



# The Bolton Hill Bulletin

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The next meeting of MRIA Board will be on Tuesday, December 4 at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Parish Hall of Memorial Episcopal Church, corner of Bolton and Lanvale St. Enter from the Lanvale side. All neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend. This meeting will keep you informed of goings on in the neighborhood, including a report from the Baltimore Police Department and MRIA committees, and will introduce you to new neighbors and members of the Board. Plus, you'll get wine and snacks.

Since the November Board meeting was held after the Bulletin deadline, and since the holiday season is chock full of fun things to do, celebrations, and music, the Editor has included a list of some she thinks you might enjoy. Many are free. Some are near, some are farther away. Enjoy the holidays, neighbors, with good food and friends. And remember those in New York and New Jersey who might not even have a place to celebrate--with a donation. Various charities are collecting money for those affected by the terrible weather circumstances, the pets as well as the people.

## Neighborhood News and Events

**British Tea**, Dec. 1, 2 p.m, Upper Parish Hall, Memorial Episcopal Church \$20 all tax deductible

The Daughters of the British Empire is holding its annual British Afternoon Tea, with traditional Christmas fare: cakes, cookies, sandwiches and tea. Contact [mforster@umaryland.edu](mailto:mforster@umaryland.edu) or send checks to Ms. Mo Ashton, 117 Ruth Eager, Pikesville, MD 21208 Your \$20 donation is tax deductible.

For information 410-823-1823 **Email:** [annbalke@aol.com](mailto:annbalke@aol.com)

**The Mt. Royal School Kindergarten Open House** Wed., Dec. 5, 9-10:30 a.m.

Bolton Hill families are invited to the upcoming Kindergarten Open House at The Mount Royal School at 121 McMechen Street, between Mount Royal and Park Avenue. The Mount Royal School is a public elementary and middle school (K-8) located in the heart of Bolton Hill. The school's unique, interdisciplinary approach to urban education is supported through partnerships with our Cultural District neighbors, including the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), University of Baltimore, and Arts Every Day.

The Open House will introduce the school and its curricular programming, such as the Ingenuity Project, Advanced Academics, Arts Integration and Playworks, plus a tour of the kindergarten and elementary language classes; the Open House will wrap up in the library with refreshments and a Q & A session. For more information [midtownparents.mountroyal@gmail.com](mailto:midtownparents.mountroyal@gmail.com)

### **Bolton Hill Garden Club Annual Greens Sale**

The Greens Sale will present a variety of greens to dress up your homes and offices for the holiday season. Cedar laurel and pine roping will be available, along with a variety of wreaths and holiday crafts. Please visit **BoltonHill-GardenClub.org** for additional information and to find a pre-order form. All profits from the Greens Sale benefit the Garden Club's greening efforts in Bolton Hill.

### **Memorial Church Pancake Breakfast** Sat. Dec. 8, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m Breakfast: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child and for families of four or more, \$15 for the whole family.

Come have a hearty breakfast of pancakes and all the fixin's in Memorial's Upper Parish Hall. Visit with jolly old St Nick, eat a yummy breakfast and get your decorating started with some greens from the Garden Club Greens Sale all in one morning!

### **2012 Poinsettia Tour Baltimore** 12-5 p.m. Sat., Dec. 8 \$

The tour will showcase the beautiful houses, synagogues, and churches in one of Baltimore's most beautiful and fashionable areas, Eutaw Place and Madison Avenue. Begin at Druid Hill Cafe, 2501 Madison. Free parking available. **poinsettiafortourbaltimore.com**

### **MICA Art Market offers unique holiday gifts** Wednesday, Dec. 5 through Saturday, Dec 8 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Leidy Atrium and Falvey Hall lobby of Brown Center, 1301 W. Mt. Royal

This festive sale, featuring original work by more than 300 student, alumni, faculty and staff, includes one-of-a-kind gifts, including jewelry, illustrations, paintings, prints, posters, textiles and much more. Fabulous one-of-a-kind gifts by local artists. For more information about some of the following events and even more listings, see **baltimore.org/holiday**.

### **29th Annual Merry Tuba Christmas** Harborplace Amphitheater, Dec. 1, 3-4 p.m. Free

More than 200 tuba and euphonium players perform a holiday concert. Participating musicians include players from Baltimore, as well as Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia. The Heart of Maryland Chorus and the Baltimore Marching Ravens also participate.

