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## Tuxedo Pharmacy at 76: Prescription for Neighborhood Pharmacy Has Not Expired

By Kathy Hudson

Neighborhood pharmacies once dotted the greater Roland Park area. University Parkway Pharmacy operated at 100 West University Parkway, where One World Café is today. Wagner & Wagner operated on Cold Spring Lane, inside the double doors of today's Roland Park Bagel shop. Morgan & Millard's Roland Park Pharmacy occupied the corner of the Roland Park Shopping Center, where Petit Louis is today. Tuxedo Pharmacy sat between the Hat Rack and Graul's (yes, Graul's) in the Tuxedo Park shopping center on Roland Avenue.

Thanks to the Davidov family, dedicated owners of Tuxedo Pharmacy for 76 years, the prescription for a neighborhood drugstore has not expired. While others are no longer, Tuxedo Pharmacy thrives where it has always been on Roland Avenue. Tuxedo Pharmacy is now twice the size of its original footprint and operates a second pharmacy at Green Spring Station. It is one of a handful of independently owned pharmacies still in business in Baltimore.

While Tuxedo is a business, like many of the individually owned stores in the area, it functions as more than a business. It is a neighborhood hub. The Davidov family has served four generations of Roland Park families and is tightly woven, through schools, business and friendship, to the community.

"I've worked here all of my life," says Arnold, the oldest of Louis and Betty Davidov's three children. "It's really been a social experience. I feel like part of the community. It's an extended family."

In 1936, during the Depression, Louis Davidov purchased the business from its previous owner, a Mr. Warren.

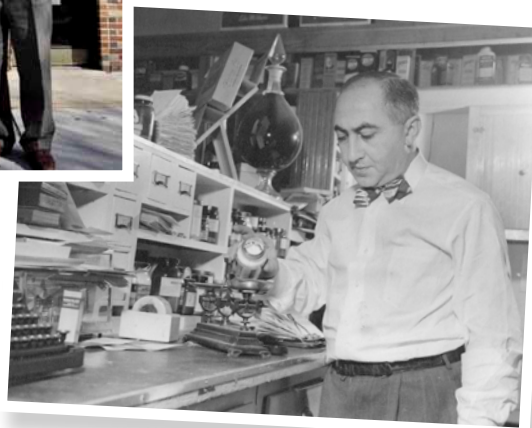


Brothers Harold and Arnold Davidov have spent their lives at Tuxedo Pharmacy.  
Photo: Ann Stuzin

"It cost \$2,500, and I can tell you Dad didn't have it," says Harold, the second Davidov son. In 1942, Louis Davidov bought the pharmacy building, a shingled home with two apartments upstairs above the store.

In a cloth-bound ledger that still sits on an office shelf, a normal day in those early years shows 13 prescriptions filled, each for about \$1.50.

"This was how you were supposed to make a living," laughs Harold, who today



Louis "Doc" Davidov bought Tuxedo Pharmacy in 1936.

Historic photo courtesy of the Davidov family

handles the business side of the operation, while co-owner Arnold fills their father's shoes managing the pharmacy department. "In order to survive," says Harold, "it became imperative to have a two-person operation here."

No strangers were these two to the family business where everyone worked. Betty Davidov worked hand in hand with her husband in the store. She was responsible for the expansion of the cosmetics department, which became one of the best in town. As boys, Harold and Arnold did everything from sweeping floors, serving ice cream at the soda

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# Acorn Hill at Robert E Lee Park

By Nancy Worden Horst, Secretary, Robert E Lee Park Nature Council

Picture this: Children, their families and friends clambering over and through hollow logs, making crafts from “found” materials, exploring “Mine Town” and riding a wooden “train” through “Hollins Station,” all just minutes from Roland Park. Acorn Hill will be such a place—a natural play area geared to children, their families and friends—planned for a one-acre site overlooking Lake Roland in Robert E Lee Park.

Acorn Hill is the creation of a group of Nature Council volunteers working with the architectural firm Hord | Coplan | Macht to design an area of the park that focuses on children’s activities. Various play stations, including structures for climbing, swinging, exploring and balancing, are planned. These are designed to help children

develop physical skills, using natural materials in an open environment where they can learn while having fun. The station

## Acorn Hill

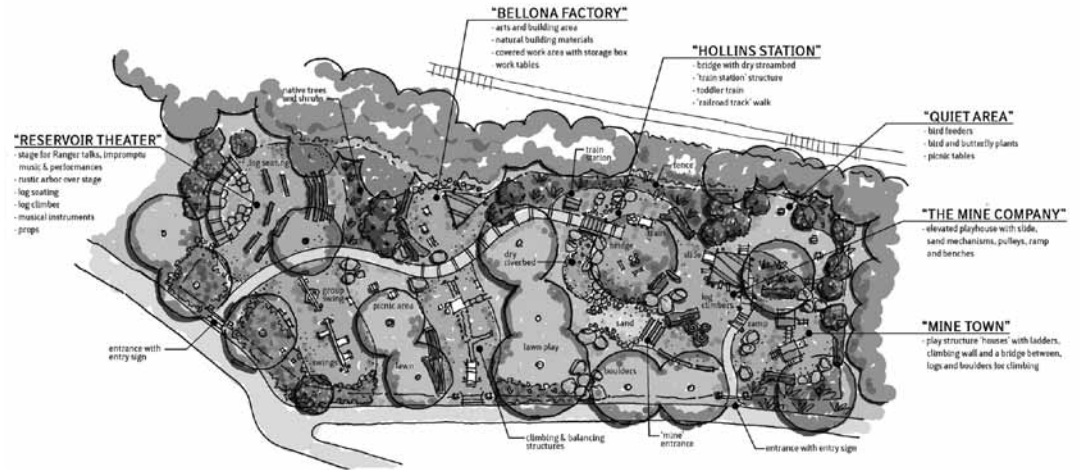


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names highlight the history of the park, including its factories, mines, railroad and reservoir. Most importantly, Acorn Hill will

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have picnic and quiet areas, a bird sanctuary and spaces for art projects. Programs will emphasize environmental conservation and exploration of animal and plant habitats, with talks by park rangers and a theater for productions by and for children.

To make Acorn Hill a reality, the Acorn Hill Committee of the Robert E Lee Park Nature Council needs contributions of time, energy and funding from volunteers and interested friends, neighbors and the business community.

For more information, visit [www.relpnc.org/AcornHill](http://www.relpnc.org/AcornHill) or email [AcornHill@relpnc.org](mailto:AcornHill@relpnc.org). For a listing of upcoming events at Robert E Lee Park, visit [relpnc.org/events](http://relpnc.org/events). ❖