

April 2012

Happy Spring Butchers Hill! The general meeting on April 4th will feature updates on projects that impact Butchers Hill and Baltimore City as a whole. **See the General Meeting info box at the top of page 3 for details.**

I would like to call attention to recent happenings concerning Halcott Park/Duncan Street Park, located on Duncan Street between Pratt and Lombard Streets—the location of our annual Summer Potluck. It has been lovingly maintained for many years by Butchers Hill residents and it is well loved by our neighborhood. Unfortunately, the park ended up on a list of the City's "for sale" properties. Obviously, we do not want the park to be sold. After investigating options with the Land Use Committee, we have found a local land trust that would acquire the Park and keep it "as is" for Butchers Hill's use. There is a lengthy application process involved. We will be discussing this issue at the April meeting and voting on a course of action.

If it's spring in Butchers Hill we know what time it is... it's time for the Flea Market and the Garden Tour! The Flea Market allows us to enjoy a great day in Patterson Park with our neighbors, benefits local schools, benefits the BHA, encourages recycling of items instead of sending them to a landfill, highlights our dynamic community and allows neighbors to make money!

The Garden Tour gives us all a chance to share our "little bits of heaven" and local artists a chance to display and sell their creations. Both of these events are great opportunities to get involved with the Butchers Hill Association. We need all kinds of "Day Of" volunteers to help with both events!

- Heather Gorius
President

Clean up ♦ Meet up ♦ Eat up ♦ Drink up

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 9 a.m. – Noon, is Spring Clean-Up Day throughout Baltimore – including our Butchers Hill neighborhood. Mark your calendar to set aside some time that morning to spruce up your property and wherever else you can help out. No need for a major time commitment – a little hard work on your block goes a long way toward making the whole neighborhood shine.

Members of the Butchers Hill Streetscape Committee will be by the dumpster, at the corner of E. Fairmount Ave. and N. Chester St., with bags for debris and tools to lend out for the day, and raffle prizes to award for hard working participants. Following the clean-up, at Noon, the Streetscape Committee will fire up a grill and open a cooler for a refreshing snack following the morning's work – all clean-up participants are invited to join, you may even win a raffle prize!

Top of Mind

Ten weirdest weather issues in March 2012

From: The Weather Channel

1. Eugene, Ore. - heaviest snow; 2-3 times annual amount.
2. Marquette, Mich. record snowmelt: 47" in 15 days.
3. Timmins, Ontario - 80+ degrees
4. All-time Heat Records broken: 5 days in a row + a 90 degree Michigan, 3 days in a row Columbus, Cleveland & Houlton, ME.
5. Pollen count in Atlanta, GA 6 times over "extreme" (90 is high, 1500 extreme, Mar. 20 count was 9,369)
6. Earliest-in-season tornados in Mich. & Minn.
7. Record-smashing hailstone in Hawaii: 4.25."
8. Heat records: 9 days straight: Ft. Wayne, Ind. & Chicago 9 (80s),
9. International Falls, Minn. "Icebox of the Nation" 12 days 40 degrees above the day's average high,
10. 6,000 daily record highs may make March 2012 go down as the warmest on record for the lower 48 states.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Flea Market Committee 7 p.m.	3 Streetscape 7 p.m.	4 General Meeting 7 p.m.	5	6 Passover/Good Fri Recycling Sat > Library closed	7 Spring Fishing Rodeo; Boat Lake 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
8 Easter Sunday	9 Land Use Committee	10 Book Club 7:30 p.m.	11 C.O.P. 7:30 p.m.	12 Executive Committee	13	14
15 E. Orthodox Easter BELL RINGING St. Andrew Church Midnight to 12:15	16	17	18 Crime Prevention 7 p.m.	19	20	21 Annual Butchers Hill Clean-up 9 a.m. - Noon
22 Pagoda Opening Earth Day	23	24	25 C.O.P. 7:30 p.m.	26	27 Household Haz Waste drop-off	28 Día del Niño Pagoda Hill 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Calendar Reminders

