

Bolton Hill

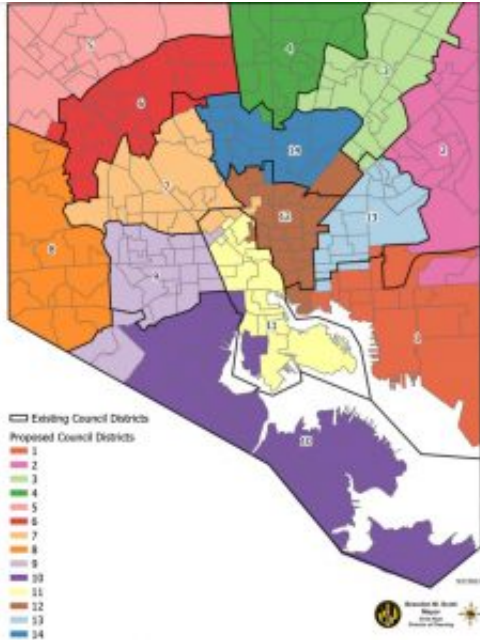
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Proposed city council redistricting will split Bolton Hill into two districts

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/proposed-city-council-redistricting/>



[Redistricting map](#) submitted by the by the Mayor.

Under federal and state law, the city needs to re-draw the boundaries of city council districts to reflect the change in population noted in the 2020 US census. All 14 district boundaries must be adjusted in order to balance the population of each district close to the mean/average population for each district of 41,836. (Baltimore lost 35,000 residents, 6 percent of its population, between the 2010 and 2020 censuses.)

In addition, each district is required by law to be compact and contiguous and reflect natural boundaries such as waterways. demographic characteristics and communities of interest must also be considered. There is no legal requirement to respect neighborhood or community association boundaries.

The mayor submitted a proposed redistricting map on Sept. 18. It cuts our neighborhood roughly in half.

Any map changes must provide for transfers of whole voting precincts as no provision is made for splitting precincts. Bolton Hill has three complete voting precincts and part of a fourth.

Under the mayor’s proposal Bolton Hill, which now is mo in the 11th district represented by Eric Costello, will be partly transferred into the 7th district, represented from 2020 by council member James Torrence. This change reflects the loss of population in the 7th district and the increase in 11th district population. This would be accomplished by transferring three precincts north of

McMechen St. to the 7th district. The 11th District currently runs from the Inner Harbor and much of South Baltimore through downtown and Mt. Vernon to North Ave. and west to include Upton.

Both council members attended the BHCA October meeting to discuss redistricting after receiving letters from the organization’s leadership opposing the separation and requesting to be made whole in either

district. On a conference call with several BHCA leaders and others on Sept. 20, Costello said the plan was dropped on the city council with no notice or consultation. No one from the mayor's office has reached out to BHCA. Costello said he was "not happy" with the plan but did not indicate he would fight to keep Bolton Hill in one district. Nor did Torrence, who said his district (which includes Reservoir Hill, Druid Hill Park and follows North Ave. past Coppin State University) already has a couple of divided neighborhoods.

The city council has limited time to review and propose map amendments which may be subject to a veto by the mayor. Under city charter rules the entire redistricting process is targeted to be completed within 60 days of the mayor's submission of a proposed redistricting map. The council held an online town hall meeting on Oct. 5, the first opportunity for public input. BHCA President Amy Sheridan asked that Bolton Hill be left intact in either district 7 or 11.

--Jim Prost

Five neighborhood residences selected for new blue plaques

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/five-new-blue-plaques-selected/>



The new plaque at 226 W Lafayette Ave.

Bolton Hill's Blue Plaques Task Force this month announced the addition of five new markers on residences that have been in the past homes to people who made a significant difference to the quality of life in Baltimore or on a larger stage.

