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Neighborhood News

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 13, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Caroling service at the St. John's Chapel at 7534 Bellona Avenue. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome. The trustees of St. John's Chapel ask that you bring a canned good to donate to the local food bank. RRLRAIA suggests you also bring a donation toward the upkeep of this treasure in our midst. Questions, call 410-377-4700.

December 17, Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
Community Bon Fire at the old rugby field off of L'Hirondelle Club Road.

PLEASE JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

This organization exists for the preservation of our neighborhoods. As an umbrella organization, RRLRAIA's mission is to lend professional and experienced support gained through our familiarity and liaison work with government, business, and other community groups. This Board consists of people like you who are committed to the secure future of this area in which we have chosen to live. With the assistance of our executive director, we are involved in a great variety of matters that affect your day-to-day life and your enjoyment of our community. We cannot do any of this without your financial support.

Our annual community events—Holiday Bon Fire, Concert/Picnic, Dumpster Day, and Lake Roland Cleanup—continue to grow in popularity.

Our newsletter is published several times each year. Our zoning successes with the planning board, county council,

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THE YELLOW HOUSE – A NEW HOME FOR OUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION?

by Joseph M. Coale

The original plan for the Arden Court assisted living facility on Bellona Avenue across from Riderwood Village included demolition of the small Victorian cottage on the south side of the property. Known as the "Yellow House", it was constructed in 1878 by Edward



The Yellow House on Bellona Avenue could be the future home of our Ruxton Riderwood Lake Roland Area Improvement Association. PHOTO © JOSEPH M. COALE

Rider for his daughter, Mary, who operated the Riderwood post office here for many years until her death. The Board feared the historic house and the charm it has given the neighborhood for well over a century would be lost. In September 1998, I asked Stewart Banium of Manor Care, if there was some way to save the little yellow house by including it in the site plan for Arden Courts.

Stewart was very gracious and kindly agreed to look into it. Shortly

thereafter, his office called with news the building would be saved. Now that the Arden Courts assisted living facility is complete, Manor Care has no need for this house and has

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY BON FIRE — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Take a break from the Christmas madness and come share the spirit of the holidays with your family, friends and neighbors while enjoying a hot dog, sipping apple cider, and munching on goodies donated by Graul's. The Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association is hosting its annual Christmas Bon Fire and Carol Sing starting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 17 at the old rugby field off of L'Hirondelle Club Road.

This event gets more popular every year. After last year's bon fire, we received this very kind note from a member: *Thank you once again for the wonderful Annual Bon Fire. Our holiday season would not be complete without this joyous event. Our family had a terrific time. My 5 year old daughter asked about the Bon Fire every time she saw the sign. She especially liked the hotdogs! We truly appreciate the hard work and planning that goes into this event. Thank you again for letting us enjoy the wonderful tradition.*

Dress warmly and wear boots—the old rugby field can sometimes be a bog—and follow the lighted path to the bon fire site. Please, no unleashed dogs.

The Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

THE HISTORIC SCOTT SETTLEMENT BARE HILLS AND THE REVEREND AQUILLA SCOTT

by Sarah Fenno Lord (with thanks to Anna Marie Scott Brown, Delores Scott, John McGrain, John Milner, Johnny Johnson, Joseph Coale and Wayne Nield)

The old Bare Hills School on Falls Road is a distinctive RRLRA landmark, crowning a little-known neighborhood with a huge history. Constructed from the distinctive green serpentine quarried nearby on both sides of Falls Road, the school opened its doors in 1882. Then it was among the first in Baltimore County built with public money; now it is the oldest still in continuous use.



The Bare Hills baseball team, 1920's, one of the semi-pro teams which played on Sunday afternoons at Bare Hills, East Towson and Druid Hill Park. Top row, Dick Scott; Clarence Scott. Middle row, Bud Wick; Tern Taylor; Ike Johnson; Ernest Bannon; Aquilla ("Quill") Scott; Simon Scott. PHOTO © BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

By this time, the richest chapter in the Bare Hills story was turning a page. In the earliest years of the century, young Isaac Tyson, Jr., had recognized the glint of a much heavier formation in the soft green "copper rock" of the Bare Hills "Barens." This was iron chromite, which led to international fortune for his Quaker Abolitionist family. His was the first discovery of chrome ore anywhere in the U.S. – followed by the founding of the nation's first chromium



Isaac Tyson, Jr. (1792-1861), owner of the Gunpowder Copper Works and developer of Bare Hills Chrome mine. PHOTO © BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

chemicals plant, the Baltimore Chrome Works. For a time the Tyson Mining Company controlled the world's access to "chrome yellow" paint, the color which Van Gogh used to render nights starry and set fields of Provence ablaze with sunflowers.

