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The next MRIA Board meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd and Tuesday, May 1st at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Memorial Episcopal Church (enter on Lafayette Street). May 1st is the ANNUAL MEETING and new Board officers and members will be elected, so be sure to attend.

News from MRIA

Victory for Neighborhood at Zoning Board Bolton Hill residents recently scored a significant victory against the Hiram Grand Lodge (1207 Eutaw Place) at the city zoning board. Residents have vigorously complained for several years about late night parties, excessive noise, trash and loitering at the lodge. The lodge repeatedly promised to limit the scope of events and work to address community complaints and had repeatedly failed to do so. Numerous community organizations and residents, the police department, Councilman William Cole, and City Council President Jack Young opposed the lodge's attempt to gain zoning board approval for its late night events. The zoning board sided with the community in rejecting the lodge's efforts. The board found that the lodge's current use "should be discontinued" and severely restricted activities at the lodge. Specifically, lodge events must end by 10 p.m. and amplified music by 9 p.m. The lodge must provide soundproofing to keep noise levels low and end the practice of selling tickets or charging entrance fees. The lodge will remain open and can host events subject to these conditions.

Bolton Hill Garden Club Green Space Grants Program It's that wonderful time of year again. The Bolton Hill Garden Club will be accepting greening grant applications until May 1st. The purpose of the program is to help fund public space greening projects within Bolton Hill. Applications will be accepted via email or paper. Don't forget to include a "before" picture of your project. Access the application and garner additional information by visiting boltonhillgardenclub.org/grant-request. Other questions may be sent to BoltonHillGreenSpaceProgram@gmail.com.

Remove Graffiti When you see graffiti in the neighborhood, please take the time to report it to the city. No one will remove any graffiti automatically; a specific request must be entered. It is important to do this to keep our neighborhood clean and safe. Overlooked graffiti breeds more graffiti which can lead to other unwanted elements. To report an incident, go to baltimorecity.gov; select "Online Service request"; and "Graffiti Removal" as the Service Type; then enter the information requested through the next screens and submit. If you prefer not to fill out all your personal information, putting an email address works. This mechanism can also be used to report street lights out or trash problems along with many other concerns. For people with an

iPhone or Android device there is a "311 App". You can photograph the graffiti (or overflowing trash can, dirty alley, etc) and submit it to the city directly from your phone. It uses your GPS to automatically include the location. Let's all do our part.

Upcoming Events

Bach's St Matthew Passion Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 1, 5 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street, \$.

The Bach Concert Series is thrilled to announce its season highlight performance of Bach's sublime masterpiece. The performance will be split into two parts and feature two choirs including the Children's Chorus of Maryland on Saturday, two orchestras, and six world-class professional soloists. Tickets are required for this concert; call 410-941-9262 or email BachConcertSeries@bachinbaltimore.org.

Two Plays by Neil LaBute Thursday, April 5 – Sunday, April 15 BBOX, The Gateway, 1601 W. Mount Royal Ave, \$

MICA's student theater company, Rivals of the West, will present "Fat Pig" "and reasons to be pretty," two critically-acclaimed and provocative plays by Neil LaBute. In his two most celebrated plays this hot and controversial young playwright takes on such timeless and beguiling questions as who decides what is beautiful—or rather, who is beautiful—and what is beauty?

All Aboard: Hop Hop! Train Ride & Breakfast Buffet in the Roundhouse with the B&O Easter Bunny. Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7 8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m., \$

Choo Choo Blue will make a live appearance with a very special story time. Photo opportunities at Dr. Coupler's Railroad Photorium and a ride aboard the carousel add to the excitement. Then everyone hops on board the Mile One Express and takes a round-trip ride with the B&O Bunny! Advance purchase required. Contact Dana Kirn at 410-752-2462 x 221 to purchase tickets.

EASTER EGG HUNT in the Park Sunday, April 8, 1 p.m., Ruttters Mill Park

Put on your bonnet, grab your basket, bring all your friends and relatives, and hop on over to celebrate in the Ruttter's Mill Park. Don't forget to bring 12 filled eggs/ wrapped goodies per child, as well as "potluck" finger food or drink to share. For further information, contact alacovara@ywgcrealty.com or 443-326-8674.



Vestments An Exhibition Celebrating the Life and Work of Amalie Rothschild, 11-25 April, Brown Center's Rosenberg Gallery, MICA, 1301 Mt. Royal Avenue

Showcasing one of Baltimore's most celebrated artists - and a former MICA trustee and alumna – this exhibition features a body of sculptural work based on the form of the liturgical vestment with each piece created out of a unique

mixture of materials. The exhibition coincides with the publication of Amalie Rothschild, a 500-page book edited by Angelo Pontecorboli and Amalie R. Rothschild, the daughter of the late artist. The publication of the book was made possible in part through the support of the Baltimore Community Foundation with the assistance of MICA.

Transcend: 19th Annual Benefit Fashion Show Saturday, April 14, 8 p.m., Brown Center: Falvey Hall, 1301 W. Mount Royal Avenue, \$ at MICA bookstore

This year’s runway show will explore the outward manifestation of the unconscious mind. Designers were asked to go beyond the expected and transcend their normal, accepted thought processes to reveal a hidden layer of themselves through their garment making. Transcend allows audience members to walk behind the synaptic workings of the designer’s brains and actually see the manifestations of their inner thoughts and aspirations. After the show, audience members are invited to mix and mingle with the designers and view an exhibition of fashion-inspired photography, illustration and fiber arts in the lobby of Falvey Hall.

Solo Recital: Janice Chandler Eteme Saturday, April 14, 8 p.m. Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1316 Park Avenue, \$

One of America’s foremost lyric sopranos and a favorite of the great choral conductor Robert Shaw, will perform a solo recital as part of the church’s Tiffany Series, accompanied on the piano by JoyAnne Amani Richardson. The program includes selections from works by Mozart, Handel and Schubert, as well as French songs. Eteme will also sing “Parigi, o cara” with tenor Devon Mercer and “Sempre libera,” both from Verdi’s “La Traviata.” The closing selection is “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand” by Margaret Bonds, the African American composer and pianist. For details visit browndowntown.org.

Historic Tax Credit Workshop Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m., the AIA Baltimore basement gallery, 11 1/2 West Chase Street, Free

Starting to think about a home renovation project for next spring? Or even next month? If you’re doing work on your historic house, you may be eligible for the mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.html Maryland Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program which offers generous incentives for home-owners in designated historic districts. With over seventy historic districts across the city, thousands of Baltimore home-owners are eligible for a 20% tax credit on rehab projects from roof repair, wood window restoration, or even a replacement furnace. Patricia Adams from Jubilee Baltimore, a local community development nonprofit that assists property-owners preparing and submitting tax credit applications. Contact Eli Pousson at pousson@baltimoreheritage.org or 301-204-3337.

Mayor’s City Wide Clean Up Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Parks are an important part of the Spring Clean Up! Organize your neighborhood and include the park in your clean up efforts! Register your event with 311 Operators. Questions? e-mail Tasha.Kniep@baltimorecity.gov

The Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The House and Garden Pilgrimage is returning to Bolton Hill this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to make our neighborhood look sharp. Proceeds go to support designated preservation projects. Some of those proceeds this

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