



ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE

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Dear fellow Roland Park neighbors,

I looked back on my letter from last year, just as we went into complete lockdown and one sentence caught my eye: we will come out of this latest trial of humanity with a renewed humility and a new sense of urgency to reflect on the ways we can improve society. We see signs of people taking on that urgency every day, fighting for health, social, and racial justice. Though the news can often seem disheartening, I am confident that we will prevail in bringing a much better world post-pandemic.

The officers and directors of the Roland Park Civic League hope this letter finds you and your families safe and healthy. Please reach out to your plat representative if you need help. The Roland Park Pandemic Support network is still available!

Though we have had to meet by Zoom the entire year, several committees have been hard at work advocating for our community and our city. Land Use and Zoning has helped foster a successful new ownership of Cross Keys, Transportation has successfully advocated for many changes to be considered by DOT for the Falls Road/Northern Parkway corridor including improvements in walking and cycling, Master Plan Committee has worked with all of our surrounding neighborhoods on many new and exciting recommendations for the Greater Roland Park area, Maintenance has repaired multiple paths and railings, Landscape has cleaned out invasive plants and replaced with countless trees, Finance has worked hard to keep our budgets balanced, and Nominating has interviewed multiple neighbors who have volunteered to be considered as your next board (included with this letter), and our Communications committee has done a stellar job of keeping everyone informed.

None of the beauty of our neighborhood or our advocacy work on your behalf can happen without everyone contributing their part. In just days your annual billing for Roads and Maintenance fees as well as your RPCL dues will be in your mailbox. It is vital that everyone contributes to both. The infrastructure so many of you have enjoyed this past year (Olmsted paths, median planting, new trees, plowed and salted lanes) require all of us to pay our full R and M fees. And this past year your RPCL dues helped support our public school and thank you gifts for our diligent grocery workers at Eddie's along with contributions to the Maryland Food bank over the holidays and the Roland Park Baseball League and will in the coming year allow us once again to pay for city permits for the fun, family social events that have been enjoyed for generations.

Our Annual meeting will be held via Zoom on May 19, 2021 at 7PM. Come join us to hear from your committee chairs and vote for the slate of nominees to represent you in 2021/2022.

Finally, our thanks go out to all the first responders, grocery and pharmacy workers, DPW and postal workers, and the doctors and nurses and hospital staff that have worked so tirelessly through the pandemic. We are hopeful an end is in sight and the rest they deserve is just around the corner.

On behalf of the RPCL, I wish the very best for you and your families.

Most sincerely,

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