

Bolton Hill

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Baltimore Unity Hall opens June 17; Petula Caesar named its first director

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Leaders at last July's Unity Hall groundbreaking.

Baltimore's newest arts and education hub is getting ready to open its doors, a big addition to the neighborhood.

Mayor Brandon Scott will lead a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, June 17, at 9:30 a.m. for Baltimore Unity Hall, a \$9.7 million re-constructed center for community arts, education and training at 1505 Eutaw Place. The event will include tours of the building and an exhibit about the area entitled, *Division and Unity in Central West Baltimore*.

The opening is followed by the No Boundaries Coalition Block Party the next day, Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m., on the Eutaw median park in front of Unity Hall. It will feature music, food trucks, kids' activities assembled by Port Discovery and fresh produce from Fresh at the Avenue, plus local politicians.

Under construction since July, the project involved the conversion of a 1960s-era union hall to a 30,000-square-foot hub for programs and groups serving Bolton Hill, Madison Park, Upton and other Central West Baltimore communities. The renovated building contains offices and workspaces at below-market rents for non-profits and community organizations. It also has an auditorium, artist studios and exhibit areas that will make it a venue for community meetings, art shows and other cultural events.

The lower level has a workforce development center with a commercial kitchen and training and event spaces. Training will be provided at low or no cost to nearby residents seeking employment.

The non-profit board of Baltimore Unity Hall Inc. named Petula Caesar the founding director. Caesar, who started June 1, has worked in the non-profit and creative arts worlds in Baltimore for nearly two decades, most recently for the Women's Housing Coalition.

“It's not very often that.. you really get an opportunity to build something from the ground up,” she said. “I'm a person that enjoys charting new territory and creating new things. That drew me to this opportunity. Also, it feels like everything that I've done in my life is a part of this job. I can bring the experience that I have in the creative arts and the relationships I've made in those communities.

“I can bring the non-profit experience that I've had in the work that I've done there. I can bring the experience I've had as someone who has lived in the city and has seen all the versions of Baltimore that have existed [going back to the William Donald Schaefer era]. Having all that history about the city and all the things that's it has gone through is very helpful in this role. It just seems like everything that I know and that I've done and that I've lived is something that can help me do this job.”

Caesar said she was also attracted by the board's mission of creating a community hub that's intended to help break down barriers and build a healthy neighborhood for all, by providing resources and a venue for creativity. Eutaw Place has long been a dividing line between relatively affluent areas such as Bolton Hill and Mount Vernon to the east and less affluent communities to the west. The name Unity Hall reflects the project's mission to “unify” communities that typically don't have much contact with each other.

A native of Paterson, NJ, Unity Hall director Caesar said she has lived in Baltimore for more than 40 years. A mother of two, she resides in East Baltimore's Berea neighborhood.

“This building...sits on the perimeter of a lot of different neighborhoods that, for the most part, are known for their differences,” Caesar said. “The human condition kind of creates similarities in people, and sometimes it's hard to see those similarities. One of the purposes of this place is to help us see those similarities in a situation where for so long people have just pointed to the differences.”

The three-story building opened in 1964 as the headquarters for the Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers national union, one of the first examples of modern architecture in Bolton Hill. More recently, it was Empowerment Temple, which briefly used it for community programs but vacated several years ago. The renovation was led by a partnership of Memorial Apartments Corporation (MAC), loosely affiliated with Memorial Episcopal Church, and Somerset Development Company of D.C.

MAC, which acquired the site in 2019, and Somerset have worked together before. They renovated Memorial Apartments at 301 McMechen Street and renamed them the Linden Park Apartments, with 266 units for seniors. They used a former parking lot at McMechen Street and Eutaw Place as the footprint for The Jordan, a 62-unit market-rate apartment building with a street-level restaurant, The Tilted Row.

Ziger Snead is the architect for Baltimore Unity Hall and Southway Builders is the general contractor. Lenders include The Reinvestment Fund, a local non-profit, community development financial institution; and Premier Bank, a regional bank based in Youngstown, OH.

