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The next meeting of the MRIA Board of Officers will be on Tuesday, June 5th at 8 p.m. The meeting is held at the Memorial Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall (enter on Lafayette Street). All residents are encouraged to attend.

News from MRIA

New Officers and Board Members elected at Annual Meeting

The Board elected the following as officers for 2012-13:

President, Joe Palumbo
1st VP, Susan Henson-Haun
2nd VP, Jon Kucskar
Treasurer, Barry Bloomberg
Secretary, Jill Kingery
General Counsel, Richard Rosenberg
Past President, Polly Duke.

New Board Members and their terms of service include:

Yoskiko Hayakawa, 2013
Anna Watson, 2014
James Harp
Dave King
Luis Quiroga
Noell Damron
Marjorie Forster
Dan Gilbert
Steve Howard
Brad Fierle
Sally Wingo



Police Commissioner Fred Bealefield speaks at Annual Meeting Two days before Commissioner Bealefield tenured his resignation to Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, the commissioner described his philosophy and accomplishments to an appreciative audience of BH residents at the Annual Meeting of the MRIA. Bealefield said his goal, and that of the BPD, was to keep residents safe. Bealefield noted that he was Baltimore, born and bred, and had been a police officer for 31 years. When he was appointed commissioner in 2007, his years of experience as a police officer helped him form his policing strategy: "go after the bad guys with guns." Bealefield found that 50 percent of offenders arrested for homicide have one thing in common—a prior gun arrest. So he emphasized getting a handle on crimes committed with guns. As a result of this strategy and other initiatives to reduce violent crime, the homicide rate in the city has dropped and is currently at its lowest since 1977 and continues to decline. Two days later Bealefield announced his retirement and the mayor accepted it.

House and Garden Pilgrimage brings visitors to neighborhood. On a rather damp, overcast April 28, over 400 people visited our neighborhood as part of the Maryland Home and Garden Pilgrimage.

These visitors were able to tour BH homes and gardens, as well as MICA's Brown Center, Memorial Episcopal Church and Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church. Bolton Hill was the first stop on the four-weekend Pilgrimage that included tours on subsequent weekends in St Mary's, Talbot, Howard, and Anne Arundel Counties. MRIA will receive a portion of the proceeds from the BH tour to be used for Maple Leaf Park. In case you don't know, Maple Leaf Park is south of North Avenue in back of the 1700 block of Park Avenue, the 200 block of Laurens Street and the 1800 block of Bolton Street.

Upcoming Events

Band concert set for June 12 Join your neighbors--young and not so young--at the Baltimore City Band Concert on Tuesday, June 12.

The party begins at 5:00 p.m. with food and drink for sale on Wilson Street between Bolton and Park. The band will entertain beginning at 7:00 p.m. The band's repertory is perfect for a night of dancing, singing along, and clapping: big band sounds mixed with Sousa marches. It's a great night out for a visit with your neighbors and to celebrate the beginning of summer. Listening is free; MRIA will sell hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and wine, soda and baked goods. Memorial Episcopal Church will have baked goods for sale. Yummy, brownies.

Whitelock Community Farm opens its organic produce stand The farm stand is currently open on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Spring and summer crops are coming in as the farm comes alive at the corner of Whitelock Street and Brookfield Ave in Druid Hill. Check out the FaceBook page for more information.

MICA: Summer art classes for young people. June 18-22

This summer, the YPS Summer Art Camp offers a new program for preschoolers and their parent, grandparent or guardian. The two-weeklong program during the camp's Early Session (June 18-22) allows young artists and their accompanying adult to engage in art together during a morning (10-11:30am) or afternoon (1:30-3pm) session. Art activities are tailored to the imaginative minds and developmental needs of 2 ½ - 5 year olds, but the scale and materials will need a adult's helping hands. Limited to 10 pairs. Parents with more than one child should call 410 225 2219 to inquire. For other summer programs for young people at Mica, check their website: mica.edu

Great American Backyard Campout Get your tent and sleeping bag! Bolton Square is pleased to host our fourth annual Great American Backyard Campout on Saturday June 23, 2012 (and into Sunday morning).

