

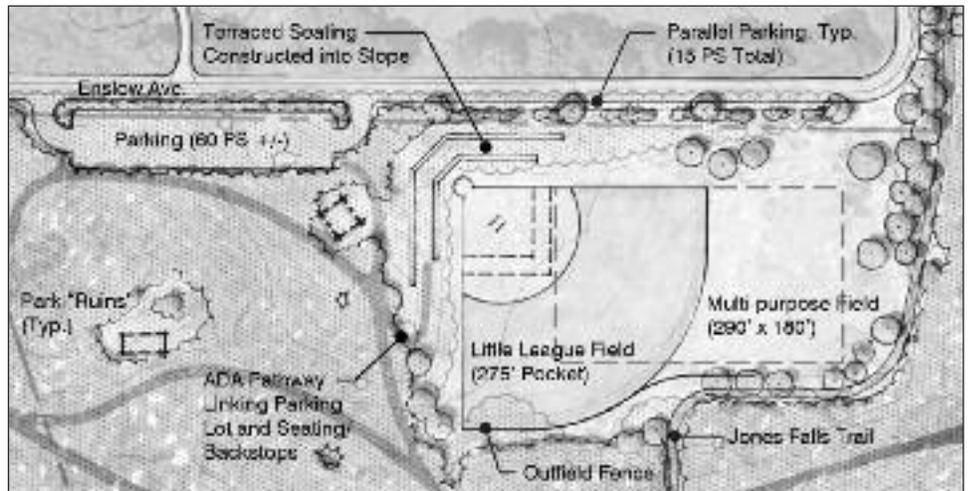


Slots Funds Anticipated For Mount Washington

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The MWIA is working with Northwest Baltimore community leaders and City planners to allocate up to \$1.5 million in slot machine revenues for projects in Mount Washington and surrounding neighborhoods, including a possible start to implementation of the Northwest Park Master Plan.

The funds are earmarked for capital improvements to these communities, as well as possibly studies aimed at improving traffic and parking conditions, housing programs, and open space and parks. The City Planning Department has convened a committee of leaders of the five neighborhoods north of and within a roughly one-mile radius of Pimlico



A new baseball field along Enslow Road at Northwest Park could be among the next projects funded from slot machine revenues. (Source: Mahan Rykiel Associates)

Racetrack to help prioritize projects to be funded. Decisions are expected to be made by early summer.

When slot machines were re-introduced to Maryland in 2010, a small part of their

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School Funding Legislation Passes

Mount Washington School Set for Major Renovation

By CARLA HOBSON
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Thanks to the passage of a comprehensive school construction funding bill in Annapolis last month, Cross Country Elementary/Middle School is on schedule to receive a \$14-15 million renovation, with the possibility of being completely rebuilt, beginning in 2016.

The Mount Washington School is slated for a \$6.5 million renovation, with the chance of an additional building, as soon as 2019.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for City Schools to create school buildings and

programs for the students that reflect the 21st Century," said MWS Principal Sue Torr. "In particular, for MWS it will be a great moment when all the students K through 8 are in one building."

The funding measure – House Bill 860 – sets in motion Baltimore City Schools' 10-year plan for school construction, which calls for the rebuilding or renovation of 136 school buildings, vacating 26 school buildings, relocating 12 school programs and closing 17 school programs – starting in 2013-14. The legislation allows the Maryland Stadium Authority to receive \$60 million a year – funded equally by the State of Maryland, the City of Baltimore and

Baltimore City Schools – which it will use to leverage approximately \$1 billion in bonds to support construction costs. Together, this amount will fund the rebuilding or renovation of 45 to 55 school buildings in the first phase of the 10-year plan.

Community members from Mount Washington joined a February rally of 3,000 people in Annapolis to show their support for the plan and their city. The bill also enjoyed widespread endorsement by legislators and public figures from Baltimore. "Families have a fundamental right to access a good education in quality

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Ira Kolman

By the time you read this, Luckman Park should be back up and running (or close to it). It has taken quite a while but from the looks of the new sidewalks and landscaping, it should be well worth the wait. The Master Plan for Northwest Park has been completed, and we're now in the process of determining how and when improvements will be made. One such improvement involves the creation of a new baseball field through the cooperative efforts of our community and Roland Park Baseball.

