



# The Bolton Hill Bulletin

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The next MRIA Board meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd and Tuesday, February 7th at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Memorial Episcopal Church (enter on Lafayette Street). All residents and neighbors are encouraged to attend.

## News from MRIA

As we start the New Year, I would like to take this time to reflect on 2011, and to look ahead to 2012.

Once again the annual band concert was in jeopardy because of City budget cuts. However, with the assistance of Councilman Cole, MRIA was able to put on the band concert, and should be able to bring it back in 2012. Jill Kingery and Barry Bloomberg organized the annual crab feast to honor the fire and police officers who protect our neighborhood. It was a beautiful evening. I can't wait for this year's event.

As many of you know both the November and December newsletters were delivered by the post office extremely late, if at all. One of my goals has been to make the newsletter available in an electronic format, and we are slowly moving towards that process. Hopefully this January issue was successfully delivered to both electronic and USPS recipients. If you are not yet signed up to get the newsletter electronically and would like to, please email your request to Barbara White at [barbaracwhite@verizon.net](mailto:barbaracwhite@verizon.net).

Lastly, I am still looking for someone who can bring our website up to date. General maintenance, including uploading minutes and updating some other information, is needed as it hasn't been done in some time. If you or someone you know can do this, or teach me to do it, please have them email me at [pres@boltonhill.org](mailto:pres@boltonhill.org).

Meanwhile, I wish everyone a successful new year and I look forward to seeing you all around the neighborhood.

Joe Palumbo, President

**B**OLTON HILL EMAIL NETWORK (BHEN) Sponsored by MRIA, this is an email distribution list of 700+ people used for safety, crime-prevention, lost/found items (keys, pets...), and MRIA announcements. Send suggested messages to Doreen Rosenthal at [BHEN@boltonhill.org](mailto:BHEN@boltonhill.org) who will then distribute them to the network. If you are not currently receiving BHEN messages, or, if you are receiving the messages and would like to unsubscribe, or, if you would like to alter or add an email address, send a message to [BHEN@boltonhill.org](mailto:BHEN@boltonhill.org)

**D**PW will provide Christmas tree mulching Monday through Saturday during the entire month of January from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Reedbird Avenue Citizen Drop-off Center, 701 Reedbird Avenue. All tinsel and ornaments must be removed. Residents and community groups may bring their own bags/

containers if they want mulch for their own use. For residents who cannot bring their trees for mulching, the Bureau of Solid Waste will offer curbside tree collection from January 3-31. Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash collection day at their usual location. All tinsel and ornaments must be removed from trees. For additional information, call 311

## Upcoming Events

**Concert: Bach in Baltimore** Sunday, January 1, 4 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street, FREE

Badinerie from Suite #2 for strings (BWV 1067) by J. S. Bach, and J. S. Bach Cantata 16: Herr Gott, dich loben wir with tenor Richard Kennedy, and Mark Wilson, bass; the Cello Suite #1 in G major (BWV 1007) by J. S. Bach featuring Gretchen Gettes, cello.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade** Monday January 16, Martin Luther King Boulevard at Eutaw Street, 12 noon, FREE

Join in the Baltimore salute to the legacy of the influential civil rights leader, politician and social icon in the 12th annual parade.



**Exhibition Opening: Under Cover** Friday, January 27, MICA Fox Building - Decker Gallery, 1303 W. Mount Royal Ave., FREE

The 2011 Exhibition Design Seminar (EDS) class, along with 11 artists, examines the continuously shifting definitions of shelter and privacy through this interdisciplinary group project.

**Exhibition Opening: jason.sloan SIGNALto.NOISE** Friday, January 27, MICA Bunting Center – Pinkard Gallery, 1303 W. Mount Royal Ave., FREE

Through his performances, installations, audio environments, video network actions and sound recordings, MICA faculty member Sloan examines the need for transcendence beyond the body through visual ritual and sonic simulation.

**Historic Tax Credit Education Workshops** Wednesday January 18, and Tuesday February, 7 p.m., Baltimore Heritage Offices, Basement of 111/2 West Chase Street, FREE, but RSVP

If you are thinking of doing work on your house, you may be eligible for the Maryland Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit which offers generous incentives for home-owners in designated historic districts. Thousands of Baltimore homeowners are eligible for a 20% tax credit on rehab projects that range from roof repair and wood window restoration, to even a replacement furnace. There is also a city historic tax credit that can help control the growth of your property taxes for up to a ten-year period. Questions? Contact Eli Pousson at [pousson@baltimoreheritage.org](mailto:pousson@baltimoreheritage.org) or 301-204-3337

**SAVE THE DATE: Oliver!** Opens Friday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. [tour.ticketleap.com](http://tour.ticketleap.com).

Memorial Episcopal Church, corner Bolton St. and W. Lafayette Ave., FREE For details, please see feature under "Neighbors in the News."

## Neighbors in the News

Find the perfect antidote for winter blues in **Memorial Players'** masterful presentation of the musical *Oliver!* at Bolton Hill's Memorial Episcopal Church, opening Friday, February 3, 2012 with six live performances over two weekends.

The musical *Oliver!* penned by Lionel Bart puts an uplifting spin on Charles Dickens' otherwise dark tale. Bart finds "small pleasures" in the midst of misery and audience members will discover themselves "at home" and "one of the family," captivated by such rousing numbers as "It's A Fine Life" and the toe-tapping "Oom-Pah-Pah," plus melting at the haunting melodies of "Where Is Love" and "Who Will Buy."

**Timoth David Copney**, who directs *Memorial Players'* *Oliver!*, stays true to the musical composed by Bart in 1960 while putting his own stamp on this artfully choreographed production which features a multi-generational cast of accomplished area talent.

In rehearsals since October, the musical will be staged at Memorial Episcopal Church, a parish in the heart of the Bolton Hill community at 1407 Bolton Street. A cast of 60 adults, teenagers and children will sing, dance and act the roles including both newcomers and familiar favorite performers from previous *Memorial* productions. A full orchestra that includes musicians from the Peabody Institute will provide accompaniment, according to the show's music director, **Dana Scott**. Show producers are **Julie Modlin**, **Lois Sullivan** and **Beth Steinrock**.

Under the vision of set designer **John Seeley**, the church transforms into scenes from London's seedier as well as fashionable sides. Cast and crew fashioned a 1,000 square foot stage whose set includes an elevated work-house parlor and part of the famous London Bridge.

*Memorial Players* is a church ministry of Memorial Episcopal Church.

According to **Rector Martha N. Macgill**, "*Memorial Players* seeks to involve parish members, community residents and folks from the greater Baltimore area in dramatic and musical productions that stir the soul and bring hope. The show *Oliver!* was chosen because it highlights a challenge of the urban condition: hunger, homelessness and the resulting inequities and injustices. We hope *Oliver!* will be a chance to find hope in our city and work towards a Baltimore where all may eat and find a safe and secure place to call home."

While no tickets are required, donations are welcome. Patrons also may register on-line in advance to attend pre-show receptions that come with a limited number of reserved seats for \$40 per person. Proceeds will help support the church's community outreach efforts. Additionally, food will be collected at shows for the pantry at Samaritan Community, a non-profit housed at Memorial Episcopal. Doors will open half an hour before show times with seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. Most previous shows have been at standing-room-only capacity so early arrivals are suggested. Performances are as follows: Friday/Saturday, February 3/4 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, February 5 at 3:00 p.m.; Friday/Saturday, February 10/11 at 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 p.m. For more information about the show, or for program ad space, call the church at 410-669-0020 or visit the website at [memorialplayers.org](http://memorialplayers.org).

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