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The next meeting of the MRIA Board is scheduled for March 3 at 8 p.m. in the Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church at the corner of Bolton and Lafayette. Enter through the Lafayette St. doors. All neighbors are invited to attend; light refreshments.

## News from MRIA

**Time to Renew Parking Permits** All current Residential Parking Permits will expire March 31. You may renew and purchase your permits online at: [pabc.t2hosted.com/cmn/index.aspx](http://pabc.t2hosted.com/cmn/index.aspx). Permits are \$20 each, and the site accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards. After purchasing online, you can collect your permits on our two neighborhood pickup days, March 21 & March 28, from 8:30 to 12:30 at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church on Lafayette and Park Ave. Enter at the Lafayette St. door. Permits must be purchased by 3/17 for pickup on 3/21, and by 3/24 for pickup on 3/28. If you prefer, you can obtain your permits after March 20 at the Parking Authority Office, 200 W. Lombard St., Ste. B, 21201. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. TIP: park for free at the Arena Garage (entrance at 99 S. Howard St.) with validation from the Office. In addition to credit cards, the Parking Authority Office also accepts checks and money orders made out to the Director of Finance. Cash is not accepted. Required Documentation for Parking Permits: You must present current documentation when picking up your permits at either a neighborhood pickup or at the Parking Authority Office. Required documents include your current Maryland Vehicle Registration with an Area 3 address, plus one of the following that shows an Area 3 address:

- Current driver's license
- Proof of residency, such as a current lease signed by all parties that is not month-to-month.
- Proof of home ownership (settlement papers)
- Utility bill in your name that is no less than 30 days old
- Any photo ID

If your vehicle is registered out of state in your name, you must register your vehicle in Maryland before being permitted to purchase a parking decal, 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 and present it at pickup for the decal to be released. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parking Authority at [rpp@bcparkin.com](mailto:rpp@bcparkin.com) or 443-573-2800, extensions 863, 845, or 851. You may also contact our Area 3 representative, Patsy Andrews, at [pandrewsmd@yahoo.com](mailto:pandrewsmd@yahoo.com)

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### Memorial Episcopal Church

Bolton St. at Lafayette Ave.

Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

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Mt. Royal  
Improvement Association

**Join the Board** Hey neighbors! We're looking for a few good members to serve as Mount Royal Improvement Association board members and officers for the year beginning in June 2015. We are electing ten board members, each for a three-year term, and officer positions for a one-year term, including president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary, treasurer, and general counsel. The Board meets monthly, except July and August, on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. The slate will be announced at the regular MRIA board meeting in April and will be voted on by the MRIA membership at the annual meeting in May. Here's your chance to help make Bolton Hill safer, cleaner, and greener. Contact Steve Howard at [pres@boltonhill.org](mailto:pres@boltonhill.org) or Carol Hylton, nominations chair, at [cwhyhilton@me.com](mailto:cwhyhilton@me.com), if you're interested in serving your neighbors or know someone who is.

**Festival grant applications** are due March 15. Last fall, Bolton Hill Nursery School sponsored the Festival on the Hill to great success. The funds that were generated are now being distributed by the nursery, with grants up to \$1,000. Non-profits that benefit Bolton Hill may apply via the application on their website, [BoltonHillNursery.org](http://BoltonHillNursery.org).

**Band Concert** Every summer, MRIA sponsors an outdoor band concert in the neighborhood, usually on a June weeknight. Unfortunately, the City will not be sending a band this year, so a committee is investigating other options, including finding another band or trying something different. If you have ideas, please contact Steve Howard ([pres@boltonhill.org](mailto:pres@boltonhill.org)) or Linda Rittlemann ([linda.rittelmann@gmail.com](mailto:linda.rittelmann@gmail.com)).

**Traffic Committee** Formed by Kathleen Cahill and Lisa Scott in response to concerns about vehicles speeding through the neighborhood, the committee focuses on improving safety and calming traffic. They have started identifying problem areas and researching options, as well as initiating discussions with city planners and others to implement solutions. Interested residents are encouraged to attend the next meeting Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Schenck's, 1711 Linden. Email [traffic@boltonhill.org](mailto:traffic@boltonhill.org) for information.

**Eliminate Sun Plus** The campaign continues to stop the *Baltimore Sun* ad packets that regularly litter our streets in blue bags. Please contact John Kyle ([kyleje@gmail.com](mailto:kyleje@gmail.com)) to add your name in support of this effort.

