Treatment Center Asks MWIA To Support Clinic at Newbury Street

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A proposed mental health and substance abuse counseling center at 5550 Newbury Street continued to generate strong opinions from Mount Washington residents, as the owners moved toward a likely March 24 hearing before the City zoning board.

Polaris Recovery Center, the owners of the Towson-based Maryland Addiction Recovery Center (MARC), have proposed to lease part or all of the 6,000 square foot structure, also known as the Remington Building, at the corner of Newbury and Kelly Avenue. They have asked the Mount Washington Improvement Association (MWIA) to support their request for approval of a conditional use from the Baltimore Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

MWIA has focused primarily on issues related to traffic, parking, hours of operation and generally whether the proposed use is appropriate to the building and location. The MWIA’s views would be among numerous factors the board would consider, including those of the Mt. Washington Merchants Association and the Mount Washington School PTO, both of which have publicly expressed opposition to the proposal.

As a clinical use, the treatment center is not allowed by right at its proposed location, but the zoning board may grant approval if it is satisfied with the plan. The board also may grant a variance for MARC to operate with less than the required 30 parking spaces.

Baseball Field Is Proposed For Upper Northwest Park

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Spring is (almost) in the air and many thoughts turn to the crack of the ball on the bat. For generations of Mount Washington kids, that has meant a trip across Falls Road to participate in Roland Park Baseball League (RPBL) little league.

A proposal now under consideration may change that with the construction of a high quality little league diamond in the upper field of Northwest Park along Enslow Avenue.

RPBL proposes to raise funds needed to construct and maintain the field. They are seeking Mount Washington’s support to obtain a City commitment for priority access to the diamond throughout the spring and for a short season in the fall.

Under RPBL’s proposal, practices and games would be held from 3 pm until dusk on weekdays and from 9 am to 6 pm on weekends.

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I could write another typical president’s column about all the work the MWIA is doing for Mount Washington in the dead of winter. But you’ve heard it all before, in numerous columns by earlier presidents.

Nothing I can say here will convince you of the worth of the MWIA to this community. If you join you get a rewards card worth a great deal of money in discounts at local merchants. More importantly, if you join, you strengthen the only organization that provides Mount Washington a forum for important community decisions. But you know all that.

So not to bore you during this chill time, and with spring just a few weeks away, I leave you instead with “You Must Believe in Spring,” a song by Jacques Demy and Michel Legrand, with English lyrics by Alan and Marilyn Bergman. Better yet, light a fire and listen to your favorite recording of this song. I hope it warms your spirits as it does mine.

When lonely feelings chill
The meadows of your mind
Just think if winter comes
Can spring be far behind?

Beneath the deepest snows
The secret of a rose
Is merely that it knows
You must believe in spring

Just as a tree is sure
Its leaves will reappear
It knows its emptiness
Is just the time of year

The frozen mountain dreams
Of April’s melting streams
How crystal clear it seems
You must believe in spring

When angry voices drowns
The music of the spheres
And children face a world
That’s far beyond their years

Above the darkest sky
The full horizons lie
With all the reasons
Why you must believe in spring

You must believe in love
And trust it’s on its way
Just as the sleeping rose
Awaits the kiss of May

So in a world of snow
Of things that come and go
Where what you think you know
You can’t be certain of
You must believe in spring and love

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**MWIA Offers Grants For Block Parties**

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The MWIA wants you to have a party this summer, and this one’s on us.

Block parties are one of the best ways for neighbors to get to know each other, which makes our community a safer and better place to live. MWIA wants to help neighbors meet and is offering advice and money to make it easy.

You can host a block party in your yard or, for a larger event, get a permit to close the street for a few hours. MWIA can help you with the street permit and will even pay the fee – and help pay for the party.

Block parties are just one of a variety of community improvement projects that MWIA grants are available to fund. A very brief grant form is on the MWIA website, at http://mwia.org/mwia. Please download it and send it to the address on the form. There is no deadline for submissions.

For a block party, once you decide the location just invite your neighbors, pick up some food and drinks and ask everyone to come over with a lawn chair or table. MWIA will reimburse up to $100 for food and (non-alcoholic) drinks for any group that submits receipts along with pictures of their party and a roster of at least five participating households.

