

Roland Water Tower

Frequently Asked Questions

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How do I keep informed about what is happening at the RWT?

- Email updates go out regularly. Sign up at www.Rolandwatertower.org. And check the website for the most updated information about the project.
- See updates on the [Friends of the Roland Water Tower Facebook](#) page. Please like this page!

Who is responsible for the RWT property?

- The RWT and the surrounding property is owned by Baltimore City. Now that construction has completed, management of the property will transition from the Department of Public Works to the Department of General Services.
- The Roland Park Community Foundation is the sponsor of the tower restoration and park design project. They are responsible for contracts for design and construction, financial matters and park maintenance.
- Community input and decision making is done by a steering committee of volunteers from Rolden, Hoes Heights and Roland Park.
- Questions, concerns, and issues should be communicated by email to rolandwatertower@rolandpark.org, which is monitored by the Steering Committee.

What will happen to the falcons residing in the tower?

- Peregrine falcons have made the Tower their roosting site for several years. It is an ideal habitat for them with its sweeping 360 degree views. We consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services about how best to accommodate the falcons so they would return after construction. Per their advice, a special box was placed in the belvedere of the Tower for their nest. And our male falcon has indeed been seen and heard starting in September 2021. Hopefully he and a mate will be nesting in the box this winter.

How can I have input into the park design?

- We engage the community to give input into the design multiple ways - by email, survey, onsite open house, Zoom meeting. If you would like to express an opinion, please send an email to rolandwatertower@rolandpark.org.
- Did you miss any of the community meetings? Here are links to the handouts and recordings:
 - November 5, 2020: [PowerPoint](#)
 - March 31, 2021: [PowerPoint](#) and [Zoom recording](#)
 - June 17, 2021: [PowerPoint](#) and [Zoom recording](#)

Will the Water Tower road reopen?

- It has not yet been determined whether the road will reopen, and if so, when. The Steering Committee is continuing to consider input from the affected communities, as well as looking into the City regulatory process. Also, approval by the Maryland Historic Trust is required for any park design.

Can I host an event or activity at the Water Tower?

- If you want to organize an event open to the community, please bring your idea to the Activity Committee. Email info@rolandwatertower.org.

How can I help?

Join Team Tower!

- Many hundreds of people donated to the Roland Water Tower stabilization, but we still have money to be raised for the construction and for the eventual new small park at the base. Donations of any size are needed and welcome. Please consider making a donation at www.rolandwatertower.org.
- Volunteer! We need volunteers to help with planning, fundraising, flyering and social media. Email info@rolandwatertower.org.
- Sign up at <https://rolandwatertower.org/#contact> for updates!