

January 2012

A new year begins and I bid you adieu in my current role. It has been a good two year run; I have made many new friends and learned a lot about the neighborhood, our surrounding neighbors, and the city at large. There are so many people in this neighborhood that quietly and continuously give back - I firmly believe this is the reason Butchers Hill is the best place to live.

Instead of looking back, it is time to look forward and determine what steps we as a community need to take to continue to make this a strong and vibrant neighborhood. How do we work more closely with the city to fix issues that affect our neighborhood and beyond? Is it time to take the next step with our long term 'beautify' Butchers Hill plan? How do we keep/upgrade the neighborhood pocket parks and Patterson Park in great condition? Is it time to update the by laws? These are all ideas the Executive Committee discusses. If you have other ideas, please let me know.

Remember to come and vote at the January meeting. Your dues must be paid to vote (cash and checks will be accepted at the meeting). There is a fantastic slate of officers this year, and you will continue to be well served by the new board.

Thanks for your time, sharing and participation over the last two years. I look forward to continuing to see you "around the 'hood."

*-Tori Simms
President*



Slate of Officers to be Voted On January 4th

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate at the January meeting of the Butchers Hill Association. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time, provided the nominee accepts. You must be a Butchers Hill member to vote.

President:	Heather Gorius
Vice President:	Greg Matanoski
Vice President:	Todd Lapointe
Treasurer:	Beth Braun
Recording Secretary:	Tom Crandall
Parliamentarian:	Peter Green
Corresponding Secretary:	Tori Simms
Member at Large:	Jeff Carol
Member at Large:	Judy Steinburg
Member at Large:	Jo Van Wely

BHA Membership

Butchers Hill is a wonderful place to live. We support valuable community activities and services you will share with your family and neighbors. Your contributions help make this possible. We have kept annual dues to a \$10 minimum so that all may vote. Visit the Butchers Hill website www.butchershill.org, or contact Kathy Hackett for membership details at bhamember@gmail.com. Please note that Butchers Hill is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, to which all contributions are tax deductible.

Top of Mind

- Members of BHA will elect new executive officers at the 1/4 BHA general meeting.
- On Tuesday, 12/12, Occupy Baltimore protesters were peacefully removed from their post in the Inner Harbor. The protest occupation had been in place since 10/4.
- Proposed redistricting will eliminate two Baltimore City state delegates as a result of continued decline in the city's population.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 General Meeting - BHA election 7PM	5	6	7
8	9 Land Use 7PM	10 Book Club 7:30PM Streetscape 7PM	11 C.O.P. 7:30PM	12	13	14
15	16 MLK Day	17 Newsletter	18 Crime Prevention 7PM	19 Executive Committee 7PM	20	21
22	23	24	25 C.O.P. 7:30PM	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Calendar Reminders

- Butchers Hill Flea Market in Patterson park: Spring May 12, Fall September 15th

Butchers Hill Committees

Book Club	Anne Puckett, anne_puckett@hotmail.com 410-675-8765	Tuesday, 1/10 - 7:30PM. Discussing "Room" by Emma Donoghue.
Butchers Hill Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)	Evan Helfrich, ubik14@netscape.net 410-342-2148	Meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. 7:30PM at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St.
Community Initiatives	Kathy Hackett, ktyhack@gmail.com 410-327-2447	No meeting this month
Crime Prevention	Carolyn Boitnott - c.boitnott@verizon.net 410-522-4991	Wednesday, 1/18 - 7PM. Held at 2105 E. Baltimore St. Police ask that residents call 410-666-DRUG to report repeated suspected drug activity. Emergency 911.
Executive Committee	Tori Simms, tori_simms@hermanmiller.com 410-675-4948	Thursday, 1/19 - 7PM. Held at 19 S. Castle St.
School Family Council at #27	Carolyn Boitnott - c.boitnott@verizon.net 410-522-4991	No meeting this month
Flea Market Committee	William White, willilicious@hotmail.com 410-563-7941	No meeting this month
House Tour Committee	Dee Lundelius, DeeLundelius@verizon.net , and Sue Noonan, SueNoon@cavtel.net .	No meetings until March 2012
Land Use Committee	Virgil Bartram, virgil@archuv.com . <i>Please note new email address.</i> 410-327-4964	Monday, 1/9 - 7PM. Held at the White House, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave. For those in the historic district, please see page 4 for CHAP information.
Streetscape Committee	Amy Finney, astringer_6@yahoo.com , 443-465-5958, and Betsy Wadsworth, bwads2211@comcast.net , 410-558-1312.	Tuesday, 1/10 - 7 PM. Held at 2211 E. Lombard Street.

Butchers Hill General Meeting

Wednesday, January 4th, 7PM—St. Andrew Church at Chester & Lombard.

Annual BHA election of Executive Committee officers.

Speakers will include representatives from Friends of Patterson Park, and Water Line Rehab.

Getting to Know Your BHA

Stay tuned each month for a showcase featuring each of our Butchers Hill committees. These groups represent and pilot the various community causes affecting and effecting our neighborhood. You will get to know a little about what it is they do. Our hope is to grab your interest and excite your involvement. Committee participation is voluntary and welcome to all, with most groups meeting once monthly.

You Can't Put a Great Neighborhood Down

Even in this economy, as I took walks through Butchers Hill this past year I saw many positive improvements to our houses. Homeowners had their window trim, doors and cornices *painted, stonework repaired*, missing cornices replaced, bricks re-pointed, and more. After the big housing boom, it didn't seem like there were any houses left to be renovated. But with such a dense housing stock, investors still managed to find individual projects. I saw complete house renovations on Collington Avenue, Chester Street, Patterson Park Avenue, and Madeira Street. At least three vacant or unoccupied houses that I have noticed are now either improved and occupied, under extensive repair or under complete renovation.