**Beware** Don't leave your unlocked car to warm up with the keys in it. You will be ticketed, or worse, your car might be stolen.

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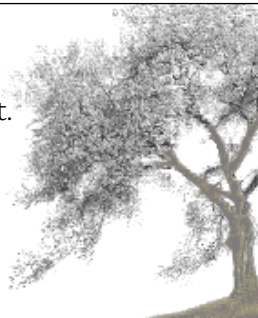
**State Center Update** In early February, the Board of Estimates gave a boost to the State Center project by approving the developer's request for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). This is great news for this MRIA-supported development, as it was one of the last hurdles preventing developer Ekistics LLC from building the \$215 million first phase of the project. The developer plans to meet with the new Hogan administration soon to finalize what happens next. This large project also includes redevelopment of the Armory, which has attracted interest from three national grocers. Due to this interest, it is possible that this piece of the project may move up in the development sequencing. On Monday, March 16, our 40th District Representatives are hosting a legislative night in Annapolis from 6 to 8 p.m. Buses to the event will depart at 5 p.m. from several nearby locations. Join other State Center advocates to give input and support for this important project. Call 410/841-3656 or email [RSVP@CatherinePugh.com](mailto:RSVP@CatherinePugh.com) to reserve your spot and locate the bus departure points. In late March, State Center allies are planning a party to energize support for the Development. A planning committee has food, fun, and music in the works and would welcome ideas and additional volunteers. Contact John Kyle ([kyleje@gmail.com](mailto:kyleje@gmail.com)).

**Samaritan Community's Healthy Start to 2015** During last holiday season's "Feed 4 More" drive, Whole Foods customers at the Mt. Washington and Harbor East stores donated bags of groceries to the Samaritan Community. The result was approximately 1,000 cases of food delivered to the group in early February. This healthy food will help the 1,200 individuals and families that the Community serves annually. Whole Foods support goes beyond this big delivery, as the Mt. Washington store donates fresh food three times a week to the food pantry.

### The Cherry Tree

a poem by Nell O'Hara

The wind whistles, the leaves rising, spinning fast.  
The world is like a top,  
and then, it stops.  
The cherry tree, before withered and dry,  
is suddenly in bloom, shining in the light.  
The cherry tree.



## Do Something

**Tri-Church Lenten Series** Wednesdays, March 4 & 11, 6:30 p.m., Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church Suggested donation \$5

Three neighborhood churches—Corpus Christi, Memorial Episcopal, and Brown Memorial—will host simple suppers followed by a lecture and discussion. The topic is Pope Francis, focusing on his writings on economics and justice (4th) and climate change and the environment (11th).

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**Free TreeKeepers Classes** Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m., and Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., Mt. Royal Recreation Center, 120 W. Mosher St. Baltimore TreeKeepers offers the second and third classes of a three-part series on how to plant and care for urban trees. These free classes will give you straight answers about trees in the city. For more information and to register, visit [BaltimoreTreeTrust.org](http://BaltimoreTreeTrust.org) or contact Amanda Cunningham at [amanda@baltimoretreetrust.org](mailto:amanda@baltimoretreetrust.org).

**Tiffany Series** Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m., Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church

Baltimore-based beatboxer Shodekeh and singer/composer Sahffi (folk, inflected with blues, rock, and classical music) will join in presenting an exciting program that includes several new collaborations between these talented artists. The Tiffany Series offers opportunities to hear beautiful music and notable speakers while bathed in the light of the church's eleven original Tiffany stained glass windows.

**Ash Borer Workshop** Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m., Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum

The emerald ash borer has killed tens of millions of ash trees across the eastern U.S. This technical workshop will explain how to take action, or you can say goodbye to your ash.

**Memorial Players 2015 Spring Musical** Rehearsals are underway for *The King and I*, this year's annual spring musical. With a fabulous, talented cast and production team, it's shaping up to be an outstanding production. Performances will take place during the first two weekends of May. Volunteers are still needed to help with the set, concessions, and costumes. Please contact [memorialplayers@yahoo.com](mailto:memorialplayers@yahoo.com) if you are interested. And, mark your calendars for the afternoon of **Easter Sunday, April 5**, when all hands are needed to raise the big stage.

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