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The next MRIA Board meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 7th and Tuesday, March 6th at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Memorial Episcopal Church (enter on Lafayette Street). All residents and neighbors are encouraged to attend.

News from MRIA

BHEN – HOW IT WORKS. BHEN is an email network, not a list-serve, i.e., members of the group send messages to the manager for distribution. The manager then distributes the message to the group; members of the group do not send messages to the group.

BHEN information is restricted to Safety, Lost pets/keys, and MRIA announcements. Information about these issues should be sent to **BHEN@BoltonHill.org**. Assuming that it meets the above criteria, the email BHEN receives is simply forwarded, as is, to the group.

Electronic Distribution of the **Bolton Hill Bulletin**. For many years now, the bulletin has been published through a system of volunteer editing, design and printing, and delivered to member households through USPS bulk mail. Recently, however, the process has broken down. Attempts at continued bulk mail delivery of the bulletin have proved so fruitless that we are now using first class mail, at great expense. Please consider receiving this newsletter electronically and helping to save on both paper and postage. To join the electronic distribution, please email: **barbaracwhite@verizon.net**

Residential Parking Permits expire March 31, however residents may renew or purchase permits online beginning February 20th. Click on **<https://pabc.t2hosted.com/cmn/index.aspx>**. Pre-purchased permits will be available for pick up at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church on Saturdays, March 24 and 31 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. One may also go directly to the Parking Authority Office, 200 W. Lombard St., B, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., but check to make sure that you take all required documents with you.

MRIA Court Watch Program Recent criminal activity in Bolton Hill has refocused residents on neighborhood safety. Residents must look out for their individual safety, but also for the safety of the community at large. In this respect, MRIA's Court Watch program provides an opportunity for residents to join together to follow – and perhaps influence – the criminal prosecution of those committing crimes in Bolton Hill. Fighting neighborhood crime starts with prevention. Individuals must first take responsibility for their own safety. As Bolton Hill's community police liaison told MRIA, individuals should remove all valuables from vehicles, always be aware of their surroundings, and leave on front and rear house lighting throughout the night. Neighbors also have a responsibility for community safety. They can notify police

(i.e. call 911) about suspicious activity and pay extra attention to neighbors' homes while those neighbors are on vacation. Of course, these reminders are helpful but cannot prevent all neighborhood crime. Once a crime occurs, neighbors can disseminate information among themselves to identify suspects and assist police in arresting the culpable individuals.

MRIA's Court Watch program follows the post-arrest criminal proceedings and represents the community's interest in a just outcome. The Court Watch program organizes interested neighbors committed to track criminal proceedings relevant to Bolton Hill residents. Court Watch participants can inform residents of the status of relevant cases, write a community impact statement, and attend court proceedings from initial hearings through sentencing. Community attention provided by Court Watch persuades decision-makers that Bolton Hill residents are focused on neighborhood safety, paying attention to criminal prosecutions, and willing to make their voices heard on these issues. The MRIA Court Watch program does not require a long-term commitment; any effort to help on a particular case or with particular program functions is welcome. If you are interested in joining the Court Watch program, please contact **MRIA President Joe Palumbo at pres@boltonhill.org**

Upcoming Events

Oliver! Friday/ Saturday, February 3/4 and 10/11, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 5/12 at 3 p.m. Memorial Episcopal Church, 1407 Bolton Street, Free but donations welcome

This year's masterful, musical presentation by the Memorial Players is Lionel Bart's uplifting take on Dickens's otherwise dark tale. It is directed by Timothy David Copney and features a large, multi-generational cast that includes many neighbors and familiar faces. *Oliver!* was selected in part because its focus on the challenge of hunger in the urban environment and highlights Memorial's community ministry. Proceeds from donations and pre-show receptions help support this important mission. For more details visit **memorialplayers.org** or call 410-669-0020.

Concert: Bach in Baltimore Sunday, February 5, 4 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church, 702 S. Charles Street, FREE

T. Herbert Dimmock conducts Cantata 182: Himmelskönig, sei willkommen with Bonnie Cutsforth-Huber, Alto; Jason Rylander, Tenor; and John Eisenstadt, Bass. The Prelude and Fugue in B minor (BWV 544) by J. S. Bach features Dan Sansone, Organist and as guest choir, the Dayseye of Bryn Mawr School, Alyson Shirk, Director

African American Arts Festival Wednesday-Friday, February 8-10, UB Student Center. Free and \$

A free performance by singer/songwriter Queen Earth, plus a Poetry Slam that includes National Poet champion Gayle Danley and UB poet Temple, and the last pre-Broadway production of Rain Pryor's one-woman show, Fried Chicken & Latkes are highlights of UB's celebration of African American History Month. For details visit **ubalt.edu**

Exhibition Opening: Bezael on Tour Friday, February 10, MICA Brown Center Atrium and Galleries, 1302 W. Mt. Royal Avenue, FREE

This is the first venue for a remarkable exhibition showcasing some of the best contemporary creations by more than two dozen Bezael Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem alumni who graduated in the past five years. Drawn from all academy departments and indicative of MICA's close



Bezalel on Tour

relationship with Bezalel, this exhibition will be on view through March 18.

The Aspen String Trio Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m., UB Student Center, 21 W. Mt. Royal Avenue, \$

Through his performances, installations, audio environments, video net work actions and sound recordings, MICA faculty member Sloan examines the need for transcendence beyond the body through visual ritual and sonic simulation.'

Film Screening: Waltz with Bashir Thursday, February 16, 7p.m., Brown Center:

Falvey Hall, 1301 W. Mount Royal Avenue, FREE

Winner of six Ophir Israeli Academy Awards and nominated for the 2009 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, Waltz with Bashir is an animated documentary film that tells the story of Israeli film director Ari Folman's attempt to solve a riddle about his past, especially the time of the first Lebanon War of the early 1980s. The screening will be hosted by David Sterritt, director of the National Society of Film Critics and a MICA faculty member

Historic Tax Credit Education Workshops Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m., Baltimore Heritage Offices, Basement of 111/2 West Chase Street. Free but RSVP

Check into this before you start on a home improvement project. You might be eligible for a 20% tax credit. Contact pousson@baltimoreheritage.org

Neighbors in the News

City Living without Car. If you have not been shopping at the Inner Harbor in a while, it's time to try it again. You will find the staple clothing stores such as Banana Republic, Gap, Brooks Brothers and the Loft. Then there's bebe for women who want something sleek. H&M just opened next to Urban Outfitters. For shoes go to Aerosoles, Aldo's, Nine West, Footlocker and Payless. To top it off there are many unique specialty shops. Some of my favorites are Francesca's Collections, Hats in the Belfry and La Mesa (all items made in Peru – great Alpaca capes). Unfortunately Filene's Basement has closed down again, but Best Buys is still around. How to get there? The cheapest and often fastest depending on traffic and timing is the Purple Line of the Baltimore Circulator. Just walk down to Preston and St. Paul (or Penn Station

if it's closer) and catch the free bus that runs every 10 minutes and goes straight shot down St. Paul. Get off at the Light and Pratt Streets. To get back, catch the Purple Line right in front of the Gallery and take it to Charles and Biddle. Other options are the Subway or the Light Rail. Catch the former at the State Center stop at Eutaw and Preston to the Market Place stop (3rd stop). This runs every 20 minutes but only takes 5 minutes once you're on-board. The Light Rail can be boarded at Mt. Royal or in front of the Symphony Hall, and is scheduled to run every fifteen minutes. Hop off at the Convention Center.

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