Be creative and give the party a theme. Or collect email addresses or cell phone numbers so later you can spread the word when someone left their car lights on or you need to clear part of the street for a tree removal. MWIA is compiling a “How to Host a Block Party” kit with many such ideas and hopes to have it available in the spring.

Apply now for general community improvement or engagement projects. Or send inquiries to: president@mwia.org.

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**Discounted Solar Energy Available Through Co-op**

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Homeowners in Mount Washington and around the region can save up to 30 percent off the cost of a solar electricity installation through a new co-op offered by a project of CivicWorks, the Baltimore nonprofit.

Based on the same principal as buying in bulk, the co-op members will go through the process of purchasing solar systems together. Once a group has at least 20 members, the group will select a single contractor to install systems on all of the homes, but each participant owns their own system and will sign their own contract with the chosen installer.

By going solar as a group, members will save 30% off the cost of a solar system. Federal and state tax credits may be available to make the projects more affordable, as well as rebates from BGE, solar energy credits and savings from reduced electricity purchases. The co-op is being organized by Maryland SUN, a solar energy consulting and advocacy organization, in partnership with Civic Works’ Retrofit Baltimore program.

Anyone located in Baltimore City and Baltimore County is welcome to join.

**Retrofit Baltimore Energy Upgrades**

Retrofit Baltimore also is offering area residents the services of a personal Energy Assistant to help make the process of getting a home energy assessment and home energy upgrades easier and more understandable.

Mount Washington also can qualify for a 0% interest Energy Savings Loan through Comprehensive Housing Assistance Inc. (CHAI). There is no income limit for this loan. This is a great opportunity to implement your recommended energy upgrades.

To learn more about either of these programs visit www.retrofitbaltimore.org or contact the Mount Washington Energy Advocate, Amber Collins, at acollins@retrofitbaltimore.org.
In the early 1800s, the milling industry originally attracted workers to this area; however, growth of the community was slow for a number of years. Falls Road, a toll road, was the only link with downtown Baltimore. The road was badly rutted and at times impassable.

In 1830, the advent of the railroad (the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad that later merged into the Northern Central) brought a period of new activity to the area. Rows of brick dwellings were built in the mill area and goods were transported to Baltimore by rail.

The railroad played a significant role in the plans of the developers of Mount Washington, George Gelbach and Elias Heiner, by offering rail commuting to Baltimore City. Stations on the route included Cylburn, Woodberry, Roland Park and Mount Washington, to name a few.

The Northern Central Railroad was known for its immaculately maintained line, the beauty of the landscape along its route, and its distinctively designed trackside structures. Many train stations such as this one, were the work of commercial architects rather than railroad draftsmen. The suburban station at Mount Washington was a two-story board-and-batten design typical of the 1870s that provided living space for the agent and his family.

In the 1860s, an unfortunate incident occurred near the station house in Mount Washington when a young boy, Otto Mattfeldt, son of Charles Mattfeldt, proprietor of a store near the station, was playing on the railroad tracks. B. Latrobe Weston provided the following account of the incident in his publication, The Story of Mount Washington:

“It was during Mr. Mattfeldt’s incumbency, a sad tragedy took place. His son Otto, five years old, was playing on the railroad tracks before the store with other children, among whom was Eddie Pontier. Otto failed to see an oncoming northbound train, and Eddie, in a frantic effort to save him, succeeded in pushing Otto from the track but was himself struck by the engine and killed. The train stopped at the station, and several passengers alighting, hurried back to the small group that had collected, to see what had happened. Among them was Mr. Pontier, Eddie’s father, who thus, without warning, discovered the lifeless body of his son.”

The Northern Central Railroad’s territory north of Baltimore was the earliest to develop into some of the region’s most notable suburban areas, one known as Mount Washington. The railroad pioneered the route of the present-day light rail line between downtown Baltimore and Mount Washington, including today’s light rail stop that opened at the site of the defunct Northern Central Railroad in 1992.
Join the MWIA, Get the Card, Save The Bucks

By DAVID CONN news@mwia.org

The Mount Washington Improvement Association once again offers its popular MWIA Member Value Card program to enrolled members in 2015, offering dozens of discounts from area merchants.

