



The Bolton Hill Bulletin

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The next meeting of the MRIA Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, March 4, at 8 p.m. in the Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church on the corner of Bolton and Lafayette. Enter through the red doors on Lafayette St. All neighborhood residents are encouraged to attend.

News from MRIA

Time to renew parking permits Your Current Residential Parking Permits (RPP) will expire March 31. You may renew your permits and purchase your permit online by clicking: pabc.t2hosted.com/cmnl/index.aspx. However, you may not pick up your permits until after March 15, our first community pick-up day. Pick-up days are March 15 and March 22, from 8:30 to 12:30 at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church on Lafayette and Park Ave. Enter at the Lafayette door.

If you prefer to pick up your permits at the Parking Authority Office, you may pick them up after March 25 at the Parking Authority Office, 200 W. Lombard Street, B, 21201. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please park at the Arena Garage (entrance at 99 S. Howard Street) for free validation.

Required Documentation: You must bring all current documentation when picking up your permits at either a Community Pick-Up or at the Parking Authority Office.

- Current Maryland Vehicle Registration (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; month-to-month leases require residents to come to the PABC office each month to renew permit

- Proof of home ownership (settlement papers)
- Current drivers license that reflects your current address
- 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 documentation:

- Current vehicle registration: If vehicle is registered out of state in your name, you must switch your vehicle over to Maryland before being permitted to purchase a parking permit decal 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. The non-resident permit or receipt for its purchase from MVA for the permit must be displayed to the PABC or at your community pick-up for the permit to be released.
- If vehicle registration is out of state but in someone else's name, a current notarized letter is required each and every time you renew. The letter must be dated/signed no more than six months from the day of acquiring your permit.
- A Maryland state driver's license reflecting current address

Permits are \$20 each. PABC accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards online. At the parking office they also accept checks and money orders made out to the Director of Finance. Cash is not accepted.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parking Authority at rpp@bcparking.com or 443-573-2800, extensions 863, 845, or 851. You may also contact your Area 3 representative Patsy Andrews by email at pandrewsmd@yahoo.com

Police Report: Major Marcus noted that for the time period September 13, 2013 – Feb. 2, 2014 (almost 6 months) one crime category is up, robberies--10 robberies compared to 8 in the same time frame last year. He said that changes have been made to staffing and coverage to allow three more officers to be in Bolton Hill more of the time. Major Marcus and his staff met with MICA Security today and discovered that they have collected a lot of useful data, but haven't cross referenced it with BPD data, so BPD is having analytical intelligence staff look into it.

More weekend coverage, too. There will be an additional two-man car from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. on the weekend, and he is hoping to have a larger weekend detachment in the Central District overall.

Burglaries are down by 40%, nine compared to 15 for last year. Auto thefts are down for the period.

A member asked about a correlation between overall crime and the high murder rates in the city recently. Major Marcus said he doesn't think the two are directly linked. Many of the murders have been revenge killings by people coming into town from outside the city and going to clubs. He also blamed a good many murders on gang activity.

John Kyle noted that many crime activities are reported through BHEN when they occur, but Doreen Rosenthal observed that some people are not receiving these timely BHEN emails. If you wish to receive emails, send a note to BHEN@boltonhill.org.

Once again from Major Marcus: if something looks suspicious, call the BPD and report it! You can call 911 and Major Marcus directly at 410-404-

9111 or Capt. Howe at 443-845-7685.

New Neighbor Party a roaring success Susan Haun thanked everyone who had brought food and/or solicited vendors for the "goodie bags" to welcome the 25 new families to the neighborhood. And special thanks to Kristen and Bill Schmitz, who agreed to host the event at the last moment. Cold outside but a a good warm welcome inside.

Helping the neighborhood firefighters Engine 13 and Truck 16 serve Bolton Hill. They have asked for new workout equipment as their new shifts are now 24 hours long, and they need a place to exercise. They have asked for new rubber flooring in the workout room, as well as for newer equipment as theirs is really old. They want to upgrade their basic weightlifting and strength equipment, so neighbors who have fitness equipment that they would like to donate should contact Barry Blumberg, Joe Palumbo, and/or Monty Howard. A motion was made to approve \$500 for the firehouse to purchase equipment needed to upgrade their fitness room. \$500 is the maximum donation that can be made without Finance Committee approval. Motion carried!

North Ave. median tree replanting Sarah Lord reported that she was very grateful for the letters from MICA, MRIA, Bill Cole, and Jubilee Baltimore in support of the North Avenue Median Joint Restoration Project. She asks MRIA for \$500, or to foot the watering bill for new trees for two years. Twelve to fifteen years ago there were 60-65 trees in the median from Mt. Royal to Madison! The project needs 25 trees to replace the ones that have died, and those new trees need better aftercare--two years of watering, for example. The city Tree Keepers program is donating the trees for the project. Tree planting will take place in March or April. Midtown Community Benefits Districts has agreed to water the trees for two years, at a

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School News

An exciting new program is headed to The Midtown Academy! Our kindergarten class will participate in a program called "Raising a Reader" through Baltimore City Public Schools. Parents and guardians will attend a workshop provided by the school to learn effective reading strategies to use at home with their children. Each week, students will receive new books to take home to practice reading and comprehension strategies with their families. Midtown's hope is that this program will expose children to more fiction and non-fiction reading outside of school and educate parents on strategies to effectively read with children at home.

Jen Kassel

Neighbors in the News

MICA Names Samuel Hoi as Next President The Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) Board of Trustees today announced Samuel Hoi as the next president in the College's 188-year history, effective July 1, 2014. Hoi is currently president of Otis College of Art and Design, in Los Angeles. He will succeed President Fred Lazarus IV, who will step down after a 36-year presidential tenure, the longest in Maryland today. Hoi's appointment follows a unanimous vote by the board.

Upcoming Events

Vierne's "Messe Solennelle"
Sun. March 23, 3 p.m., Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1316 Park Avenue, \$15

(students \$5).

Louis Vierne's "Messe Solennelle" (Mass for Two Organs and Choir, Opus 16) will be performed by the choirs of Brown Memorial and Christ Lutheran churches. Michael Britt will direct. Daniel Aune will play the Brown Memorial's 1930 Skinner organ and James Houston will play the harmonium. This concert is part of the Tiffany Series, named for the church's collection of 11 Tiffany stained glass windows. Concert proceeds benefit mission work, including the Tutoring Program, now celebrating its 50th year.

Become a TreeKeeper When I first moved to Bolton Hill I was informed by my elderly neighbor I was "not to touch that tree, that's city property. If you cut that branch away from your window the city'll never touch that tree again." Only a grain of truth in what she said, but there are regulations specifying that citizens not prune street trees. The urban forest is important to our health and the health of the Bay. But with our parks and public works departments subsisting on anorexic budgets, does it make sense to wait years for the city to deal with your problem tree? No. Become a TreeKeeper! The nifty TreeKeepers certification program is free and remarkably fun—if shovels, clippers, camaraderie, and learning best practices are up your alley. Graduates are set with legal certification to care for trees in their neighborhoods. TreeKeepers provides a series of spring classes starting Saturday, March 15, at nearby Howard and 26th Streets. Learn more about the TreeKeepers certification programs at baltimoretreetrust.com.

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