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The next meeting of the MRIA will be on Tuesday, June 4, at 8 pm at the Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church. All neighbors are invited and encouraged to attend.

News from MRIA

New officers and board members John Kyle, president, moved to Bolton Hill from Michigan in 1983 when he came to work for Governor Harry Hughes as Director of the Office for Children and Youth. He has had two residences in BH, but since 1999 has lived at 1610 Park Avenue. John served two terms, 2007-2009, as MRIA president and as vice president and a board member for a number of years before that.

Steve Howard, 1st vice president, and Monty Howard have lived at 1420 Mason St. since 2005. Steve is a real estate developer with a side business, a partner in True Chesapeake Oyster Co. He is president of the board of the Samaritan Community and active in Memorial Episcopal Church, the No Boundaries Coalition, and a number of other organizations.

Kendra Rice-Parlock, 2nd vice president, and her husband Andrew have lived at 1529 Bolton St. since 2009. Originally from Detroit, Kendra moved to Maryland to work as the Global Marketing Manager of W. R. Grace's Incubator Technologies group in Columbia, MD. She has chaired and will continue to work on the Membership Committee. Linda Rittelmann has lived at 248 Waxter Way in the Park Purchase III development since 1999 and served as president and treasurer of their HOA for many years. She was the MRIA secretary from 2009 - 2011 and agreed to serve again in 2013 when Jill Aikin Kingery had to step down for work-related conflicts. Linda is a personal chef, cooking instructor, and the Culinary Director for the Williams Sonoma Store at Cross Keys Village. She is also the president for the League of Women Voters in Baltimore City.

BPD Report. Officer Clarissa Fields announced that she was retiring after 13 years with the BPD and three years as our neighborhood representative. She introduced her replacement, Officer Brian Righter, 410-396-2411. The Board thanked Off. Fields for her service to our neighborhood and wished her well in her retirement. Off. Fields reported that burglaries had dropped significantly in BH after BPD stepped up patrols, but she urged us to keep a watch for suspicious activity in back yards and alleys. She also noted that automobile break-ins had increased and urged

residents to leave nothing of value in their cars, as thieves are quick to note cell phones and charging cords.

Joe Palumbo's presidency ends after two terms Our outgoing president Joe Palumbo noted the accomplishments of the last two years.

- After years of meetings, with help from Councilmen William Cole, Jack Young, the Baltimore Police Dept, and other community organizations, MRIA won a significant victory when the city zoning board ruled that the Hiram Grand Lodge (1207 Eutaw St.) must severely restrict activities at the Lodge. Residents had complained for years about the noise and excessive trash that resulted from the Lodge's late night events.
- An electronic version of the Bolton Hill Bulletin is now available to those who prefer to receive it that way.
- Membership increased to record number
- Helping to resolve the contentious issues of the Midtown Community Benefits District

He also noted a number of neighborhood projects that have occurred during his terms: the beginning of the new MICA dorm, due for completion this fall; median tree improvements on Park Ave.; filming of House of Cards; planning for Memorial Apartments renovation; and website improvements.

Joe says he will stay involved with MRIA as he will be Presidents' representative to the Midtown Community Benefits District.

He also thanked Barbara C. White and Judith McFadden for their help with membership growth and editing the Bulletin, giving each a gift card to b.

Thank you, Joe, for two years of time and energy on behalf of the neighborhood.

Netflix donation Netflix presented MRIA with a \$5,000 check to thank the neighborhood for our cooperation during filming of the second season of House of Cards. This contribution is the second one MRIA has received from Netflix; the first one was used to trim trees and replant shrubs on the Park Ave. medians. The Netflix representatives also reminded neighbors that if there are

ever any questions or issues about House of Cards filming in the neighborhood, we should contact Patrick Burn patrick.burn@verizon.net Locations Manager, 410-376-7452 phone; cell phone 240-765-5007, or Rehya Young rehya@aol.com, Asst. Locations Manager, 410-376-7452 or on her cell, 646-717-4711.