Lynn Cripps and Barbara Blumberg, who chaired the task force for BHCA, announced that the blue markers that mimic similar building history plaques in London neighborhoods have been approved and installed at these addresses in honor of their former residents:

- 226 W. Lafayette Ave., honoring writer-anthropologist **Zora Neal Hurston**, a member of the Harlem Renaissance best remembered for her novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.
- 1310 Rutter St., honoring **Arthur Sherwood**, founder of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and first executive director of the Baltimore Community Foundation.
- 121 Mosher St., **Reuben Kramer**, an internationally recognized sculptor and artist whose statue of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall is at the federal courthouse downtown.
- Also 121 Mosher St., **Perna Krick** a painter and sculptor who, with her husband Reuben Kramer founded Fellowship House, the first desegregated art school in Maryland.
- 1419 Eutaw Place, **Capt. Frederick William Hamilton Murrell** who in 1887 captained a Baltimore-bound cargo ship that encountered a sinking Danish vessel, *the Danmark*, and led the rescue of its 735 passengers.

The Blue Plaques were the brainchild of the late longtime Bolton Hill resident and historian Frank Shivers and his neighbor Polly Duke. The first plaques were created in the late '90s and included residences once occupied by, among others, writer F. Scott Fitzgerald, Greek mythology expert Edith Hamilton, entertainer Gary Moore, President Woodrow Wilson and Dr. Jesse Lazear, the Johns Hopkins Hospital malaria and yellow fever expert.

In 2018, 13 additional plaques were authorized. Altogether now there are 42.

BHCA oversees the selection, but the residence owners must agree and pay for the plaques, which are crafted individually in Washington State. The criteria set by this year's committee required that the honored person must have lived in the neighborhood for at least one year and, in their lifetimes, made a significant contribution to society. They also had to have been dead for two decades or more. The plaques must be placed on the actual building where the honoree lived. There were 22 nominees.

According to the co-chairs, in selecting this crop of honorees, special attention was given to women and other under-represented groups. Other members of the Blue Plaque Task Force were Bolton Hill residents Louis Bernstein, Margaret DeAngelis, Charlie Duff, Gayle Guilford and Johns Hopkins.

Worshipping in Bolton Hill: Still racially distinct, churches are responding to the aftermath of COVID

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/churches-post-covid-in-bh/>



The entrance to Mt. Calvary Church on Eutaw Place

Churches in and near Bolton Hill find themselves challenged to rebuild regular attendance and renew in-person activities after extended shutdowns and ad hoc arrangements that began in 2020 with the COVID 19 pandemic. Attendance is lower than before.

“11 a.m. on Sunday is the most segregated hour in Christian America” - The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King on Meet the Press, April 17, 1960

And while each of the five Christian worship centers in or on the fringe of the neighborhood proclaim both in words and deeds to be open to all, the churches we contacted all remain dominated by a single racial group. Three are overwhelmingly white, while two have black congregations. Even as workplaces, politics, universities and the military have opened up in the 60 years since Dr. King was quoted, racial separation in religious centers is still the norm in Baltimore and the nation. Dr. King’s church in Atlanta was a black church then and still is today.

Over the next several months, Providence allowing, we intend to connect with these and other places of worship within walking distance to enable Bolton Hill residents – those who are believers and those who are merely curious – to better understand what is taking place in our ever-changing Central West Baltimore community. *If you’d like to assist in this project, please send a note: bulletin@boltonhillmd.org.*

In Bolton Hill proper there are facilities affiliated with Baptist, Pentecostal, Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal denominations. There is a Buddhist center on Park Avenue but, curiously, not a single synagogue, though once there were three; the nearest is in Reservoir Hill. A bit west there is Masjid Ul-Haqq, a Muslim mosque.

“Non-white members seem to feel welcome and comfortable in our parish,” said Father Marty Demek of **Corpus Christi Church**, the elegant Catholic church built in 1880 by a wealthy local family. But he acknowledged that those attending are mostly white and from a catchment area that extends well beyond the neighborhood to include worshipers from Baltimore, Howard and Carroll Counties. Black Catholic families are more likely to be found at St. Peter Claver-St. Pius V, located on Fremont Avenue in Upton. The two churches do not interact, he said.