I have appointed four of our residents to represent Mount Washington, along with me, on the Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan Prioritization Committee. The four other Northwest Baltimore Presidents have also chosen their representatives. This is extremely important since we're talking about potentially millions of slots revenue dollars coming to our Northwest Baltimore neighborhoods. We must all cooperate and work together to ensure that these funds are allocated in an equitable manner.

Our MWIA membership has grown significantly. I am personally very happy to see that, along with our loyal continuing members, we are seeing a major increase in new members. For those who have not yet joined, just go to mwia.org/mwia/membership to join online.

We are also constantly trying to communicate and cooperate with our major Mount Washington main-stays, like our MW School, MW Pediatric Hospital, The Chimes and Springwell, to monitor plans for growth, general improvement, and other items that may arise. Any changes or plans at Pimlico Race Track and Sinai Hospital are also always within our sights.

We're also looking forward to our annual Fourth of July Parade and Celebration. Details, as in the past, will be posted around our community.

Please don't forget about our MWIA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, which will be held at the Johns Hopkins Mount Washington Conference Center (7:30-9:00 p.m.). Our Maryland State Delegation members plan to attend, along with our City Councilwoman, Rikki Spector, and the President of the Baltimore City Council, Jack Young. Hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful summer, including great times at our Mount Washington Swimming Club, a joyful and safe time at the Fourth of July Parade, fun-filled vacations, and whatever else you each plan to do.

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Residents Advised To Prepare For May 18 Preakness

By DAVID CONN
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The 138th running of the Preakness Stakes will be held Saturday May 18, and Mount Washington residents are advised to either plan ahead, for traveling in and out of the neighborhood, or hunker down and enjoy the human parade.

This year a first-ever infield concert will be held on Friday May 17 during the popular Black-Eyed Susan Day. The event will feature the rock band Goo Goo Dolls, and will culminate in a \$500,000 stakes race. Infield gates open at 2:00 p.m. for the concert, and traffic and attendance could be significantly higher this year.

Traffic changes typically begin the Thursday night before race day. This year's plans were not released before press time, but in recent years:

- Rogers Avenue was closed from Winner Avenue to Northern Parkway, starting at

10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 9 p.m.

- On Preakness Day, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., the southbound Jones Falls Expressway exit ramp to eastbound Northern Parkway was redirected to the Cold Spring Lane exits. Cylburn Avenue was closed from Northern Parkway to Greenspring Avenue.
- In the morning on Preakness Day, Pimlico Road was restricted to southbound only, and then from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. restricted to one northbound lane operating from Ken Oak Road to Greenspring Avenue.

With the prohibition on bringing alcohol into Pimlico, many visitors begin their day of partying well before they enter the racetrack. So residents should be prepared for some degree of public drunkenness before, during and after the race. Please call 911 if you witness any threatening behavior.



Pimlico is once again offering Sunrise at Old Hilltop this year, a behind the scenes view of morning workouts and a tour of the stable area. The free event, scheduled for 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday of Preakness Week, usually features donuts and coffee. Visitors are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.

For those interested in attending the race itself, infield tickets will range from \$40 (until May 10) to \$80. The day will feature live performances by Pitbull and hip-hop duo Macklemore & Ryan Lewis on the main stage, with Chevelle, Florida-Georgia Line and Kristen And The Noise on a second stage. Grandstand tickets can run as high as \$150, or more for special seating. Full details about the race can be found at www.preakness.com.

GARDENING By RICK KINGSBURY — land.arch@comcast.net



Weed Out Unhealthy Plants at the Nursery

Nursery plants and those found at your neighborhood garden center should be carefully inspected before purchase. It is frustrating to spend the time, effort and expense on plants for your garden only to have them fail in a year or two. Here are a few suggestions to help you choose healthy plants.

For further information please contact me; I will be glad to help.