This month we welcome a new merchant to the program: Believer’s Fitness Boot Camp, at 6302-D Falls Road, is offering MWIA Value Card owners 50% off the first month of training. BFB joins nearly 30 other area businesses offering more than $2,000 in discounted goods and services to Value Card owners.

Over 30 businesses – from Ethel’s Creole Kitchen, the Desert Café, The Nickel Taphouse and the Mt. Washington Tavern, to the Mt. Washington Swimming Club and the Mt. Washington Cleaners – are offering rewards to new and renewing neighborhood association members. The program is intended to encourage residents to support local and locally-owned businesses, and join the MWIA.

Since 1885 the Mount Washington Improvement Association, with the support of residents like you, has worked to enhance the quality of life in our community. Recent MWIA neighborhood improvement projects include:

➢ getting traffic calming devices installed throughout the community;
➢ preventing the old University of Baltimore fields from being developed, creating the new Northwest Park;
➢ supporting the expansion of our Mount Washington School to an award-winning K-8 program;
➢ bringing the Jones Falls Trail to Mount Washington;
➢ directing hundreds of thousands of dollars of City and State investments to improve Mount Washington’s school, parks and security.

Each of these successes helps make Mount Washington the kind of neighborhood where year in and year out our homes maintain or increase their values. For nearly 130 years, all of these successes have been made possible by our community’s support of the MWIA.

For the price of an annual MWIA membership – $19 for new members and $40 for renewals – residents will strengthen their neighborhood, and receive a value card worth well over $2,000. Go to mwia.org/membership to enroll now.

CANINE COACH By STEPHEN LEWIS — findingfidotraining@gmail.com

Lost or Roaming Dogs, Part 2
What to do when you encounter a charging canine.

In our last edition I wrote about what to do when you find a lost or roaming dog that appears friendly or neutral. Now let’s take a look at a slightly scarier situation.

My dogs and I were meandering down a familiar street when two large dogs bolted from a nearby house. They came charging towards us at full speed. I felt my heart begin to race as I realized there was no visible fence between us and the oncoming dogs.

Trying not to panic I turned to my dogs and told them to “wait.” I dropped their leashes and stepped in front of them to serve as a shield between them and the quickly approaching dogs. I took a step forward just as the dogs closed the last few feet between us and yelled, “Go Home!” in the most commanding voice I could muster.

Luckily for me, both dogs stopped their approach and stood stiff with hackles raised and tails curled up over their backs. I picked up my own dogs’ leashes and began backing away slowly. Neither dog attempted to move any closer. I breathed a sigh of relief and went on my way.

Since that day I have encountered many charging dogs in Mount Washington and each encounter has taught me useful tactics to immerse unscathed. Most of the dogs have simply been curious and harmless. The most important thing is to have a plan. If you find yourself confronted by a hostile or charging dog, do the following:

1. Remain calm.
2. Ask your dogs to do an emergency sit-stay, then step directly in front of them.
3. Throw a handful of treats into the face of the oncoming dog. Always carry treats.
4. Face the oncoming dog with a tall posture and in a very stern voice say, “Go Home!”
5. If you or your dogs are in danger, yell or call for help.

For teaching a reliable stay I highly recommend training in a low distraction indoor environment. A charging dog situation is not a training moment. For more information on this and other useful behaviors stay tuned for future training articles.

And for more tips on assessing canine body language to keep you and your pooch safe, check out findingfidotraining on Facebook.

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Impact Funds From Slots To Decline

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Mount Washington, as well as other communities that benefit from “impact fees” associated with slot machine gambling, will see a reduction in the funds available this year. The new Horseshoe Baltimore casino has failed to meet expectations, and both the Horseshoe and Maryland LIVE casinos have been allowed to remove some slot machines in favor of table games, which do not produce impact funds to benefit neighborhoods. Additionally, Governor Hogan has proposed transferring $2.5 million in slots funds to other uses.