April - 4/21 Spring Cleanup

May - 5/12 Spring Flea Market

June - 6/3 Garden Tour

July - 7/6 Summer Picnic

Sept - 9/15 Fall Flea Market

Oct - 10/13 Fall Clean-up
10/14 House Tour

Dec - 12/2 Holiday Potluck

Butchers Hill Committees

Book Club	Anne Puckett, anne_puckett@hotmail.com 410-675-8765	Tuesday, 4/10 - 7:30 p.m. The book to be discussed is "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain.
Butchers Hill Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)	Evan Helfrich, ubik14@netscape.net 410-342-2148	Meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. 7:30 p.m. at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St.
Crime Prevention	Carolyn Boitnott, c.boitnott@verizon.net 410-522-4991	Wednesday, 4/18 - 7 p.m. Held at 2105 E. Baltimore St. Police ask that residents to report repeated suspected drug activity to: 410-666-DRUG
Executive Committee	Heather Gorius, hnorris@mtb.com	Thursday, 4/12 - 7 p.m. Held at 19 S. Castle St.
Flea Market Committee	Rick Gilmour, iok672@qis.net 410-825-0157	Monday, 4/2 - 7 p.m. Held at 206 S. Patterson Park Ave.
Garden Tour Committee	Joe Rehak, jrehak@lightspeedsystems.net 410-327-1533	Joe will be contacting members about a meeting date.
House Tour Committee	Dee Lundelius, DeeLundelius@verizon.net and Sue Noonan, SueNoon@cavtel.net	Contact one of the Co-Chairs for April meeting date.
Land Use Committee	Virgil Bartram, virgil@archuv.com 410-327-4964	Monday, 4/9 - 7 p.m. 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, 4/3 - 7 p.m. Held at 2211 E. Lombard St.

Butchers Hill General Meeting

Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m.—St. Andrew Church at Chester & Lombard.

Dave Holmes, developer of the **Gateway at Washington Hill** project, will be presenting the latest plans for the residential and retail project that is scheduled to begin this year in the three vacant blocks between Washington and Wolfe Streets. The updated plans are similar to those presented in the past, but offer more details.

Also, Rachel Myrowitz, MTA Community Liaison for the “**Red Line**,” will be in attendance for a presentation and discussion on the status of this important project.

Getting to Know Your BHA Garden Tour Committee

The Garden Tour Committee (GTC) plans and orchestrates Butchers Hill’s only bi-annual fundraiser: The “Garden Tour with Art Along the Way,” held in May, is truly a labor of love. Love of our unique community of gardeners and artists—an unbeatable combination of people to live amongst. Love of “small bits of flowering green” to compliment the grassy park that is so much a part of our lives. Love of “surprise”—since from the start many find it unbelievable that our inner-city row houses have *GARDENS*, much less people who treasure all things green. How much FUN it is to hear the “aaahs” when a visitor peeks into a secluded oasis.

My wife, Roxanne, and I took over the chair in 2004 because of our love of (and constant work on) our own green space. Every-other-year works for us as gardeners and working folks with limited time to volunteer otherwise.

The GTC runs smoothly, with experienced people doing the designing and descriptive writing used for printed materials and selling advertising in our Tour booklet. Roxanne has agreed to coordinate the “Artists Along the Way.” However, poster distribution and “yard sitting” as well as new ideas are always welcome. Please contact me at: jrehak@lightspeedsystems.net, or 410-327-1553 if you would like to be a part of the team.

—Joe & Roxanne Rehak – Committee co-chairs

From the Editor

Short-lived, but a blast! I have had to unexpectedly leave the area, and am resigning my post as Editor. We are lucky to have found a talented replacement who will serve this position beautifully. Through this role I have gotten to know so many marvelous people - I will miss both the job, and the people of Butchers Hill very much. I thank my partner Sandy Sales for her unyielding dedication to this publication and the community. You made this experience meaningful. Farewell Butchers Hill!

—Julie Mayer

Blue Alleys to Arrive in Butchers Hill

Blue Water Baltimore is dedicated to protecting our local waterways for the benefit of local communities and the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The organization is working on an array of exciting new projects, the largest of which is the Blue Alleys and Neighborhoods campaign, part of which will be located in Butchers Hill. The neighborhood was selected for several reasons; one of which is the Butchers Hill greening report, available on the Butchers Hill website.

The Blue Alleys project focuses on reducing stormwater, also known as urban runoff, from our streets and alleys by replacing sections of alley and street with pervious paving and green space. While decreasing runoff, such practices also help slow traffic and beautify the neighborhood.

Blue Water Baltimore will be leading a tour through the community to discuss corners and alleys identified for the project. Questions will be answered at that time. The tour will take place **Sunday, May 6, 1-3 p.m.**, beginning at **2000 E. Pratt Street**. Please join us.