1. Don't buy plants whose buds have not yet opened. It is tempting to start as soon as the weather warms, but you want to be sure the plant will break dormancy before purchase.
2. Container grown plants are often root-bound, but you should avoid excessively root bound plants. Check for misshapen or rock-hard containers, or roots reaching out from the bottom of the container. Excessively root bound plants may never reach out into the planting area and can frost heave.
3. Don't buy plants where the potting soil contains weeds or plants other than what you want in your garden, because you will certainly plant the weeds or unwelcome flora along with your chosen plant.
4. Check for mold and mildew. This will spread to other plants in the garden, and is a sign that the plant may have been improperly watered or stored before purchase.
5. Larger, balled and burlap stock should have well formed root balls that are not cracked or split, a sign that the material has been dropped and mishandled. Check the bark to be sure it has not been damaged during shipping and storage. Check for girdling roots, circling the base, which can kill a tree or shrub within a few years after planting.
6. Finally, carefully examine the entire plant, especially the undersides of leaves and around the base and leader, for insect or disease damage. You do not want to import insects and disease into your garden.

Rick Kingsbury is a Licensed Landscape Architect whose practice emphasizes the creation of personalized outdoor living spaces as well as sustainable design and native plants.

Photo Contest Winner Announced

Congratulations to **Jaana Myllyluoma**, whose delicate photo illustrating the transition from winter to spring in Mount Washington was taken in late March at her Manhattan Avenue home. Janna has won first place in the MWIA Photo Contest for May. Second place went to **Marla Streb** for her photo of her children, Kiki and Nico, celebrating an early spring day at the Mount Washington Arboretum. For the July/August issue, the contest theme will be "Summer in Mount Washington." Entries may be submitted to news@mwia.org (include "Photo Contest" and your name in the subject line.) The deadline for submissions is June 1.




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Mount Washington School Report Card

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The Mount Washington School is on the move! We have successfully added our 7th grade, with special emphasis on the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Programme. Last summer we sent 10 teachers and two administrators to Texas for a 3-day workshop resulting in 100% of our middle school staff being trained. The IB staff is working diligently to ensure we are ready to receive authorization from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) by the spring of 2014. We will add eighth grade classes this fall, completing our expansion.

In the meantime, the school district conducted facility assessments for all schools with pre-kindergarten. As a result of the facility assessment it was determined Mount Washington's pre-kindergarten program will be moved to Roland Park until 2018. At that time another assessment of our two buildings will be conducted and those results will be used to determine if the program will return to our building. I know some in the community will be disappointed, but after much deliberation the district recommendation has been accepted.

The school continues to offer a wide variety of enrichment options for the students in grades kindergarten through seven – and starting this fall, grade eight. Parents, teachers, community members and small businesses are participating in our spring session. Students are engaged in enrichment activities such as the chess club, debate league, drama and

playwriting, computer programming, jewelry making and sewing. Also offered are middle school girls' basketball, middle school and elementary boys' basketball, soccer, Spanish, book, Yoga, step, knitting, yearbook and dance.

Our students are interested in many different topics and we welcome any community members who might be willing to share with the students. For those interested in learning more about the school, there will be open houses for in-zone families on April 30th in the Upper Building and May 2nd in the Lower Building, both from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Schools have worked each year to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading, math and attendance as determined by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The targets have been the same for every school, increasing each year to meet the 2014 deadline of NCLB: all students must perform proficient or advanced on the state assessment. Students and teachers



at MWS have successfully met or exceeded the target every year.

MSDE has received approval from the federal government to shift monitoring school progress from all schools reaching for the same target to all schools showing progress on individual school targets. The individual school progress is described as the School Performance Index (SPI). In summary, the results from the spring 2012 Maryland School Assessment (MSA) are considered the baseline. Schools must have a total school score of 1.0 or higher to be considered an excellent school. Using last year's data, our school scored 1.13! Congratulations to all the teachers and students for their hard work. And thanks to our community residents for your continued support.

You are invited to the 2013 Mt Washington Neighborhood Bake Sale for Haiti

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All Residents Invited To MWIA Annual Meeting

All community members are welcome to attend the Mount Washington Improvement Association's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., at the Johns Hopkins Mt. Washington Conference Center.