Jack Young, Council president is featured speaker Council president Jack Young reminded us that he was once our councilman and was glad to be back with us. He said that the city delegation in Annapolis had helped to obtain a record amount for the city and for city schools. He also said that he was working to correct the disparity between city stormwater fees and those of surrounding areas, and trying to lower the fees for businesses in the city. He also noted his help in closing down the operation at Hiram Grand Lodge. He took questions, most of related to the stormwater fees. When asked about the city budget, he said he had not seen the completed budget.

Mosquito season is coming! Researchers will be surveying alleys and yards for mosquito habitat and knocking on doors to get resident feedback on pest problems in your neighborhood. The research team will be collecting data to better understand where mosquito populations are growing and will be recruiting residents to help identify effective control strategies to reduce mosquitoes and other outdoor pests. This project is being conducted in collaboration with the Baltimore Ecosystem Study, Parks & People Foundation, and University of Maryland. Contact them at baltimoremosquitoes@gmail.com or 410-455-3814 with questions.

MICA renovations scheduled at The Commons Starting on Monday, May 13, The Commons (now Founders' Green) will undergo significant renovation to the sidewalk, entrance, and dorm apartments. This work is expected to last the duration of the summer. Arrangements have been made for contractors to park in the Founders' Green parking lot; however, some contractors may choose to use the Brevard St. alley. All contractor staff have been reminded that Brevard is part of Area 3 parking, and advised not to park there. Outside work will take place from 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday. Contractors will try to be considerate of noise levels; however, there may be some instances of brief bouts of construction noise. If you have any questions, contact Mike Molla directly at 410-225-2215.

Upcoming Events

Historic Reservoir Hill Garden and Home Tour The 19th annual Reservoir Hill Garden and Home Tour will take place Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9 between 11 am and 4 pm (gardens and homes open until 5 pm). \$15

Tickets are available at the information booth at the Intersection of Park Avenue and Reservoir Street on tour days. Follow a self-guided tour through some of the colorful gardens and restored homes of Reservoir Hill to learn about gardening in the city and the fascinating history of this vibrant Baltimore neighborhood. Historic maps and pictures of the neighborhood will be on display and visitors will have a chance to meet author Kelly Dale Terrill at a book signing for Reservoir Hill, his newly published book on the area. The Garden and Home tour is sponsored by two neighborhood associations, Bolton Park Neighbors and the Historic Mt. Royal Terrace Association, with additional support from Healthy Neighborhoods. For more information contact HistoricResHillTour@gmail.com or call 443-424-2276 or 410-383-8535.

Fourth Annual Great American Backyard Campout Saturday/Sunday June 22/23 in Bolton Square Gates open at 5:30 pm.

There will be time to pitch tents and play games before a potluck dinner, then ghost stories, s'mores, and more! All neighbors are welcome; invite your friends. Even if you don't plan to stay overnight, you are welcome to join us for dinner. Bring food to share, a frisbee or a ball to toss, and your own tent or bedroll. The front gate is on the north side of 200 block of Lafayette Avenue. For more information about our local event, check the bulletin board on boltonhill.org or email stevehoward.howard@gmail.com

Band Concert June 26 on Wilson between Park and Bolton Food at 5 pm and music at 7 pm

The Mount Royal Improvement Association is hosting one of the summer highlights of Bolton Hill--the Big Band Concert!! Big band sounds and singalongs. Spontaneous bursts of dancing are known to happen. Please come out and show your support for Baltimore's city band. Budget cuts have eliminated many of the band concerts in other neighborhoods. Bolton Hill's concert survives because of the great turnout and support from our neighborhood. We start grilling at 5:00 and the music starts at 7:00. Volunteers to help set up, cook, and/or clean up are always welcome. You can contact John Kyle, pres@boltonhill.org or 410-523-4069. from our neighborhood.

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