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The next meeting of the MRIA Board will be on January 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church, corner of Bolton and Lanvale St. Enter from the Lanvale side. ALL neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend. This meeting will keep you informed of activities and events in the neighborhood, including reports from the Baltimore Police Department and MRIA committees, and will introduce you to new neighbors. Plus, wine and snacks.

News from MRIA

Joe Horvath was nominated and elected to replace Jon Kuskcar, who resigned, as 2nd vice-president and member of the Executive Committee.

New Neighbor Party The MRIA will host our annual New Neighbor party to welcome people who have moved into the neighborhood since our last party in November 2011. Invitations will be mailed the last week of December. If you are a new neighbor or know of a new neighbor who does not receive an invitation, please email the appropriate address to smhaun65@gmail.com.

BPD report Officer Fields of the Baltimore City Police Department reported that the crime calls had dropped significantly during the month of November; she also described the status of recent crimes in Bolton Hill: She noted a significant drop in crime (reported incidents); six auto larcenies reported; one robbery since last month; three burglaries (includes 1 forced entry), one common assault

A shooting on McMechen Street in late November at Pedestal Gardens was an apparent drug crime; suspect identified; awaiting warrant; Assault on Wilson Street on Dec. 4 – may or may not have been reported. Assault of a young woman on Lafayette Ave last week on her walk to school; Officer Fields is following-up with Midtown Academy administrators.

She encouraged neighbors to report suspicious activity when they see it. MICA tips for safety are included at the end of the Bulletin.

Report from MCB D Working Group As a reminder, this group was convened due to a significant disagreement about the future of the Midtown Community Benefits District (MCBD), comprising Bolton Hill, Madison Park, Charles North, and Mt. Vernon. Two neighborhoods want a dollar-for-dollar “return” on their surtax contribution or what they believe to be “equal services for the dollar value of their surtax con-

tribution.” This method would result in a reduction in services to the two smaller neighborhoods and an increase in services to the two larger neighborhoods. The Working Committee has attempted to document and determine the cost of current services provided by Midtown, but has not been able to reach agreement on those numbers or the method used to determine cost. To reduce the tension over this issue, a consultant was hired to speak with representatives from each neighbourhood and to prepare a report; but many of the meetings that followed did not settle the differences; some neighborhoods advocate leaving the larger group, either to form a separate district and/or joining another benefit district. During these meetings and discussions, other suggestions emerged, such as a tiered tax district to apply higher assessments where welcomed, to give associations more control over the distribution of the surtax revenues, to analyze inputs and outputs to measure results, to use committees to develop improvements. Each neighborhood is meeting to discuss these options, as we are, and how that neighborhood would prefer to move forward. The Working Group will meet on Dec. 13, and the Associations' presidents will vote the neighborhood's choice about the future of MBCD. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that MRJA preferred to keep the MBCD intact and funded as it is currently and that our president should vote accordingly.

Communications Committee to form A committee has been established to determine the best use of BHEN, the Bolton Hill Email Network. This committee will include Polly Duke, Doreen Rosenthal, and Richard Rosenthal. Doreen was the originator of the communication rules used to operate BHEN. If you would like to participate or have anything you would like to add, please email Polly or Doreen.

Neighborhood News

Dance is Happening in the 'hood Dance Happens, Inc., a nonprofit dance program, caters to the inner city youth of Baltimore, to create a positive dance learning environment that instills passion, self-esteem, artistic development, and confidence that stimulates creativity and intellectual growth. Fall classes are over, but classes in ballet, jazz, hip hop, modern, and tap will begin in January. Classes meet afternoons in the Mt. Royal Rec Center, across from On The Hill. If you know of a youngster who wants to dance or for more information, see dancehappensinc.com

Strawbridge Methodist Church to be sold Stephen Ferrandi (sferrandi@klnb.com) reports that the Methodist Conference put the property at Park and Wilson up for sale. Asking price for the property “as is” is \$600,000. A “For Sale” banner will be installed on the Park Avenue side of property giving the same information. Stephen J. Ferrandi is the broker at KLNb and can be reached by phone at 443-574-1430. Check Craigslist for items from the church that may be on offer, like pews.

New MICA dorm going up

The new building, Founders Green, is underway; the skin will go up soon, followed by the interior. MICA has approached the Bolton Hill Garden Club about taking on responsibilities for maintaining a small park (Morrison Park). Will go to ARC in December, followed by CHAP in January. Look at it as you drive down North Avenue.

Upcoming Events

Garrett Epps, talks about his new book. The Pratt, Thursday, Jan. 10, 6:30 *Wrong and Dangerous: Ten Right Wing Myths About Our Constitution.* Myths: The primary purpose of the Constitution is to limit Congress. There is no separation of church and state. The Second Amendment allows citizens to make threats against the government. These are a few of the myths about our Constitution. In terms every citizen can understand, he tackles ten of the most prevalent myths, providing a clear grasp of the Constitution and the government it established. Epps teaches constitutional law at the University of Baltimore Law School; he is a regular contributor on legal issues to Atlantic.com and The American Prospect.

Representative John Lewis The Pratt, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2:30 p.m. The Civil Rights leader and U.S. Representative from Georgia talks about his new book, *Across That Bridge*.

Chris Hayes Wed, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. The Pratt, MSNBC host and The Nation editor talks about his new book, *Twilight of the Elites*.

The Bach Concert Series First Sunday Concerts begin January 6 at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church Inner Harbor,

The Bach Concert Choir and Orchestra will perform J.S. Bach's Cantata 65: Sie werden aus Saba alle kommen, featuring tenor Richard Kennedy and bass Jason Buckwalter as soloists. This month's guest choir will be the Singing Sensations Youth Choir, who brought down the house at our June finale concert last season. The concert will also feature two of Bach's beloved instrumental works: the Brandenburg Concerto No.1 and the Cello Suite No.2 in d minor, which will be performed by cellist Gretchen Gettes.

Neighborhood Spotlight

Lat Naylor, a native of Baltimore, currently works and lives on Park Avenue with his wife, Barbara, their two young sons, and a large dog. Lat's art work has been shown and collected in the United States, Japan and Europe since the late 1990's. Lat attended Princeton University and earned a degree in urban studies and sociology in 1984. Two years later, he dropped out of the graduate school of urban planning at the University of California, Berkeley to enroll in the Fashion Institute. In 1988 he established his own clothing design and manufacturing business in San Francisco. He made a name for himself over the next ten years with his straightforward approach to design and fabrication and garnered an international following and numerous awards including California Designer of the Year and CFDA rising star. In 1998 Lat closed the clothing company to concentrate on making sculptures, paintings, and assemblages. In 2002 Lat returned to Baltimore and began a five-year sculpture/renovation project at 1515 Park



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Avenue, which now serves as his family's home. In 2011 he began a second large scale sculpture/renovation at 29 North Avenue, which will eventually be his studio and gallery. Please visit: latnaylor.com

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