

BUTCHERS HILL

APRIL 2019



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is finally here! I hope you are able to enjoy some time outside. We are so lucky to have our beautiful neighborhood, our “pocket” parks, Patterson Park nearby, and all of it is free for everyone to enjoy. Please consider helping keep them beautiful and litter free by spending a little time picking up trash each day. In fact, you could participate in the Trash Free Maryland – 30 Day Litter Pick Up Challenge (#30DaysOfPickingUpLitter). Check out <https://trashfreemaryland.org> for more information.

You can round out the month at our first cleanup and dumpster of 2019 on the 27th. Details are in the article to the right.

If you need an additional “excuse” to spend time outside, I have a couple for you: we can always use help in the three rain gardens in the neighborhood. Everyone is welcome to pull trash out of the bioswales. If you want to assist with weeding and other maintenance, please contact me for training. Another easy way to spend time outside is to volunteer at the flea market in May. (Details are in the other article on the right.)

A third, and possibly the easiest, way to spend time outside is just to sit on your stoop, hanging out with your neighbors. (For those new to Baltimore, this is essentially stoop sitting.) You would have the added benefit of increasing safety in the neighborhood by being additional eyes on the street. Also, if you know your neighbors, it is easier to ask them for help when you need it. And if you are familiar with your street and your neighbors, you are more likely to recognize when something is amiss. Plus, it's just fun! Pro tip: the key to successful stoop sitting is saying hello and engaging every person that passes; you never know who you're going to meet! (And you thought stoop sitting was just for drinking wine.)

Take care of yourselves and each other, Beth



ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP, KIDS' CLEANUP, DUMPSTER & COOKOUT Sat., April 27, 9am - 12 noon

This is an event organized by the Butchers Hill Association Streetscape Committee to spruce up the entire neighborhood. Start right outside your front door or, if all is shipshape there, meet at the dumpster at Fairmount and Chester at 9am to help clean up an identified hot spot area. Hot spots are those places in our boundaries that tend to be used as dumping sites. If you know of a hot spot for us to check, use the contact information below to alert us to the location.

A limited supply of tools (thanks to Friends of Patterson Park!) and large paper leaf bags will be available at the dumpster site. Please return tools there by noon.

Kids (with a parent) can join the fun at 11am tidying up Castle Street Park prior to the neighborhood cookout at noon, where everyone is welcome.

If you need (not too heavy) debris picked up during the cleanup time, call 410-371-8346 with your location and be ready to help load it into a truck.

For more information, check out nextdoor.com, ButchersHill.org, Facebook Butchers Hill Blocks or email Betsy at bmorewads2211@gmail.com.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FLEA MARKET SPACE

Members of BHA who have paid their 2019 dues may go online (butchershill.org) on April 1 to buy their flea market space, paying by credit card or PayPal. All nonmembers may do likewise starting April 5.

Spaces are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis, and there is a place when checking out to make a request for your booth space. Start saving your donations for the Butchers Hill booth! On May 11 from 7-10am, you can drop your donations at the drive-up location—the Lombard St. entrance to Patterson Park, by the fountain. There will be helpers to unload and tax deductible receipts available. All proceeds from this booth go directly to the two preK-8 schools that the BHA sponsors.

We need many volunteers to make the flea market a success. If you are able to help out, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/y5fgnoew> to sign up for a shift or two on the day of the flea market.

April 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Garden Tour Com. Mtg. April Fools' Day	2 Streetscape Com. Mtg.	3 BHA General Mtg.	4	5 HHW	6 HHW
7	8 Land Use Com. Mtg.	9	10 House Tour Com. Mtg.	11 Executive Com. Mtg.	12 May newsletter deadline	13 DPW Earth Day Celebration
14 Palm Sunday	15	16	17 Crime Prevention Com. Mtg.	18	19 Good Friday Passover Begins City Govt. Holiday	20 Trash/Recycling Makeup Day
21 Easter Sunday	22 Earth Day	23 Flea Market Com. Mtg.	24	25	26 Arbor Day	27 Spring Cleanup & Dumpster Passover Ends Birdwatching
28	29	30	31			

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott c.boitnott@verizon.net 410-522-4991	Wed., April 17, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thur., April 11, 7:00 p.m. Meets on the second Thursday in the white house.
FLEA MARKET	Heather Gorius butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	Tues., April 23, 7:00 p.m. Meets on the fourth Tuesday at the white house.
GARDEN TOUR	Trish White mrshophoop@hotmail.com 240-593-3712	Mon., April 1, 7:00pm 2200 E Lombard St. Meets on the first Monday.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus phoebu1115@aol.com 410-327-1610	Wed., April 10, 7:00pm 200 S. Chester St.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram Virgil@ArchUV.com 410-327-4964	Mon., April 8, 7:00 p.m. Meets on the second Monday at the white house.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth bmorewads2211@gmail.com Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	Tue., April 2, 7:00 p.m. Meets on the first Tuesday.