If you know where to look, Bare Hills quarries, mineshaft depressions, abandoned rock roads are still to be found in Robert E. Lee Park, documenting the muscle of this mining era. About the time chrome was discovered in them thar hills, "the Falls Turnpike Road" was being constructed. In 1807, twenty-four miles of what had once been an Indian trail was laid out 24 feet wide "covered with a stratum of pounded stone ten inches thick... at a cost of \$7500.00 per mile." A chartered toll road, the Falls Turnpike became an important artery for commerce. Teams of horses hauled wagonloads from the quarries, mines and many water-powered mills (just in our area: Eagle, Wright, Rockland, Caton, not to mention the mighty Bellona Gunpowder Works which supplied Fort McHenry) prospering

along the sparkling Jones Falls.

White travelers on the Falls Turnpike stopped at the stone village of Rockland, for horse-shoeing and a meal. "Colored" travelers paused at the store and blacksmith shop in Bare Hills, run by the Rev. Aquilla Scott, Sr. and his children. Scott's accomplishments are no less remarkable than Tyson's.

A preacher and a farrier, James Aquilla Scott had purchased land in Ruxton in 1832 with four other "descendants from Africa," to construct the St. John's A.M.E. Church, for worship and burial of the black servants, slaves and freemen of the area. The Scott men had won their freedom well before the Civil War, which meant they could keep their earnings and purchase holdings where possible. In 1837, Rev. Scott was able to buy two acres of land in Bare Hills for \$30.00 and begin building homes for his family. If you are standing on the hilltop at the school (now called the Baltimore County Home and Hospital Center, for

homebound students) look west across Falls Road: you are looking at the settlement he founded.

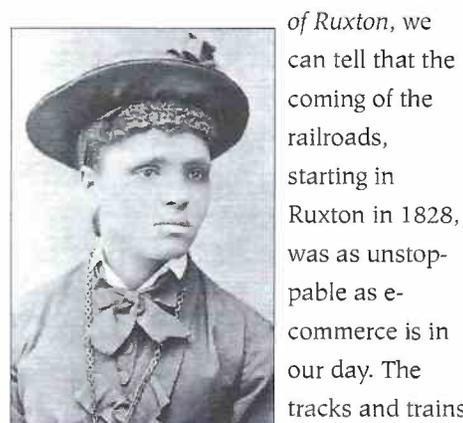
An Historic Architecture Determination of Eligibility Report commissioned by the state of Maryland several years ago strongly urges that the Scott homes are "eligible for the National Register for [their] association with events (rural free black culture) that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history..."

"The Scott Settlement Historic District is a rare survivor of free black culture. [T]he settlement contains houses built by [the Scott] family and descendants between the antebellum period and the 1920s. Of the... previously identified [African American settlements] in Baltimore County, this is one of the earliest, retaining a high level of integrity."

Aquilla Scott Sr.'s gravestone is in Bare Hills (not at the St. John's Chapel on Bellona Avenue). It bears the legend: "Church of A.M.E. Here lies Aquilla Scott.

The Minister who passed away in Prayer in the church below now joins the church above. March 28, 1858. Aged 74 Years."

From Joe Coale's book, *Middling Planters*



Hester Scott, circa 1890s, resident of Bare Hills and aunt of Marie Scott Brown. She owned a house on the east side of Falls Road. PHOTO © BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

of Ruxton, we can tell that the coming of the railroads, starting in Ruxton in 1828, was as unstoppable as e-commerce is in our day. The tracks and trains of the Baltimore & Susquehanna thrust themselves into the lives of farming landholders, ready or not. The Northern Central was laid down east of Roland Run and the Greenspring Branch pushed west and then east of the Jones Falls. Initially the Northern Central cars were pulled by

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Bare Hills House, 6222 Falls Road, c. 1856 (dated from a soda bottle found in the basement). Owned originally by John Wright, of the Rockland Bleach works. Photographed in 1976 when in poor condition. It was owned by Samuel J. "Buzz" Berg and Dr. Joel Berg. Bought in 1977 by Gilbert and Marie Cooke and restored. PHOTO © BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

horses.

