



# The Bolton Hill Bulletin

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## News from MRIA

**See You in September, MRIA Board Meeting** The Board is still on vacation for August, but will start back up on Tuesday, September 1 at 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; light refreshments.

**Crab Feast Volunteers Needed** A few good people are needed to assist with this annual MRIA-sponsored event on Monday, August 31 (see event details below). It won't take long, and time commitments can be flexible. If you are able to help, please call Jill Kingery at 443-621-4300 or e-mail, [jillkingery@gmail.com](mailto:jillkingery@gmail.com). We need the following:

- 4-6 people to arrive early and help set up tables, 4-5 p.m.
- 4-5 people to assist during the feast 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- 3-4 people to grill (hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers) during the feast, 4:30- 7:30 p.m.
- 5-8 people to assist with cleanup, 7:30-8:00 p.m.

**Be Alert, Call 911, Get Involved** Recently, there have been incidents in the neighborhood involving groups of boys, young teenagers 11 to 15, causing trouble. Traveling in a pack, watching, and shouting to each other across the street, emboldens them to act with impunity. In one incident at the Mosher Street dog run, boys threw a rock at a neighbor and his dog, and then threw another rock that took out the rear window of a parked car. Feeling no serious crime was committed, the neighbor called 311. Due to the rash of such incidents lately, including assaults and armed robberies as well as property damage, such incidents should be elevated to 911 calls. Documenting these situations with descriptions, including cell phone photos or videos, will be a big help. Please obtain a police report number with the date, time, and location of the incident and send it to Jill Kingery of the MRIA Safety Committee at [jillkingery@gmail.com](mailto:jillkingery@gmail.com) or 443-621-4300. Even better, be proactive by getting involved with our neighborhood schools—Mt Royal, Eutaw-Marshburn, and especially Booker T. Washington. Spare a few hours each week to volunteer in a classroom or the cafeteria at any of these schools. Just walk in to the office and offer to volunteer. Neighbors who have volunteered know it's worth it when they see kids at Sav-A-Lot or Rite Aid and there's friendly familiarity. Your involvement can make a difference.

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## Worship

### Beth Am Synagogue

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Daniel Cotzin Burg, Rabbi

### Brown Memorial

**Park Avenue Presbyterian Church**  
Park and Lafayette Avenues  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
410-523-1542 [info@browndowntown.org](mailto:info@browndowntown.org)

### Memorial Episcopal Church

**Bolton St. at Lafayette Ave.**  
Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.  
410-669-0220 [www.memorialepisopal.org](http://www.memorialepisopal.org)

### Corpus Christi Church

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Holy Days 12:10 p.m.  
Confessions Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

## Neighborhood News

**Baltimore Heritage Awards** Founded in 1960, Baltimore Heritage works hard to preserve and promote Baltimore's historic buildings and neighborhoods. For over fifty years, their annual awards program has recognized projects that achieve excellence in the restoration or rehabilitation of Baltimore's historic buildings. This year's Awards Celebration on June 18 honored 16 projects, including two from our neighborhood—Bolton Hill Nursery School and MICA's Falls Road Studio.

Before Bolton Hill became a rowhouse neighborhood, 204 West Lanvale Street was a grand free standing house on the outskirts of Baltimore. Originally a single family residence, then home to the Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland, Bolton Hill Nursery School acquired the property in 2013. Restoring an old house with flaky paint, years of deterioration, and a preservation easement on the exterior was a challenge. Doing this to house pre-school children made it doubly so. Powered by the tireless will of Executive Director Louie Wilder, the work was completed in 2014, turning this historic building into a hive of activity and restoring it to prominence in the neighborhood.

MICA's 33,000 square foot building at 1801 Falls Road was a warehouse with scant usage. Continuing its commitment in the Station North Arts and Entertainment District, MICA turned this unfinished warehouse into art space, including studios for programs in Illustration, Art Education, Social Design, and Sculpture. Containing state-of-the-art digital labs, workshops, and classrooms, the refurbished warehouse sparkles with vibrant colors and innovative work spaces, converting this overlooked historic building into an active component in the thriving Station North arts scene.

**Freddie Gray Youth Empowerment Center** *Paraphrased from a Baltimore Sun article by Colin Campbell and Julie Schaper, and confirmed with the center. Read the full article at [baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/freddie-gray/bs-md-ci-freddie-gray-youth-center-20150612-story.html#page=1](http://baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/freddie-gray/bs-md-ci-freddie-gray-youth-center-20150612-story.html#page=1)*

The Empowerment Temple has converted the Bolton Hill building at 1505 Eutaw Place into to a youth center named for Freddie Gray. Formerly a community center, the new center is already open and offering free meals and camp activities to children from west side neighborhoods. Three years ago, the Empowerment Temple put the building up for sale, but took it off the market after the unrest. When Reverend Dr. Jamal Bryant told his large Northwest Baltimore congregation about the idea for a youth

### Little Wildrose

By Nell O'Hara

Majestic wings,  
Twirling at the tips,  
At the end sort of drips.