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 plans for exterior work, including painting and new window installations, must be submitted to CHAP and the Butchers Hill Land Use Committee. Contact Virgil Bartram at 410-327-4964 or CHAP at 410-396-4866 if you have questions.

SAVE THE DATES:

April 27 - Mayor's Cleanup
April 27 - BHA dumpster, unit block N. Chester
May 11 - Spring Flea Market
June 8 - BHA dumpster, unit block S. Collington
June 9 - BHA Garden Tour
July 12 - Potluck Picnic
August 3 - BHA dumpster, unit block N. Collington
September 14 - Fall Flea Market
October 12 - BHA dumpster, 100 block S. Chester
October 20 - BHA House Tour
November - Shop & Schmooze
November 23 - BHA dumpster, 100 block S. Collington
December - Holiday Potluck

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

DPW EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

On Sat., April 13, 9am-1pm, Baltimore City DPW is honoring Earth Day by hosting free document shredding and a recycle bin sale at Edmondson-Westside High School, located at 501 N. Athol Ave. Call 410-396-4511 for more information.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

DPW collects Household Hazardous Waste on the first Friday & Saturday of each month, 9am-5pm through October at 2340 Sisson St. For more information visit: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/events/household-hazardous-waste-collection>

APRIL BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING - Wed., April 3, 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets, enter on Lombard St.

April speakers includes:

Virgil Bartram, BHA Land Use Committee: zoning changes in Butchers Hill after Transform Baltimore
Meg Young, Shared Mobility Coordinator: mobility survey results

HOUSE TOUR

The House Tour Committee is beginning to search for houses for the 2019 BHA House Tour on Oct. 20. Are you ready to be one of the attractions of the neighborhood that continue to amaze visitors and even other Butchers Hill residents? We need a variety of homes, from small and cozy to big and impressive, and any size in between.

Comments from people taking the tour have included, "I had no idea that each house has its own personality and that the space inside could be so different, they all look the same on the outside.", "I love seeing the smaller houses. I am so amazed that they seem so spacious.", and "I love meeting the owners and talking about their houses and the neighborhood they call home."

The tour shows off the diversity of our houses and the great people that live in our neighborhood. Please consider having your house on the tour. October 20 may seem a long way off, but we need to settle our list of houses soon—so please don't wait.

Contact Pat Phoebus via phone at 410-327-1610 or by email at phoebu1115@aol.com. The house tour meeting is the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on April 10 at 7pm at 200 S. Chester.

VITAL BHA VOLUNTEER OPENING ONLY 3 POSITIONS LEFT!

The Streetscape Committee is looking for the following attributes to fill this job: a morning person who likes the outdoors and has good communication skills. What are the perks, you ask? A very short walk to the job site, part-time work, an opportunity to chat with friends and neighbors, and an excellent training program. The continuance of Butchers Hills' five community dumpsters provided by the city depends on recruiting new volunteer monitors willing to give four hours on the following dates: April 27 @ unit block N. Chester and E. Fairmount, June 8 @ unit block S. Collington, Aug. 3 @ unit block N. Collington, Oct. 12 @ 100 block S. Chester, and Nov. 23 @ 100 block S. Collington. Please contact Sandy at sjs2201@verizon.net or leave a message at 410-558-0149 slowly giving your name, date of choice, and contact information. We all thank you in advance.

GARDEN TOUR AD SPACE AVAILABLE

There are still opportunities to advertise in the Garden Tour booklet. Contact Trish White at mrshophoop@hotmail.com for details. Advance sale tickets will be available soon to purchase through the Butchers Hill website for \$8. Tickets will be \$10 on the day of the event, June 9, from the white house, which will be the starting point of the tour.



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FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Pagoda Opens \ Sun., April 14, noon-6pm, the Pagoda will be open every Sunday through October, weather permitting.

Dia del Niños (Kids Day) \ April 27, 11am-2pm, free, near the Pagoda, crafts, music, piñatas, and more.

Boat Lake Clean Up \ Sat., April 6, 8am, meet at the northeast corner of the boat lake.

Spring Volunteer Day \ Sat., April 13, 9:30am, meet at the white house – 27 S. Patterson Park Ave.

For more information, contact volunteer@pattersonpark.com.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

Bird-Friendly Gardening Workshops for Adults \ Mon., April 1, 5:30-7:30pm Pratt Library, 5108 Roland Ave.; Sat., April 13, 1-3pm at Open Works, 1400 Greenmount Ave.; and Mon., April 22, 5:30-7:30pm, Pratt Library, 5714 Bellona Ave. These are all the same introductory class.

Habitat Team \ Sat., April 6, 9-10:30am, meet at the wetland garden, uphill & northwest of the boat lake in Patterson Park. Spend a relaxing morning tending the spring shoots. Service hours are available.

Tiny Tots Signs of Spring! \ Fri., April 19, 10:30-11:30am in Patterson Park at the boat lake, for ages 2-5. Please register in advance.

All Ages Bird Watching \ Sat., April 27, 8-9:30am, meet at the fountain at the Lombard St. and Patterson Park Ave. entrance and Sat., April 20, in Druid Hill Park, meet at 3001 East Drive. Email or call to borrow binoculars.

