

August 2013



Heather Gorius, BHA
President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are staying cool during Baltimore's heat waves. Due to rain, we had to reschedule the Potluck Picnic to 7/19. Our volunteers still got wet setting up in afternoon showers. But the showers brought the temperature down—and canopies kept picnic goers "out of the wet" during a

shower later. Children playing in the rivulets, great food and convivial spirits brought about another successful Potluck Picnic! Thank you volunteers—you are a positive and fun group!

I know the month of August is still a time of vacations and lazy summer days for many of us, but the Butchers Hill Association is getting back in the swing of things with our August 7th General Meeting. This meeting will feature **a presentation by Baltimore City State's Attorney, Gregg Bernstein**, on the topic of public safety. We will also have the developer and **architects from the Gateway at Washington Hill Project**. I am sure you have seen the construction going on at "Block B" between Washington and Wolfe Streets above Fairmount. The developer and architects will be in attendance to speak about the plans for "Block A," which is the block bounded by Washington, Wolfe and Baltimore Streets. The plans are different from what had been presented to us in the past, so it will be very informational for those concerned with development plans in the neighborhood.

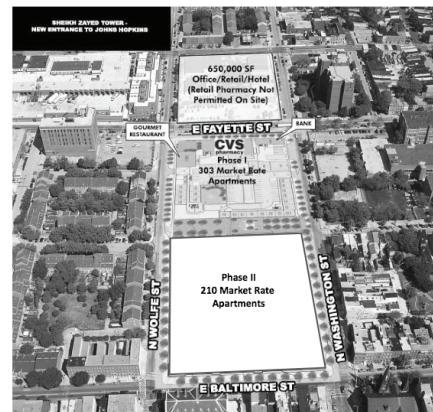
Stay cool and I hope to see you soon!

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Gateway at Washington Hill Project Site to be Discussed

at the August 7th General Meeting
7 p.m., St. Andrew Church Hall
Lombard & Chester Sts.

Find out about the Gateway at Washington Hill Project at Washington and Wolfe and Baltimore Streets. How will the project affect you and your neighborhood?



Flea Market & Craft Sale
Sept. 21st, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.;
15'x15' spaces, \$30

Spaces available starting Aug. 5th
at butchershill.org
(Usually sold out in 3-4 weeks.)

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. Thousands flock to Patterson Park during the semi-annual Butchers Hill Flea Market & Craft Sale events to enjoy the 150 vendors with great bargains, food, music and spend a day in the Park and Pagoda. During the last several events we have

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 .	2 Household Haz Waste Drop off	3 Household Haz Waste Drop off
4	5	6 Streetscape, 7 p.m. Concert in Patterson Park	7 General Meeting, 7 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12 Land Use, 7 p.m. House Tour, 7 p.m.	13 Exec Cmty 7 p.m. Book Club, 7:30 p.m.	14 C.O.P., 7:30 p.m.	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17
18 Last concert in Patterson Park	19 Flea Market Mtg. 7 p.m.	20	21 Teacher Apprecia- tion Breakfast Crime Prevention, 7	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 C.O.P., 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31

Calendar Reminders:

Sept. 11: Stoop Sitting Meetings
Sept. 21: Butchers Hill Flea Market
Oct. 12: Fall Cleanup
Oct. 13: House Tour
Nov. 13: Art Night
Dec. 8: Holiday Potluck

BH Committees and Chairs:

Book Club Anne Puckett
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 410-675-8765

Butchers Hill Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) Evan Helfrich
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Deelundelius@gmail.com
 Sue Noonan, *SueNoon@cavtel.net*

Land Use Virgil Bartram; 410-327-4964
Virgil@ArchUV.com

Streetscape Andrew Crummey
andrewcrummey@gmail.com

Next Meeting:

Tues., Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m. Two books will be discussed: "Tollesbury Time Forever," by Stuart Ayris and "The Bridge Club," by Patricia Sands.

Meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard Street.

Wed. Aug. 21, 7 p.m., 2105 E. Balt. St. .
 Meets on the third Wed. of the month.

Tues. Aug. 13, 7 p.m.
 19 S. