echo.

It's an eerie sound... messenger of death... figure of wisdom.

As the days roll along, another sound is heard. A plaintive soft cry for food. The owlet is hungry. "Where is Mama?"

Suddenly, the mother barred owl alights on the branch with a snake dangling like a mustache from her mouth. "What am I supposed to do with that?" the owlet appears to say. ❖



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## Spring Tree Planting

By Kate Culotta, Roland Park Community Foundation Landscape Committee

This spring, the Landscape Committee held its bi-annual tree planting, despite the challenges of the governor's stay-at-home order and COVID-19 concerns. Small trees that were ordered from the Baltimore City Department of Forestry in December arrived at the department's nursery in late March. Out of concern for the volunteers who plant many trees throughout Baltimore, orders for large trees—those requiring two or more people to handle—were delayed or cancelled.

When we placed the order, we decided to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by ordering smaller trees that residents could easily plant themselves.

This decision turned out to be a key part of the success of the spring tree planting. Using social media and word of mouth, the Landscape Committee was able to let residents know to request a tree from a list we shared and to schedule curbside pickup, during which all involved followed social distancing guidelines. Residents were then able to plant their new trees with family

members. Fifty new trees, most in one-gallon pots, were picked up and planted on personal property throughout Roland Park this spring.



A K&C Grounds Maintenance crew planted eight large trees in Roland Park. Photo: Kate Culotta

During the second week of May, a small crew from K&C Grounds Maintenance, wearing masks and work gloves, planted eight large trees along verges and streetscapes throughout Roland Park. An additional six trees were planted by residents' personal landscapers. This represents a much smaller number than we usually plant along verges and streetscapes in the spring, and we hope things return to normal with respect to our tree program, once concerns over COVID-19 ease.

As tree coordinator for the Landscape

Committee, I am accepting tree requests for the fall planting. Please contact me for additional information or to request a tree at [krculotta@msn.com](mailto:krculotta@msn.com) or [landscape@rolandpark.org](mailto:landscape@rolandpark.org). All requests need to be submitted before July 1st. ❖

# Friends Celebrates Earth Day

On April 17th, the Friends School of Baltimore community came together virtually to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. The tradition of celebrating Earth Day dates back to the very first Earth Day itself, with the Class of 1970. The holiday, now celebrated internationally, is dedicated to preserving the planet and addressing the dangers of climate change.

Despite the limitations of distance learning, Friends School students and faculty got creative and put together a rich day of learning and activities to honor the spirit of the day. Some of these activities included creating an Earth Day Spotify playlist, a timely conversation on Racial Health Disparities and COVID-19, a face-mask sewing activity, solo nature walks and virtual backpacking. The unique day was another example of how deep the Friends School spirit of stewardship and community runs. ❖

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# Fear Free Care for Your Furkids

By Martha Marani

**M**y old yellow labrador, Emmie, loves to go for a ride. She may need a little help to get into the back of my RAV4, but she starts wiggling and wagging (that's the full-body version of the tail wag for those of you who don't have a lab) as soon as she sees the hatch go up. Once in, she looks eagerly out the windows, thinking, I'm sure, "What adventure does Mom have in store for me today?"

When we pull into the driveway of our weekend place on the water in Essex, the wiggles and waggles are punctuated by front leg hops and happy panting. "Time to chase ducks," Emmie thinks. It's the same when we park along Falls Road by the trail that leads to the trestle bridge. "So many trees to sniff!" But when we arrive at our longtime veterinary clinic, the wiggles and waggles change to shudders and judders. Emmie's eyes go wide as she desperately starts to panic. "Please don't do this to me!"



*Audrey Barker, VMD, and head veterinary nurse Jenna Crutchfield, pictured with Jenna's goldendoodle Camden, are committed to reducing stress and anxiety experienced by pets during a vet visit.*

Photo: Joe Rubino (joerubinovisuals.net)

Now, our vet clinic is wonderful. I wouldn't have trusted my dogs and cats to its doctors' care for more than 20 years if it wasn't. But a conversation I recently had with Audrey Barker, VMD, made me think that it's time to try something different.

Barker is in the process of opening Evergreen Veterinary Care, where she and her team of veterinary nurses will practice Fear Free® techniques. This method of practice—"taking the 'pet' out of 'petrified'" —was founded by "America's Veterinarian," Dr. Marty Becker, resident veterinary contributor on "Good Morning America" for 17 years and author of 23 books, including the New York Times best-seller, *Chicken Soup for the Pet-Lovers Soul*. It's designed to "prevent and alleviate fear, anxiety and stress in pets," according to the Fear Free® website ([fearfreepets.com](http://fearfreepets.com)).

Barker explains that she sought certification in and now uses the techniques to make the vet experience less stressful.

"It's the culmination of a lot of different fields of study," she says. "In every aspect of the business, we think of Fear Free®." That means that the flooring she's picked for the new clinic has

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grip so pets won't slip. The scale is set into the floor so there's no need for a dog to step up or a cat to be picked up. For the same reason, exams will be done on the floor rather than on waist-high exam tables. Moreover, they will be conducted with gentle handling.

"No wrestling," Barker promises.

Perhaps most importantly, the clinic will have excellent soundproofing throughout, so that the anxiety-producing sounds of dogs barking and cats meowing won't upset patients. The Evergreen Veterinary Care Clinic will also boast separate facilities for dogs and cats so they can't see or hear each other.

All of this helps to prevent stress and anxiety.

Barker explains, "Stress is hard on the heart." In her practice, she will use calming pheromones and, when necessary, anxiolytics—mild sedatives that help reduce anxiety in your pet. That will be a blessing for my other old yellow lab, Nellie, who has a terrible fear of having her nails clipped.

I look forward to introducing Emmie and Nellie to Barker and her team, which includes Head Veterinary Nurse Jenna Crutchfield and Veterinary Nurse Sidney Briley. Jenna and Sidney are in the process of being certified in Fear Free®. Starting in June and until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the team will offer home visits, following a strict standard operating procedure to prevent the spread of the virus.

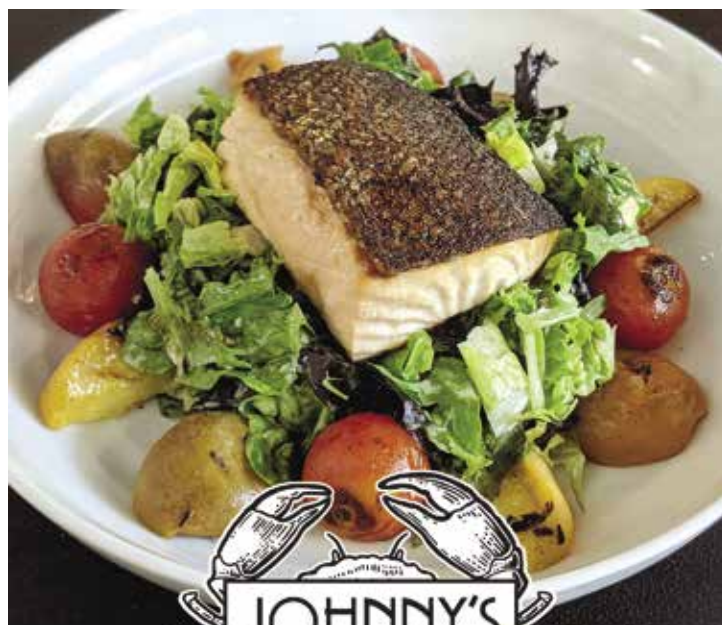
"The SOP actually aligns with Fear Free® philosophy," Barker explains, helping to prevent stress and anxiety in pet owners.

Each employee will be required to report their medical status and that of anyone they live with every day before they begin work. Anyone feeling ill will stay home. All team members will operate from the clinic's home base, in which they will wear masks at all times. Before the team leaves for a home visit, they will call their client to confirm the appointment and ask screening questions to ensure no one in the home is ill. If everyone is fine, the team will arrive wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)—masks, gowns and gloves—and will offer to do exams outside (dogs only) if the client prefers. If they want to be present during the exam, Evergreen will provide the client with a new surgical mask and gown. After the visit, the team will collect the PPE in a bag. All used PPE, except for gloves (which can't be washed), will be carefully laundered at the end of the day. Barker has already secured enough PPE to start offering up to four appointments a day on June 1. Initially, she will waive the fee for home visits.

Evergreen's physical location at 410 W. Cold Spring Lane will not be open until after the COVID-19 crisis has ended, but the team will be able to offer everything except surgery, dental procedures and X-rays during home visits. They will be able to draw blood and send it off to an external lab for analysis, and conduct pre-op exams and offer referrals. Barker has established a relationship with an online pharmacy to fill prescriptions.

The current medical crisis may have slowed things down for Barker and her team, but she's taking advantage of the extra time to ensure that the launch of her new Fear Free® veterinary clinic is as stress- and anxiety-free for all involved—the pets, their owners, her team and herself—as possible. ♦

Evergreen Veterinary Care will be located at 410 W. Cold Spring Lane (in what used to be S'ghetti Eddie's). For more information, visit [evergreenfearfree.com](http://evergreenfearfree.com) or call 443-438-4491.



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# Roland Park Elementary Incubates Curiosity

By Amy Wood,  
Enrichment Teacher

**R**entACoop program ([rentacoop.com](http://rentacoop.com)) is a wonderful program for home or school. Roland Park Elementary School (RPEMS) took advantage of the wonderful educational experiences offered by the program, which both teach and remind children and adults where some of our food comes from. There are also valuable lessons about the evolution of change, as we watched the eggs hatch into fuzzy chicks.

On March 1st, RPEMS received a Hatching Rental kit from RentACoop. It includes two chicks; a brooder cage with a heater, and water and food containers; all the feed and bedding needed for four weeks; seven fertilized eggs; an incubator; a candling light, used to observe the growth and development of an embryo inside an egg; and directions. Our eggs were various



RPEMS students instantly fell in love with the RentACoop chicks they hatched. Photos: Amy Wood



shades of white, brown and blue because they come from different breeds of chickens.

Once the eggs were in the incubator, we started the countdown! While we waited, students interacted with the chicks, watching them change daily. After about two weeks, we used the candling light to actually see the embryos moving inside the eggs! On the 21st day, the hatching began, just like clockwork. Watching the chicks emerge was a magical experience. Once they recuperated from hatching, they turned into little puff balls. The students instantly fell in love!

This is the best thing that has happened in our school in a long time. All the kids from Pre-K to 5th grade are excited and interested! ❖

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- ¼ cup red onion, diced
- 1 T. chives, chopped
- 1 T. red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp. lemon juice



Photo courtesy of Miss Shirley's

1 T. olive oil

1 tsp. sugar

Salt and pepper to taste

Fresh parsley, chopped

Mix cucumber, tomatoes, onion and chives in a large bowl. Add in the red wine vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil and sugar, and toss well to coat. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Let marinate in the refrigerator for at least an hour. Season again as needed, garnish with parsley and serve chilled. ❖

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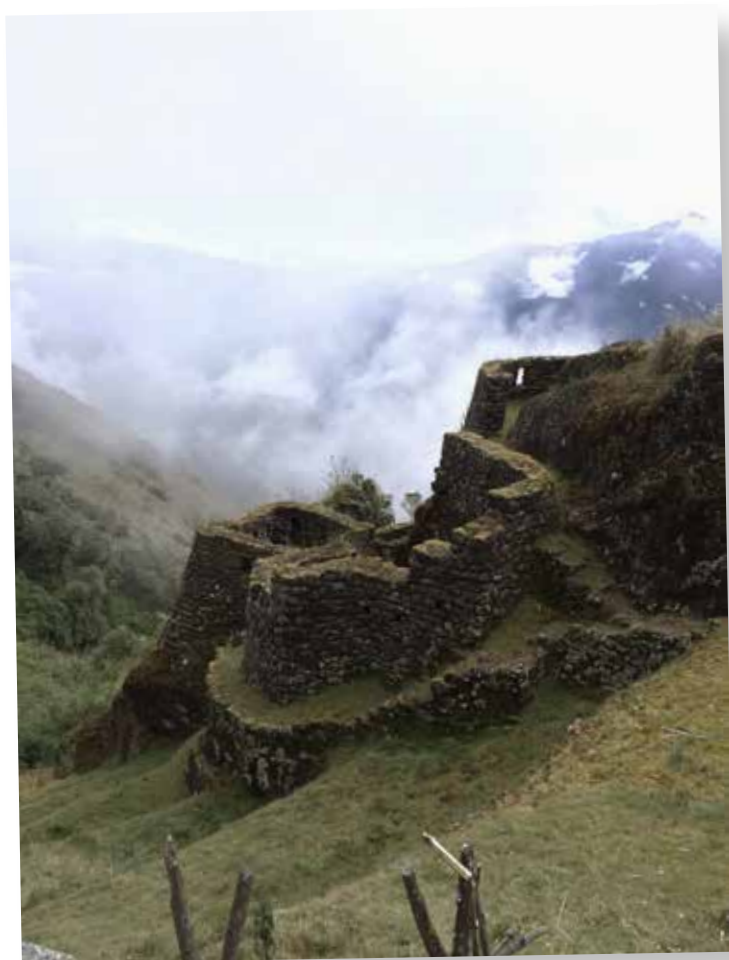


# Travelogue: Peru

By Olivia Mihok

After carrying our suitcases up to our rooms in Cusco, Peru, we had to stop and catch our breath. At 11,000 feet, those few steps left us winded and wondering just how we were going to make it through our four-day hike along the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. A few days later, we were up at 4 a.m. with our gear packed into backpacks, and headed to the beginning of the trail. With our guide, Leo, we traveled along the centuries-old trail through a rapidly changing terrain. The Andes mountains towered around us and, as we climbed, we encountered spectacular views. The Incas are famous for their architecture. We visited many ancient villages and passed by a few that are still occupied by Incan descendants. On the fourth morning, we woke at 3 a.m. and began the final leg of the journey. We stopped at the Sun Gate just in time to see light hit the tops of the mountains and offer us a view of Machu Picchu in the distance. The culture, the people and the stories from our trip, along with our many photos (taken with iPhones) have become part of a treasured family experience. ❖

Photos: Holly, Olivia and Luke Mihok, and a their guide, Leo









# Smoked Brisket and Smoked Grilled Salmon

Eddie's of Roland Park

The pros behind the meat and seafood counter at Eddie's of Roland Park agree: If you're at home and have extra time, now is a great time to cook with smoke.

"What else are you going to be doing?!" laughs Steve Miller, department manager at the North Charles Street store.

"It's all about brisket for me," agrees Rex Miller (no relation), his counterpart at Roland Avenue. "You'll never spend a more delicious 10 hours of your life."

"Or if you're impatient like me, smoked salmon is much faster," says Steve.

Enjoy their recipes for both, using one of Eddie's favorite local seasonings and a charcoal grill or smoker.

## Rex's Texas-Style Smoked Brisket

Prep time: 1 hour. Cook time: 10 hours. Serves 12 to 16.

### Ingredients

10-12 lbs. whole beef brisket, fat trimmed to 1/4" thickness

2/3 cup local Todd's Dirt seasoning (Original or "Low Down")

Place brisket on a rimmed baking sheet. Rub all over with seasoning. Let sit at room temperature for 1 hour.

Prepare the grill/smoker to the manufacturer's directions. Place brisket, fat side down, and smoke for 4 to 5 hours, maintaining a consistent grill/smoker temperature of between 225 and 250 degrees. Remove from grill, wrap with aluminum foil to keep the juices from leaking out, and return to grill for up to 5 more hours, continuing to maintain grill/smoker temperature.

Brisket is finished when very tender and when the thickest part of the meat reaches an internal temperature of 190 degrees. Let rest for 45 minutes, then unwrap and slice.

Eddie's Tip: Preparing for leftovers? Let cool for an hour before wrapping tightly in foil and chilling, for up to 3 days. Reheat meat, still wrapped, in a 325-degree oven until warmed through.

## Steve's Smoked Grilled Salmon

Prep time: 30 minutes. Cook time: 20 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

### Ingredients

2 T. freshly grated lemon zest

3 tsp. Todd's Dirt seasoning ("Salty Sailor" or "Original")

2 lbs. whole salmon filet, skin on

1 cup wood chips, soaked in water for 30 minutes

Prepare grill/smoker to manufacturer's directions and set to medium heat (275 to 300 degrees). Bank the coals to one side. Scrape the grate well and oil it lightly.

Meanwhile, combine lemon zest and seasoning in a small bowl and sprinkle mixture evenly over the flesh side of fish.

Drain the wood chips well and place them directly on top of the coals (or in a smoker box/packet). Place salmon, skin side down, on the side of the grate away from the coals. Close grill cover, leaving vents part way open, watching for smoke to appear.

Smoke the fish for 10 minutes, then open the cover and slide salmon directly over coals. Close the cover again and smoke for 5 to 6 minutes more, until the center is opaque.

Slice and serve immediately, alongside grilled vegetables and a bottle of rosé. ❖

Eddie's Tip: Use cedar wood chips for a medium smoke flavor or hickory wood chips for a heartier taste.



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# Roland Park Responds to COVID-19

By Martha Marani

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic from members of our community has been amazing to see. In our neighborhood, we have an internationally recognized expert in public health preparedness, pandemic and emerging infectious disease advising government officials from the U.S. and China (see p. 3), a primary care and public health physician who serves on the Roland Park Civic League board coordinating volunteers to support our most vulnerable neighbors, residents rallying others to donate funds to support employees at neighborhood grocery stores, quarantined moms, dads, sons and daughters putting their down time to good use by making face shields for health care workers, a public charter school principal organizing meal donations for his school community, and many more doing their part to help others during these difficult times. Here are just a few stories.

**Richard Bruno, MD**, is a family and preventive medicine physician and Civic League board member. He works at Chase Brexton Health Care, which was founded in 1978 as part of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore and, in 1989, became an independent healthcare provider. The clinic has retained its ties to the LGBT community and greatly expanded its health care services. During the COVID-19 crisis, Bruno has been treating patients, many of whom come from marginalized communities, with both telehealth and in-person care.



*Dr. Richard Bruno established the Self-Quarantine Support Network for Hampden, Roland Park and Wyman Park in March.*  
Photo: Richard Bruno

In mid-March, he established the Self-Quarantine Support Network for Hampden, Roland Park and Wyman Park. Other coordinators from the board include Ann-Barron Carneal, Martha Holleman and Andy Niazy. The network was designed to connect people who need help with grocery shopping, picking up medications, dog walking and other errands with people willing to do those errands. Word was spread through the Roland Park e-newsletter, neighborhood NextDoor and social media posts, and printed flyers that were hung throughout the three communities. The goal was to reach as many as possible, particularly those without access to the Internet.

When the shelter-in-place order was put into effect on March 30th, the group was poised to jump in, anticipating a large need. Fortunately, there hasn't been as much need as the group, with its more than 80 volunteers, expected. As of press time, they have responded to fewer than

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# Boys' Latin Understands Community is Key to Distance Learning

By Joyce Barnett

In any given day, the Boys' Latin lower school is a beehive of activity. Fifth grade boys are deep into their study of the Revolutionary War, a music class strums ukuleles, kindergarteners listen as Headmaster Chris Post reads a story.

Although much in the world has changed, valuable learning continues via Zoom classrooms. Homeroom time is just that: a chance for the boys to chat with each other, and the time to set the tone for the day. Math, language arts and reading are taught daily, while classes like Spanish, technology, the arts and physical education are on a rotating schedule. Boys' Latin's focus is firmly on educating young men at the highest possible level.



*Maintaining connections and gathering as a community is the key to boys learning and growing in Boys' Latin's virtual schoolhouse. Photo courtesy Boys' Latin School*

about the colors of the rainbow. Fifth graders, unable to visit the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, conclude their study with a virtual tour. Third graders measure their bedrooms to learn area and perimeter, while the pre-first class goes on a home scavenger hunt for cubes, pyramids and other shapes.

Boys' Latin is justly proud of its reputation as a family. Tuesday

morning assemblies, led by Lower School Head Greg Schnitzlein, bring the lower school family together to say the Pledge of Allegiance, sing the school song, and have Coach Donald Rickels lead a rousing school cheer. The need to remain connected during this time is never more evident than during the cheer, which one might imagine can be heard in the farthest reaches of our community.

"Our priority from the onset was to ensure that the strong Boys' Latin community would be the foundation for distance learning. Knowing that our boys and families are in a familiar, safe and loving community first made the challenges of distance learning so much easier. Our Tuesday morning assembly has been a staple for our community, and we haven't missed one since leaving our campus!", says Schnitzlein.

During a recent virtual lunch Headmaster Post read a story. On Fridays, second grade parents are invited into the Zoom classroom to share an activity. School counselor Shirelle Flowers has instituted a Laker Lunch and Laugh time for the boys to simply interact with their classmates. And the much-anticipated Talent Show will go on with performances coming from family rooms, kitchens and basements across the area, drawing the community together once again.

At Boys' Latin, maintaining connections and gathering as a community is the key to boys learning and growing in our virtual schoolhouse. ❖

Boys' Latin School of Maryland ([boyslatinmd.com](http://boyslatinmd.com)) is an all-boys, university-preparatory school located. Founded in 1844, it is the oldest independent, nonsectarian secondary school in Maryland.



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# Social Studio Embraces Online Learning

Artists Carter Polakoff (top left), Liam Maron (top right), Renee Cohen (bottom left) and Iris Fisher (bottom right) are taking advantage of Social Studio's online classes.



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# The Book Nook

By Julie Johnson

**W**elcome to a most unusual Book Nook!

As I type (teleworking from home), the Pratt Library system has been closed since March 13 and the end is not quite in sight. I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy and use the Pratt's online resources, as well as follow the virtual programs that have been on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. If you belong to NextDoor Roland Park, chances are you've seen my daily posts of Pratt's virtual programming. I hope you saw some familiar faces as you enjoyed our virtual programs.

As we plan for summer, keep an eye out for programming from your Roland Park Library staff (and a special helping hand from Social Studio). Just a little hint of one program: Baltimore Backyard Bingo! Right now, we do not know if this programming will be virtual, live in the branch or a hybrid, but I can assure you there will be several somethings from us as well as our colleagues throughout the Pratt Library.

As always, summer will include **Summer Challenge** (aka, summer reading) for all ages. This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story", with an emphasis on mythology and fairy tales. Again, depending on whether the system is open, the program will likely be a combination of virtual and live in the branch. If you have participated in the past, use Beanstack (**prattlibrary.beanstack.org**), the online tool to log reading and activities for our programs, to track your progress. The program begins June 17th and runs for eight weeks.

In case you are not aware of the digital services Pratt offers, here is a quick description of each, including links. All of these services include materials for all ages. All require your library card number and some require your PIN and an email address. If you cannot find your card number and don't remember your PIN, simply apply for an eCard at the Pratt (**prattlibrary.org/ecard**). When we reopen, the staff will straighten out any overlapping accounts.

## HooplaDigital ([hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com))

- Register online
- Requires library card number, PIN and email address
- Available for Android and Apple
- Offers eBooks (21 days), music (seven days), and film and television (three days)
- Videos are available via AppleTV, ChromeCast, Roku, AndroidTV and FireTV
- Monthly checkout credit allowances have been increased from six to 15 through the end of June

## Kanopy ([prattlibrary.kanopy.com](http://prattlibrary.kanopy.com))

- Register online
- Requires library card number, PIN and email address
- Offers film and television for the days

- Available for Android and Apple, and via AppleTV, ChromeCast, Roku, AndroidTV and FireTV
- Monthly checkout credit allowances have been increased from six to 15 through the end of June



## Maryland's Digital eLibrary by Overdrive/ Libby by Overdrive ([maryland.overdrive.com](http://maryland.overdrive.com))

- To register with a Pratt account, you will need your library card number and PIN
- Available for Android and Apple
- Offers eBooks, eAudios (both streaming and downloadable for 21 days) and downloadable magazines

Note: If you have an account at other Maryland libraries, you can add it to your app. Just tap Libby (the girl with the bow in her hair) in the upper right of the Overdrive site and select "Add a Library." Note that Libby will not search across library systems. You have to search each one by one. Each has its own content, so you may find materials in one system that are not available elsewhere.

## RBDigital ([prattlibrary.rbdigital.com](http://prattlibrary.rbdigital.com))

- Registration required, with a login, password and email
- Available for Android and Apple
- Offers eBooks and eAudios (21 days), and downloadable magazines

Note: If you have problems registering, contact RBDigital directly. Find contact information by clicking the "Help" button. RBDigital usually responds within 48 hours. There are some quirks when using a PC or laptop. I advise following the link provided above every time you access the site.

## Student Support

If you haven't already done so, please check out the new Digital Student Resources at [prattlibrary.org/studentresources](http://prattlibrary.org/studentresources), which includes some new subscriptions.

## Kindergarten through 6th grade

**TumbleBooks:** A curated collection of animated children's books

**TumbleMath:** Math-focused eBooks, lesson plans and games

**FreedomFlix, ScienceFlix and TrueFlix:** An exciting expansion of our popular BookFlix resource, these include animated books, short films and more

**Scholastic Teachables:** A collection of educational materials and lesson plans

**Watch & Learn:** A curated collection of educational videos

## 7th through 12th grade

**Teen Book Cloud:** Ebooks arranged by grade level, with unlimited concurrent users; great for book clubs or educators looking for accessible content

**Learning Express Library:** Test prep materials and interactive practice exams for the SAT, GED and more.

## Teens and Adults

How about job hunting? We have a new resource that provides a variety of assistance to library cardholders looking for work called **JobNow**.

Powered by BrainFuse, JobNow is designed to support every step of the job search process

by providing access to online coaches, interview prep, resume help, adult learning materials and other career resources.

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## Career Resources

- JobNow coaches work with users to help develop job search strategies
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## Resume Writing Assistance

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## Interview Support

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## Adult Learning

- Adult learners who need help with a class assignment, or who need academic support for any other reason, can connect with a live tutor through our online classroom



- A writing lab offers assistance to adult patrons with producing more polished resumes, completing an academic assignment or crafting an effective business letter, and more
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# KidLit Picks

By Rona Sue London

Summer is right around the corner and The Ivy is excited to be a one-stop resource for summer reading. I curated a long list of recommendations for kindergarten through 12th grade. A few of them are listed here. For a complete list, please visit our Ivy Educators website at [ivyeducators.com](http://ivyeducators.com), where you can order books and receive a 10 percent summer reading discount. Until we are able to open our retail space, these books will be mailed directly to your home. If you have any questions, please email me at [info@theivybookshop.com](mailto:info@theivybookshop.com).

## Kindergarten

*A Ride to Remember, A Civil Rights Story* by Sharon Langley

*Anna at the Art Museum* by Hazel Hutchins

*I'm Gonna Push Through* by Jasmyn Wright

*Ruby Finds a Worry* by Tom Percival

*The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons* by Natascha Biebow

*You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks* by Evan Turk

## First Grade

*Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots* by Michael Rex

*In the Woods* by David Elliott

*Old Rock (is not boring)* by Deb Pilutti

*Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o

*The Keeper of Wild Words* by Brooke Smith

*What Were the Negro Leagues* by Varian Johnson

## Second Grade

*Dancing Through Fields of Color: The Story of Helen Frankenthaler* by Elizabeth Brown

*Don't Let Them Disappear* by Chelsea Clinton

*Filigree's Midnight Ride* by Pam Berkman and Dorothy Hearst

*Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* by Sonia Sotomayor

*The Best of Iggy* by Annie Barrows

*The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad

## Third Grade

*All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World* by Lori Alexander

*Hicotea* by Lorena Alvarez

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## Fourth Grade

*All of Me* by Chris Baron

*Beyond Words: What Wolves and Dogs Think and Feel (YA Edition)* by Carl Safina

*Breaking Through: How Female Athletes Shattered Stereotypes in the Roaring Twenties* by Sue Macy

*Roll with It* by Jamie Sumner

*Sunnyside Plaza* by Scott Simon

*The List of Things That Will Not Change* by Rebecca Stead

## Fifth Grade

*A Sporting Chance: How Ludwig Guttmann Created the Paralympic Games* by Lori Alexander

*A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry

*Chirp* by Kate Messner

*Finding Langston* by Lisa Cline Ranson

*The Unsung Hero of Birdsong USA* by Brenda Woods

*Unteachables* by Gordon Korman

## Sixth Grade

*All the Greys on Greene Street* by Laura Tucker

*Allies* by Alan Gratz

*Black Brother, Black Brother* by Jewell Rhodes

*Broken Strings* by Eric Walters and Kathy Kager

*Guest: A Changeling Tale* by Mary Downing Hahn

*This Was Our Pact* by Ryan Andrews

## Seventh Grade

*Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs

*Found* by Joseph Bruchac

*Games of Deception, The True Story of the First U.S. Olympic Basketball Team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany* by Andrew Maraniss

*Maybe He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee

*My Jasper June* by Laurel Snyder

*The Benefits of Being an Octopus* by Ann Braden

## Eighth Grade

*Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists, A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Their Rights* by Mikki Kendall and A. D'Amico

*Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia Williams

*Grimoire Noir* by Vera Greentea

*The Language of Fire: Joan of Arc Reimagined* by Stephanie Hemphill

*The Moon Within Hardcover* by Aida Salazar

*Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin

*What the Eagle Sees, Indigenous Stories of Rebellion and Renewal* by Eldon Yellowhorn

## Ninth Grade

*Animus* by Antoine Revoy

*Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang

*Mooncakes* by Suzanne Walker

*Suggested Reading* by Dave Connis

*The Hand on the Wall* by Maureen Johnson

## Tenth Grade

*Dig* by A.S. King

*One Person, No Vote (YA Edition): How Not All Voters Are Treated Equally* by Carol Anderson, Tonya Bolden

*Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi

*Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo

*The Field Guide to the North American Teenager* by Ben Philippe

## Eleventh Grade

*After the Shot Drops* by Randy Ribay

*Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me* by Mariko Tamaki

*Sea Stories* by Admiral William H. McRaven

*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning Stamped from the Beginning* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

*They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei

## Twelfth Grade

*A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World* by C.A. Fletcher

*Ali: A Life* by Jonathan Eig

*Galileo and the Science Deniers* by Mario Livio

*Internment* by Samira Ahmed

*Letters to the Earth: Writing to a Planet in Crisis* by Jackie Morris

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# Heroes Work Here

The pandemic has brought new meaning to the word, “essential.” Now, perhaps more than ever before, we recognize how much we depend on healthcare workers, first responders, delivery people, postal workers and grocery store employees. In our community, we are fortunate to have Eddie’s of Roland Park, with its staff that has worked tirelessly to provide a safe grocery shopping experience.

That recognition led to a tremendous outpouring of gratitude. As but one example, Amy Giggey of Wyndhurst created a GoFundMe for Eddie’s employees that raised more than \$11,000.

Giggey explains, “Every day throughout this crisis, I find myself grateful for Eddie’s. I am so relieved that it is in walking distance, that I don’t have to hazard a larger, more crowded grocery store, and that they are clearly taking precautions to keep us all safe. I’m also grateful for the kindness of the staff, who are most likely living in fear of contracting COVID-19 on a daily basis.”

Eddie’s distributed the money evenly among employees of the Roland Avenue and North Charles Street stores. As another way to show our gratitude, the **Roland Park News** is publishing the names of all Eddie’s employees. Each of them has our thanks for their unwavering commitment to serve Roland Park during these challenging times.

## North Charles Street Store

Employee	Department		
Cindy Coveyy	Bakery	Shameka Gatling	Kitchen
Rickel Anderson	Deli	Joy Gavin	Bakery
Arthur Baker	Grocery	Kimberly Gill	Grocery
Michael Balcer	Kitchen	Julia Gusmano	Front End
Gregory Baltimore	Deli	Bridgette Hamilton	Produce
Paul Beach	Delivery	Debbie Hampsey	Front End
Aisha Bevans	Deli	Robin Hanks	Deli
James Blevins	Produce	Marty Hardiman	Delivery
Ralph Boller	Produce	Wes Hardiman	Delivery
Eric Bolling	Produce	Shakia Harris	Produce
James Bonnett	Front End	Antwyn Hayes Jr.	Front End
Kamiya Britton	Front End	Donna Himlin	Front End
Patsy Brocato	Kitchen	Alexander Hogan Milesky	Deli
Chanielle Brown	Deli	Alvinia Holmes	Kitchen
Anita Burley	Catering	Michael Horan	Front End
Carrie Carter	Candy/Floral	Christina Howell	Grocery
Shelby Carter	Candy/Floral	Kevin Jefferson	Meat/Seafood
Meg Carver	Cheese	Jasmine Johns	Front End
Darryl Caster	Asst. Store Mgr.	Frank Johnson	Grocery
Miles Charles	Grocery	Vickie Johnson	Produce
Kevin Christian	Kitchen	Tabitha Jones	Bakery
Troy Clash	Catering	Sianci Jones	Front End
Amaya Cole	Front End	Emery Jones	Kitchen
Devin Conaway	Deli	Rachel Jourdain	Front End
Elmer Covahey	Grocery	Debbie Kline	Deli
Cindy Covey	Bakery	Tina Knight	Store Mgr.
Oree Crank	Delivery	In Shil Lake	Front End
James Crawford	Meat/Seafood	Wayne Lishowid	Bakery
Gerald Cummings	Bakery	Kieron Lynch	Grocery
Bryan Davis	Kitchen	Karen MacIntyre	Front End
Alisha Dennis	Bakery	Jeff Macis	Grocery
Kathy Dodds	Candy/Floral	Dennis Mancha Jr.	Bakery
Jamie Doney	Bakery	Frank Mentzer	Grocery
Joseph Drzewiecki, Jr.	Meat/Seafood	Susan Metz	Front End
Tarrance Eaddy	Front End	Abigail Miller	Front End
Loretta Embry	Deli	Steven Miller	Meat/Seafood
Karen Enoch	Front End	Lindsay Mitchell	Front End
Nicholas Evans	Front End	Mercedes Mitchell	Front End
Robert Ewing	Produce	Susan Montgomery	Front End
Wanda Farace	Bakery	Alan Morstein	Kitchen
Eric Fernandez	Front End	Elizabeth Muth	Front End
Jeff Fisher	Produce	Kenny Oliver	Kitchen
Caroline Foster	Candy/Floral	Michael Parker	Deli
Jimmie Foxworth	Meat/Seafood	Glenn Pearson	Front End
Ryan Funderburk	Meat/Seafood	Barry Rankin	Front End
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August Schmidt	Meat/Seafood	Kimberly Green	Bakery
Steven Sebree	Grocery	Charlyn Gunther	Grocery
Stephen Shaffer	Front End	Patricia Haller	Front End
Nina Shapiro	Bakery	Miles Haller Goldstein	Front End
Elonzer Shivers	Meat/Seafood	Ladonna Harris	Deli
Steve Spicer	Produce	Cathy Herbert	Front End
Chisley Stevenson	Grocery	John Hunt	Delivery
Daniel Streett	Kitchen	Craig Hutt	Liquor
Alan Tepper	Deli	Dave Jachelski Sr.	Store Mgr.
Anthony Troy	Meat/Seafood	Tiona Jackson	Bakery
Carl Trudel	Front End	Richard Johnston III	Front End
Leslie Udoff	Candy/Floral	Vince Jordan	Meat/Seafood
Tierra Veney	Front End	Tavon Jordan Jr.	Deli
Renee Walker	Bakery	Irena Kagan	Kitchen
Debra Webb	Front End	Casey Krug	Front End
Karla Werkmeister	Front End	Linda Krug	Front End
Tempie Whitcomb	Front End	Eric Lee	Deli
Denise White	Deli	Lisa Leidig	Front End
Candice Williams	Bakery	Annette Louanglath	Deli
Roy Williams	Front End	Jacqueline McNamara	Bakery
Branch Wise	Bakery	Warren Merritt	Kitchen
Kevin Wolcott	Kitchen	Tia Miller	Front End
Russell Wolfe, Jr.	Front End	Rex Miller Sr.	Meat/Seafood
Wenzhe Zhang	Front End	Damon Moore	Deli