“All the parishes are open to all,” he said, but acknowledged that “attendance is terrible right now,” since COVID but also because of the intense focus on sexual abuse of young people within the Baltimore church. He said the archdiocese has initiated a study, *Seek the City to Come*, which seems likely to result next year in closures or consolidation of some of the 57 parishes. “I don’t know if we’re in danger,” he said. “We pay our bills and the building (which he said cost \$500,000 to build in 1885 but would run \$50 million now) is in pretty good shape.”

The Rev. Andrew Connors, senior pastor at **Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church** for two decades, said some historically white churches, heeding Dr. King’s call for integration, were guilty of cannibalizing black churches. More cross-church and cross denomination collaboration makes better sense, he said. “Consider the black experience. When you live in a mostly white society every day there surely is value in having a safe resting place for your family. We need to respect and listen to black institutions,” he added. “We need to interrogate our own whiteness and our cultural habits. Centering anti-racist practices is what’s important. This can lead to more multicultural institutions over time but doesn’t isolate that goal from this broader commitment to justice.”

Brown Presbyterian with its lovely Tiffany windows was founded in 1869 from the financial gift of the Brown family that generated a large portion of its foundational wealth from the slave trade. Nearby **Memorial Episcopal Church** also was founded in the 19th century by wealthy white Christians and remained segregated for most of a century. The two churches jointly in the 1950s created a recreation center for young people but allowed only white youths to participate. Eventually the partnership dissolved and Brown, which owned the building, integrated the center.

Although its congregation was white, the pastor said Brown Memorial was never a segregationist church. Booker T. Washington spoke there in the 1890s and the newspapers reported that he dined at the home of the pastor and his wife. “Our racist attitudes took different forms,” Rev. Connor said.

Only about 20 to 25 percent of Brown’s membership lives in Bolton Hill. COVID cut deeply into participation by that congregation. “This past Sunday,” he said in mid-September “was normal-feeling for the first time. We’re putting energy into face-to-face activities again.”

At **Mt. Calvary Pentecostal Church** in southwest Bolton Hill, Pastor David Grissom said his black worshippers come from all over, not just the neighborhood, and that many who formerly were in-person regulars before COVID “got used to being home, watching us on Zoom.” He said attendance recently has

been 20 percent below what was normal (about 70) before the pandemic. It has led them to revamp what once was a hardy youth program. Some of their programs are today conducted by conference call or on Zoom, Pastor Grissom said.

Their building at 1204 Eutaw Place once was a white church, Central Presbyterian, built in 1900 in a classic Gothic style. That congregation moved east to York Road in Towson around 1950, but Pastor Grissom said the two churches sometimes have collaborated. Mt. Calvary calls itself a charismatic church and invites newcomers to “bring your shouting shoes. “The church was founded and always run by women ministers from its founding 70-plus years ago until 2010 when Pastor Grissom, who started attending as a child, became its pastor.

“We don’t knock on people’s doors, but our church doors are open to the community around us. We want to be a beacon of light. On Sundays you’ll find a minister in front to welcome our members and newcomers,” Pastor Grissom said.

The Rev. Grey Maggiano, rector since 2016 at the old stone edifice that is Memorial Episcopal, said these are “precarious” times for churches, and data supports his fears.

A Pew Research Center study last year noted “As recently as the early 1990s, about 90% of U.S. adults identified as Christians. But today, about two-thirds of adults are Christians.” The change is largely the result of large numbers of adults switching out of the religion in which they were raised to become religiously unaffiliated.” The center's projections show Christians shrinking from 64% of Americans of all ages in 2020 to as few as 35% by 2070. An even smaller segment of American Jews, about 20 percent, regard themselves as religious.

