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The MRIA Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. in the Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church on the corner of Bolton and Lafayette. Enter from Lafayette. ALL neighborhood residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Refreshments. Change of date: to avoid conflict with Election Day; the November MRIA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11.

News from MRIA

As of this writing, the City Council is choosing a new representative for District 11, which includes Bolton Hill and much of downtown Baltimore, to replace Bill Cole, who resigned to become head of the Baltimore Development Corp. The nominating committee included Bolton Hill's own Joe Palumbo. The Committee listened to 14 candidates for the seat, and selected Eric Costello, currently the president of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association. The City Council expects to vote on whether to approve Mr. Costello on October 6. He will have big shoes to fill and important work to do for the 11th District.

Police Report Major Marcus reported that the Central District leads all other districts in crime reduction! In terms of Part 1 Victim--Based crimes, we had double digit decreases across the board! However, recently, Bolton Hill has experienced a rash of larcenies (purse snatchers, cell phones, etc). The descriptions given by both witnesses and victims were helpful. An officer was in the Rite Aid on McMechen St., when a suspect entered and immediately left the store. The officer got film, identified the suspect, and he was captured. The juvenile suspect, had recently been released from Juvenile Detention, is under suspicion for 6 thefts. Sgt. Alessi – Thanks for the Crab Feast!!! It was greatly appreciated by all the first responders who attended. Barry Blumberg noted that the COP (Citizens on Patrol) group saw a suspect on their walk, and the police response was absolutely incredible. Segways, patrol cars, and even Foxtrot showed up immediately.

Possible Tax Rate Increase for the Midtown Special Benefits District Joe Palumbo, president, noted that without a small tax rate increase, Midtown Special Benefits District will be forced to cut the cleaning teams, Segway teams, and greening teams. Joe offered a potential 5% increase to the surtax in the upcoming year, noting that 5% is less than a \$100 increase to most homeowners. Midtown is also addressing inefficiencies and waste in order to control costs. Without the commitment of all 4 neighborhoods in Midtown, Joe will not be going forward with the increase request. The current rate is \$.132 / \$100 of assessed property value, but is capped by the Homestead Tax Credit. Under this proposal, it would go to \$.1386 / \$100. Even with all 4 neighborhoods supporting the increase, there is no guarantee the City Council will approve it..

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Upcoming Events

Festival on the Hill Oct. 11, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.



New sponsors this year, the Bolton Hill Nursery School, after many successful years of sponsorship by Memorial Episcopal Church. The Festival will be its usual blend of music, food, entertainment, sales of arts and crafts, Kid/s Zone, and news of neighborhood activities. Fun for all ages! And proceeds benefit the neighborhood. Rain or shine.

3rd Season of Music at Eutaw Place opens Sat. Oct. 11

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; show starts at 8:00. Tickets are \$20 online and \$25 at the door. Andy Davis and Gabe Dixon are the headliners

At Eutaw Place, patrons can enjoy beer and wine supplied by Vineyards Elite, coffee by Baltimore's High Grounds Coffee Roasters, home baked cookies, and other snacks. All ages welcome. Located

in the lower level of the historic Beth Am Synagogue at 2501 Eutaw Place. There is free parking in the lot behind the Esplanade Apartments off of Eutaw Place. Additional information can be found at eutawplace.org.

Nature Indoors Art Exhibition Oct. 1 through 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday through Sunday at 3100 Swann Drive in Druid Hill Park Free Opening Reception, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory is partnering with the Maryland Institute College of Art to present an art exhibition this fall. "Nature Indoors will connect people to the natural world by engaging visual and tactile senses," says curator Gloria Azucena. The exhibit will feature botanic-themed artwork from local Baltimore artists and include paintings, prints, and sculpture. Come experience the wonders of Nature, indoors. All artwork is for sale, and proceeds will be donated to the Conservatory.

Memorial Episcopal Church Annual Rummage Sale Oct. 4, 9 a.m. Lower Parish Hall

Clothing, household items, toys, some furniture, and other odds and ends, like scuba gear. Donations will be accepted through Thursday before the sale.

Quiz Night Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. Memorial Church Parish Hall

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knowledge against other tables. Or come join a table with open seats and meet some other smart, with-it neighbors. Cash or checks will be collected during the evening. See you there!

Neighborhood Trick or Treat Night Oct. 25, 4 p.m.

The Annual Bolton Hill Trick or Treat Hour Tour will be held on Saturday, October 25, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to be on the list to give out treats, please send your name and address to djphager@yahoo.com or leave a message at 410-225-9475. The list of those handing out treats will be available at Fitzgerald Park and Memorial Church on the day of the event for the little ones and their parents.



Saturday Night Oct. 18th 2014 6:30PM

Come join friends and neighbors for a lovely evening of fun & games!

In Farnham Hall at Memorial Church
1407 Bolton Street, Baltimore 21217 410-669-0220

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Team Captains form their own teams of 8 to a table, or come join an open table and meet new friends! Contact James at james.blue@gmail.com to reserve a table. Cash or checks (payable to Memorial Church) will be collected from each table in the course of the evening.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

North Ave Median Gardening Nov. 1, 9 a.m. Meet in front of Leake Hall

Last fall, Bolton Hillers responded to the North Ave. median challenge: help our Reservoir Hill neighbors transform ragged weed patches into two wonderful flowerbeds at Park and North Avenues. A spirited good time was had by all, and now we need guerrilla gardeners again! The morning of November 1st we'll tackle the wreck of a garden at Mt Royal and North Avenues. Thanks to a Parks & People grant we'll have tools and plant materials and mulch. Come make it happen! Help turn North Avenue into an eye-catching boulevard and be a good neighbor too.

Meantime, huge thanks to MRJA for paying the watering bill this summer; the 25 new trees that we (and lots of great students from Mt Royal Elem/ Middle School) planted on the median in May are looking beautiful.

Sarah Lord

School News

Head Start program to open in neighborhood Andrew Clark, a VISTA volunteer, is currently working as community servant at the Metro Delta Head Start across from Eutaw Marshburn Elementary School. One of his goals is to engage the community, collaborate on after-school initiatives, and make sure Metro Delta Head Start is fully enrolled and has an active wait list. All 3- and 4-year olds in this community should be in early education. It is very important for all children to have early education experience. Contact Andrew at andrewrclark34@gmail.com for more information. He wants our help.

Midtown Academy The Midtown Academy's 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start! On Tuesday, September 23, members of the Green Team held a garden tour and potluck dinner at the Whitelock Community Farm in Reservoir Hill. Last year, students created signs for the garden beds, and this year, they will create a calendar of seasonal produce, recipes, and fun farm facts. Midtown Academy is hosting its first annual "Uniting Diverse Artists" art auction on Friday, December 5. This will be a great opportunity to support our school, purchase extraordinary art, and have a great evening out! Please go to the Midtown Academy website for more information.

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Looking ahead The Memorial Players will present *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard on November 14, 15, 16, and 21, 22, 23. Several neighbors are included in the cast and technical crew. Mark your calendars.



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