BUTCHERS HILL

May 2011

The daffodils in the park have been amazing. And the people who worked in the torrential rain for the Citywide clean up day were also amazing. The dumpster was almost filled, which shows the dedication of the neighborhood to keep it looking great. Thanks to all of you who helped and who help all year by picking up litter and planting in front of your homes.

We are beginning the process of updating the Butchers Hill website. If you have any ideas for pages we don't currently have, would like to write copy, or would like to be a part of the process in any other way, please let me know. All help is welcome. The other thought process around our website is that it will remain fairly static. So how do we let everyone know about the happenings in the neighborhood and surrounding area in a timelier manner? Social networking seems to be the way to go and having a Facebook page the best, easiest, most cost effective solution. We can upload pictures of the flea market, parties in the neighborhood, highlight issues etc. If you are interested in starting the official Butchers Hill Facebook page, I'd love to talk to you.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14th, and come and enjoy the flea market festivities in Patterson Park. It is always a great day.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 1st. Come out to our first stoop sitting event of the year. We all had a great time last year, even with one being on the hottest day and the other under threats of rain. This year we are striving for a happy medium weather wise. Happy Spring to all of us.

See you in the 'hood.

-Tori Simms
President BHA

Patterson Park Flea Market

BEST RECYCLING & BARGAINS ◦ MUSIC ◦ FOOD
PAGODA WILL BE OPEN!
SATURDAY, MAY 14th 9 AM – 3 PM

Sell your own "fleas" or donate gently used items to the Butchers Hill booth. To sign up for a space ($25, $30 after May 7th) email: bhfleamarket@yahoo.com or call: 410-675-0148. To donate "fleas", bring items labeled with a price to the Lombard Street entrance of Patterson Park between 7&10 AM. Tax receipts will be available.

Volunteers are still needed – so pick a time and join in the fun for an hour or two: 7-9am to help set up, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3 to work in either the Butchers Hill

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2011 SPRING CLEANUP

Heavy, persistent rains and forceful winds are no match for the annual spring clean-up. Butchers Hill residents worked hard despite the weather, cleaning gutters, alley ways, and public areas, collecting enough debris to fill an entire dumpster in two hours! A job well done in any condition.

The Butchers Hill Streetscape Committee would like to thank all residents who pitched in on April 16th to help keep our neighborhood clean and tidy. We hope to see you and all our neighbors during our fall clean-up, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th.

We would also like to specially thank a few neighbors who really shone through the dreary conditions …

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SAVE THE DATES!
2011 Butchers Hill Events:
Spring Flea Market – Saturday, May 14
Potluck Picnic – Friday, July 8
Fall Flea Market – Saturday, Sept. 10
House Tour – Sunday, October 9
Art Night—Wednesday, November 2
Holiday Potluck – Sunday, December 4

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May Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Streetscape Committee 7 PM	4 **Butchers Hill General Meeting 7 PM**	5	6	7
8	9 Land Use Committee 7 PM Flea Market Committee 7 PM	10 Book Club 7:30 PM	11 C.O.P. 7:30 PM	12	13	14 **Spring Flea Market PP**
15	16	17 **Newsletter Deadline**	18 Block Reps & Crime Prevention 7 PM	19 House Tour Committee 7PM	20	21
22	23 Executive Committee 7 PM	24	25 C.O.P. 7:30 PM	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day City offices closed	31				