“When I came to Memorial, we were 95 percent white while now it is about 75 percent,” Rev. Maggiano said. “Given that the status quo of Church attendance is segregation, if your church is happy with the status quo, it is not likely to get more diverse. How do we best serve each other is always on my mind. It is essential to the future of the church. At Memorial we have sought to expand the bounds of the parish and the neighborhood both mentally and physically.”

The founding rectors of the church in the 1860s were slave owners and confederate sympathizers. In 2021 the church pledged to spend \$500,000 over five years on what it called reparations for slavery. Grants have gone to institutions doing what the rector called justice-centered work.

Since the pandemic, attendance at Memorial has been unpredictable, he said. “That’s true across the country.” A challenge facing religious leaders is what has been called a “deficit mindset’ that focuses on tithing units more than strong communities. It is easier to raise money in homogenous churches, even as participation declines, he said. But new people won’t come to a church that does not feel authentic and does not acknowledge that it is imperfect, he said. “Humility and authenticity, not pandering” is what is called for, he added.

Attempts to reach the leadership of City Temple Baptist Church on the south edge of Bolton Hill so far have been unsuccessful. Watching a live stream of their Sunday service on Facebook shows a sparse but enthusiastic black congregation.

--Bill Hamilton

Two state grants awarded to plan for greener spaces in the neighborhood

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/two-state-grants-awarded-green-space/>



Park Avenue Space (Top); Mounds Park on Eutaw Place (Bottom)

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded two separate grants to provide detailed plans to renovate green spaces in Bolton Hill. One is Mounds Park in the 1400 block of Eutaw Place and the other is the southeast vacant lot and bus stop at the corner of Park and North avenues.

Both grants will create engineered design plans based on existing concept plans covering studies of the grounds; technical specifications for concrete removal and new permeable hardscaping, landscaping and lighting; and permitting requirements. The engineered design plans will effectively make the projects shovel-ready for implementation, conditional on funding.

BHCA, in partnership with Madison Park Improvement Association in 2021, commissioned the landscape architecture firm Hord Coplan Macht to do a concept plan for three adjoining spaces: Mounds Park (1429 Eutaw Place), the 1400-1500 Eutaw Place Median Park near Unity Hall, and Mosher Plaza Park.

Bolton Hill, Madison Park and Marble Hill neighborhoods have been divided historically and socially by the Eutaw Place median (the “Red Line” which ran from North Ave. to Dolphin). As part of the BHCA greening program, the concept and implementation plans are an attempt to break down that divide. In addition to the \$38,000 grant from DNR, BHCA received a \$67,767 grant from the Maryland Department of Housing & Community to improve safety in Mounds Park.

Renovating the lot at Park and North is part of an ongoing project to revive the southeast side of that intersection. The artist Ernest Shaw in 2021 painted murals on two row house walls facing North Ave. A renovated lot beneath the east mural would create an inviting, activated space for residents, passersby and people waiting for buses and more opportunity for social connections between Bolton Hill and Reservoir

Hill.

That renovation would produce more permeable surfaces and water runoff retention zones containing native trees, shrubs, and additional plants. Installing a creatively reimagined bus shelter is the third phase of the project.

BHCA is managing the engineered design for Mounds Park; the Midtown Community Fund, the 501c3 non-profit arm of Midtown Community Benefits District, is the fiscal sponsor for the engineered design at the Park and North lot. Baltimore-based landscape design and engineering firms CityScape and EnviroCollab are being engaged for the engineered design work.

The DNR grants are funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The engineered designs for both projects are expected to be underway by the end of this year and completed in 2024.

--David Nyweide and Lee Tawney

DOT officials visit neighborhood to discuss traffic issues

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/dot-officials-visit-neighborhood/>



Park Ave. from North Ave. was one area reviewed with DOT

In what optimists might see as a sign of progress, two officials from the city's Department of Transportation (DOT) last month came to Bolton Hill with and at the urging of city council member Eric Costello to investigate complaints about traffic dangers.