In fiscal years 2013-2016, almost $1 million has been earmarked for improvements in Northwest Park and Mount Washington Village. The MWIA is working with other impacted communities and our state legislators to protect this funding or find other funds to make sure these projects are completed.

for our shared commitment to a bright future.
CURB APPEAL  By JOAN GOLDMAN   —  jgoldman@cbmove.com

If you’re thinking of selling your house, think about getting a home inspection.

We all know that buyers will get a home inspection. That’s because they want to know the true condition of the home – not only what needs repairing now, but what to plan for in the future. Banks don’t like lending money to people for homes with structural issues because it’s a bad investment, so they often require the seller to fix prior to settlement. Finally, with sales between live people (vs. a bank, as in short sales and foreclosures), the seller has motivation to fix items or the buyer can walk from the contract.

As a seller, what information can you get from a home inspection? Starting with the roof, and heading to the basement, most of your vital info is there. You’ll learn about electrical panels, outlets, wiring, plumbing, evidence of water near/around the foundation, mold and asbestos. An inspector should make certain the sump pump and all appliances, from washer/dryers to oven, dishwasher, and refrigerator, are in working condition.

Depending on the season, they should test your heating and/or air conditioning. Do the windows open properly, and is there cracked or broken glass or signs of rot in any wood? Is the attic properly insulated, and does it show signs of any animal infestation or water problems? If you have a yard, make sure they check for any buried heating oil tanks.

A good home inspector will not only tell you the problems with your home, but will point out other things as well:

• the ages of the roof, appliances etc., with the expectations of average life;
• where the main water and gas shutoff values are;
• suggestions to keep systems in good working order;
• when to plan for replacements.

Though home inspectors will examine chimneys and look for mold, you should consider a separate chimney or mold inspection. Having an inspector look in your sewer line out to the street can be very valuable, especially with all the trees in Mount Washington. Rather than buy sewer line insurance, I suggest you find out the condition of the sewer line before spending that money. Though Mount Washington does not have a radon problem, you cannot rule it out with certainty without a radon test.

If you are considering selling your home in the near future, a pre-emptive inspection can help you identify and fix the problems so they don’t come back to bite you when your house is under contract. Knowledge is power, and as your home is probably your biggest investment, it only makes sense to take good care of it.

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MWIA Revamps Zoning Committee

One of the most important but least visible committees of the MWIA is being revamped and is seeking volunteers. The Zoning and Land Use committee meets on an as-needed basis to comment on requests for zoning variances, changes to the Planned Unit Development plans of our neighbors and consider other proposals for major changes to land use in Mount Washington.

With the coming of Baltimore’s new zoning code, neighborhood input into land use decisions will be more important than ever. This is your chance to be involved in helping Mount Washington maintain its high standards and grow as a vibrant urban neighborhood.

Individuals with backgrounds in zoning, development, law, architecture, planning, landscape or other related disciplines are asked to consider dedicating a few hours a year to this vital committee.

For more details or to place your name in nomination, please contact President@mwia.org.
GARDENING  By RICK KINGSBURY — land.arch@comcast.net

The Front Yard Garden

Most of us don’t spend a lot of time in the front of the house. The back yard is where we entertain, where the kids hang out and where we often feel more comfortable. The front therefore is usually a combination of evergreen foundation plantings, an expanse of lawn, and maybe some bulbs along the front walkway.

A front yard garden offers you the opportunity to get out and about on this portion of your property, which encourages interaction with your neighbors. The well designed front garden offers a pleasing welcome to visitors to your home. And it is often the place on your property that is more open, with less competition for sun and growing area, and is less subject to wear and tear.

The traditional approach to the design of the front yard garden is to place larger plants directly against the house, with medium sized plants placed in front of those, and smaller plants toward the street. This creates a nice view for passers-by, but does not do very much for the view from the house.

The following are some design considerations when planning a front yard garden:

1. Plan for four season interest: Early season plants should be mixed with summer and fall interest plantings. Be aware also of the potential for winter interest with color, texture and seed heads. The front garden is very visible and should have something “going on” throughout the year.

