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The next meeting of the MRIA Board is scheduled for April 7 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

Band Concert Assistance Traditionally Bolton Hill has had a band concert, with a city band, at the corner of Park Ave. and Wilson St. MRIA has sold food, beer, and wine at the event, with the profits going to the Parks North of McMechen Fund, although it's been more "friend raiser" than "fund raiser".

Since the City will no longer provide a band, MRIA is investigating the options for continuing this neighborhood event. Neighbors Victoria Lebron and Chas Philips have volunteered to head this investigation in search of a fun, community-wide event that will attract people from inside and outside the neighborhood. More help is needed, so if you would like to lend a hand before or during the event, please volunteer by emailing Victoria (victoria.lebron@gmail.com) or Chas (chas.phillips@gmail.com)

Neighborhood News

Garden Club Grants The Bolton Hill Garden Club Green Space Grants Program funds public space greening projects within Bolton Hill. The club is now accepting applications for these grants, with a submission deadline of May 1. Applications will be accepted via email or paper, and remember to include a "before" picture of the project. For more information and the grant application, visit bolton-hillgardenclub.org/grant-request.

Join the Pack for MD SPCA Calling all pet lovers. As part of the MD SPCA March for Animals on April 26, Chris Wright and Susan Van Buren have set-up a "Bolton Hill & Beyond Pack" to fundraise in support of our SPCA's wonderful work. To join, go to mdspca.org, and click on "Sign Up Today." First find "Visitors," then "Walker Registration," and then "Join a Pack" to follow the easy step-by-step instructions. You only have to commit to raising \$40 to join the neighborhood pack and get a T-shirt. You can also use the SPCA website to donate to the Bolton Hill & Beyond Pack without joining it. Let's make our pack the top dog!

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BMoreFit Bit The snow is gone (really!), and pool season is 60 days away. So, Jon Kaplan, Bolton Hill's resident trainer and founder of BMoreFit, is challenging Bolton Hill to become the most fit neighborhood in Baltimore. For a charity donation to BMoreFit, Jon will measure your body fat now, motivate you throughout the spring with fitness and nutrition emails, and then check the results with another body fat test at the end of May. There will be prizes, but the best prize of all will be looking great in your swimsuit. For more information, email Jon at jkaplan@bmorefit.org. BMoreFit improves children's health and academic performance by addressing obesity and physical inactivity in school-aged children, bmorefit.org.

Midtown Academy Thanks At December's Uniting Diverse Artists Art Auction, more than 200 friends of Midtown Academy came out for a fabulous evening and helped raise nearly \$40,000 net for the school. The Academy offers a heartfelt thanks to the Bolton Hill community for its generous support, especially the local businesses who sponsored the event, including On the Hill, Park Café, Unique Resources, Belle Hardware, C&H Restoration, Park Avenue Pharmacy, and The Jessica Dailey Team.

Do Something

The Garden Galaxy Spring Flower & Art Exhibit, March 28-April 12, Wed-Sun, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rawlings Conservatory

This year's show celebrates space, both scientific and fantastical, from worlds that could be. Explore indoor gardens filled with thousands of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and lilies that perfume the air with the unmistakable scents of spring. Transport yourself to a fanciful galaxy where plants rule! The display features an exhibition of mosaic artworks by international award-winning Baltimore artist Yulia Hanansen. rawlingsconservatory.org/spring-flower-show/

Raise the Stage Easter Sunday, April 5, 8 p.m., Memorial Episcopal Church

All hands are needed to raise the big stage in preparation for this year's musical, *The King and I*. Bring the family and join in the fun, as there will be work for all ages, plus pizza and wine to fortify the workers.

The Man of the Mode April 9-19, Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. and Sundays, 2 p.m., MICA's Gateway: BBOX, 1601 W. Mount Royal Ave. General admission, \$15

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the beau monde. First produced in 1676 by Sir George Etherege, *The Man of Mode* (or *Sir Fopling Flutter*) is the quintessential comedy of the Restoration in England. Tickets available at the MICA Store (1200 W. Mount Royal Ave.), online at rivalsofthewest.org, and at the door.

Two MICA Fashion Shows

Time Lapse: Annual Benefit Fashion Show, Saturday, April 11, 8 p.m. Brown Center, Falvey Hall, 1301 W. Mount Royal Ave. \$15, students; \$20, general public

MEDIUMRARE: An Experimental Fashion Event, Saturday, April 18, 5 p.m. & 8 p.m., Lithuanian Hall, 851 Hollins St. \$7, students; \$12, general public

Tickets for both shows are available at the MICA Store (1200 W. Mount Royal Ave.) and store.mica.edu

The Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) will showcase inventive and thought-provoking fashion designs and wearable art during **Time Lapse**, the 22nd Annual Benefit Fashion Show, and **MEDIUM-RARE**, an Experimental Fashion Event with more than 250 designers. These events push the boundaries of fashion with a distinct use of fiber, textiles, and additional media.

Greenwalk & Ecofest Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m., Rawlings Conservatory, \$25 for a family, \$15 individuals, \$13 students

Bring the whole family to savor the views, the birdsong, and the exercise on a morning hike from Cylburn Arboretum to Druid Hill Park. The trek along the Jones Falls Trail passes through wooded areas on a gentle, mostly downhill five-mile path. Park your car (or bike) near the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park and take the Veolia Shuttle to Cylburn Arboretum. Enjoy pre-hike snacks provided by Whole Foods at the Vollmer Center and learn more about Baltimore Green Map, before departing for the leisurely walk at 10 am. Upon reaching the Rawlings Conservatory, celebrate Baltimore's Green Week at EcoFest in Druid Hill Park. Proceeds benefit Baltimore Green Map's education projects and maps. See balto-greenmap.org/think-spring-coming-in-april/

Corpus Christi Open House Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To celebrate its 135th anniversary, Corpus Christi invites the community to a free open house, with music, historic tours, refreshments, and children's activities. Experience the hospitality of the Corpus Christi community and the beauty of this historic church.

Tiffany Series Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m., Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church

Rescheduled due to weather, Brown Memorial's Chancel Choir and Friends will present a Choral Concert honoring J. Spencer Hammond, with works that are particularly meaningful to him. For many years, Mr. Hammond was Music Director at Douglas Memorial Community Church, serving with Rev. Dr. Marion Bascom. The Tiffany Series offers opportunities to hear beautiful music while bathed in the light of the church's eleven original Tiffany stained glass windows.

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Reservations can be made by calling 410 669 0220 x13 or emailing pseaton@memorialepiscopal.org. Reception attendees receive a reserved seat for their donation of \$40, or \$70 for a couple.

Join Memorial Players for this year's spring musical, Roger & Hammerstein's beloved *The King and I*, based on *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon, featuring music by Richard Rogers, book & lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, and original choreography by Jerome Robbins. Directed by Jesse Milan Jr. and starring Harold Greg Martin as the King and Megan Dimmock as Anna, the production will feature a host of neighbors.

The performances are free, but we do ask that all who are able consider making a donation equal to what they might spend to go to the movies or a play. A wide variety of concessions will be available for small donations.

Spring Plant Sale Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fitzgerald Park (1600 block Bolton St.)

At this annual spring event, the Bolton Hill Garden Club offers a wide variety of colorful flowers, fragrant herbs, and tasty vegetable plants for sale. The selection will be perfectly suited for Bolton Hill's small gardens, window boxes, and tree wells. All profits from the sale benefit community greening projects in Bolton Hill. For more information visit www.boltonhillgardenclub.org

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