William Haynes, chief of the traffic division, and Clea Baumhofer, complete streets manager, said they hoped to come back later with traffic-calming ideas that could be implemented after further conversation with the neighborhood. They were escorted around by Bolton Hill residents Sebastian Ruhs of Laurens Street, Madeleine Rubenstein of Bolton Street and Jessica Dailey, until recently on Lafayette Avenue (now on Park) along with Kevin Cross for BHCA's Transportation Committee.

Costello came with three aides. He has repeatedly said that nothing will happen quickly; DOT is flooded with traffic-calming requests, with 70+ from his 11th district alone.

The group visited Laurens Street to discuss ways to slow traffic and increase compliance with stop signs leading to and from North Avenue. They discussed speed humps, painted stop bars and lane lines and possible street curb bump-outs. Some neighbors have proposed making Laurens one-way, with angled parking that would increase available slots. The DOT team also suggested repainting crosswalks.

Similar traffic-calming ideas were explored for Lafayette Avenue east from Eutaw Place toward Mt. Royal, with particular attention to intersections at Mason and John streets with heavy pedestrian crossings. Residents on and near Lafayette submitted petitions gathered by Jessica Dailey and Drew Dupuy, signed by 206 residents including 59 percent of residents on the affected area of Lafayette. They also staged a 311 campaign, urging residents to call the city hotline to report driver misbehavior.

Cross said recent requests for work on similar problems affecting Dolphin Lane is in the queue but was not part of the discussion on this visit, Sept. 18. "This visit was just about Lafayette and Laurens," he said.

Showers did not deter this year's Festival on the Hill

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/showers-2023-festival/>



Crowd favorite, Catonsville High Steel Band, entertains festival goers

It rained off-and-on from morning past noon, but that did not deter early-arrivers at this year's *Festival on the Hill* – especially those lining up to be first in line for used books and “Juniquities” bargains. By the time the day ended, hundreds had wandered up and down Bolton St. and around the corner to slurp hundreds of oysters, consume a ton of smoked chicken, sandwiches and desserts and wash it all down with beer, wine and soft drinks

They had tarot cards read to divine their futures, bought original plein air paintings of the neighborhood, chatted with a clown on stilts, visited booths from all sorts of artists and organizations and listened to a wide range of local musicians. At one booth 38 children learned to do traditional Baltimore screen painting, led by Michael Seipp. Many carried home pansies from the garden club's booth.

Louie Wilder and Lee Tawney, who led a small army of volunteers to assemble this year's festival, were especially moved by the young musical performers. “The Midtown Academy Chorus opened and was wonderful, as were two sisters, Kiera and Clare Noonan, who sang, played and danced to Irish songs. And the Catonsville High School Steel Band was back after several years absence, this time directed by a young man who was one of the student players at our festival maybe 20 years ago,” said Tawney.

Taking down the flags a day later, Tawney said he met a young couple who had just moved into a rented house in the neighborhood. “They told me they furnished their new home with furniture and stuff they bought at the festival and from Memorial Episcopal's pew sale,” he said.

Institutions operating their own booths this year were able to raise and keep their funds, including Brown Memorial Church, Corpus Christi Church, Bolton Hill Barracudas swim team, the garden club, Bolton Hill Nursery, Mt. Royal school, Midtown Academy, Daughters of the British Empire, the Ukrainian Committee and Booker T. Washington school, among others.

The festival has its roots in the Eisenhower-era with church bazaars organized by women of Memorial Episcopal Church. In 1969 they expanded and became the outdoor Festival on the Hill. Stacey Wells, on behalf of the church, presented a bouquet and led applause for Lottie Shivers, who was one of the original

organizers of the first festival more in 1955.

Car thefts, some with guns, continue to plague the neighborhood

<https://boltonhillmd.org/bulletin/car-thefts-continue/>



Would-be thieves wrecked Kathleen Parker's steering linkage

The carjacking problem and other attempts to steal cars in Bolton Hill and around the region haven't gone away, notwithstanding some politicians' happy talk about reduced crime.