Working with an advisory committee, the developers held a series of community listening sessions that led to a vision for the building's use. Advisory committee members are Ateira Griffin of Building Our Nations Daughters (BOND), Nabeehah Azeez of No Boundaries Coalition, Emily Cory of Single Carrot Theatre, Washina Ford of The Community Builders, Stephanie Ray of Baltimore Music Box, David Hansen of The Samaritan Community, Grey Maggiano of Memorial Apartments Corporation and Jessica Wyatt, a consultant.

Baltimore Unity Hall Inc. has a master lease to oversee operations of the building. Nancy Hooff, president of Baltimore Unity Hall's board and a principal of Somerset, said contractors are winding up work on the interior and build-out work is underway for individual tenants. The anchor tenants are No Boundaries Coalition, Single Carrot Theatre, The Community Builders, Baltimore Music Box and Building Our Nation's Daughters (BOND). Hooff said the development team hasn't started marketing the artists' studios and the co-working space.

CBRE, a commercial broker, is showing the kitchen and events space to prospects. KLNB Management will oversee the facilities management. Hooff said KLNB manages operations for Motor House on North Avenue and Open Works makerspace on Greenmount Avenue and is familiar with the needs of arts organizations.

Besides working with the housing coalition, Caesar has worked for Baltimore Corps and the Baltimore Rock Opera Society. She covered arts, entertainment and culture, writing for City Paper, The Afro-American newspapers, and Baltimore magazine. In 2018, she released a memoir entitled "She's Such A Bright Girl: An American Story," in which she recounts an upbringing full of conflict and tension centered around colorism.

– *Ed Gunts*

Voting a month from now? Get to know these District 40 candidates

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/voting-a-month-from-now-get-to-know-these-district-40-candidates/>



Sen. Antonio Hayes has no primary opponent.

A poll published in the *Baltimore Sun* this month showed that a third of Democrats and 42 percent of Republicans were undecided how to vote in next month's party gubernatorial primaries, even though the combined 15 candidates for governor have spent millions trying to reach voters through social media, print and broadcast advertising, campaign stunts and in-person events.

So, the question arises: how much do you know and who are you voting for in *down-ballot* elections here? Who is your candidate for Register of Wills, for example, or for Baltimore city sheriff? Those races are on the ballot, as are citywide candidacies for circuit court judge and orphan's court judges and the non-partisan city board of education? Except for the state's attorney race, where Marilyn Mosby's misbehavior, or bravery, has been hard to ignore, most of us are hard-pressed to even name the candidates.

Local media don't cover local elections, leaving the burden on voters to figure out when and where to vote, and for whom. [The Sun](#) publishes an incomplete voters' guide. The League of Women Voters 411 [Voter Guide](#) is better. Bolton Hill voters will help nominate – and in heavily Democratic Baltimore the Democratic nominees usually prevail in November general elections – a state senator and three state assembly delegates.

Unless you are a major donor or lead a big membership organization, your impact on a statewide official likely will be small. It is local district politics where an ordinary voter can make a difference. The redrawn 40th state legislative district with about 43,000 residents consolidates all of Bolton Hill and encompasses neighborhoods east of Hilton Parkway – Harlem Park, Walbrook, Mondawmin, Easterwood, Penn North and Reservoir Hill as well as Lower Park Heights, Park Circle, Woodberry, Mayfield and

Hampden.

[Voter registration](#) is open until Tuesday, June 28. . Early voting begins on June 28. Two early voting sites near Bolton Hill are the University of Maryland Engagement Center at 16 S. Poppleton Street and Frederick Douglass High School at 2301 Gwynns Falls Parkway (across from Mondawmin Mall). **In-person voting takes place on Tuesday, July 19.** To find your polling place, click [here](#).

Who are the candidates for the General Assembly, where property, fuel and income taxes, state grant allocations and laws governing crime, employment, childcare, public education, abortion and other issues directly impacting our neighborhood are made?

Our current state senator, [Antonio Hayes](#), 45, defeated an incumbent in the Democratic primary four years ago after a term in the House of Delegates and has been highly visible as a first-time senator, sending out regular newsletters and aggressively fundraising for re-election. He has no primary opposition. He has assembled a re-election slate with two incumbent delegates, [Marlon Amprey](#) and [Melissa Wells](#), excluding the other delegate, [Frank M. Conaway Jr.](#) A veteran of city government, Hayes also is employed by the city's Department of Social Services. He is a graduate of Frostburg State University. He and his wife live in West Baltimore and have a new son.

