

NRPIA Community Meeting | May 6, 2026

Special Guests: Maryland Delegates Stinnett and Rosenberg, Staff for Senator Attar, Baltimore Police Department Northern District Captain Rotell and Officer Dandy.

Item 1: Safety Report (Captain Rotell)

The City's Group Violence Reduction (CGVR) strategy has been effective in reducing several metrics of crime, including homicide rates and violent crime rates. Shoplifting rates have modestly increased in the past year.

Advice for homeowners wanting to increase security:

1. get cameras installed around your home, e.g., Ring or Blink cameras
2. get security systems with signage installed
3. You can register your cameras at the Baltimore City web site if you want to be able to share information with the City

Baltimore City has expanded recruitment efforts. Staffing for the BPD is not unique or disproportionate in Baltimore City

Captain Rotell noted that Hyundais and Kias are popular cars for theft. Electric cars are more difficult to steal.

Board member Ricci Reber attends quarterly meetings with BPD Northern District staff.

Item 2: Legislative initiativesn (Delegates Stinnett and Rosenberg)

Discussed local political areas of interest including reporting the the Preakness Stakes are scheduled to return to Pimlico in 2027.

Baltimore City Department of Transportation is studying the intersection at Falls Road and Northern Parkway. It is unlikely that Falls Road will be reduced to one lane by a proposed addition of bike lanes, at Northern Parkway.

A proposed state law that would make all Baltimore City roads public (we have several “private” roads in North Roland Park that the City assumes no maintenance responsibility for and which might have been grandfathered into City streets should the state legislation have passed) failed in the last legislative session.

Item 3: The Gallery at Roland Park (Doug Schmidt)

Construction of the Gallery at Roland Park is ongoing and scheduled for completion in 2027. Resident occupation is scheduled for the autumn of 2027. Doug has been in discussion with the developers on a regular basis to try to minimize lane closures and construction related trash on Northern Parkway.

Item 4: Northern Parkway trees (Kathryn Wagner)

Board member Kathryn Wagner convinced the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks-Forestry Department “Trees Please” program to plant 49 trees along the Northern Parkway median between Roland Avenue and Falls Road. The trees look beautiful.

Kathryn and her husband, past NRPIA Board President Chel Cavallon, are also personally working on litter clean up. They would love to have NRP volunteers to help with the trees and clean up.

Item 5: Roland Park Community Center (Angela Taylor)

Angela Taylor, President of the Board of the RPCC updated us about the many activities of the RPCC. For current information visit: <https://www.rolandparkcc.org/>.

Item 6: 5715 Roland Avenue (Angela Taylor)

Angela updated us about the zoning issues surrounding the house at 5715 Roland. The house is out of compliance with zoning guidelines regarding the set-back from Roland Avenue but the Baltimore City Department of

Housing and Community Development may elect not to enforce the non-compliance.

Item 7: Melrose Avenue Bridge (Doug Schmidt)

We have obtained a grant of \$270,000 from the Maryland Department of General Services to repair the pedestrian bridge at Melrose Avenue (just east of Roland Avenue). We are trying to get permits from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to perform the improvements. Doug has requested RFPs from two engineers as to the scope of work.

Respectfully submitted,

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