## Roland Avenue Store

Employee	Department
Matt Atkinson	Front End
Andrey Avramenko	Delivery
Justin Bacote	Produce
Stanley Berry, Jr.	Kitchen
Victor Birkner	Delivery
Linda Brown	Front End
Sharnice Coleman	Front End
Lynne Coleman	Gourmet-to-Go
Rachel Condliffe	Gourmet-to-Go
Deja Vu Cottman	Gourmet-to-Go
David Cousin	Produce
Myra Davis	Front End
Lashae Davis-Adesokan	Front End
Harriette DeAngelis	Front End
Steven Ferrell	Grocery
Joseph Ford	Grocery
Anna Fried	Gourmet-to-Go
Yolanda Frommelt	Produce
Pat Myers-Songok	Front End
Amanda Patterson	Gourmet-to-Go
Rachel Penney	Candy/Floral
Isaac Perry	Produce
Loveta Queen	Deli
Alan Rankin	Grocery
Chris Reid	Deli
McKenzie Rexroth	Gourmet-to-Go
Melodie Rexroth	Gourmet-to-Go
Ellen Robertson Jones	Candy/Floral
Marie Russell	Kitchen
David Saunders	Meat/Seafood
Cheryl Scott	Front End
Maricel Sebree	Front End
Camryn Shanton	Front End
Barb Shiflett	Asst. Store Mgr.
Sandra Simms	Front End
Keith Smith	Front End
Marybeth Smith	Front End
Gustav Smith	Grocery
Doreen Thomas	Deli

Alvin Thompson III	Grocery
Joyce Trigger	Candy/Floral
Benjamin Trigger	Delivery
Charlie Ward	Front End
Edward Watson, Jr.	Kitchen
Brian Whitaker	Delivery
Hideo Williams	Bakery



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# ROLAND PARK RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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10 requests, mainly for grocery deliveries for people who cannot leave their homes.

When he's not working at Chase Brexton or volunteering with the Civic League board or the Self-Quarantine Support Network, Bruno spends time with his family, which includes his wife, Mary, a fashion designer who has been making cloth masks to be worn over N95 masks. They have two children. Their daughter, Tilly, is 11 and their son, Axel, is 7.

**Rebecca Bell Echols, DMA**, is an assistant professor of music at Morgan State University. During the pandemic, she's been teaching classes and giving music lessons remotely. She and her husband Eric also care for their children, Anderson (5) and Arden (1 ½), and their English bulldog, Tucker. Somehow, with all these responsibilities, Bell Echols found time to start a Facebook group, Face Shields for the Front Lines ([www.facebook.com/groups/213603986752113](https://www.facebook.com/groups/213603986752113)), to connect volunteers who make face shields with those who need them.

It started when her children's pediatrician posted a call for volunteers to make plastic face shields for



Justine Glover (left) and Nina Funderburk, nurses at the University of Maryland Medical Center, are grateful for their donated face shields. Photo: William C. O'Meally, MD

health care workers on Facebook. Bell Echols wanted to help, but couldn't find the necessary materials. Then Lisa Meagher, another Roland Park resident, posted a how-to video from an organization called Tiem SHIELD ([teamshieldnorcal.squarespace.com](https://teamshieldnorcal.squarespace.com)) to the neighborhood's NextDoor site. In the video, kids are shown creating face shields using a thermal laminator and other materials that can be ordered on Amazon. She placed her order, which arrived quickly, and made 30 face shields on the first day. In less than a week, Bell Echols created the Face Shields for the Front Lines Facebook group, which has (as of May 19th)

53 members—both volunteers and those in need of this vital component in Personal Protective Equipment. Local recipients include the University of Maryland Medical Center, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Symphony Manor, Oak Crest Home Health and St. Agnes Hospital. Bell Echols has also sent face shields to an oncology practice in New York City and a physical therapy office in Pennsylvania. Approximately 1,200 face shields have been donated (again, as of press time).

**Peter Kannam** is the principal of the Elmer A. Henderson: A Johns Hopkins Partnership School (Henderson-Hopkins), a contract school in the Baltimore City Public School System. After schools were closed, he and his staff pivoted to online instruction to serve the education needs of their students. With the help of Johns Hopkins University and private donations, they managed to distribute 437 laptops to those in need.

But they didn't stop there. Kannam and the school's assistant principal, John David "J.D." Merrill, have distributed nearly 69,000 pounds of groceries and 12,000 frozen meals to more than 2,000 families in the school's zone (as of May 19th). They recruited volunteers—including many high school and college students—to help with food deliveries. Roland Park residents who volunteered include Kannam's wife, Sonya, and three children, Peter Andrew, Zachary and Cole; Merrill's wife, Grace O'Malley; Lillie Stewart; Liam and Ava Geenen; Ben and Max Yuhas; Noah and Sam Perkins-Cohen; Jack and Cleo Devlin; and Jane and Robert Marinelli.

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