The sole Republican primary candidate for that senate seat is [Christopher Anderson](#), 52, a Coast Guard veteran and substance abuse technician and Christian activist who attended Baltimore City Community College. His top priority, he says, is combating opioid addiction, cutting the inheritance tax and overhauling city schools. He lives in Sandtown.

There are seven Democratic candidates vying for the 40th District's three House of Delegates seats. Three of them made brief appearances at the June BHCA meeting. Four years ago, in a similarly crowded race the top vote-getter won with only 14 percent of the vote. Each voter selects three choices.

Amprey, 35, is the newest incumbent. He was appointed to the job with only four votes from the Democratic Central Committee in 2021 when then-Del. Nick Mosby left to become city council president. Amprey is an attorney, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania school of law and a former teacher in city schools. He and his wife live in Hampden with their toddler daughter.

Wells, 38, elected four years ago, is a construction union official, a resident of Charles Center and a Baltimore native who graduated and holds a master's degree in public policy from American University. She supports legislation that provides homeowners support to pay their property taxes by protecting them from tax sale; expansion of earned income tax credit and child tax credits, as well as the recently passed childcare assistance. She also advocates for urban agriculture.

Conaway, 59, has served in the General Assembly since 2006 and is part of a West Baltimore family that has held a wide array of elected and appointed government positions over half a century. He is a business graduate of the now-defunct Sojourner-Douglass college and the author of [two quasi-religious books](#). He is not active on the Internet, nor has he responded to voter questionnaires.

Challenging the incumbents this year are [China Terrell](#), [Kathy Shulman](#), [Crystal Jackson Parker](#), [Juanika Snell](#) and [Cameron Green, Sr.](#) Terrell, a Bolton Hill resident, is featured below.

Cameron Green, Sr., 29, is an education consultant who wants to end the achievement gap in Maryland schools. Since 2017 has worked with DC and MD high school families through The College Bound Foundation and College Board. One of five children raised by a single mother and an alumnus of Baltimore city schools, he now is a father of two boys and a graduate of Texas Southern University with a communications degree. He lives in Poppleton. On his website he notes: “Green's love for family and fear of God has guided his decisions made both professionally and personally throughout his life,” citing Romans 8:28. “I'm running because I believe through faith all things are possible and that our neighbors deserve someone that will be their trusted voice in Annapolis.”

Crystal Jackson Parker lives on West North Avenue and was recently widowed. A longtime activist in West Baltimore, her grandsons attend Edgewood Elementary, and her granddaughter is at Parkville Middle School. She is a Cornell University graduate with a law degree from the University of Baltimore. She says, “The lack of urgency to respond to a failing school system, disinvestment, drugs and guns as a solution to socio-economic disparities and psychological despair are all indicators that the city government at the current time has not done much, well.” She says the state should provide oversight and promote “an equitable distribution of services and response throughout the city.”

Kathy Shulman, 62, is a resident of Wyman Park and runs a non-profit called Healthy Food Access. She is a consultant to [St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore](#) on food issues and social justice. Her top issues are public safety, livable wage jobs, public education, housing and nutrition. She has been endorsed by several large unions and by her city council member, Odette Ramos. Earlier she served as executive director of the [Public Justice Center](#) and the [Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism](#). She is a graduate of Brown University with an MPA from Princeton, and a stepmother and grandmother.

Juanika Snell, 40, is a Reservoir Hill resident. She describes herself as a mother and grandmother of one, a lifelong resident of Baltimore and a graduate of city public schools. She says her top priority if elected will be reducing crime. “The amount of crime in our city is overwhelming. I think that big changes start with smaller improvements. My hope is to implement those small improvements in District 40. “

The sole candidate for delegate in the Republican primary is [Zulieka A. Baysmore](#), 63, an insurance agent with 32 years' experience in financial services. She is former candidate for mayor who lives in Madison Park. She lists crime and public education as her top priorities. She also supports lower property taxes, increasing the minimum wage and putting certification programs back in public schools for job readiness. Baysmore is married to a former boxing champion and is a mother of three adult children with three grandchildren. Without naming him specifically, she is critical of Democratic Del. Conaway, **who she said is among those who have turned a blind eye, by not holding city leaders accountable for the millions of tax dollars “that have been wasted and not invested in the people nor the area over the past decade.”**

