

# BUTCHERS HILL

APRIL 2020



**BETH BRAUN**  
**BHA PRESIDENT**

Dear Neighbors,

As we go to press, the newsletter contents are based on the latest information available — I am sure you understand that some events may be cancelled or postponed between now and their scheduled date.

Since April events have been cancelled or postponed, this issue contains happenings further out than usual. Hopefully we are all staying home and following critical social distance and personal hygiene guidelines when we must go out. If not, please do — and encourage everyone you see to do the same. It is the only way to lessen the effects of the pandemic and to minimize the number of family members and neighbors getting sick.

In the meantime, **thank you so much** to all the neighbors who have volunteered to assist those who are confined to their homes or need help in other areas. To anyone in need of help—today or in the future—please reach out to someone. I am available by phone: (240) 353-6333 and by email: [butchershillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com). I have a list of people who want to help. We just need to know what we can do to help you get through the pandemic.

To learn what is happening at city offices, go to [health.baltimorecity.gov/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov](http://health.baltimorecity.gov/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov); the site contains up-to-date information about city services. If you don't have internet access, call me with your questions and I'll search them for you.

Committee meetings are listed on page 2 at their normal days and times. Committee chairs may opt to hold meetings by conference call or to cancel. They will communicate with their committee members.

This is approximately my thirty-fifth letter in this space.

I always sign off "Take care of yourselves and each other." I mean that every time I type it—but never more so than this time.

Take care of yourselves and each other,  
*Beth*



## SPRING FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

We are sad to announce that the 2020 Butchers Hill Spring Flea Market & Craft Fair has been cancelled. Mark your calendars for the BHA Fall Flea Market on September 12.

## ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

We had the annual community cleanup, dumpster, tree planting, and cookout scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 18. Unfortunately, most of that has been cancelled as we aren't able to get the dumpster or the trees to plant. However, everyone can still get outside and cleanup the area in front of your house, including your tree pit. Maintain social distancing, wear gloves, and take all the other precautions you have learned about. As long as we are still able to be outside, you can still help make your part of the neighborhood a little bit cleaner and neater. Thank you for volunteering and for helping keep Butchers Hill a great place to live

## PROTECT YOUR PIPES: DON'T FLUSH WIPES!

Do not flush your wipes down the toilet! All those antibacterial and other wipes that so many of us are using to wipe down surfaces everywhere—they do not dissolve in the sewer system—which means they cling to other non-dissolving materials (such as oils and fats) and contribute to the fatbergs that plague our sewer system. Please dispose of disinfectant wipes, facial tissues, and other cleaning items in the trash - they are not recyclable!

Considering joining a committee for the first time? Please check with the chair to make sure the meeting is going forward. See page 2 for contact information for all committee chairs.

## CENSUS 2020!

You should have received a mailing with a code to use to complete the census online. You can also respond by phone or mail—whatever is best for you.

By law, census information cannot be shared with any government agency, organization, or individuals. For every person not counted in the census, Baltimore city loses \$18,000 in federal funds over a ten-year period. Please make sure everyone is counted!

# APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 HHW Collection at Sisson St.
5 HHW Collection at Sisson St.	6	7 <b>Streetscape Com. Mtg.</b>	8 <b>House Tour Com. Mtg.</b>	9 <b>Executive Com. Mtg.</b>	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13 <b>Land Use Com. Mtg.</b>	14	15 <b>Crime Prevention Com. Mtg.</b>	16	17 May Newsletter Deadline	18 Spring Cleanup & Dumpster
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <b>Flea Market Com. Mtg.</b>	29	30		

## BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Perry Warren <a href="mailto:perrywarren@gmail.com">perrywarren@gmail.com</a>	Wed., Apr. 15, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun <a href="mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com">butchershillpresident@gmail.com</a>	Thurs., Apr. 9, 7:00pm April location TBD. Meets the second Thursday.
FLEA MARKET	Heather Gorius <a href="mailto:butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com">butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com</a>	Tues., Apr. 28, 7:00pm 19 S. Castle St.
GARDEN TOUR	Trish White <a href="mailto:mrsshophoop@hotmail.com">mrsshophoop@hotmail.com</a> 240-593-3712	No meeting this month.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus <a href="mailto:phoebu1115@aol.com">phoebu1115@aol.com</a> 410-327-1610	Wed., Apr. 8, 7:00pm 200 S. Chester St.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <a href="mailto:Virgil@ArchUV.com">Virgil@ArchUV.com</a> 410-327-4964	Mon., Apr. 13, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets the second Monday.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth <a href="mailto:bmoredwads2211@gmail.com">bmoredwads2211@gmail.com</a> Andrew Crummey <a href="mailto:andrew.crummey@gmail.com">andrew.crummey@gmail.com</a>	Tues., Apr. 7, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. Meets the first Tuesday.