Baltimore City Council President Bernard "Jack" Young will be the guest speaker. And winners of the annual MWIA Excellence in Design contest will be announced. (See related

article on page 11).

At the meeting, the MWIA will elect new members to its Board of Directors. A slate of candidates will be sent to all members and posted at www.mwia.org prior to the Annual Meeting. Remember, you must be a member in good standing (2013 dues paid) in order to vote for the Board.

Nominees for Board Membership will be

accepted until May 15. If you have an interest in serving on the MWIA Board, please send a note to President@MWIA.org and you will be contacted by a member of the nominating committee. You must be a resident of Mount Washington and a member in good standing to serve on the Board. MWIA is still seeking volunteers for a few key positions.

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Race for Our Kids To Run Through Mount Washington

By ELINA TOOLE
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Ever dream of running a 5K race? Well, now is your chance! On Sunday, September 29, 2013, the 9th annual Race for Our Kids, benefiting pediatric oncology at Sinai's Children's Hospital, will take place right here in Mount Washington.

The race features USA Track and Field-certified 5K and 10K courses that will travel along Pimlico, Cross Country, Greenspring and other streets in our neighborhood. Both running and walking is permitted on the 5K (3.1 mile) course. The 10K race is also a qualifying race for the National Senior games to be held in Cleveland. All Maryland runners ages 50 and up are automatically qualified as Maryland Senior Olympics participants.

Join me in helping kids who are

fighting cancer. An added bonus is that the timing of the race also presents the perfect opportunity to get in shape within a reasonable time period—many people start out too fast instead of easing into a program and end up quitting or getting injured.

To help get you to the start line, I'm challenging the residents of Mount Washington to begin a "Couch to 5K" program which gradually increases your fitness by alternating jogging with walking. If you want to train solo for the race that's great, but if you would like to be part of a group I'll be organizing interested runners to train in the mornings several days per week. A time commitment of 20-30 minutes a day, three times a week is required over a period of a little over two months.

Please contact me at
elinatoole@gmail.com if you want to run

Safety Vests Now Available

MWIA is distributing bright yellow safety vests for the walkers in our community. Besides making walkers more visible, the vests feature a "Neighborhood Watch" logo to remind people that our community is alert and aware. The vests are offered free to Mount Washington residents on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in getting a vest contact Norma Iglehart at norma@iglehartsearch.com.

together and get fit while doing good – last year's event raised over \$135,000!

Registration begins May 1st but please check out the website which has been updated to reflect this year's race details: <http://www.raceforourkids.org/RaceforOurKids1/RaceforOurKids.aspx>. There is also a facebook page link on the website.

Above & Beyond

This feature recognizes the good works and citizenship of Mount Washington residents. Several nominations were submitted and the winning entry was this one, for Ed Bloom, chef-owner of Ethel & Ramone's restaurant, for his numerous contributions of time, money and food. To nominate a neighbor for the July/August issue, please send a short "Above and Beyond" essay to news@mwia.org.

Ed Bloom is one of the more unrecognized givers to this community. He has, many times, donated food/catering and his time to the Mount Washington School (spaghetti dinners, grand opening of the new K-8, other dinners over the years, and helping with sweet potato harvest, etc). He also provided for the Mount Washington Swimming Club manager retirement party, summer before last. Last fall he helped organize the Mount Washington Festival/block party. I particularly thought of Ed because he doesn't hang a big banner or try to promote his own restaurant with these dinners, he just gives, and many people don't realize it. He is the kind of guy who appreciates his community. I would like for him to know his community appreciates him.

— Gloria Hoffman



Ed Bloom

Annual Western Run Stream Cleanup

Organizer Ellen O'Brien and neighborhood volunteers (from left) Laura and Anna Rashkin, and Natalie Sables and son Noah, gathered at the Boy Scout Memorial for the annual Western Run Stream cleanup on Saturday April 6.



Father-son team Gregg and Eli Nass joined volunteers who pulled more than 17 bags of trash and litter from the stream. The event was co-sponsored by Bluewater Baltimore.