– *Bill Hamilton*

China Terrell wants the state to do more for Baltimore

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/china-terrell-wants-the-state-to-do-more-for-baltimore/>

Neighbors



China Terrell is a Bolton Hill mom, a lawyer and activist in city affairs, and the leader of a non-profit organization that advocates for urban improvement. She also is a Democratic candidate for state delegate from the 40th District – the only one from the Bolton Hill neighborhood.

BHCA does not endorse or support political candidates.

“We can agree that the status quo hasn't been working for many West Baltimore neighborhoods,” Terrell, 44, said. “We need delegates with crucial skill sets for rebuilding the city. Baltimore needs more folks in office who understand the city's economics and how to shape those economics to make every resident safer, healthier and wealthier.

“What makes me different from other candidates is the ability to deliver powerful, positive results on an accelerated timeline. Working across Baltimore, I've shown this on public schools, infrastructure, jobs and our environment,” she added.

Terrell lives on Bolton Street with her husband of nine years, Josh Boak, a White House correspondent for the Associated Press. A military kid, she was born at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, CA and moved to Maryland as a child. She attended Johns Hopkins University, has a law degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's in public administration from the Kennedy School at Harvard. Their daughter, Elaine, 5, is finishing pre-school at Bryn Mawr Little School. The family attends Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church.

She is running, she says, to help the city overcome its stubborn problems. “Baltimore is succeeding in attracting young college graduates who have the potential to become part of the city's economic engine. Our challenges include the ongoing loss of working-class families, the 41,000 vacant or empty properties, the dizzying level of gun violence, and the low value in services received relative to taxes paid, from schools to trash collection.”

Look at her [website](#) and campaign materials and you'll see that Terrell favors state action to reduce local taxes, crack down on homicides, make pre-K education available to all children at age three and to index the state's minimum wage to the inflation rate. Terrell has been endorsed by [Our Revolution Maryland](#) as a "progressive champion."

"The nonprofit I lead helps create economic opportunity for working-class residents. It focuses on raising incomes, creating jobs, and building wealth. And it brings investments into working-class communities through tax credit financing, including new markets tax credits and federal and state historic tax credits," she said.

In Bolton Hill, she added, "we have vacant commercial properties that could benefit from more focused attention and support from elected leadership. I look forward to (1) helping transform the rear of the Sav-a-Lot shopping center so that illicit activity there ends; (2) working with the shopping center owner to address facility repairs and vacancies; (3) holding state leaders accountable for the lack of progress on State Center; and (4) working with neighboring community associations and the city to fill the four-acre vacancy that closing Eutaw-Marshburn school could leave behind in June 2023."

Tales of Lollipop Lane: how to organize a mini-neighborhood potluck

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/tales-of-lollipop-lane-how-to-organize-a-mini-neighborhood-potluck/>



The weather is warm and most of us are vaxxed and boosted. How about putting together a block party to get to know your neighbors again? Ours on Lollipop Lane has been going for half a century. With planning and a little luck, yours can, too. I'll tell you how.

Three or four years ago as a relative newcomer to Bolton Hill, I took on the role of organizer for the monthly Lollipop Lane potlucks. Lollipop Lane is a small alley which runs behind West Lanvale from Jenkins Alley to the 1300 block of Bolton Street. I have been told that its name commemorates a kind old lady (probably younger than I am now) who, a hundred or more years ago, stood at her back gate and passed out lollipops to children taking a shortcut home from school.

In the 1970s Debbie Phinney, who lived on Lanvale, started a monthly potluck, weather permitting, in the alley itself. She and her husband Ralph provided folding tables and put out dishes, napkins, etc. Nearby neighbors brought most of the food and drinks. In time, these summer events were extended year-round, with hosts opening their patios and, in less balmy months, their houses. Debbie recruited the hosts and with volunteers she distributed paper invitations to a fiercely guarded private list of neighbors. When I moved here in 2016, I was told by more than one friendly neighbor that I could aspire to being put on that list.