BHA Committees and Monthly Meetings

- **Crime Prevention/Block Representatives:** *Wednesday, May 18th, 7PM, 2105 E. Baltimore St.* Meets monthly to share information from our block representatives and to coordinate action. New block representatives wanted; if interested e-mail or call Carolyn: *c.boitnott@verizon.net*, 410-522-4991. Police ask that residents call 410-666-DRUG to report repeated suspected drug activity, but always call 911 if you need immediate police response.
- **Butchers Hill Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.):** Butchers Hill Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) has been regularly patrolling the neighborhood for over eleven years, and conducts its walk-arounds on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We meet at 7:30 p.m. at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Evan Helfrich, 410-342-2148, *ubik14@netscape.net*.
- **Community Representative, School 27 School Improvement Team:** Carolyn Boitnott, 410-522-4991.
- **Education Committee:** For more information please contact Carolyn at *c.boitnott@verizon.net*, 410-522-4991
- **Flea Market Committee:** *Thursday, May 9th, 7 PM, 105 S. Chester St.* New members are invited to check out and join the fun and fellowship of this great committee. All are welcome! For more info contact: William White at 410-563-7941or *willilicious@hotmail.com*
- **House Tour Committee Meeting:** *Thursday, May 19th, 7 PM, 2029 E. Pratt St.* For information or to volunteer your house, contact Dee at *DeeLundelius@verizon.net*, or Sue Noonan at *SueNoon@cavtel.net*. See page 4 for more.
- **Community Initiatives:** *No meeting this month.* Call Kathy Hackett for info, *ktyhack@gmail.com*, 410-327-2447. Welcome New Neighbors! To request a New Neighbor Packet or sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and other breaking news, please e-mail *bhamember@gmail.com*.
- **Book Club:** *Tuesday, May 10th, 7:30 PM* to discuss *"The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay"* by Michael Chabon. For more information contact: Anne Puckett, *anne_puckett@hotmail.com*, 410-675-8765.
- **Land Use:** *Monday, May 9th, 7 PM, at the White House, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave.* The Land Use Committee reminds homeowners in the 2100 & 2200 blocks of E. Baltimore St. and the 2200 block of E. Pratt St. that you live in a City historic district. All exterior work and painting must be submitted to CHAP and Butchers Hill. We would be happy to help with any questions. Contact Virgil Bartram: 410-327-4964. CHAP's number is 410-396-4866.
- **BHA Executive Committee:** *Monday, May 23rd, 7 PM, 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.* For more information contact Tori Simms, 410-209-9677, *tori_simms@hermanmiller.com*.
- **Streetscape Committee:** *Tuesday, May 3rd, 7 PM, 2211 E. Lombard St.* Focus is education and assistance with trash and litter—a healthy and attractive neighborhood. Contact Amy Finney: *astringer_6@yahoo.com*, 443-465-5958 or Betsy Wadsworth: *bwads2211@comcast.net*, 410-558-1312. New members most welcome!
- **Newsletter:** *Tuesday, **May 17th*** is the deadline for all articles, ads, and notices for the JUNE issue of the BHA newsletter. Contact Patricia Clark: *BHAnewsletter@gmail.com*

BUTCHERS HILL GENERAL MEETING, MAY 4TH

Meeting: 7:00 PM St. Andrew's Church Hall, Chester & Lombard. Contact Tori Simms, *tori_simms@hermanmiller.com*
AGENDA: Come meet a candidate for Council District 13, Shannon Sneed. The Baltimore International College (BIC) will be showing how to make chocolate truffles, and of course, we will eat the results.

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The Dumpster Dynamo: Sandy, who always ensures that Butchers' Hill has a well-manned, well-positioned dumpster available for our clean-up days.

Team Secure-A-Spot: Carl, Jay, Toni, and the TenKen crew, who all helped make sure the dumpster had a place to go on Saturday.

Team('s) Get-Down-N-Dirty: Ann, Beth, Carl, Carolyn, Chris, Christie, Christina, David, Emily, Jay, JoJo, Jordan, Nate, Sandy, Shannon, Tom, Toni, who all dug in and got dirty in an effort to clean the dirtiest areas of Butchers Hill.

-Amy Finney, Streetscape Committee

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Flea or Food booths or 3-5pm to help break down. Contact William: 410-563-7941 or Sandy: 410-558-0149. It's a day in the park where you meet your neighbors, listen to cool jazz, eat great food and give back to the community while free enterprise recycles and nonprofits benefit. What could be better?

Items unsold at the end of the day may be dropped off at the Goodwill truck provided. This is the major fund-raising event for the Education Committee that donates to our two elementary-middle schools. A tax receipt will be available at time of donation.

-William White, Flea Market Chair

Harness the wind … or rather, your trash and recycling!

With a windy and wet spring well underway, you may have noticed that trash and recycling items set out for collection end up anywhere but the inside of a garbage truck. And, while there are more potential causes for this than fish in the harbor, this article is focused on one we can defend against: weather. The Streetscape Committee developed the following tips for keeping trash and recycling under control:

- **Use TLC.** Tightly Lidded Cans are not only required for trash collection but they actually contain debris and keep it from catching a ride on a draft of wind.
- **Bins are in; bags are out.** Plastic bags are not acceptable containers for recycling and they love wind! They will take flight without any provocation and have no shame attaching themselves to our beautiful trees, or worse, choking animals that try to eat them.
- **Pack on the pounds.** Heavier bins stay grounded and in one place better than loosely packed, lightweight containers so don't be shy about piling up the bottles, cans, paper, and boxes.
- **Jockey for position.** Try to position loose, lightweight items toward the bottom of your collection bin with heavier items piled on top to keep everything in place and inside the bin.
- **Get cozy with your neighbors … your neighbors' trash, that is.** Work together with your neighbors and whenever possible, group several containers together so they are more visible to our friendly waste collection team.
- **Timing is everything.** The less time your bins are out in the open, the less likely that trash and recycling will end up flitting about the neighborhood, washing into the harbor, or serving as a nighttime snack for rats. Instead of setting out bins the night before collection, wake up a little earlier on collection days and catch up with your neighbors while sipping your coffee and placing your bins. Sounds like a lovely morning, doesn't it?
- **Know who to call.** The Ghostbusters won't help you here, so in the event of trash or recycling violations or other issues, call 311 to lodge a report – better yet, go to the 311 website to report the issue for a quicker response.

