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The next meeting of the MRIA Board will be on February 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 welcome and encouraged to attend.

News from MRIA

Joe Palumbo, president of MRIA, has been elected 2013 president of the Midtown Community Benefits District, Joe Horvath treasurer and Doreen Rosenthal member at large. For the complete list of officers of MCBD see midtownbaltimore.org. Midtown's goals are Clean, Green, and Safe for its neighborhoods. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact President: joe.palumbocpa@gmail.com

MRIA Board changes. Linda Rittelmann will serve as interim secretary in place of Jill Aiken Kingery.

BPD report: Officer Fields reported the BH monthly crime statistics, noting that burglary/forced entry is way up over last year (45 compared to 27 the year before, an increase of 66.7%), and that there have been seven in the last 45 days. Fields asked neighbors to be attentive to potential problems and call the police if anything seems amiss. Don't leave windows and/or doors unlocked at any time.

She also introduced the new Central District Commander, Major Melissa Hyatt. Maj. Hyatt has been with the BPD for 15 years and has served in a variety of positions and districts. She was previously second-in-command in the Southeastern District and is considered a rising star in the agency. Hyatt is the first female commander of the district. She spoke briefly and told those at the meeting that working with communities was one of her highest priorities, and she wanted residents to know that she was attentive to our concerns. Her email address: melissa.hyatt@bpd.org.

Councilman Bill Cole also described his activities to remove or relocate the flashing yellow light on Mosher between Bolton and Park, reporting that DOT placed it to slow automobiles for the safety of children walking to school. Even though some members noted that few children walk that way, Cole noted that we were probably stuck with it, but he would continue to see what might be done.

He also answered questions about fiber optic services for our neighborhood, and said that Verizon's fiber optic system would most likely not come to BH for some time, but he was working with a group to investigate other avenues for providing the fast internet service. Councilman Cole also noted that the semi-permanent trash container in front of Rite Aid should be gone soon and that ALL PlanetAid collection boxes are illegally positioned. Call the city to report them, so they can be removed.

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/cmnauth.aspx, or you may go to the parking office starting that day to renew and pay for your passes, but 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 a location to be announced.

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. 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. If you go downtown, please park at the Arena Garage (entrance at 99 S. Howard Street) for free validation.

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 go 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
- Joe Palumbo, president of MRIA, has been elected 2013 president of the Utility bill in your name, reflecting current address, that is no less than 30 days old;
- Any Photo ID.

In addition to the above, some may need more documentation. 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 your name, please contact Patsy Andrews 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.

Communications Committee forming Polly Duke, Doreen Rosenthal, and Richard Rosenthal are forming a committee to review the communication methods for the neighborhood, like BHEN, the BH-Bulletin, and the Boltonhill.org Bulletin Board, perhaps developing a separate event calendar. If you have ideas for improving communications, contact Polly or Doreen.

Memorial Apartments to begin renovation. The contractor for the renovation and redevelopment of Memorial Apartments, Somerset Development, will begin the renovation soon, with plans to be well along toward finishing the renovation by fall. Plans for the 60-year-old building also include the redevelopment of the corner of McMechen and Eutaw St. For more information, somersetdev.com/projects_mem.html

Upcoming Events

Tiffany Series Organ Concert Sunday, February 17, 3 p.m. Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1316 Park Avenue. \$15 (Students \$5).

“From Carmen to Buster Keaton”—an ebullient organ concert by Michael Britt—will include “Fantasia on Carmen,” “Nimrod” from Elgar’s Enigma Variations, “Fantasy on Three Traditional Celtic Melodies” from Paul Halley’s Outer Hebrides, and the Baltimore premiere of David Schelat’s “Organ Sonata.” Concluding the concert will be a showing of Buster Keaton’s silent film classic “One Week” (1920) accompanied by Britt’s original organ accompaniment to the film. A frequent recitalist of classical organ music, Michael Britt is well known as a performer of theater organ music and as a silent film accompanist. He recently accompanied the silent film “Phantom of the Opera” at Princeton University Chapel for the fifth time. Britt has performed at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris and studied at the Paris Conservatory. He is Minister of Music at Brown Memorial.



Neighborhood Spotlight

Druid Hill Y: Check it out! Eric Somerville, the new director of the Druid Hill Family Center Y, 1609 Druid Hill, attended the MRIA meeting to describe the 80 percent newly renovated facilities and to invite neighbors to check out the programs on offer there, such as fitness classes, cardio, conditioning, a pool, and child care. He invites neighbors to stop by the Y for a tour and visit. Charlie Duff said he had recently toured the facility and was impressed with its amenities. Another neighbor at the meeting said he goes regularly and sees many of our neighbors. It is nearby. Check it out: YMaryland.org

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