For questions or to register for any or all activities, contact baltimore@audubon.org or 410-558-2473.

To receive this newsletter via email or for newsletter questions, comments, and submissions,
email the editor - bhanewsletter@gmail.com.

BHA STOOP SITTING IN MAY

The May General Meeting for BHA will be replaced by a stoop sitting and we need a few neighbors to host. If you are interested, please email Doug at dgorius.esq@comcast.net. BHA supplies the wine, beer, and water.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

COMMODORE JOHN RODGERS ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL (100 N. CHESTER ST.)

Early Childhood Open House \ \ Tue., April 30, 8:30am, the second (and final) open house will take place in our library.

Food Pantry \ \ Thur., April 11 and 25, 8:30-10:30am, enter through the gym doors located in our parking lot on Fairmount.

Produce in a SNAP \ \ April 5 and 26, 1-3pm, \$7 bags of "Produce in a SNAP" plus specials.

PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL (27 N. LAKEWOOD AVE.)

Career Day \ \ Mon., April 11, 9-10:30am, please volunteer to share information about your career experience in three thirty-minute sessions with elementary/middle school students. Contact Marisa Moschelle at MMoschelle@pppcs.org.

Baseball coaches needed \ \ Two elementary baseball coaches needed for the 2019 season, which runs from April 23 through May 30, every Tue. and Thur. from 4-5:30pm in Patterson Park. A \$500 stipend is available for each coach in good standing at the end of the season.

Dia del Niños (Kids Day) \ \ Sat., April 27, 11am-2pm, PPPCS is a partner in 2019! This free day of fun will feature piñatas, face painting, paper rockets, books, folkloric dance, games, music, and much more.

ST. ANDREW MIDNIGHT BELLS

Don't be alarmed, the ringing of the bells on April 27 is in celebration of their Pascha services.

Please support St. Andrew Orthodox Church (which provides the space where BHA gathers) by checking out their Spring Flea Market in the fellowship hall, Sat., June 1, 9am-2pm. Donations of clean household items in good working order, clean clothing that is new or lightly worn, jewelry, books, etc. can be dropped off at the church on Sunday mornings from 11:30am-1pm.

SAFETY FIRST! As the weather warms, it is tempting to leave windows open, but open windows - on any floor - present an opportunity for thieves to gain access to a home. Please be very cautious when leaving windows open.



To receive the monthly newsletter via email, contact bhamember@gmail.com.

BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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. You can pay your Butchers Hill Association dues via PayPal or credit card online! Go to www.butchershill.org and click on "Join BHA," then "Renew" or "Application." If you want to pay by cash or check, make checks payable to the Butchers Hill Association and send to BHA, 27 S Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar Opening Day \ \ Sun., April 7, 7am-noon, beneath the Jones Falls Expressway, every Sunday until Dec. 23. Free, two-hour parking at the Mercy Garage, 330 Guilford Ave. Bring the ticket to the Welcome Tent to validate.

Maryland Historical Society Family Second Sundays \ \ Sun., April 7, 201 West Monument St., free drop-in family activity. In April, celebrate the 1970s by making a vintage "hon" accessory by decorating your own cat-eye glasses. No advanced registration required. www.mdhs.org/events

Inner Harbor Kayak Tours \ \ Tours begin Sun., April 7, 9am-noon, at the Maryland Science Center landing. BCRP and Healthy Harbor offer these tours to fifteen individuals over the age of thirteen. Contact Molly Gallant at molly.gallant@baltimorecity.gov or 443-208-1725.

Tree Baltimore's Fruit Tree Fair \ \ Sat., April 13, noon-3pm, fruit tree give-away with family-friendly play, food, drink, and information about honey bees and native pollinators. At the Rawlings Conservatory & Botanical Gardens in Druid Hill Park. rawlingsconservatory.org

2nd Annual Canton Spring Festival \ \ Sat., April 20, 11am-5pm, Patterson Park at the corner of Eastern & Linwood, music, food trucks, vendors, kid zone (Easter egg hunt at 11:30am and photo with Easter bunny at 12:30am). CrushFest for adults (\$30 includes mug, five drink tickets, t-shirt, and more). bmorespringfest.com

7th Annual Charm City Bluegrass Festival \ \ Fri. & Sat., April 26 & 27, 10am-9:30pm, Druid Hill Park, family-friendly music festival. Note that park roads will be closed 9am-9pm. www.mt.cm/7th-annual-charm-city-bluegrass-festival

Maritime Heritage Festival (formerly the Privateer Festival) \ \ Sat., April 27, 11am-7pm, Broadway Square & Pier, family-friendly event. fellspointmaritimefestival.com

American Visionary Art Museum, "Parenting: An Art without a Manual" \ \ ongoing exhibition to inspire well-informed parenting best practice, honest dialogue, child and parent reconciliation, and a better way forward through traditional and transcultural wisdom beside the latest scientific insights from brain & behavioral research via art, humor, historic text, and first-hand testimony. avam.org