### SAVE THE DATES

June 3 \\  
Stoop Sitting  
July 10 \\  
Summer Potluck Picnic  
September 12 \\  
Fall Flea Market  
October 10 \\  
Fall Cleanup  
October 11 \\  
BHA House Tour  
November \\  
Shop & Schmooze  
December \\  
Holiday Potluck

### SAVE THE (DUMPSTER) DATES

June 6 \\  
Unit Block S. Collington Ave.  
August 1 \\  
Unit Block N. Collington Ave.  
October 10 \\  
100 Block S. Chester St.  
November 21 \\  
100 Block S. Collington Ave.

## BUTCHERS HILL CHAP BLOCKS

The Land Use Committee reminds property owners 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 window installations, must be submitted to CHAP (the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation). Contact Virgil Bartram at (410) 327-4964 or CHAP at (410) 396-4866 with any questions.

## APRIL BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

\*\*\* CANCELLED \*\*\*

*We will resume regular meetings when it is safe and advisable to do so;  
we look forward to coming together as a community on the other side of the pandemic.*

### MAKE THE HOUSE TOUR A SUCCESS!

The House Tour may seem far off, but October 11 will sneak up on us! At present, the Butchers Hill House Tour Committee is looking for houses for this annual event. This will be our forty-first year, proving just how successfully we have been showcasing our amazing neighborhood. If you'd like to help make this year a success, sign up now.

Last year the committee offered a sponsorship program for businesses, organizations, and individuals to support the house tour; the program worked well and will be available again this year — more information will be available in upcoming newsletters.

If you are interested in being on the tour or in volunteering to house sit, contact Pat Phoebus at (410) 327-1610 or [phoebu1115@aol.com](mailto:phoebu1115@aol.com).

### SLOW DOWN!

The Butchers Hill Transportation Committee is staying home—practicing social distancing to slow the speed of coronavirus spread—just like we want to slow the speed of traffic in our neighborhood. Careful and attentive driving and street crossing (on foot or wheels) will help reduce accidents and will help offset the coming burdens to our healthcare system. We're ready to go the distance with you, Butchers Hill. Send us your favorite transportation pun and we'll send you our favorite speed limit! ([bhanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bhanewsletter@gmail.com))

### BUTCHERS HILL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Rain Garden Coordinators** \ \ Interested in helping keep the neighborhood green? Each of our three rain gardens/bioswales (Fairmount & Chester, Lombard & Chester, and Baltimore & Collington) has one person that spearheads the upkeep work (weeding, pruning, litter pickup) and helps direct volunteers during work parties. Training will be provided by the current volunteers, so no prior experience is required. Email [butchershillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com) for more information.

**Dumpster Monitors** \ \ Monitors are needed for dumpsters on June 6, Aug. 1, and Oct. 10 – thank you, Ann, for volunteering to do Nov. 21! Dumpsters are provided to the Butchers Hill community by the city for free, but require a monitor during the four hours they are available. We could lose this vital service if we do not have monitors. Please consider assisting your neighbors by volunteering for one of the remaining dates – consider forming a team to share the hours or to hang out for the duration. If interested, contact Sandy with your name, date you choose and contact information: [sjs2201@verizon.net](mailto:sjs2201@verizon.net) or leave a message at (410) 558-0149. Thank you!



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## NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

**PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**  
27 N. LAKEWOOD AVE.

**Food Pantry** \ \ Tuesdays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm, 2638 E. Baltimore Street (Lakewood Ave. entrance). Hundreds of families and neighbors rely on the St. Elizabeth's/PPPCS Food Pantry. If you are able, please consider making a donation during the open times.

**Teacher Appreciation Week** \ \ May 1-5. HOPPP (parent organization at PPPCS) is planning a week of events to show appreciation to our teachers. To get involved, please contact Ashia at (410) 558-1230, ext. 327, or [AMoultrie@pppcs.org](mailto:AMoultrie@pppcs.org).

**COMMODORE JOHN RODGERS SCHOOL**  
100 N. CHESTER ST.

**Robotics Team** \ \ In the first year of the new robotics program, the middle school team won the City Championship and the Maryland State Championship Skills Tournament, and qualified for both the national and world championships! Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the team will not travel to the championships in Kentucky. However, funds collected to support the program will carry over to next year.

**Chick-Fil-A Days** \ \ First Thursday of every month (while open) at the Canton Crossing location. Mention Commodore for a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the school.