Gates open at 5:30 p.m., so there will be time to pitch tents and play games before a potluck dinner, then ghost stories, s'mores, and more! All neighbors are welcome; invite your friends. Even if you don't plan to stay overnight, you are welcome to join us for the potluck. Bring food to share, a frisbee or a ball to toss, and your own tent or bedroll. The front gate is on the north side of 200 block of Lafayette Avenue. For those of you not familiar with Bolton Square, it is between Lafayette and Mosher, behind the homes on Mason St. The Backyard Campout is a nationwide movement sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. The event is free, donations to the NWF are most welcome.

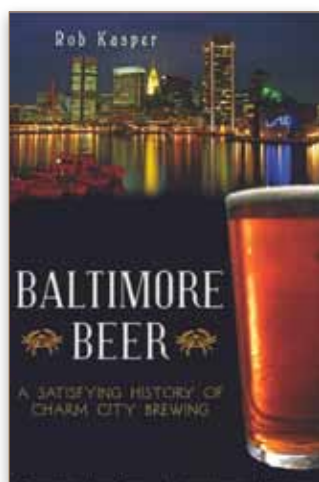
Lots to do at the Library this summer Mark Shriver will discuss his book, *My Father, Sargent Shriver*, Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

When Sargent Shriver, founder of the Peace Corps and architect of President

Johnson's War on Poverty, died in 2011, thousands of tributes poured in from around the world. Mark Shriver writes about his relationship with his father and his quest to understand the principles by which his father lived his extraordinary life. Shriver is senior vice president of U.S. Programs at Save the Children in Washington, and a former Maryland state legislator. And check out the many other summer events and exhibits at the Central Branch of the EPFL. Activities include computer camps for kids, summer reading programs for adults and children, talks and readings by authors, films.

Neighbors in the News

Rob Kasper, 1417 Park, has a new book: *Baltimore Beer, A Satisfying History of Charm City Brewing*. It is a colorful and fascinating history of our beer-drinking town. Available at local bookstores, \$20..



Sarah Lord chairs Forestry Board Sarah Lord, 1421 Park Ave, chairs the Baltimore City Forestry Board, a group of volunteers who work with state foresters to promote and nurture the urban canopy. This board publishes a very informative newsletter, available on line, as well as in print. Interesting activities in June and July, including the Notable Tree Tour, June 2 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$22) Check out the site: baltimore-forestry.org.

No Boundaries block party attracts a crowd Three hundred neighbors of every conceivable background attended this five central-west neighborhood event, sponsored by The No Boundaries Coalition on Saturday afternoon May 10, Attend-

ees included **Keiffer Mitchell, Jack Young**, and other officials and friends. Party goers listened to live music and poetry all afternoon and ate free burgers and dogs. Entertainment included clowns on stilts, face painting, Penn. Ave walking tours and performers Expressions of Faith Gospel Choir, the Todd Marcus Trio, and students from **Booker T. Washington Middle School**, who sang sang the national anthem then jumped from the stage and encouraged party goers to join in a dance in the street. Participants included neighborhood churches, neighborhood organizations, as well as the Baltimore Health Dept. It was a great day for making new friends from all over the area and breaking down boundaries between neighborhoods. Thanks to **Rebecca Nagle**, who chaired the event and all the volunteers who helped.

After two years of collecting stories and event information for our Bolton Hill neighborhood as editor of the Bolton Hill Bulletin, Susan Badder has turned over her files, her list of connections, and her desire to promote and celebrate this neighborhood to Judith McFadden. All of us who look for the brightly colored newsletter each month or the email that invites us to the online version, thank her and wish her well in her extra hours of free time. Judith says she's hopes she can do as well. Judith's email is jtmcfadden@comcast.net; send ideas and information to her there. The editor is always grateful for ideas for interesting stories.

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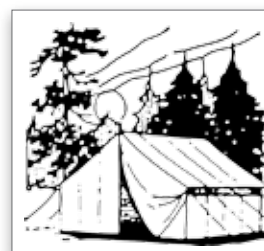
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