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News from MRIA

MRIA Annual Meeting and Election of Board Tuesday, May 5, 8 p.m., Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church, corner of Bolton & Lafayette. Enter at Lafayette St. doors.

All neighbors are invited to attend our annual meeting. The agenda includes voting on the slate that has been nominated for the MRIA Board, including these Officers and new Board members: President: Steve Howard; Vice President (1): Michael Marcus; Vice President (2): Linda Rittelmann; Treasurer: Barry Blumberg; Counsel: Richard Rosenthal; Secretary: David Nyweide; Past President: John Kyle; Class of 2017: Matthew Grant, Andrew Parlock, Peter Van Buren; Class of 2018: Brad Firlee, Tom Hasler, Randy Humes (MICA), David King, Alexis Mogul, Lisa Robinson, Steven Skerritt Davis, Katrina Smith, Stephanie Suerth, Matthew Willse.

Renew Your MRIA Membership Many neighbors took advantage of a convenient new feature at our neighborhood parking permit pickup by renewing their MRIA annual membership at the same time. If you missed that opportunity, please renew now online at boltonhill.org/mria/m_membership.htm

Police Report Due predominantly to an increase in robberies in the neighborhood, major crime is up 37 percent from last year. Police are focusing on deterring crimes with greater officer presence, and they urge residents to lock windows, be wary of fire escapes as a means of entry, lock doors (even if going down the street for a short time), and keep cars free of any visible items, including handicap mirror hangers. They also encourage walkers to remain aware, particularly if using a cell phone, to avoid becoming a target.

Traffic Committee Lisa Scott reported that the committee is completing the problem identification phase and will next be researching solutions and ways of implementing them. They have compiled an extensive list problem areas around the neighborhood, including faded crosswalks, missing stop signs, incorrect speed limit signs, curb cut needs, and more. Additional input is welcomed, email traffic@boltonhill.org.

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Boltonstock Planned Neighbors Victoria Lebron and Chas Phillips are heading the planning of a fun, community-wide event to replace the annual band concert we've traditionally held in summers past. Tentatively titled "Boltonstock," the concert is now planned for Saturday, June 6. Partnering with MICA, music and drink donations have already been lined up, plus Midtown is assisting with the safety plan, and Councilman Costello's office is facilitating permits. More help is needed, so please volunteer by emailing Victoria (victoria.lebron@gmail.com) or Chas (chas.phillips@gmail.com).

Neighborhood News

Linda DePalma Honored On April 18 at the annual Marquee Ball, the Creative Alliance awarded neighbor Linda DePalma the coveted Golden Formstone Award in recognition of her "formidable contributions to Baltimore through the arts." As the organization's founding Education Director, Linda worked tirelessly to develop and provide innovative arts education programs for Baltimore City youth. Every year, her legacy continues to bring creative opportunities to hundreds of students with limited options. See Linda's work at bakerartistawards.org/nominations/view/LindaDePalma/, and contact her at depalma21@verizon.net.

Midtown Academy News March was an exciting month at Midtown Academy. During the week of March 9th, Gettysburg College students worked with middle school scholars to explore college and career choices. During the weeklong partnership, Midtown's students heard firsthand what it's like to be a college student and how to prepare themselves for that journey. On March 12th, at the annual Black History Soiree, students performed music and dance presentations, read original poetry, and displayed their class projects on famous and influential African Americans. Finally, second and fourth grade students video-conferenced with children's author Anika Denise, after reading her book *Stella and Bella Come Home*. They were able to discuss how she came up with the idea for her story, what it was like to be an author, and the writing process used to publish a book.

Help Save the Bees Neonicotinoids, a relatively new class of insecticides, have emerged as one of the prime suspects of honey bee decline and colony collapse. Neonicotinoids accumulate in the pollen and nectar of plants treated with the pesticides and are toxic to honey bees, causing bees to die or become disoriented. When you buy plants for your garden, check to be sure that they are neonicotinoid free. Two local sources that have neonicotinoid-free plant materials are Radebaughs in Towson and Herring Run Nursery off Northern Parkway.

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And the Ash Trees To keep the emerald ash borer from destroying them, MRJA President, Steve Howard, has started an inventory on the Bolton Hill website of neighborhood ash trees. The trees can then be flagged and targeted for protective treatment. Steve invites others to add Bolton Hill ash trees to this inventory.

Do Something

State Center Festival Friday, May 1, 5-10 p.m., 200 block of Dolphin St. at Howard St.; suggested donation \$3 per adult, children free, polite pets welcome.

The State Center Neighborhood Alliance and the Mount Royal Community Development Corporation are partnering to host a festival to raise awareness about State Center Redevelopment. This fun event will provide a platform for local and state officials to show support and highlight the enormous positive impact this project will have in Baltimore. The Gathering, featuring more than a dozen food trucks from the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan area, will be on hand, along with live music, a full on-site bar, and a variety of games for kids. Food and drink will be available for sale. Come see what a wonderful, vibrant place State Center can be!

Memorial Players *The King and I* Friday, May 1 & 8, and Saturday, May 2 & 9, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 3:30 p.m., plus gala receptions at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at neighborhood homes. 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 the Players 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, including wine, will be available for small donations.



Tiffany Series Sunday, May 3, 3 p.m., Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church Tickets (\$15, \$5 students) available at the door or brown-downtown.org

Internationally acclaimed organist James David Christie will present a recital on Brown Memorial's 1930 Skinner organ. Christie, one of the finest organists of our generation, is chair and professor of organ at Oberlin Conservatory, organist at Wellesley College and for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and distinguished artist-in-residence at the College of the Holy Cross.

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Nashville singer/songwriter Andrew Ripp closes their third season with his energetic blend of soul and pop.

MICA ArtWalk 2015 Thursday, May 14, 5-9 p.m., Campuswide, Registration at Cohen Plaza, 1303 W. Mount Royal Ave. Tickets \$20, free for children 10 and under

ArtWalk is the official preview party for the Commencement Exhibition. Not only will guests have an opportunity to visit and view work by emerging artists and designers, but they can also enter to win prizes. The event boasts more than two miles of exhibition. For more information and to register, visit mica.edu/artwalk.

MICA Masters Benefit Art Sale Saturday, May 16, Noon-4 p.m., Fred Lazarus IV Center, 131 W. North Ave.

This annual benefit art sale offers a chance to browse and buy affordable works of art from students in MICA's M.F.A., M.A., and post-baccalaureate certificate programs. A percentage of the proceeds from the event will support a graduate scholarship. The sale is a rare opportunity to visit the studios and facilities of the college's graduate programs and speak with the artists directly.

Corpus Christi Lecture Patrick Keely's Hidden Treasure on Bolton Hill, Saturday May 30, 2 p.m.

Ted Furey, President of the Patrick Keely Society, will talk about the celebrated Irish architect who designed Corpus Christi church, Patrick Charles Keely. Discover the origin of the beautiful stained-glass windows, the Venetian glass mosaics, the gothic arches and spire, the Odell Tracker organ, and more. Keely's design and the incorporation of the finest ecclesiastical treasures from the John Hardman Studios of England raised the status of Corpus Christi-Jenkins Memorial Church to one of the finest Catholic churches found along the East Coast.

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