2. Create a two-sided front garden: Rather than planting larger plants at the foundation with smaller plants in front, consider taller plants in the middle of the garden as a focal point, with smaller plants on either side. This approach creates interest from your view of the front as well as from the street and walkway. Look at your garden plan from different angles when designing.

3. Try massing plants, and using fewer varieties. Allow for more impact by placing several of the same plants together rather than placing one or two here and there. This also can lower maintenance and plant replacement.

4. Be aware of sun and shade conditions. Front yard gardens often have nearly full shade near the house and full sun just outside the shade line.

5. Be aware also of the size of the plants you are placing. You don’t want to block the view of your home or cover windows.

Hopefully I will see you out front this spring!

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gambling, sex, and other addictions, and some have co-occurring mental health issues, Mr. Bierman said.

MARC only accepts private payment, not public assistance such as Medicare or Medicaid. It typically charges $5,500 a month, Mr. Bierman said.

“It’s our intention to serve middle to upper middle class [clients], those not served by government subsidized programs,” he said, “and those who can’t afford high end facilities that charge up to $30,000 a month.” He said there is a need for his company’s services in and around Mount Washington, and MARC plans to serve those residents.

MARC does not and will not prescribe methadone, Mr. Bierman said, though it will have a medical director who may prescribe non-narcotic medications for mood or anxiety disorders, and sometimes the medication Suboxone for substance abuse detoxification. He said no medications would be dispensed or be available on the premises.

Mr. Bierman said the hours of operation would be Monday through Friday from about 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. He estimated there would be from 20 to 25 clients a day, with no more than 10 to 13 clients at a time, plus about eight staff members. He said many clients will arrive in a MARC-provided van, with “a very very small percentage” walking or taking public transportation.

Councilwoman Rochelle “Rikki” Spector told the audience on Feb. 2 that she has asked the City for a traffic study of the area. MWIA President Bryce Butler submitted a series of questions to MARC about their plans, hours of operation, specific caseloads and other issues.

Neither the City nor MARC had responded to these requests by press time. The MWIA has not yet adopted a position.
Many of you have asked, “Ned, why do you always end your columns with ‘Don’t forget to floss’? Are you a dentist? Are you part of the Clean Teeth Mafia? Did you ever consider free will? Did you ever see ‘Free Willy’? Why would you feel it is soooooo important to floss that you need to remind us every single time? Huh, Ned? Why? For the love all that is decent and good, WHY?!!”

Well, first of all I think you should dial it down a notch. Second, no I am not a dentist, although I did play one in a high school production of “South Pacific.” We changed it up a bit (“I’m gonna floss that man right out of my teeth...”). It is true that I enjoy the occasional snootful of nitrous oxide whilst driving thru the Harbor Tunnel – who doesn’t? – and I still can’t believe we gave the Root Canal back to The Roots, but other than that I am not in the pocket of Big Dentistry.

Here’s why I always tell you to floss.

When I was young my Uncle Frank came to live with us for a while. He would sit in our parlor on Momma’s overstuffed couch and drink hot black Turkish coffee and smoke clove cigarettes and he wore crazy jewelry and a soul patch and played the guitar and he was just the coolest.

Then, one day he announced that he was leaving town. He was moving to Montana to be a dental floss tycoon. He walked around the house in a purple poncho (a Mexican poncho, not a Sears poncho), with a far off look in his eye and talked about pygmy ponies and Zircon-encrusted tweezers and dental floss bushes and it all sounded so wonderful.

Well, one day we woke up and – zap! – Uncle Frank was gone. He had hotwired the old Delta 88 and headed west to grow dental floss. Heartbroken, I swore that I, too, would move to Montana soon and have a dental floss plantation ranch farm of my own.

But I stayed here in the east and I never fulfilled this dream.... UNTIL NOW! I am happy to announce that my new venture, DunkleFlossers™, is launching next month right here in Mount Washington. Hydroponically grown Artisanal dental floss is finally here.

 Fresher than ever, this true farm-to-face floss will make you forget any other floss. It will make you forget your Sonicare™ toothbrush. It may even make you forget where you put your keys, I dunno. But it is the awesome sauce of dental floss and THAT is why I am obsessed.

