
◆ The Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Associations, Inc. ◆

Fall 1999

Association Sponsors First Annual Community Picnic/Concert

Calling all Parrot Heads. Come celebrate the last gasp of summer.

If you're reluctantly giving up summer and are totally unprepared for Autumn breezes, blowing leaves and plummeting temperatures, then put on your straw hat and the latest in fashion from Margaritaville, and head on over to Riderwood Elementary School.

The first annual Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association community picnic and concert gets underway at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 9th at the school which is located at 1711 Landrake Road.

The picnic and concert, which will be held rain or shine, is free and open to all dues paying members and their families. Membership registration will be available on site for those who wish to join the association.

So grab a blanket, lawn chair or whatever and enjoy an evening of fun with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Plan to bring a picnic supper of your own or dine on hot dogs and chips that

will be provided by RRLRAIA along with condiments, napkins, plates, cups and utensils.

For those who desire a little Jamaican jerked chicken, a hearty two-inch New York strip or medium-rare hamburgers, charcoal grills will also be available.

Non-alcoholic drinks including soda, fruit juices and bottled water will be provided.

Picnickers will be serenaded by the award-winning Catonsville High School Steel Drum Band playing Caribbean favorites while association president Barry Truax will publicly demonstrate the finer points of the limbo.

The Steel Band has performed in the Inner Harbor and the Bolton Hill Festival and is also a regular participant in the Towson July Fourth Parade.

Please RSVP Peggy at the Association office at 410-377-4700 and let her know how many will be in your party. You may also respond via e-mail at ruxrider@bcpl.net.

President's Message

After a dreadful summer of drought, it's wonderful to look forward to cool nights and (hopefully) vibrant Fall colors. And to expand on activities for the community, your Association is pleased to announce an entertaining evening on October 9th with a concert by the Catonsville High School Steel Drum Band. It's most important that you RSVP as the events committee doesn't want to disappoint anyone by coming up short on the FREE food and beverages!

The Association's recent affiliation with the Land Preservation Trust appears to be fruitful. Three potential parcels are being considered at this time. If you become aware of such an opportunity, be sure to contact the Association office. The community will be grateful!

Finally, it's nice to see improvements to the community...newly paved roads, structural enhancements by our business neighbors (Graul's, etc.). The Association's "beautification" committee is working on additional ideas to make common areas more attractive. If you have suggestions, please let us hear from you.

See you on the 9th!

Construction to Begin on Arden Courts Assisted Living Facility

The old Woodvale School building on Bellona Avenue is no more. Soon construction will begin on a 60-bed assisted living facility for early- and mid-stage Alzheimer's patients. Site excavation should begin within the next month, followed by several months of construction. The facility should be open a year from now.

We will maintain close contact with the developer and engineer to insure that all goes smoothly. A citizens' advisory group will meet regularly to address issues as they occur.

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Riderwood Elementary Playground

Get your children and grandchildren ready! A new playground at the Riderwood Elementary School is close to becoming a reality, thanks to a major donation by the Association. The new playground, which will replace outdated and inadequate equipment, will be built with the approval of and maintained by Baltimore County.

If all goes well, the contractor will be breaking ground for the playground as early as this winter. The new playground will be available to all the children in the community whether or not they attend Riderwood School.

The Association's treasurer presented a check to a surprised and delighted

group of parents and teachers at a spring fundraiser. The fundraising effort also included a bull roast, the sale of personalized bricks for a patio at the school and generous donations by local businesses. The fundraising campaign for the new playground has raised \$32,000 toward its goal of \$40,000. Anyone who wishes to donate to the campaign may make a check payable to B.C.P.S. Education Fund c/o Healthy Minds and Muscles Fund and mail to:

Riderwood Elementary School
1711 Landrake Road
Towson, MD 21204

Baltimore County Zoning Process

Every four years the Baltimore County Office of Planning gives birth to the exhaustive Comprehensive Zoning Map Process. It takes nine months and its time is nigh.

From August through October 1999, developers (or any county citizen or community group) may request that the zoning on a property be changed.

Over the next six months that request is reviewed first by the Planning Staff, next by the appointed Planning Board, and finally by the County Council. The County Council decides whether each and every request for zoning reclassification should be granted, modified, or denied.

This Association will be vigilant during the entire process and will keep you informed about zoning-change requests in our community. We ask that you contact us with your opinions. Count on us to resist those requests which alter the character of our neighborhoods, negatively impact quality of life, or increase traffic volume.

If your neighborhood is threatened with an unfortunate zoning-change request, THE most effective way to help is to attend the Planning Board hearing and the County Council hearing, both in the spring of 2000.

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