**The Following Items Are Pending Schools Reopening:**

**FREE Walk-in Legal Clinic** \ \ Thurs., Apr. 2, 9-11am, and Fri., Apr. 17, noon-2pm, dealing with a wide range of civil legal issues. Meet one-on-one with a volunteer attorney on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Jenny Nance at (410) 951-7672.

**Coffee@Commodore** \ \ First Thursday of every month, 8-9am at CJR. Coffee, snacks, and conversation with CJR staff, other families, and community partners.

**Community Market** \ \ Every Friday, 1-3:30pm, inside Chester St. entrance. Fresh produce available for \$1, \$2, or \$3. Bring and build your own bag. Cash, credit/debit, and EBT/SNAP payments accepted. Open to all!

## YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE! UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 7	
Dates	Action
<b>UPDATE: All ballots must be cast by mail.</b> Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in District 7.	
Apr. 28	Submission Deadline for ALL Voters
PRIMARY ELECTION - POSTPONED	
Dates	Action
May 26	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
June 2	Absentee Ballot Submission Deadline
June 2	Primary Election

### BUTCHERS HILL TREEKEEPERS

We all love our tree canopy in Butchers Hill - and YOU can help keep it healthy! One of the best ways to help preserve our green leafy canopy is to become a Baltimore TreeKeeper via the free, city-wide tree stewardship program. Consider taking their series of classroom and hands-on trainings, offered in September 2020. You will learn how to plant and care for trees, and you'll have something to look forward to while spending this spring inside! The TreeKeeper certification allows you to perform work on our street trees, something that benefits us all. Details at [treebaltimore.org/programs/treekeepers](http://treebaltimore.org/programs/treekeepers) or email [info@treekeeper.org](mailto:info@treekeeper.org).

Tree fact: pollutants carried in stormwater and snowmelt runoff are filtered by tree roots and transformed into less harmful substances, keeping these pollutants out of our local waterways, harbor, and food chain.

### ST. ANDREW ORTHODOX CHURCH

**Bell Ringing at Paschal Services** \ \ Sat., Apr. 18, 11:30pm. St. Andrew's annual Paschal celebration; services include bell ringing, so don't be alarmed when the bells ring late Saturday night/early Sunday morning!

**17th Annual Golf Tournament** \ \ Fri., June 12, 12:00pm, The Wetlands Gold Club in Aberdeen, MD. St. Andrew is looking for tournament sponsors, if you would like to support our neighbor (that provides our meeting room), please consider a sponsorship. More information available at [standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming\\_events](http://standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming_events).

**Fundraising** \ \ Ongoing. Dutch Mill Bulbs and Plants donates a portion of every sale to St. Andrew Orthodox Church. Purchase using the following link: [groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=standrew2028](http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=standrew2028). Plants are shipped to the address specified, twenty-five or more packages ship free.



### BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to serve on a committee and/or volunteer at BHA events? \_\_\_\_\_ Which: \_\_\_\_\_

*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](http://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, 12 N. Collington Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.*

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION ALERT

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage due to coronavirus outbreak. Healthy blood and platelet donors are asked to give now. Donating blood is safe and can help save lives. Please schedule an appointment by calling (800) RED-CROSS or by visiting [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) today.

### DELAYS & UPDATES

**Audubon** \ \ All events are in flux at this time. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information: [patterson.audubon.org/events](http://patterson.audubon.org/events).

**Friends of Patterson Park** \ \ All events are in flux at this time. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information: [pattersonpark.com](http://pattersonpark.com).

**Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar** \ \ Opening day has been postponed. The new date will be communicated as soon as it is set. For more information visit [promotionandarts.org/events-festivals/baltimore-farmers-market-bazaar](http://promotionandarts.org/events-festivals/baltimore-farmers-market-bazaar).

**Enoch Pratt Free Library** \ \ Phone and email lines are open and ready to assist you! Get your questions—on anything—answered. Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun., 1-5pm. Phone: (410) 396-3761. Email: [info@prattlibrary.org](mailto:info@prattlibrary.org).

### RE: BHA NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

The Butchers Hill Association remains committed to delivering our monthly newsletter to every resident (tenant or owner) within our boundaries. Our dedicated volunteers will place a newsletter in every door mail slot, when available, and otherwise attach it wherever they can find a place that it won't blow in the wind.

Please note that the newsletter is available in a receptacle in Halcott Square (the park on the 100 block S. Duncan St.) and in Charmed Kitchen.

Thank you to staff in the offices of Councilperson Shannon Sneed and Senator Ben Cardin, who alerted us to the particulars of newsletter delivery.

### BHA MAILING ADDRESS

Reminder: any mail for the Butchers Hill Association should be sent to 12 N. Collington Ave. instead of 27 S. Patterson Park Ave. This is a temporary change of address while the white house at Patterson Park undergoes construction.