Soon enough, smoking, spark-throwing trains would spell the end of the volatile Bellona Gunpowder Mill. Probably it was sparks from the trains which burned the first St. John's church, a log cabin, to the ground. In 1886 the Gothic revival chapel we know today was completed. The trains were a boon to Tyson's mining industry.

And they were a help to the Scotts, too, in their way. The men who worked on the trains would sound the whistle from afar, in time for St. John's parishioners to conclude their hours of Sunday service and catch a ride back home.

Marie Scott Brown is one of the many Scotts still living in Bare Hills. Her childhood memories of the train on a cold winter's day include grabbing a pail at the sound of the train whistle. "In this way the little ones could help out their families," she remembers. The kids raced each other down to the track where the train bridged the Jones Falls. As the cars rumbled by and black men shoveled coal from the tender, a stray toss might find its way into the children's buckets.

Up on the hill, the Bare Hills School stood across the street from Aquilla Scott's home for eighty years before his descendants were permitted to attend it. But in the 1960s it finally came to pass that Scott family children and Tyson family children, side by side, opened their books and took

out their pencils inside the "copper rock" schoolhouse.

Today, state and county preservationists are enthusiastic about conserving the 19th century architecture of Falls Road. We are completing gaps in the inventory of Bare Hills resources; RRLRAIA is helping this happen. To the north, Rockland Village is listed on the National Register; to the west Lake Roland is too. Washington Mill/Devon Hill are likely to be soon.

For residents and businesses alike, sensitive preservation of the Jones Falls Valley

enhances Baltimore's urban texture and vibrancy. For our part, we must take care not to overlook the Scott Settlement — where the story is ongoing. Community conservation in Bare Hills needs to benefit Scott descendants. We must not let a precious legacy become just tattered memory. Today there is renewed interest in the heroic, if painful and ignored, chapters of American history which James Aquilla Scott, Sr.'s achievement exemplifies.

A WALK IN THE PARK

by Adelaide C. Rackemann

All of us who live in this part of Baltimore county are lucky to have a city-owned park right in our midst. A lot of us take advantage of it, walking through the park as often as we can.

I usually start my own walk from Copper Hill Road, where there is much to see. The pines beside the road can be enjoyed at any time of year, but right now a persimmon tree commands my attention. With its bark of small blocks and its high slender branches, the tree is always arresting. But now the fruit dangles from the bare branches, small, golden against a clear blue sky. Now and then a persimmon drops to the ground — to be eagerly snatched up (by me).

Around a bend in the road is a tall catalpa tree, its huge leaves a bright yellow. Then there is a cluster of oaks, their brown leaves rattling in the gentle wind. All these trees

shelter lots of birds — chickadees, white-throated sparrows, an occasional ruby crowned kinglet, and many blue jays. Crows fly by noisily as do the Canada geese who congregate on Lake Roland.

When I leave the road, passing the trash cans and fallen tree trunks, there is the start of a rocky path. The brownish gray flowers of once proud goldenrod and the faded tops of boneset stand somewhat forlornly along the path. But there is still some color, the purple centaurea and the pink-tipped knotweed. A few tall wood asters and some late blooming Queen Anne's lace brighten the scene.

The rocks in the path are always interesting too. The greenish stone no doubt contains copper, and the yellow chromium, and there are traces of mica. The reddish stone

suggests iron, and what the many other stones are, of every shade and shape, I have no idea. I would welcome the company of a geologist on one of my walks.

A short way down the path, I have to decide which way to proceed. If I go to the right I go fairly soon to the lake. Now the lake is stunningly beautiful, reflecting the sky and the reds and yellows of the trees. A great egret is often standing in the shallow water next to a sandy bank.

But if I go to the left where the path divides, there is the serpentine barren, with its stunted pine trees and feeling of peace, and of being transported to a completely different world. My dog Tipper always stands at the divide, wondering which way I will choose. It is not an easy choice.



Adelaide Rackemann and her dog Tipper enjoy the beauty of the Robert E. Lee Park. PHOTO © GAIL STETTEN.

EXHAUSTIVE COUNTY REZONING PROCESS CONCLUDES

by Sarah Lord and Peggy Squitieri

Every four years the office of planning in Baltimore County invites developers and landowners to rezone property as they see fit – county wide. The County also invites public response. This turns into an arcane, two-year-long, knockdown drag-out battle, involving tiers of public hearings and layers of sleeve tugging. Be darn glad you have a community association.