### **Bach First Sunday Concert,** Sunday, Dec. 2 Free and BachFest Fund-raiser, immediately following, \$ Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles

The free concert will feature the Bach Concert Choir and Orchestra, and guest choir Park School Eightnotes and Vocal Chords Following the concert, join fellow music lovers for wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres, for a Silent Auction, plus a Wine Pull and a Scotch Pull. \$25 See **bachinbaltimore.com** for more information.

### **40th Annual Mayor's Christmas Parade** Hampden, Dec. 2, 1:00 p.m.

Santa Claus and 160 marching units! The parade includes the Baltimore Marching Ravens, Harley Davidson Motorcycles, Boumi Temple performers, floats, and a lot of fun for all.

### **Sock Monkey Saturday** AVAM's Jim Rouse Visionary Center, 3rd floor Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. -2 p.m Free

Don't let the holidays drive you BANANAS! Relax by making your very own Sock Monkey. A great last-minute gift! And just something fun to do. FREE,

but you must bring 2 pairs of (clean) socks, & your own scissors to get in. Instructions, stuffing, sewing needles, thread, visionary baubles and camaraderie provided! All ages welcome. No advanced registration required, just show up with 2 pairs of (clean) socks & your own scissors to get in. For questions/more info, call 410- 244-1900. Editor's note: I went last year and had a great time.

**A Monumental Occasion Free** Mount Vernon Place, Dec. 6, 5–8:30 p.m  
Mount Vernon Place celebrates the holiday season with the 40th annual lighting of the Washington Monument. A Monumental Occasion takes place Thursday, December 6, 2012 with pre-event festivities hosted by MIX 106.5 at 5:30 p.m. in Mount Vernon. The official ceremony begins at 7pm with the official lighting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

**Winter Solstice Celebration at First Unitarian Church** Friday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Corner of Charles and Franklin Streets . Free and open to the public.

This annual ritual includes songs, poetry, drama, symbolic extinguishing of the old year's fire and lighting of the new, turning the Wheel of the Year, giving thanks for seasonal blessings, cherishing the Halcyon Days, blessing the newborn babes, and tasting seasonal sweets. [solstice@unitarian](mailto:solstice@unitarian) or Pat Montley 410-252-6074 for more information. Street parking or parking garage (\$) on Franklin St. across from the church.

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## Ongoing Holiday Events Throughout the City

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**Power Plant Holiday Light Show** Spectacular Free! November 17 - Dec. 31, 2011

Power Plant lights up the Inner Harbor this holiday season with an unforgettable display of lights, lasers, music and more! Sure to become downtown's most electrifying attraction, you won't want to miss this must-see event!

**Holiday Festival of Trains** Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, Nov. 23 - Dec. 31, 2012

Celebrate the holiday season at Baltimore's largest holiday display of toy and model train layouts. Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive by locomotive to the Roundhouse at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 25. Weekend train rides and photo opportunities with Santa continue through December 18. Weekend train rides and photo opportunities are available with Frosty the Snowman through December 31. All ages enjoy indoor train carousel rides and crafts at Santa's workshop.

**The Baltimore Farmers/ Market and Bazaar** is open Sunday mornings through December.

Produce is still coming in and gifts are plentiful in the Bazaar.

**The Chanukah House** Dec.

Experience the miracle of Hanukkah at the Chanukah House. Irwin Cohen has been decorating his house since the late 1980s. Visitors hail from places as far away as Israel and Russia. The house will be open for the whole month of December. 6721 Greenspring Ave, one block south of Smith Ave.

**Miracle on 34th Street** 34th Street in Hampden, Nov. 24, 2012 - Jan. 1  
One block in Hampden puts on a Christmas light display that is surely visible

## Classified Ads

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9:30 a.m. (July 1st - Labor Day Weekend)  
Weekdays 12:10 p.m. (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)  
Holy Days 12:10 p.m.  
Confessions Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

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### Memorial Episcopal Church

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from space. Neighbors in this block of rowhouses string Christmas lights across 34th Street. Inflatable snow-globes, musical trains and blinking angels adorn homes. A few even allow visitors to peek inside. The lights are on every night from Thanksgiving weekend to January 1st, including all night on Christmas Eve.

## Local Business



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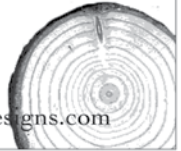
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