In time, somehow, Debbie passed the torch to me as she prepared to move out of Bolton Hill. She let me have the list, and I shifted to an e-mail invitation process. The monthly parties continued until spring 2020, with average attendance of 30 - 50 guests and an unbroken record of gracious hospitality and high hilarity.

The gatherings were suspended because of the pandemic. As the public health situation has evolved we revived the schedule, using outdoor spaces when possible, and trying to balance responsible caution with everyone's desire to be together again. Many of us who attend are, um, over 25 and perhaps juggling health challenges, but also fully vaccinated and boosted. Thus, our masking, distancing, and indoor-vs-outdoor protocols are still a bit fluid, depending on comfort levels and calculations of risk.

First-time hosts often anticipate daunting logistical and culinary challenges, and then afterwards they invariably say, "Oh, that was one of the easiest parties I ever gave!" Guests always step up with wonderful contributions to the food and drinks, and there always seems to be more than plenty.

Here are few of our trade secrets, which might work for others considering the launch of something similar for their mini neighborhood:

- One coordinator maintains the e-mail invitation list, recruits the monthly hosts (the roster can extend months into the future), stays in touch with them and sends out invitations about a month before, with a reminder a few days ahead. The coordinator keeps the e-mail list private by blind-copying the invitees. Some neighbors prefer to use their work addresses but also do not want that contact information shared.
- The hosts' responsibilities are simple: *Pick the date and time*, usually but not necessarily a Friday or Saturday evening. Specify an ending time, perhaps. They may invite friends of their own and may request that they be added permanently to the invitation list. *Make sure the coordinator clearly states the hosts' house policies* on children, pets, potential allergens, alcohol, etc. The host provides *dishes, linens*, some wine and soft drinks, and at least a main-course protein.
- The coordinator's invitations always ask the invitees to bring a protein, salad, dessert, appetizer, drinks or some combination of the above. (When guests arrive last-minute or from another engagement, welcome them empty-handed.)
- Guests may not want to take home leftovers of what they brought to the party. They often forget to take their dishes. Hosts end up with some unidentified dishes, which they can then take to – and leave at – the next party, hoping that the rightful owners will claim them. (Some dishes have circulated for years.)
- Hosts may notice that they end up with a bottle or two of lovely wine which kind neighbors have brought and left, and which hasn't been opened – not a bad outcome.

Most of us are aware of at least two or three similar gatherings in Bolton Hill, and I can testify that the Lollipop Lane tradition is both hallowed and rip-roarious. I'm happy to offer free advice to anyone who would like to start one in his or her own microclimate.

– *John C. McLucas*

With Belle Hardware gone, what will become of the shopping center?

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/with-belle-hardware-gone-what-will-become-of-the-shopping-center/>



Belle Hardware, Bolton Hill's only hardware store, has closed for good. Next question: what does the future hold for the half-empty strip mall where the store was located?

BHCA's board this month passed a resolution saluting the family-owned store and its manager, Mickey Fried, for nearly 45 years of service to Bolton Hill and Baltimore. The store shut its doors on June 6, a victim, Fried said, of rising rent, poor property maintenance, tight margins and two years of COVID complicating retail businesses everywhere. City Council member Eric Costello secured a council resolution thanking Fried for the shop's contribution to the community.

[Sav-a-Lot](#), a budget grocery franchise, continues to operate on the west end of the retail mall, with Walgreens at the other end. Now there are two big blank spaces in the middle of the strip and asphalt parking lot taking up half a block at 300 W. McMechen St. A former laundromat space has been vacant for more than three years, adjacent to the slot occupied by Belle Hardware, which was named for Fried's grandmother. Both businesses were damaged during the 2015 Freddie Gray uprising. Walgreens was robbed last September.

The mall has been there for more than half a century and once was anchored by SuperFresh, an upscale brand owned by the A&P grocery chain. Two people with Bolton Hill connections have said the entire one-story strip mall, which needs major renovation or a tear-down, is for sale and that one or more local developers has expressed interest.

The property is owned by Sav-a-Lot, a St. Louis-based real estate and grocery supply chain that, in turn, is owned by a Canadian hedge fund, [Onex](#), that has dozens of companies. Sav-a-Lot food stores operates a dozen locations in the city and Baltimore County, although it is not clear if they are owned by the same franchisee. Nationwide there are 900 stores averaging about 15,000 square feet.

