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The MRIA Board will not meet during July or August; the next meeting will be September 3, 2013, at 8 pm in the Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church, Bolton and Lanvale. All neighbors are encouraged to attend.

News from MRIA

Hiram Grand Lodge building has new owners. The Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation of Metropolitan Baltimore and the Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, new owners of the building, met with Councilman Bill Cole recently and expressed their wish to meet with the community as soon as can be arranged to share their plans and listen to the neighbors.

According to Councilman Cole,

- the primary purpose of the building will be a middle school mentoring project associated with Booker T. Washington School
- the new owners agree with the original concept of the building as a community center
- they are acutely aware of the previous problems, and they intend to abide by all zoning and other conditions
- they will begin immediately to clean up both the inside and outside of the building
- they intend to use the existing dumpster and are willing to relocate it if needed
- there will be no parking on the lot, and they are reaching out to the State to explore parking options on State lots
- they wish to work with the community toward developing the long promised garden or whatever the community may wish on the lot
- they will not have any programming that lasts past 10:00 pm
- they will not hold "ticketed" events
- they are open to holding MRIA events/meetings in the building.

Thanks to everyone who worked to resolve the long-standing problem with the previous owners.

Annual Crab Feast to honor and thank safety personnel. MRIA's annual Crab Feast to honor the police, fire, and Midtown folks who serve our neighborhood will be held Wednesday, August 28, from 5-8 pm at the Bolton Swim & Tennis Club. It is fun! But it doesn't happen by magic. Volunteers are needed to assist with the feast. It won't take long and time commitments can be flexible.

MRIA needs

4-6 people to arrive early and help set up tables, 4-5 pm

4-5 people to assist during the feast, 5-8 pm

3-4 people to grill (hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers) during the feast, 4:30-8 pm

5-8 people to assist with cleanup, 8-8:30 pm

Call Jill Kingery at 443-621-4300 (mobile) or e-mail jillkingery@gmail.com if you are able to help. Information on how to place your crab order will be posted throughout the neighborhood and on BHEN closer to the date. The crab feast is wonderfully messy (don't wear your best clothes) and great fun. See you there!

Upcoming Events

FLASH -- Band Concert re-scheduled! Monday, August 12. Wilson Street at Park Avenue. Grilling begins at 5 pm and David Bach Consort begins playing jazz 6 to 8 pm.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts, soft drinks, wine, beer. Volunteers can offer their help during any or all of these hours by contacting John Kyle at 410-523-4069 or pres@boltonhill.org.

Neighborhood News

Online police reporting system for non-violent crime

Baltimore City Police have launched a new citizen online police reporting system: baltimorepolice.org/our-services/file-a-police-report-online. The system allows Baltimore crime victims to file reports online for non-violent incidents such as car break-ins, vandalism, and illegal

dumping. Reports can be filed on various devices, including a computer, tablet, or smartphone. All the user has to do is go to the city police website and click the reporting link and follow instructions, or click the link in yellow above and follow instructions. The actual filing link is located near the

bottom of the page. Each report is assigned an incident number, and users get a PDF file of their report that can also be used to report loss for insurance. Since police resources are assigned by

need, it is important for all residents to report all crimes, even ones that seem minor. The link to the reporting site is posted on the BH website, boltonhill.org, under Safety Resources.

Bolton Hill loses another neighborhood stalwart *(excerpts from the obituary by F. Rasmussen in the Baltimore Sun)*

Edward Trail Mathias, a retired banker and longtime denizen of Bolton Hill, died June 17 at the Blakehurst retirement community in Towson. He was 85. In 1952, Mr. Mathias began his career in the trust department of the First National Bank, where he rose to vice president and senior trust officer in the trust department. While working at the bank, Mr. Mathias earned a law degree and a master's degree in economics from the University of Baltimore. He retired in 1996. In 1960, Mr. Mathias purchased a Bolton Hill town house at the corner of Bolton and Lafayette, a house that had once been the home of entertainer Garry Moore, who became a national TV sensation in the

1950s and 1960s, and Dr. Curt P. Richter, the noted psychologist and behaviorist who was director of the psychobiology laboratory at the Johns Hopkins Hospital's Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic. Mr. Mathias and his wife, Natasha, gave celebrated parties in their home. After moving to Bolton Hill, Mr. Mathias immersed himself in the affairs of the community. He was an active member of the Mount Royal Improvement Association, and in the early 1960s was one of the founders of the Bolton Swim and Tennis Club. Mr. Mathias was also an active member of Memorial Episcopal Church. A memorial service will be held at the church on September 14 at 11 am.

School News

Midtown Academy, by *Jen Kassel* The Midtown Academy's 2013-2014 school year begins on August 26. In the fall, our sixth and eighth grade students will participate in leadership and team-building experiences that promote Midtown's mission of uniting diverse communities.

Our sixth graders will attend North Bay, a weeklong environmental camp that allows students to explore environmental science and the impact their choices have on the world. Our eighth graders will participate in service work as they backpack through Baltimore on a weeklong Urban Expedition with Outward Bound. During the expedition, students continue to build on their understanding of themselves, their community, and the city of Baltimore.

If you would like to help support one of these field experiences, please visit our website: baltimorecityschools.org/Domain/3345.

Mt. Royal School principal retiring, by *Elizabeth Kennedy* Mount Royal School Principal Carolyn Freeland is retiring this summer. If you, or someone you know, are interested in leading one of the top public schools in the city, please apply through the Baltimore City Schools website! 410-396-0779

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