Anyway, now you know and now I must stop ending my columns with “Don’t Forget to Floss.” My editor says that given my new business it would be a “conflict of interest” or some such legal beagle mumbo jumbo. [Editor’s note: I never said that. And don’t call me a beagle.] So, from now on when I say “Eat Roberto’s Pizza!” at the end of this column you will know it means “Don’t forget to floss,” and also to eat Roberto’s Pizza, because it’s really good.

So, don’t forget to Eat Roberto’s Pizza!

Ned
we weekends, from mid-March through early June. (From mid-May until the end of the recreation season in early June the weekday practices would begin around 5:00 pm).

During the remainder of June and also during the shorter “fall ball” season (September through mid-November) RPBL travel teams would use the field on weekends, with practices on Fridays (5 pm to dusk) and/or Saturdays (3 to 6 pm) and games between 9 am and 6 pm on Sundays.

This schedule would allow continued access to the field on Saturdays for the Mount Washington Soccer league as well as casual use by neighbors. Home plate would be tucked into the northwest corner of the upper field. With grading improvements to the entire field, this should leave close to as much room for soccer games as before and make the field safer and more playable.

This concept was widely discussed by the community and included in the Northwest Park Master Plan. MWIA continues to work with RPBL and the City on issues of parking, field maintenance, the question of a permanent or temporary pitcher’s mound, and access to the field for other users and dog owners.

This project will not proceed without the support of the neighborhood and MWIA, and RPBL may seek to raise additional funds from baseball lovers in Mount Washington. It is important that MWIA hears from the park’s neighbors, its dog walkers, baseball players, birders, and you. Please submit your comments or questions via email as soon as possible to info@mwia.org.
March 7, March 22, April 4 and April 19
Luckman Park Cleanup
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Join the Friends of Luckman on the first Saturday and third Sunday of every month – weather permitting – for trash pickup, leaf raking, gardening, and other general park cleaning. Come for all or part; RSVP (to luckman.park@gmail.com) helpful but not necessary.

Wednesday mornings
Mt. Washington Community T’ai Chi Class
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Springwell Senior Living, 2211 W. Rogers Ave. Appropriate for all levels. Taught by Master Greg Hatza. Cost is $70 per month. Visitors are welcome to observe or participate in one class. For more information contact Linda at 410-664-1554 or lindalitofsky@comcast.net.

Friday mornings
Mt. Washington Community Yoga Class
8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
St. Andrew’s Elderslie Church, 5601 Pimlico Rd. Appropriate for most levels (not a gentle, seniors, or therapeutic class). 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.

March 11 and April 8
Ivy Bookshop Benefit for Mt. Washington School
The Ivy Bookshop, 6080 Falls Rd. Shop at the Ivy Bookshop on the second Wednesday of every month, mention The Mount Washington School at the cash register, and 15% of your purchase will be donated to the Mount Washington School.

March 18
Israela Meyerstein, author of “Bridge To Healing”
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Ivy Bookshop, 6080 Falls Rd. Join Baltimore native and first-time author Israela Meyerstein as she discuss and reads from her book “Bridge to Healing.” See www.theivybookshop.com for other author readings throughout the month.

April 10
Mount Washington Improvement Association open Board meeting
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital cafeteria, 1708 W. Rogers Ave. All community members are welcome.

May 2
Clayworks BASH
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Maryland Art Place, 218 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. The Clayworks Bash is springing forward to a new time in the Baltimore Clayworks event calendar. Join us at Maryland Art Place, located in the Bromo Tower Arts and Entertainment District. Purchase tickets at http://www.baltimoreclayworks.org/event/clay-ball.html. Buy your gala tickets by Friday, April 3 and receive a special ceramic gift made Clayworks Resident Artist, Missy Steele (while they last)!

May 9
Mount Washington School “Swing Into Spring” Benefit
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel at the Village of Cross Keys. Join your community for the flagship fundraiser of the school year, which features a live & silent auction of truly fabulous items including local sports & historical memorabilia, vacation getaways, custom art & jewelry, and much more! Plus, an evening filled with fun, delicious food, & live entertainment. Consider being a corporate and family sponsor by contacting Desmond Stinnie at dls@bpsnode.com.