The most recent Comprehensive Zoning Map Process concluded this fall. The process was frustrating for developers, exhausting for the public, hectic for county planners and ticklish for county councilmen. Countywide, there were 619 requests for parcel rezoning. RRLRAIA was active in 19. RRLRAIA's goal is to maintain or to seek the zoning category which best preserves the character and health of its neighborhoods.

We did amazingly well, considering that politics is the art of compromise. Sometimes we got everything we asked for. Often our county councilmen signaled to developers that they were leaning to RRLRAIA's position – in which case they caused the developer to sit down with the community to hammer out compromises or covenants. For instance, Wayne Skinner did this at the Valley Inn and Sheppard Pratt; Kevin Kamenetz did this with Gerstung and the Potts and Callahan tract.

We came away with admiration for the dedication to detail our councilmen — Wayne Skinner, Kevin Kamenetz and Brian McIntyre — demonstrated and the courtesy they showed us. The best way to say thank you is to re-elect them.

CZMP FINAL DECISIONS

Key: **BL AS** Business Local Automotive Service; **ML** Manufacturing Light; **MLR** Manufacturing Light Restricted; **CB** Community Business; **OR 2** Office Building/Residential with density equivalent to DR 10.5; **DR** Dwelling Residential (followed by units allowable per acre)

- **West side of Falls Road south of Clarkview Road** downzoned where DR 5.5 to DR 3.5 and where DR 3.5 to DR 2 (except at proposed assisted living facility which remains DR 3.5)
- **Potts and Callahan Tract** (37 acres east of I-83): MLR expanded with buffer downzoned from DR 3.5 to DR 2
- **6302 Falls Road** (formerly Van Dorn Pools): downzoned from ML to MLR
- **1400 Coppermine Terrace** (Gerstung): ML with RRLRAIA restrictive covenants
- **2201 Old Court Road and Falls Road** (Rockland Grist Mill): remains DR 1
- **10501 Falls Road** (Valley Inn): BL zoning for slightly expanded footprint of building, with Valleys Planning Council restrictive covenants, and listing on County Landmarks list
- **West Joppa Road** State Highway Administration property: no change in mix of commercial and residential zoning
- **2100 West Joppa Road** (15 acre Knott property): remains DR 1 (parties could not reach agreement on acceptable covenants for DR 2)
- **1630 West Joppa Road** (Royal Farms Store): downzoned from BL AS to CB
- **7615-7713 Bellona Avenue** (Riderwood Village): remains BL
- **6501 North Charles Street** (Sheppard Pratt): changed from DR 2 to OR 2 with restrictive covenants with Greater Towson Council of Community Associations.
Some key points of the restrictive covenants
 - 3.2 acres remain DR 2
 - Exclusive of existing Leuktemeyer Conference Center and new parking, new or adaptive reuse will not exceed 350,000 useable square feet
 - Roof of any new building in the "rezoning parcel" shall not exceed the height of the major roof ridge of the A and B Buildings (511 ft)
 - Without written consent of GTCCA, the use of the "rezoning parcel" is limited to Class A and B office building containing offices, medical offices or medical clinics and uses permitted in DR 2 by right or special exception
- **6303-6321 North Charles Street** (Soley property): remains DR 3.5
- **6201-6229 North Charles Street** (from Stevenson Lane to Soley property): BL rather than BL AS, except at two gas stations. East side of La Grange (Hackerman parcel): remains DR 3.5

CHARLES STREET ROUNDABOUT

by Tom George

According to Randall Scott, Assistant SHA District Engineer for Traffic, the re-engineering of the traffic circle at the end of North Charles Street is nearing completion, and the improvements are designed to correct the gridlock issues. The size of the center brick island circle remains the same. The overall size of the traffic lanes will expand to allow for two lanes circling most of the island. Lane markers, curbing, and signage will be enhanced.

Travelling westbound on Bellona (away from Seminary Avenue) the road will widen into two lanes as you approach the circle and there will be two lanes of flowing traffic three-quarters of the way around the circle to southbound Charles Street. This should alleviate the traffic backup on Bellona that blocks the Beltway exit ramp and creates gridlock during rush hour.