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Dunklebits

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Spring always seems to send my reveries in random directions. Almost as much as Fall or Winter. And of course, Summer. Sweet Summer, with its amber waves of heat warnings and its refreshing rivulets of sweat. Sorry, where was I?

Oh, right. So it's 5:45 a.m. and I am on my regular Wednesday morning hot donut roundup.

You are out in your stylish asphalt black running suit sashaying almost invisibly down the middle of one of our narrow streets. Luckily I am temporarily blinded by your shiny ear buds reflecting my headlights and I swerve to avoid you as you glare at me and jog on by.

Dude. Or lady. Or dude who looks like a lady – I have my lights on and I am driving in the street. Where I am supposed to be?? I'm no expert on jogging, or anything else that entails fighting gravity. But I'll bet you'd rather sacrifice five seconds off your Olympic pace to jog in place at the curb than kiss the hood of my Studebaker, and get knocked off your training routine for 4-24 weeks. You're welcome. And good luck in the marathon.

I must shout out some high praise for the village vet! I may be a cat lovin' lunatic but is that VW Beetle dressed up like a doggie not the cutest promotional vehicle ever? Makes me smile and bark and wag my tail every time I see it.

Speaking of barking lunatics, I have had several meetings with the zoning board regarding my plans for a treetop level zip line from the top of Sulgrave Avenue to the Sky Bar Deck of the Tavern. (You know you want it.) They have some concerns about the projected speed of 115 mph thru the school zone, but I'm confident we can work it out. Advance ticket books are available now.

This just in... There are still chickens living among us. Recently when I was out walking the alleys planting Giant Sunflowers in your backyards I saw yet another "Urban Farmer" had set up a chicken coop. It was a really nice one, too! Multi-level, well ventilated, plenty of running room, a little fountain, cable TV – everything. And I began to think deep thoughts ... "Maybe I was wrong about the chickens and those who raise them. Maybe I should be more tolerant and accepting of individual rights and choices. Maybe I should start breeding foxes. Why is that street named Uffington? Who ate the Jello?"

I have a few other local animal projects I am working on – one of these is SURE to be huge. First is the feral kitten chorus. Rehearsals are going well; shopping for little robes now.

Tickets are on sale for The Great American Raccoon Circus (or "Cirque de Raton-Laveur," as the Canadians call it), which will premiere under the big top at Luckman Park this summer. These guys can juggle!

Soon to be featured at the pool snack bar: Artisanal chocolate caramel cicada crunch bars. No supply worries this summer.

Is this the year you finally win BIG at the Preakness? Let me know if you want in on my super secret strategy session the Friday night before the race. I have sent two of the cats over to live in the stables and infiltrate the horses, trainers and jockeys. They will give us the ultimate insider's edge on Preakness Day. And YES, you can join the betting syndicate: small bills, plain envelope, thru the mail slot, please. Or PayPal.

And don't forget to floss.

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proceeds was dedicated to improvement projects in neighborhoods near the state's race tracks (funds from "table games" are not included). Mount Washington is grouped with other northwest Baltimore neighborhoods to recommend how these funds should be spent. The Department of Planning and the community associations of Fallstaff, Cross Country, Cheswolde and Glen will establish a set of priorities to guide the use of these funds over the next 18 years. The group is working to develop both short and long term plans.

So far, slots have paid for about \$180,000 of improvements at local schools (including the Mount Washington School) and are expected to provide up to \$1.5 million for the City fiscal years 2013 and

2014, though some of the funds could be "banked" for future projects.

General guidance for the larger area is being drawn from the Northwest Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan, or SNAP (to see the plan, go to www.baltimorecity.gov and search for "SNAP"). But specific, high visibility projects are being recommended by each of the neighborhoods. The MWIA SNAP Committee recommends that some money be allocated to launch the Master Plan for Northwest Park, and supports funding studies of parking in Mount Washington Village and transportation and traffic for all five communities.

In the just-completed state legislative session, Del. Sandy Rosenberg successfully sponsored House Bill 1020, which

broadens the territory of Pimlico area neighborhoods eligible for slots revenues, and requires the City to account for neighborhood priorities in allocating the funds.