At BHCA's Oct. 3 meeting BPD western district Officer Jose Morales, whose jurisdiction now includes the neighborhood, reported on two recent armed carjackings that led to the arrest of a youth and the recovery of a stolen car. But his report did not include other neighborhood incidents.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, BHCA board member Luke Chen was approached by two young men from a group of several. One held a gun. "I was leaning in, cleaning my back seat so I didn't see them at first. They demanded my keys." He was parked on McMechen St., near Park Ave.

"I was able to get past them and ran away. They didn't follow me, luckily," he said. They did not get the car and Chen gave the police video footage and went with officers to be interviewed. "They responded quickly," said Chen. It turned out they were pursuing a similar incident in the 1800 block of Bolton Street.

In Baltimore city, there has been a 220 percent increase in thefts, with more than 7,700 car thefts this year and 380 carjackings, according to a WJZ-TV report last month. They said BPD made just 365 arrests for auto theft-related offenses. (Officer Morales said police have a no-pursuit policy when cars are stolen.) Minors make up 29 percent of those arrested. Between Jan. 1 and July 29, Baltimore Police recovered 4,245 stolen vehicles.

'My 2014 Hyundai got broken into in an attempted car theft – twice, " said Kathleen Parker, who lives in the neighborhood. The first incident was in daylight. "They did not take it but they did a lot of damage. They smashed a passenger window and damaged the steering and dashboard. The car was parked at the corner of Mosher and Mason. Parker covered the broken window with cardboard and a plastic bag, but someone returned the night of Sept. 30 and broke in again.

Victoria Ingersoll, a pre-school teacher who lives near the intersection of Lafayette Avenue and Eutaw Place, said she was approached and “almost carjacked” on a recent Friday by a group of six teenage boys. That same night the car was vandalized, she said.

So, what are we to do? Given the numbers it is unrealistic to expect police to pursue, much less investigate and arrest, carjackers unless there is an accompanying assault or homicide. The remedies the police suggest are mostly low-tech, but they are proven to work to reduce thefts, if not armed carjackings.

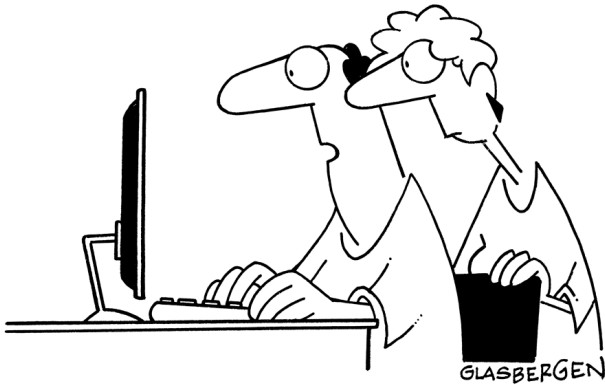
- Buy and make daily use of a steering wheel lock. There are several versions that cost \$15-20 and police say they are effective if used properly and often.
- If you own a recent Kia or Hyundai, contact a dealer to get an upgrade on your key fob ignition. A flaw in the original equipment apparently makes stealing these cars especially easy. There are social media videos that explain how to steal them.
- Lock your car *every time* you exit and double check it before you retire for the evening. Team up with a neighbor to watch your cars.
- Keep your porch light on all night. It makes it harder for would-be bad guys to lurk in the dark.
- If you have access to a garage or off-street parking, do not leave your vehicle on the street.
- If you must park on the street and your car is damaged or taken, ask your neighbors if they have video. While police likely won't put out an all-points bulletin on the basis of a few frames, it gives them a leg up if they happen to encounter the same guys (mostly guys) in another criminal act. BHCA has its own video camera network. For more information go to <https://boltonhillmd.org/safety-in-the-city/>

--Bill Hamilton

Free counseling available to solve technology challenges

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“The computer says I need to upgrade my brain to be compatible with its new software.”