Travelling northbound on Charles Street and turning right onto Bellona Avenue towards Seminary Avenue there will be an improved right-turn-only lane. Travelling northbound on Charles Street and accessing the Beltway west or I-83 north, you will be encouraged to avoid the traffic circle and use the existing access ramp to the Beltway west. This ramp now has its own acceleration lane where it meets the Beltway. The new lane extends up to and beyond I-83 north and provides plenty of time to either stay in the lane for I-83 north or merge left for the Beltway west. Use of the traffic circle for access to the I-83 north or Beltway west will be difficult because you will enter the circle on the inside lane and then encounter some difficulty moving to the outside lane as you simultaneously make your way around the circle to your desired exit.

RRLRAIA is elated to be the recipient of a grant just awarded by Preservation Maryland and the Baltimore County Historical Trust. This will be used to hire architectural historian Wayne Nield, to finalize the inventory of Falls Road area structures contributing to a "Multi-Resource District" listing of Bare Hills on the National Register of Historic Places.

HELPING AN OLD FRIEND IN NEED

by Joseph M. Coale

Even an overly anxious developer would be humbled in its presence. To even an honest to goodness tree lover, such as myself, it's a spiritual experience. By any measure, the 350 year old white oak that stands on the east side of Bellona Avenue just north of Dunlora Road and across from St. John's AME chapel is a magnificent specimen that has seen a lot of history in the Roland Run Valley. It is a living linkage with many past generations.

The tree's broad and massive branches shadow, as if a protective shield, the chapel and grave yard; the boundary stone where three of the major 1694 land grants for the valley begin; the 1834 railroad; and Bellona Avenue which was first laid out in 1743 as an entrance to the Bowen plantation house. If there were a historic epicenter for our community this awesome white



Our neighborhood "Liberty Tree" stands on the east side of Bellona Avenue just north of Dunlora Road and now it needs our help. PHOTO © JOSEPH M. COALE

oak, which some appropriately refer to as our Liberty Tree, would be it.

Having been a loyal seasonal observer of the tree for 25 years or more and one who communicates with it on a regular basis, I first noticed a problem September a year ago when the leaves turned golden brown a full month early. In self denial, I dismissed it as a result of the drought, but I made note to see how and when it would bud in the spring. I was told that trees under this kind of stress have a way of protecting themselves by

cutting down early in the season in order to store resources for the winter. Because of its size, age and variety, it is usually one of the last to show signs of spring renewal and this year was no exception. What was different however was that its foliage was sparse and



Looking up the massive trunk of this white oak that has been a fixture in our community for over 350 years. PHOTO © JOSEPH M. COALE

scattered though out the tree. The leaves were fully formed and healthy but these only covered two-thirds of the tree. This spelled trouble "big time". I called the state forester who several years before had examined the tree and determined its age. She paid a visit and confirmed our oak was under severe stress but couldn't determine the cause. Having been told Davey Tree had a good reputation for saving trees, I called the regional manager John Smithmyer who responded quickly and took personal interest. We met at the site on June 15th when he took several root samples for lab analysis. The result was positive for phytophthora a fungus causing root rot and basal cankers. This attacks the delicate fibers at the very end of the roots. A form of this disease is working on the oaks in California and has caused great concern across the country. Mr. Smithmyer recom-

mended a series of fungicide applications as well as a liquid deep feeding. Combined with the wet and cooler summer, we hopefully anticipate that new growth will appear in the spring.

We are sometimes guilty of taking our community assets for granted, a tree here, an old house there, a bit of open space. In the aggregate they all make our neighborhood the unique place it is. This creeping (and creepy) erosion of assets that makes our area special

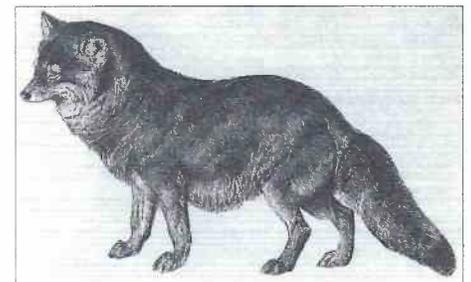
needs to be controlled and is what the community association is trying to do.

HISTORIC ROCKLAND VILLAGE PRINT COMPLETED

For over a year and a half, Tom Bruggman of Rockland Village has been working on a bird's eye view of Rockland Village, plantation, surrounding industry and historical elements. The view goes back to when Old Court Road was a buffalo trail. The Susquehannock Indians had their summer camp in Rockland through the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. The original version will be four feet by five feet with the people, carriages, buildings, industry, and written history all together and seen as never before. This print and other sizes will be available hopefully by Christmas 2000. Each one will be personalized and the entire family will enjoy learning about Ruxton's and Rockland's past and present so we can help to protect its future. For additional information, call Tom Bruggman at 410-296-1144.