A bright sort of glow,  
Hue, aura,  
You know.

An unusual sparkle,  
Unable to match,  
Yes, she's a good catch.

But please set her back free,  
She's wild,  
You, see.

Her cheeks are like roses,  
Her smile, so flashing,  
Yes, she's very eye-catching.

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center, they donated nearly \$27,000 in one day. The \$50,000 renovation project started immediately, with volunteers painting the walls bright colors and sprucing up this huge building. Courses are being offered in science, math, language arts, and computer skills, as well as a cultural arts program featuring painting, music, and creative writing and an athletic camp. Volunteers are needed, especially for classroom support and during meal hours, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. If interested, see Executive Director Dolores Winston at the Empowerment Center's office.

**Corpus Christi Gardens Rejuvenated** In the fall of 2014, parishioners of Corpus Christi Church started "refreshing" the rectory gardens at the corner of Mount Royal and Lafayette. Since those first weeds were pulled, a great many work days have occurred, offering workers a wonderful neighborhood experience—digging in dirt, talking with Bolton Hill residents, and meeting many good dogs. New shrubs, bulbs, and a tree were donated by families, but most of the plantings have come from the gardens of church members. Most recently, the annuals from the celebration of the parish's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Marty Demek's ordination were planted. In the fall, thanks to a Festival on the Hill grant, the area in front of the church will be replanted. Make a visit and see the beauty hard work produces.

**Research on Confederate Monuments** In the wake of the shootings in South Carolina, Baltimore has begun a review of the city's Confederate monuments, one of which, the "Spirit of the Confederacy," stands in our neighborhood on Mt. Royal Avenue near Mosher St. Neighbor Eli Pousson, who works for Baltimore Heritage, has begun research on the history of these monuments in an effort to understand the city in which the monuments were originally erected. He found a letter from Confederate veteran Charles T. Crane to then Baltimore Mayor Ferdinand Claiborne Latrobe, published on March 27, 1880. In the letter, Crane strongly disavowed the principle behind the Civil War and efforts to memorialize the Confederacy, writing: "I am unwilling to see erected in the public streets of this city a monument to a dead idea." Read the full letter along with Eli's comments and some great old photos on his blog, [historicsprawl.wordpress.com/2015/07/04/i-am-unwilling-to-see-erected-in-the-public-streets-of-this-city-a-monument-to-a-dead-idea/](http://historicsprawl.wordpress.com/2015/07/04/i-am-unwilling-to-see-erected-in-the-public-streets-of-this-city-a-monument-to-a-dead-idea/). For those interested in architecture or history, Eli's blog site has many other fine articles to peruse.

**Good News for Reservoir Hill** Recently, the Baltimore Sun featured a great article on Reservoir Hill's revival, including news that two new cafes are planned for the neighborhood. Read the full article here: [editionmobile.baltimoresun.com/Olive/Tablet/Baltimore-Sun/SharedArticle.aspx?href=TBS%2F2015%2F07%2F21&id=Ar01501](http://editionmobile.baltimoresun.com/Olive/Tablet/Baltimore-Sun/SharedArticle.aspx?href=TBS%2F2015%2F07%2F21&id=Ar01501)

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**MICA Students Return** Another exciting school year awaits MICA students, faculty, and staff. Students start returning to campus the week of August 24 for the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year. Preparations are underway to welcome undergraduate and graduate students and their families with orientation activities, including receptions, movie nights, shopping trips, and sessions to help students acclimate to campus life. Welcome back!

## Do Something

**Farmers' Markets** Get your share of the delicious summer bounty from our local farms and support the folks that do all the hard work with loving care. These five are closest markets to our neighborhood; for others in the city, visit [baltimarket.org/farmers-markets/](http://baltimarket.org/farmers-markets/)

**State Center Community Farmers' Market**, Wednesdays, May to November, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 201 West Preston St.

**Druid Hill Farmers' Market**, Wednesdays, June to September, 3:30-7:30 p.m., outside Rawlings Conservatory

**Waverly Farmers' Market**, Saturdays, year round, 7 a.m. - noon, 400 E. 32nd Street west of Greenmount

**Whitelock Farm Stand**, Saturdays, May to November, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., corner of Whitelock & Brookfield in the Reservoir Hill

**Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar**, Sundays, April to December, 7 a.m.- noon, Saratoga and Holliday Sts. under the JFX

**Hymn Sing & Lemonade** Wednesday, August 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church

Join the fun on the church steps to sing hymns requested by attendees, accompanied by a vintage reed organ. Lemonade will be served. In the event of excessive heat, hymn singing will take place in the sanctuary vestibule.

**Crab Feast Monday**, August 31, 5-8 p.m. Bolton Hill Swim & Tennis Club

Join the fun at MRIA's annual Crab Feast to honor those who serve our neighborhood, including Baltimore Police and Fire personnel, MICA Security, and Midtown staff. Honorees and neighbors meet for a good time of eating and visiting. This is the way we say thanks to the people who don't live here, but help look out for us. Volunteers are needed—see above.

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