Stumped by your computer, disappointed by your printer or furious at your smart phone’s complexity? Free help is available by phone

NPower Maryland is a non-profit organization that provides tuition-free technology training to young people and veterans from East and West Baltimore to qualify them for entry-level information technology jobs. It has created a phone-in community help desk that uses its students and staff to help identify and solve tech problems.

Operating M-F from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., NPower’s Helpdesk has a dedicated phone line, **410 724-1101**. They invite inquiries and support requests for software issues, computer troubleshooting, printer and other hardware support, Internet issues and cell and smart phone problems.

Bolton Hill resident Gayle Guilford serves on the board of NPower Maryland and another neighbor, Kendra Parlock, is a vice-president with the national NPower organization.

Bolton Hill Notes

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Limited seating for program on bird-friendly gardening

On Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 pm, the Bolton Hill Garden Club will host an Audubon Society program on *Habitat Gardening for Birds* at Memorial Episcopal Church, Farnham Hall, 1407 Bolton Street. Learn how to garden for a more bird-friendly habitat. The program is free and open to all. Erin Reed-Miller, senior coordinator of bird-friendly communities with the Audubon Society's Mid-Atlantic Baltimore Program will be the presenter. The evening will begin at with light refreshments followed by the program at 7:30 pm. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to joyce.oliner@gmail.com by Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Still time to learn the facts about cannabis

Curious about Cannabis? That's the topic for the *BHCA Gray Panthers* public salon coming up quickly – on Wednesday., Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Room at Linden Park Senior Apartments. Admission is free but RSVP by email at graypanthers@boltonhillmd.org . You don't have to be a user or even approve of cannabis to participate.

The speaker is a member of the medical faculty at JHU School of Medicine, Dr. Dan Morhaim, who advised members of the Maryland General Assembly as they reshaped state laws governing the growing, sale and possession of marijuana for medical or recreational purposes. Dr. Morhaim was a member of the legislative body for 24 years. He also has written a book on the end of life, ***Preparing for a Better End: Expert Lessons on Death and Dying.*** Copies will be on sale for a \$20 CASH contribution.

Dr. Thomas Edmondson, a Bolton Hill resident and founding member of BHCA Gray Panthers, will introduce Dr. Morhaim.

Sheng Zhen Meditation moving to Brown Memorial, with new dates

Sheng Zhen Meditation classes formerly held in Rutter's Mill Park are moving indoors to Brown Memorial Church's Assembly Room on new days: Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6 pm. (Please enter through the courtyard to the left of the main front door on Park Avenue.) Going forward the class will have two teachers, Donna Blackwell and Peter Van Buren. Classes are free. More information [here](#) .

DPW wants you to recycle your castaway clothing

The city has started a modest recycling program aimed at extending the life of clothes and fabrics and keeping them out of the landfill. City residents can bring used clothing and other textiles to any of DPW's five residential drop-off centers.

They will accept clothes, shoes, sheets, towels and other household fabric items. The items placed in the blue bins there can be stained, worn out, ripped, missing buttons, or have broken zippers. All items must be dry. The nearest drop-off center for recycling is the Northwest Residential Drop-off Center, 2840 Sisson Street, open M-F from 9 to 5.

What do you want to see in the Pennsylvania Avenue Sanaa Center?

The Black Arts District and Intersection of Change have partnered to create a new multi-million-dollar arts, culture and community campus known as the Sanaa Center, a two-part development project which includes the expansion of the existing Harris-Marcus Center and the ground up development of a new art center.

It will create a block of arts and cultural institutions in the 1900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue as part of the Black Arts District envisioned there. Proponents say Sanaa Center will attract more people and investment to the area, serve as a local economic and cultural engine that will empower Black creatives, strengthen the Historic Pennsylvania Avenue business corridor, and bolster the arts ecosystem in and around Baltimore.

They hope to complete the project by the end of 2024 and are seeking \$2 million in state-appropriated funds and private donations. Community suggestions and comments are invited. More information [here](#) .

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