For Bolton Hill residents in need of a light bulb or a single screw without driving across town, the nearest

surviving independent hardware store is **Hardware Plus at 2211 Pennsylvania Ave.**, (410) 728-4400, across from the Post Office. Eddie Lewis has owned and operated the store for 28 years and for a long time lived upstairs. At roughly 2,700 square feet, it is slightly larger than Belle, and has a musty atmosphere and packed shelves. They carry a wide array of hardware products and lumber, and do window and screen repairs.

Robert Cannon, the store manager, has been there for 13 years. His uncle once worked for Belle. Hardware Plus is open from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. M-F and Saturdays until 3 p.m. It is closed on Sundays.

North Avenue townhouse construction about ready to begin, finally

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/north-avenue-townhouse-construction-about-ready-to-begin-finally/>



In September 2016 developers David Bramble and Mark Renbaum announced that they would be kicking off a major building project on the Reservoir Hill-Bolton Hill North Avenue corridor: a mix of townhouses, apartments and retail shopping that would become the gateway to West Baltimore.

This month they came before the BHCA board meeting for the third time to announce that they expect construction on the first phase of the project, 120 market-rate townhouses, to begin in a matter of weeks, probably July. In the interim, Bramble has (among other projects) advanced his Northwood Plaza shopping complex near JHU's Bayview Hospital (complete with a grocery store) and been designated as lead developer to remake the sad and empty but once-iconic downtown Harborplace.

Bramble, who lives near his childhood home in Madison Park, called the townhouses, which he predicted would be priced in the mid-\$300,000 range, "Phase A" of the three-phase development. He hopes for completion of a model home by June 2023 and of the entire townhouse phase by 2025, with Ryan Homes managing the construction and sale.

Phases B and C call for 200-300 high rise rental apartments, retail shopping to include a grocery, ample off-street parking, parks and wide sidewalks to make that side of North Avenue attractive and walkable. The timetable for those phases is, at best, murky. He said the project would include substantial infrastructure and right-of-way improvements at a cost of \$1 million.

Photo of the Month by Zhee Chatmon

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Father's Day is coming, and so is Arts is the Parks, which is about great music in the neighborhood but also about families and kids picnicking. The first of 10 Thursday concerts kicks off on Thursday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Fitzgerald Park, Bolton and Wilson Streets. Check the BHCA calendar for the complete schedule.

Festival on the Hill 2022 is taking shape

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Before Festival on the Hill became an annual event in the late 1960s, Bolton Hill held street fairs.

Under the auspices of BHCA, planning is advancing for one of the city's more enduring neighborhood street parties, Bolton Hill's **Festival on the Hill on Saturday Oct. 8 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**. Festival 2022 will benefit the Samaritan Community and No Boundaries Coalition and will be held in the 1300 block of Bolton Street and Lanvale Street between Park Avenue and Mason Alley.

Activities will include these old favorites: a book sale, "Juntiquities," crafts, the garden club pansy sale, on-stage entertainment, a kids' zone, basketball hoop and auction. In addition, a homecoming tent will honor those returning Bolton Hillers who grew up with the festival, as well as screen painting, street performers, an art exhibit, Arabber vendors and a pet parade .

Corpus Christi Church will be doing chili and Brown Memorial Church will provide Brownies as they both have since 1969. Oysters, beer, wine, tacos in a bag, Danute's soup, lemon sticks, hot dogs and jerk chicken will all be available.

This year's festival will include displays of organizations from the greater neighborhood: Baltimore Music Box, the Bolton Hill Community Association (an exhibition of Zhee Chatmon's photographs, information from the Social Action Committee and membership material), Brown Memorial tutoring, Daughters of the British Empire, Intersection for Change (produce from their urban garden), Strength to Change II, and material on Jubilee Arts and Jubilee Arts Youth in Business.

Also, Kappa Alpha Psi, Madison Park Improvement Association, Historic Marble Hill Community Association, MICA Center for Students Engagement (children's activity and information on how the community can engage MICA students), Midtown Community Benefits District, No Boundaries Coalition, P.S. 103: the Justice Thurgood Marshal Center, Samaritan Community, Single Carrot Theatre

(with activities for children and adults) and the new Unity Hall all will have information tables.