These are our top tips but it is up to all of us to put these into practice to keep Butchers Hill looking its best. Thank you for doing your part!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Kraft's office taking new action against unwanted flyers: Councilman Kraft's aide, Meghan Gorman, is working with the Housing Dept. to prosecute frequent offenders to the law against putting unwanted flyers on doorsteps. If you receive unwanted flyers and would be willing to testify against the business putting them out, take a photo of the flyer on your doorstep and either email it to *Meghan.Gorman@baltimorecity.gov* or send the photo and the offending flyer with your name and address, signed & dated to: Councilman Kraft, City Hall, Balt. MD, 21202. With the photo, documented evidence and your testimony the prosecutor can prove you gave no consent to place the flyer on your door. One of the biggest offenders, Nephew's, now owes $30,000 in fines and could lose their license to operate. These efforts will send a strong message to the rest of the businesses that flyer our homes.

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

Trading in Electronics:
Old cellphones & computers: *wireflytradein.com* or *tigerdirect.cexchange.com* and get a charity write-off, cash or gift cards. Costco, Best Buy & Sears also have trade-in programs. Call ahead.

Save on Printer Ink
Use the Century Gothic font. Recent study showed it consumes a third less ink than Arial.

Do it yourself or hire someone?
Get estimates of the difference in cost for a home improvement project at: *diyornot.com* as well as advice on whether you should go it alone.

Volunteer techies give free advice on common computer problems at: *fixya.com*

Sell your junk after getting an idea what it's worth at: *itaggit.com*, an online "blue book" that analyzes recent sales at online markets.

Free photo editing on-line at: *citrify.com*. *Pixorial.com* does free video online editing & up to 10 gigabytes of free storage.

Freecycle.org lets you post what you want to give away and see what's available. All for free!

Interested in starting the official Butchers Hill Facebook page? Contact Tori Simms
tori_simms@hermanmiller.com

STOOP SITTING EVENT. You Interested?

Looking for neighbors to host the stoop sitting event on June 1 or September 7. If interested contact Tori Simms *tori_simms@hermanmiller.com* or Heather Norris *hnorris@mtb.com*

STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE :

Home to Harbor: clean water begins on your sidewalk and street!

Trash, litter and leaves on sidewalks, in gutters and on streets travel with rainwater into storm drains, then underground into the harbor. Some is trapped and removed by trash interceptors at 27 outflow locations around the harbor → 3-5 tons collected at each location = 972-1620 tons/year. Even more trash is removed by the scooping barge that patrols the harbor. Litter removal costs a lot of money, money that could be used instead to repair park ball fields, fix pot holes, or plant new street trees. *Won't you help DECREASE the trash, litter and leaves around your home that travel into the harbor?*

Welcome New Neighbors!

To request a New Neighbor Packet or sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and other breaking news, please email *bhamember@gmail.com*

WINERIES TO BE ALLOWED TO SHIP TO MD RESIDENTS :

Bills allowing in-state and out-of-state wineries (but not retailers) to ship to Maryland residents passed both General Assembly chambers and await Governor O'Malley's signature; the bills will most likely be signed into law on May 10th. The law should take effect July 1, 2011.

HOUSE TOUR COMMITTEE :

We need a few more houses for the 2011 Tour on October 9th. If you are willing or have a neighbor who might be persuaded, be sure to contact Dee at DeeLundelius@verizon.net or Sue Noonan at SueNoon@cavtel.net. All our welcome to our meetings. See page 2 for date, time and address.

A DAY ON THE LINKS BENEFITS SAINT ANDREW ORTHODOX CHURCH

8th Annual Golf Tournament, Friday, June 17

Registration 12:30PM. 1:30 p.m. start at the Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen, Md. benefiting St. Andrew Orthodox Church which makes space available for the monthly meetings of the Butchers Hill Association.

$100 per golfer includes 18 holes with cart, bucket of balls for driving range, lunch prior, snack at turn, dinner at end of play, unlimited beverages (water, soda, beer) and entry to contests. Sponsorships (which are 100% charitable contributions) are available and include: business card size in golf program for $25, and also up to four golfer fees plus advertisement in the golf program and at holes. Registration and payment by June 10th. Contact: Yuriy Dzambasow, 410-652-1035, *yuriyd@comcast.net* for more information.