Now there is new construction in Butchers Hill. The first seven of fourteen modern town homes are being built on the vacant lot at the corner of Chester and Fayette Streets. Each house is sixteen and a half feet wide and will have three bedrooms and three baths. The developer reports that three houses have already sold along Chester Street. Each house will have a garage for one car and a second parking space on each driveway. The web site for this project known as "Hampstead View" is <http://hampsteadview.com/>.

-Virgil Bartram
Land Use Committee

Monthly Rewind

BHA Holiday Potluck

The Holiday Potluck had wonderful food, and the background noise was filled with kids at play, the Ravens game on TV, and congenial conversations of friends, old and new. These provided all the standard requirements to make a festive and fun event. Thanks to Craig Thomson for the ham, Jo Van Wely for the decorations and to all who helped with set up and clean-up.

-Tori Simms
President

Care to Mulch Your Christmas Tree?

Every Monday-Saturday in January, 9AM-2PM
701 Reedbird Ave.

Citizens may take trees to be mulched and bring their own bags or containers to scoop mulch to take home. Any mulch left over after January will be incinerated at the waste-to-energy facility. Community groups are encouraged to bag up free mulch for community trees and gardens while supplies last.

Curbside Collection: trees will be collected on trash collection days from Tuesday January 3rd through Tuesday January 31st. Set your tree out with your other trash, devoid of all tinsel and ornaments.

-Streetscape Committee

Winter Means NO Dumpsters, So Here's What to Do With:

Bulk Trash pickup: Call 311.

Building materials: take to Quarantine Road Sanitary Landfill - limited amount per week allowed.

Wet Paint and Batteries: wait for household hazardous waste days to begin monthly in April.

Tires (without rims): take to one of the city's convenience centers, or up to four tires may be put out for bulk trash. Call 311.

Automobile parts: take to a commercial junkyard.

For information on visiting Citizen Convenience Centers go to: www.baltimorecity.gov

Key word: Drop-off Locations Map

This Month in Baltimore History

- On January 17th 2007, Sheila Dixon was elected as the first female mayor of Baltimore.
- January 19th 1999, Brian Billick became the second head coach of the Baltimore Ravens. He served nine seasons, and departed with a 85-67 record.
- On January 20, 1955 well-known Baltimore civil rights activist Helena Hicks joined Morgan State students and Dean in a sit-in at the acclaimed Read's Drug Store location at Howard and Lexington. Their demonstration led to the abolishment of store discrimination, and paved the way for further integration on the West-side.



Community Bulletin Board



Foam Polystyrene (Styrofoam®) Recycling Begins!


Material is not to be included with curbside recycling

What is new? Accepting CLEAN polystyrene (#6) foam foodservice items (cups, plates, and egg cartons), as well as foam protective packaging typically used to protect consumer goods and electronics.

Where: Only at the Northwest Citizens Convenience Center, 2840 Sisson Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Note that there are now drive up ramps to make recycling drop-off easier.

When: 9AM-5PM, Monday – Saturday.

How:

- Make sure clean foam has symbol  (#6).
- Must bring to Northwest Center, this is NOT a curbside recycling program
- Rinse cups/containers
- No straws, lids, tape or stickers
- No foam peanuts or insulation material

Must be brought in see-through plastic bags (free bags made available on site by Dart while supplies last)

This initiative is supported by Dart Container Corporation in partnership with the Baltimore City DPW.
-Streetscape Committee

Friends of Patterson Park

Help Friends of Patterson Park reach their GOAL of \$8,000 for equipment that the 625 volunteers use to clean the boat lake, maintain the gardens & paths, engage kids in soccer and tennis and plan concerts & festivals. You can make a tax deductible gift via credit card on the Giving page at www.pattersonpark.com/get-involved/become-a-member. Make checks to: Friends of Patterson Park, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave., 21231 (the white house at the Lombard Street entrance).

**The newsletter regrets the error in last month's issue, which failed to recognize the Hanukkah holiday, December 20-28. BHA seeks to celebrate the diversity of all in our community, and wishes to apologize for the omission.

12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

January 16th, noon-2PM

Beginning at the intersection of MLK Blvd. and Eutaw St.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, which celebrates the life on one of America's most influential civil rights, political and social icons, is becoming an event not only to honor Dr. King, but to pay homage to others continuing his legacy. For more information go to Events at www.bop.org

Get Rid of Those Leaves!

Shoveling snow will be easier if you're not also shoveling leaves! Until the end of the week of January 23, 2012, up to 5 bags of leaves may be put out on your regularly scheduled trash pick-up day. Residents need to put leaves in clear or labeled bags and place them at their regular mixed refuse collection location, not in the public right-of-way.

Residents can also drop off bagged leaves at the Northwest Sanitation Yard at 2840 Sission Street, Monday -Saturday from 9AM-5PM until Saturday 1/28.

-Streetscape Committee

CHAP blocks in Butchers Hill

The Land Use Committee reminds homeowners in the 2100 and 2200 blocks of E. Baltimore St. and the 2200 block of E. Pratt St. that you live in a City historic district. All planned exterior work including painting, must be submitted to CHAP and Butchers Hill. We're happy to help with any questions. Contact Virgil Bartram: 410-327-4964. CHAP's number is 410-396-4866.



BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ New Neighbor Packet? _____

Would you like to serve on a committee? ____ Which? _____ Are you interested in volunteering at BHA events? ____

Annual dues (Jan. thru Dec.) are \$10 per person, \$6 for seniors and low-income. Make checks payable to the *Butchers Hill Association* and return form and payment to BHA, 27 South Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.