It will take a few years before we start to see real impact from the funds, and estimates of slots revenues have historically been unreliable. But over time this unique funding source should pay dividends for Mount Washington and all our neighborhood communities. MWIA is dedicated to making sure the funding process is transparent and to maximizing the positive impact of the funds.

On The Move ▶▶▶▶

Highlighting the comings and goings of Mount Washingtonians. Please help make our new neighbors feel welcome. (Information obtained from public sources. Please contact news@mwia.org to provide information, or correct any errors.)

5731 Ridgedale Road

Sold on January 14, 2013, by James Tielsch to Kaveh Haerian and Genevieve de Mahy.

5711 Greenspring Ave

Sold on January 24, 2013, by Federal National Mortgage Association to Thomas Lee Jr. and Elizabeth Baker.

5701 Stuart Avenue

Sold on February 11, 2013, by Ina Samuel to Jason Lechmanik and Jennifer Spahn.

5730 Greenspring Ave

Sold on March 12, 2013, by Richard and Kathryn Robinett to Erick Hernandez and Minerva Contreras.

2211 South Road

Sold on March 21, 2013, by Jeffrey and Virginia Miller to Beverly Ciccarone.

For Sale

Know anyone looking to move? Here are homes for sale in Mount Washington. (With thanks to Joan Goldman of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, www.JoanSellsBaltimore.com.)

Address	List Price
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1820 Greenberry Rd	\$399,500
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1812 Greenberry Rd	\$349,000
2115 Sulgrave Ave	\$345,000
2418 West Rogers Ave	\$275,000
5713 Rockspring Rd	\$239,000
5711 Rockspring Rd	\$129,000

Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital Hosts Fourth Annual Fashion Fever

By KATHLEEN R. LEE
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Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital in Baltimore again presents one of the most dazzling events of the season, Fashion Fever, on Sunday, May 5th at the Grand Lodge in Hunt Valley. The event takes place from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fashion Fever 2013 puts the spotlight on clothing and accessories from some of the area's premier boutiques, including A Style Studio, Fells Point Surf Shop and Wee Chic. This year's emcee is ABC2 NEWS Anchor Kelly Swoope.

The popular event raises money for

specialty programs at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital such as childhood obesity, asthma, autism spectrum disorders, pediatric development, rehabilitation, concussion, traumatic brain injury, feeding problems and more.

Attendees will also make some great finds with local vendors selling jewelry, children's clothing, artwork, and more, as well as a silent auction.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Catered lunch and morning bar. For more info: visit mwph.org/fashion-fever, or call Event Coordinator Nicole Zuech: 410-578-5151.

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school buildings,” said Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake in a statement. “And providing more opportunities for families to send their children to good public schools will help get Baltimore growing again.”

Few worked harder on the legislation than Mount Washington resident Bebe Verdery, Director of Education Reform at the ACLU of Maryland. “The vision of 21st-century schools for Baltimore’s children, combined with new financing solutions,

helped us build a strong coalition made up of education advocates, community groups, the school district and elected officials,” said Verdery.

The district is now developing general guidelines for what defines a 21st-century school. Rooted in these general guidelines, the design process will bring together architects and school communities to create individual specifications for schools slated for renovation or replacement in the first years of the 10-year plan.

The Mount Washington School is scheduled to receive a \$6.5 million renovation in year 5 of the plan. Renovations for City College and Poly are scheduled for years 4 and 5, respectively. Plans for neighboring schools include a \$12 million renovation of Pimlico Elementary/Middle School in year 1, and a \$10.8 million renovation of Fallstaff Elementary/Middle School in year 8 of the 10-year plan.

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Design Awards To Honor Home, Landscaping Work

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The Mount Washington Improvement Association is looking for entries in its 2013 Excellence-In-Design Awards.

The Excellence In Design Awards are given annually to recognize and honor improvements in landscaping and architecture in the Mount Washington community. Our motto is "No project is too small." Typically entries are self-nominated but if you have a neighbor whose home improvements or landscaping deserve recognition, please encourage them to enter.

