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The next meeting of the MRIA Board will be on March 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church on the corner of Bolton and Lanvale. Enter from Lanvale St. All neighbors are invited and encouraged to attend.

News from MRIA

Parking Permit time again.

Your current Residential Parking Permits (RPP) will expire March 31. You may purchase your permit online beginning February 21 at pabc.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth.aspx or you may go to the parking office starting that day to renew and pay for your passes. You will not be able to pick up your permits until after our first community pick up day. Our scheduled community pick up days will be the Saturdays of March 23 and 30 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church at Park and Lafayette via the side door on Lafayette.

If you prefer, beginning March 25 you may pick up your permits at the Parking Authority Office, 200 W. Lombard Street, B. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you go downtown, please park at the Arena Garage (entrance at 99 S. Howard Street) for free validation.

Permits are \$20 each. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards are accepted online. Checks and money orders made out to the Director of Finance may be used at the parking office. Cash is not accepted. You must provide current documentation when picking up your permits at either a Community Pick-Up or at the Parking Authority.

Documentation requirements

- Current Maryland Vehicle Registration (an Area 3 address is required unless you have a Maryland registration and are a full time student/military with a current Student/military ID), plus one of the following:

- Proof of Residency, such as a current lease signed by all parties that is not month to month (If you have a month to month lease you must come to the PABC office each month to renew your permit), or Proof of home ownership (settlement papers); or Current driver's license that reflects your current address; or Utility bill in your name, reflecting current address, that is no less than 30 days old;

- Any Photo ID.
- In Addition to the above you may need more docu-

mentation. For example, if your vehicle is registered out of state in your name, you must switch your vehicle over to Maryland before being permitted, unless you are a full time student or a member of the military. Out-of-state students and military must purchase a Non-Resident Permit from the MVA before a permit/decal is released.

- If you are a student with your car registered in their name please contact Patsy to get information about additional paperwork that you may need. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Area 3 representative Patsy Andrews by email at pandrewsmd@yahoo.com or the Parking Authority at rpp@bcparking.com or 443-573-2800, extensions 863, 845, or 851.

Neighborhood News

Bolton Hill Nursery finalizes purchase of 204 W. Lanvale

The Bolton Hill Nursery (BHN), after over 40 years of operation at Brown Memorial Church, has purchased the Rolando-Thom House at 204 W. Lanvale, previously the home for Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland (FCS), and listed on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places.

The house was designed by Robert Cary Long, Jr., Baltimore's first native-born, professionally trained architect; he also designed the Lloyd Street Synagogue (1841) and St. Alphonsus church (1842) and several other churches in Baltimore. Founder of the American Institute of Architects, Edmind G. Lind, designer of the Peabody Library, designed later additions. The original property was a private residence from the 1850's until the 1930's, when it was bequeathed to FCS to provide services to needy families and children. Mary Richmond, the mother of modern social work, worked at the house.

BHN, in coordination with the Maryland Historical Trust, CHAP, MRIA and historic preservation advisers, will celebrate the original architecture of the building, revitalizing the corner of Park and Lanvale, while adding to its capacity to meet the ever-growing need of young families in the Bolton Hill area. BHN continues a tradition of service and education that started with a group of mothers

at Brown Memorial in the 1960's.

"We are planning several open houses for neighbors, donors, and the general public in February and March," reports Bill Wells, neighbor, former BHN student, and Board President. "It's an exciting time for the organization and the neighborhood. We hope to have some renovations started in March, with completion of the first phase in time to open the doors in September of 2013. We are committed to working with our neighbors to provide the same level of care and education for our kids that families have come to expect over the decades. But now we will have our own space that can be tailored to our play-based philosophy that emphasizes learning through experiencing the world around us and social interaction and growth through the preschool years and beyond." Contact Bill Wells at wmrwells@gmail.com or Executive Director Louie Wilder at boltonhillnursery@yahoo.com for more information or with any questions.

Cafe Zenobia

New spot for chat, hot drinks, and snacks Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons, Lower Parish Hall, Memorial Episcopal Church. Open to all.

Saturdays, 11 a.m. beginning 2/16, the Cafe will offer a Lenten study: "Spirituality of Soil, a Lenten Journey from Cosmic Dust to Easter Garden." Hot drinks and a breakfast item will be available for purchase during the 60-90 minute discussion.

Sundays, 1- 4 p.m. Soup and sandwich of the day as well as a few other snacks available for purchase. Movies, talks, and other special events to come. Hang out, study, read, chat, and enjoy free wifi! All welcome. Contact Zenobia at z.taylorweiss@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Midtown services

With the leaves off the trees and the spring breezes picking up, we'll begin to see more and more plastic bags caught in our neighborhood trees. Midtown will remove them! The Midtown Crews use a special "bag snatcher" to collect much of this aerial litter. Please report the location of bag litter within the Midtown boundaries by calling 410-528-1523 or by emailing service@midtowncommunity.org.

Judge Ward and Civil Rites

On January 1, Bolton Hill was the site of a historic ceremony. Residents Kim Meekins and Jon Stracke were married by the Honorable Thomas Ward, who famously chased a burglar across the street, over a fence, and held him down until the police arrived.

Kim and Jon have lived, engaged, for 15 years as his tenants next door to Judge Ward, and wondered if they would ever be able to marry. Finally Question 6 passed, and same-sex marriage became legal in Maryland on January 1.

Kim and Jon wanted Judge Ward to marry them, but the judge is understood to be a conservative Catholic, so Kim was hesitant to ask. But the judge, agreed to perform the ceremony, on condition that it be solemn and proper and that he be permitted to write the vows. There was one tiny snag over the term "spouse;" but the judge accepted that there were indeed two "husbands" involved.

Judge Ward insisted on a rehearsal, so that everyone knew what to do and when. He even put someone in charge of directing the recycling truck and electric workers away from the ceremony location during the wedding.

On the brisk, sunny wedding day, invited friends and family assembled on the sidewalk in front of Kim and Jon's apartment.

At 10 a.m., the witnesses walked down to the sidewalk. Then came the two grooms, resplendent in their kilts, followed by the judge in full robe, onto the marble steps. The ceremony was brief and dignified. Several passersby and some dog walkers stopped to watch.

Once the judge pronounced the ceremony "concluded", Kim and Jon invited the crowd to acknowledge Judge Ward's contribution, then thanked them for working toward, contributing to, and voting for Question 6.

As 14-year-old Thomas Troy put it, "It was the coolest wedding ever."



Hidden Treasure just outside the neighborhood

Susan Haun reports: Months ago, I stumbled on a hidden treasure that I had walked past many times giving it little thought. Now I go there for things I can't find elsewhere. OK Natural is a small natural organic specialty store in the lower level of 11 W. Preston Street. As small as it appears, it carries a surprisingly diverse selection. When I needed green curry for a new recipe, I found it there. Red Lentils? No problem, they have them in bulk. They have quite a few bulk items. One of the most useful is their collection of spices. They sell them by any amount. So, say you need just a little cardamom for one recipe, you can just purchase what you need rather than having a jar sit in your cabinet for years as it loses its flavor. Surprisingly, when I viewed their website, they have been in business for 30 years. Check out their website: oknaturalfoods.com

Classified Ads

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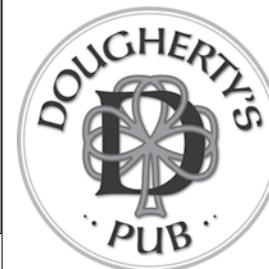


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