Organizers need storage space to house donations and equipment for the festival. If you can help or want to volunteer, contact Louie Wilder louiewilder@gmail.com or Lee Tawney, lee.tawney@gmail.com.

– *Lee Tawney*

Bolton Hill Notes

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Lanvale residents complete tree planting project after 8-month effort

After eight months of planning and hard work, residents of the 100 Block of W. Lanvale Street celebrated the completion of their tree planting and tree well expansion project on May 14. With financial help from the Bolton Hill Garden Club, BHCA, MICA and block residents, six new trees were planted, and seven tree wells were expanded. Tree varieties included Zelkova, Willow Oak, Sweet Birch, Kentucky Coffee and Washington Hawthorn.

The need for the replanting project dates back four decades when the city used Chlordane to eradicate a termite infestation. While the termites were eradicated, so were the trees.

Midtown Benefits Association provided guidance and supplied the trees and mulch for free. A contractor was hired to cut new or expand existing tree wells, and Lanvale resident volunteers prepared the tree wells with topsoil, dug the holes and planted the trees. Midtown will provide watering services for the next two years.

While overall the work was fun, residents encountered problems with coordination among the city agencies involved. A case study of the project has been created to assist others who might undertake a similar project. The entire task cost \$4,316. It was led by John Leith-Tetrault and Paul Pitman, co-chairs of the Lanvale Greening Committee. For a copy of the case study send requests to bulletin@boltonhillmd.org or contact the committee chairs.

“Gray Panthers” to meet at Linden Park senior apartments

As part of their continuing survey of resources available to older residents, the BHCA Older Residents Task Force – last month renamed the BHCA Gray Panthers – will hold their fourth meeting on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at Linden Park Apartments, 301 McMechen Street, with a potluck luncheon afterward. If you wish to attend, contact Olderresidents@boltonhillmd.org. The task force was created to explore ways to make it easier to age in place in the neighborhood, for those who choose to do so.

Memorial dedication for COVID victim Dr. Joe Costa

The Friends of Lanvale Triangle Park (at Lanvale and Rutter Streets) on Saturday, June 25 from 4 – 6 p.m., will be dedicating the new decorative fence around the central garden in the park and presenting a plaque to honor their neighbor, the late [Dr. Joseph J. Costa](#). Chief of Critical Care at Mercy Hospital, Dr. Costa died on July 25, 2020, after treating patients with COVID-19.

BHCA crab feast is back

After a hiatus caused by the COVID shutdown, BHCA will hold its annual summer crab feast on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. All neighbors are invited. The event honors police and firefighters whose units protect the neighborhood. Watch the [BHCA calendar](#) for more details.

City seeks ideas and help for park tree plantings

Are you a friend or fancier of a neighborhood park? The city Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP) is inviting proposals for park tree plantings, with a June 22 deadline. Those who submit are expected to plant and help maintain the trees. Interested parties should submit a map showing the placement of each large overstory-shade or smaller-understory tree species and a written description of the watering and young-tree-maintenance plan. Send your material or questions to Ted Martello, TMartello@baltimorecity.gov.

Another Dumpster Day scheduled for July 9

Midtown Association has arranged for the city to deposit a dumpster in Bolton Hill on Saturday, July 9, for bulk trash disposal from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please do not use the dumpster for recycling or trash deposits. It's for old furniture, broken equipment, building materials and other items not likely to be picked up in regularly scheduled trash and recycling pickups.

The dumpster will be dropped in the 100 block of Wilson Street at Park Avenue. This is the second such pickup in 2022. Another is scheduled for Oct. 15, at the same times and location. Bulk trash can be taken on any non-holiday Monday thru Saturday to DPW's Sisson Street Station in Remington, a short drive from Bolton Hill.

Eutaw Place apartment building up for sale

A 25-unit apartment building, [St. James Court](#), at 1312 Eutaw Place is for sale at an asking price of \$4.5 million. The property is comprised of two, three-story brownstone buildings and two residential carriage houses.

Goodbye for the summer

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