The process is easy: Send an email to ralphraphael@gmail.com, or a fax to 410-825-0310, with: 1) the address

and description of the entry, and 2) the name, phone number/email address of the contact person.

The judging will occur early in June and the awards announced at the MWIA Annual Meeting on June 11. If the entry is landscaping the residents do not have to be there for the judging (but we do need to know you want to be part of the awards and give us permission to walk the property). If the entry is architecture/home improvement then obviously someone would need to be at home to show the project to the judges.

Winners also will be featured in the newsletter and at mwia.org. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Mount Washington Milestones

Weddings

Glenna Forrest and Robin Klein will be married at their home in Mount Washington on May 4th. We are especially grateful to our Mount Washington neighbors for their efforts bringing marriage equality to Maryland in 2013!

Graduations

Tess Gann, Park School Class of 2013, will be attending George Washington University in the fall.

Awards and Honors

Mount Washington Theater Artists Mara Neimanis and Naoko Maeshiba were both recipients of Maryland State Arts Council awards for Individual Artist For Solo Performance. Each received one of the top two awards in the amount of \$6,000.

Deaths

Howard H. Seliger, of the 1800 block of West Rogers Avenue, died in December at his home after more than 45 years of residency in Mount Washington. He was 88. His wife, Beatrice Seliger, died in February. They are survived by two daughters, Susan Seliger of New York, and Carole Rollinson of Leesburg, Va., as well as two grandsons and a great-grandson.



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Community Calendar

Friday mornings

Mt. Washington Community Yoga Class

8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Elderslie Church on Pimlico Rd. at Ken Oak. Appropriate for all levels. Bring a yoga mat if you have one (some are available to borrow) and a water bottle. Cost is \$8 (cash or check). For more information, contact Mira at 410-370-6764 or wellspringhealingarts@gmail.com

May 5

Fashion Fever: A Mount Washington

Pediatric Hospital benefit

11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Grand Lodge, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, Maryland

Event features shopping from many unique vendors, a fashion show featuring local celebrities, a silent auction and an array of delicious food. All proceeds benefit Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital. Tickets are \$75, and can be purchased at www.mwph.org/events/fashion-fever.htm or by calling 410-578-5040.

Through May 25

“GAME, SET, MATCH” –

A Clayworks juried exhibition

Juried by Ayumi Horie. Game, Set, Match

explores the idea of service wares and sets for daily use or special occasions. This show will feature the best in ceramic design: hand-made objects that have a playful twist on functionality or that possess a quiet craftsmanship. At Clayworks, 5705 Smith Ave.

May 8 and June 12

Ivy Bookshop Benefit for Mount Washington School

Shop at the Ivy Bookshop on the second Wednesday of every month and 15% of your purchase will be donated to the Mount Washington School. The Ivy is located at 6080 Falls Road.

May 18

138th Running of the Preakness Stakes

All day at Pimlico Racetrack. See related article for traffic considerations and other advice to prepare.

May 31

Clayworks Annual Seconds Sale Preview Party

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Annual Seconds Sale features pottery, garden sculpture, handmade tile, and vessels from artists across the country. All proceeds benefit artistic and collaborative programming at Baltimore Clayworks. Tickets are \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Call 410.578.1919 to buy tickets, or for details.

June 1-2

Clayworks Annual Seconds Sale

Saturday 12:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00-3:00 p.m., and 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Throughout the year, Baltimore Clayworks collects ceramic pieces that are irregular, out-dated, or perfectly fine and just need a good home. This sale is free and open to the public. Visit www.baltimoreclayworks.org for more information.

June 4

Laura Lippman, author of “And When She Was Good,” at The Ivy Bookshop

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Baltimore's own Laura Lippman comes to The Ivy to celebrate the paperback release of her latest novel. See www.theivybookshop.com for other author readings throughout the month.

June 11

Mount Washington Improvement Association Annual Meeting

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The MWIA Annual Board Meeting will be held at the Johns Hopkins Mt. Washington Conference Center. All community residents are welcome to attend. MWIA members in good standing are eligible to vote.