This Month in Baltimore History

- Riots swept the country following Rev. Martin Luther King’s assassination, and on April 9, 1968 the city of Baltimore fell into rioting that would not cease for eight days. The disruption would result in more than 5,500 arrests and six deaths. When the National Guard and local police could not contain the destruction, federal troops were dispatched topping at an approximate 11,570 troop level. Extensive property damage left parts of the city in economic distress.
- The Baltimore riots that erupted on April 19, 1861 are considered the first bloodshed of the Civil War. The Sixth Massachusetts Regiment was one of the first battalions to answer Lincoln’s call for volunteers. Headed south by train, troops had to transfer from the President Street Station to Camden Station by horseback, given the rails had no direct connection at the time. They were met in the streets by angry secessionists carrying bricks and pistols. In panic, several troops fired shots, and mayhem agitated the crowd. Four soldiers and twelve civilians were killed, and many were injured.



Community Bulletin Board



Would you like to sell items at the May 12 Flea Market & Craft Fair? Spaces are \$25 each. Phone Bev: 410-675-0148.

Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. to Noon Egg Hunt in Patterson Park: This is a FREE event. Registration opens at 9 a.m. at the Eastern Avenue Playground pavilion

- 0- to 3-year-old egg hunt: 10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.
- 4- to 7-year-old egg hunt: 10:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 8- to 10-year-old egg hunt: 11:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

For more info go to www.dbfam.org

Southeast Anchor Enoch Pratt Library Free Programs

Free Family Films:

Tuesday, April 3, 2 p.m. "Zookeeper"

Thursday, April 5, 2 p.m. "Abduction"

Saturday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. "Puss in Boots"

Free Teen Programs:

Monday, April 4, 2 p.m. Urban Legend: Fact or Fiction? Hear famous legends & see if you believe.

Thursday, April 5, 1:30 & 5:30pm Temporary Tattoos. Try some designs.

Saturday, April 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Spring Fishing

Rodeo: Patterson Park Boat Lake. Bring your own rod or borrow one from Rec and Parks! In case of inclement weather, call 410.396.7078.

Saturday, April 21, All Day, The 8th Annual Privateer Day

in Fell's Point: THAMES STREET PARK to ANN STREET PIER and BROADWAY SQUARE and PIER. Walk the Plank into History and Adventure! Bring family and friends to Fell's Point for a FREE day full of fun-filled activities to celebrate the rich maritime and privateer history of Fell's Point. Live Entertainment & Music, Vendors, Tall Ships, War of 1812 Pier, Grog Garden, Special Pirate Appearances, Children's Entertainment & Activities, Night-time Pyrate Invasion Pub Specials. For Information, visit: www.fellspointmanistreet.org.

Saturday, April 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Día del Niño:

Pagoda Hill in Patterson Park; FREE. Join us for a fun, family event in the park, complete with a book exchange and giveaway, Piñatas, parent/child races, music, Pepito the Clown, and more! **Contribute to the fun by donating** cereal boxes for piñatas, wrapping or tissue paper to decorate piñatas and books for ages 1-12. Drop off donations at the white house, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave.

Household Hazardous Waste drop-off: Now through November, on the last Friday & Saturday of each month, you can drop off your hazardous household waste at the Northwest Convenience Ctr, 2480 Sisson St, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sturdy Yellow City Recycling Bins, Where to Purchase:

The large trash-can size with optional lid and smaller open rectangular bins are carried by Santoni's Supermarket, 3800 E. Lombard Street, 410-563-5050. Call first to confirm stock. Please put your address on containers and "RECYCLING" on recycling container.

Now available at our monthly BHA meetings for new residents: 2012 Dept. of Public Works Calendars, chuck-full of useful information about City's services.

One Straw Farm: Enjoy fresh organic vegetables and support one of our local schools at the same time! Sign up for a community supported agriculture (CSA) share at One Straw Farm and designate Patterson Park Public Charter School as the drop off site. Cost is \$570 for 24 weeks of veggies delivered to the school for you to pick up on Tuesday afternoons. Info: www.onestrawfarm.com or contact Jennine at JennineA@aol.com.

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 are happy to help with any questions. Contact Virgil Bartram: 410-327-4964. CHAP's number is 410-396-4866.

New Neighbors - Contact Kathy Hackett at ktyhack@gmail.com to receive the newsletter through email.



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*.