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News from MRIA

MRIA Board Meeting The Board meets on Tuesday, December 1, 8 pm in the Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church at the corner of Bolton & Lafayette. Enter through the Lafayette St. doors. The Board meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. All neighbors are invited to attend; light refreshments are provided.

Neighborhood Safety November's MRIA meeting, with the help of Councilman Eric Costello, generated a number of ideas about improving safety in our neighborhood.

1) Read the safety tips from Baltimore Police Department: baltimorepolice.org/your-community/safety-tips/personal-safety-tips

2) See something, say something. **Report suspicious activity to 911.** Police Captain Jones said that our neighborhood has a noticeably low number of 911 calls. When calling, give as specific a description as possible about the location, the activity and the people involved. Simply ask that an officer respond to this activity. You will not be required to speak personally with the officer if you call to report suspicious activity.

3) Join our walking patrols Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 pm. These patrols can expand to more evenings if enough people volunteer.

4) If you have a video camera on the outside of your home, register it with the Baltimore CitiWatch Partnership at citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov/_layouts/CitiWatch. Video footage from your camera can help prosecute crime.

5) Sign up for the Bolton Hill Electronic Network to stay informed. Simply send an email to BHEN@BoltonHill.org to subscribe.

6) Get involved. Residents cannot rely on arrests alone to feel safer. Jill Kingery and Barbara Klik of the Safety Committee are organizing Block Captains. Sally Maulsby is undertaking a lighting survey of the neighborhood. An MRIA subcommittee on youth is focusing on long-term interventions to deter crime. Contact MRIA if you would like to be a part of the solution!

Classified Ads

Injured bird? If you find an injured bird or mammal, you can get expert help from this licensed wildlife rehabilitator: Kathy Woods at 410-628-9736

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References available. Stacey/Jodi
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The Bulletin Is Moving Online We're going electronic in 2016. Beginning early next year, the *Bolton Hill Bulletin* will be delivered to all MRIA members as an e-newsletter, rather than as a PDF attached to an email. The e-newsletter will provide excerpt/summaries of each article in that month's issue; readers can then click on stories of interest to read the full articles at our new site, **Bulletin.BoltonHillMd.org**. This new system will allow us to publish more articles and in-depth coverage on our neighborhood. The e-newsletter and website will be in color and include photos, graphics and maps—and will link to additional information and resources. The online *Bolton Hill Bulletin* will also be archived and searchable, so that you can find that story you read last summer. By moving online, we'll be able to more effectively publicize all the good things about Bolton Hill, both within and outside our neighborhood. Unfortunately, we will not be able to continue to produce a printed version of the Bulletin. We realize that this may be a burden for some of our members who are not able to access the Internet and are trying to determine ways to assist in this transition. If you will not be able to access the new online version of the *Bulletin*, please contact Barbara White at 410-669-2856.

Neighborhood News

The Urbanite Returns After nine years of wonderful, free reporting, the *Urbanite* ceased publication in 2012. But in the aftermath of last spring's civil unrest, members of the staff reconvened to produce a special issue, that seeks to transcend the negative images broadcast on CNN and "help change the discussion from one mired in frustration and despair to one that is both realistic and full of possibility." Please take a few minutes to read this important publication about the city we love. Find it online at **urbanitebaltimore.com**, or pick up a free copy at local establishments that distribute city publications.

Water Line Insurance With winter coming, now is the time to consider optional HomeServe insurance to cover your home's external water service and sewer service lines. Baltimore City homeowners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of their external water and sewer service lines from the home's exterior wall to the property line. Since most homeowner's policies do not cover these lines, you are responsible for repairs to any leak, break or clog you may suffer—which can cost thousands of dollars. See Councilman Costello's website: **costelloforbaltimore.com/homeserve-insurance**. For more information on HomeServe or to sign up, visit **BaltimoreServiceRepairs.com** or call 855-807-6631.

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St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center St. Ambrose, founded in 1968, seeks to provide low- and moderate-income people with equal housing opportunities and supports strong and diverse neighborhoods. St. Ambrose currently serves 3,000 families and individuals each year through programs including homeownership counseling, foreclosure prevention, legal services, and rental services. For more information, call 410-366-8795.

Bolton Hiller Searches for the Origins of the Universe Toby Marriage, a professor of physics and astronomy at JHU, along with the rest of his research team, has designed and built a telescope that looks into deep space at what is known as the cosmic microwave background, the oldest light in the universe. The telescope, built on the Homewood campus, is now on its way to the Atacama desert in Chile to be installed 17,000 feet above sea level. Once it's installed early next year, Marriage and other researchers expect to learn more about how the universe began.

BMoreFit Bit *By Jon Kaplan* Is it the holiday season? Or the overeating season? To avoid overeating, try one of these strategies: Use a smaller plate—you'll eat smaller portions. Put vegetables and salad on your plate first, before going to the entrees and desserts. Or, eat a salad before your meal. You'll end up eating fewer calories overall. Eat slowly and savor every bite, and wait ten minutes before you go back for seconds. After dinner, get active. You don't have to go to the gym—take a walk with family members, or play catch with the kids. *Jon Kaplan is the founder of bmorefit.org and Fitness & Wellness Director at Meadow Mill Athletic Club.*



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What's Happening

Mt. Royal Rec Center: Dance Happens Saturday, December 5, 4 pm, Leith Walk Elementary/Middle School, 1235 Sherwood Ave. (across Northern Parkway from Mercy High School), Free.

Our neighborhood rec center's winter performance of ballet, modern, jazz, tap, and hip-hop dance. More info at dancehappensinc.com. **ALSO Sunday, December 20, 1-2 pm, Christmas Village, West Shore Park at the Inner Harbor, Free**

Dance Happens' Company will be performing at this grand Christmas event down at the Inner Harbor. Come out to support our local dancers!

Bolton Hill Garden Club Greens Sale Saturday, December 5, 9 am-1 pm, Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1316 Park Ave. (enter on Lafayette St.)

Here's where to get your holiday greens, including cedar, laurel, and pine roping, along with wreaths and holiday crafts. Go to boltonhillgardenclub.org to pre-order. All profits benefit the Garden Club's greening efforts in Bolton Hill.

Bmore Seoul to Soul Saturday, December 5, Food by Brown Rice, 2 pm; Show starts 3 pm, Falvey Hall, Brown Center MICA, 1301 W. Mt. Royal Ave, Free

Third in a series, this Peabody-MICA collaboration features traditional dancing and music, a Peabody Institute classical concert, and a MICA community art exhibit, all wrapped up into one event. The BMORE Seoul to Soul event will combine Korean traditional music, song and dance with dynamic Baltimore-style hip-hop, with performances by Korean American and African American artists.

MICA Art Market Wednesday, December 9-Saturday, December 12, 11 am 6 pm, Leidy Atrium & Falvey Hall Lobby, Brown Center, 1301 W. Mount Royal Ave.

Just in time for the holidays, the MICA Art Market features artwork and crafts designed and created by some 300 MICA students, alumni, faculty and staff. Talk face-to-face with artists about their work and support our local art community.

BaltimoreLink Public Meeting Thursday, December 10, 6-8 pm, Talon Center Room 218A, Coppin State University, 2500 W. North Ave.

Of the many community meetings regarding the new BaltimoreLink bus plan recently announced by MTA, this one is closest to Bolton Hill. Please show up and tell MTA what they need to provide you and our city to help it grow and thrive.

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