HAVE YOU SEEN COYOTES IN OUR COMMUNITY?

The RRLRAIA association office received a call from a resident who reported seeing what she thought might



have been a coyote in a grassy area near Bellona Avenue. Since that time, two other people also have seen an unusual animal. We called the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and learned that there are coyotes in all Maryland counties. While there is no cause for alarm, we caution you not to let small animals roam freely and not to leave food for animals outside. We would like to know if you have seen such an animal.

offered to donate it to the Association.

Manor Care hopes to take a fair market tax deduction for donating the property. Since RRLRAIA is not a 501(c)3 organization, conveying the house to the Association does not allow the deduction Manor Care seeks. However, a third party that does qualify, could take ownership, hold the house for the three-year period as required by the IRS and then deed it to the Association. During this period, maintenance of the house would be RRLRAIA's responsibility.

The issue is: Should the RRLRAIA accept the house? This offer comes at a most opportune time for the Association. Currently, our activities are administered from the home of our executive director—an unsatisfactory arrangement for both her and the Association. For some time we have been in serious need of adequate, properly located office space for our expanding needs and responsibilities. Thus, our vision is for the house to be used as the Association office and for community meetings. We require a site that will publicly reflect the permanence, effectiveness and professionalism of the Association. This would provide a convenient site for residents to conduct community business, provide meeting space, and proper storage of valuable records. Soon the Association would have been required to rent space that, most likely, would be available only outside our community area and at significant cost. Finally, the adaptive reuse of the house sends a clear message about the long-term

preservation of our community rich in history and tradition.

The challenges facing the Ruxton, Riderwood, and Lake Roland areas are formidable and growing daily: traffic, further development, institutional intrusion, pedestrian access and all other quality of life issues. The Association has shown remarkable membership growth and mission activism over the past five years because our residents recognize the importance of aggressive pro-active efforts to represent our community interests. With the new long-term strategic community plan about to be submitted to the County Council for approval, it is felt that the Association should have a visible, permanent presence in the community we serve. The "Yellow House", many believe, offers the possibility of a unique and timely opportunity at minimal financial exposure that will benefit the Association for years to come. If the Board ever decides to sell the house, the proceeds would belong to the Association free and clear.

As the Association would be required to maintain the house, step one is to develop capital improvement and operating budgets based on an inspection conducted by Bruce Boswell, a building inspector and former board member. Manor Care has generously offered \$5,000 toward improvements. If the Board believes the cost to be reasonable with minimal downside risk, the current opinion is to work towards accepting the house. Again, it is important to reaffirm that if at the end of the three-year period, for whatever reason, our priorities change, the house could be sold with proper easements to preserve it and, most likely, our investment fully recovered.

The Board of Directors of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association seeks community input and consensus about this issue. We would like to hear from you prior to making any final commitments. Do you favor or are you opposed and why? Please e-mail your thoughts to office@rrlraia.org or call 410-377-4700 as soon as possible.

and in the courts all point up the necessity to be able to wage the campaigns to protect our area. During the past year we have been especially active in monitoring and lobbying the County Quadrennial Zoning Maps. As you will see in this newsletter, we met with success on our efforts to "hold the line on rezoning" or to enter into meaningful agreements with property owners.

More and more of your neighbors are taking advantage of our alliance with the Land Preservation Trust and placing conservation easements on their developable property.

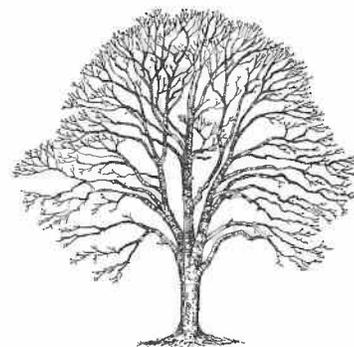
We have also been hard at work developing a community plan—a working document that will guide us into the future.

There are many other issues of concern—roads, traffic, preservation of our streams and our beautiful Lake Roland. Many county officials and other community groups have commented on the caliber and effectiveness of our organization.

We need your financial support to maintain the momentum. Please pay your dues now by **sending your \$40 check to RRLRAIA, P. O. Box 204, Riderwood, MD 21139**. We ask that you join us in our efforts to preserve, maintain, and enhance this unique community and this organization—**your** organization.

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by Joseph M. Coale III



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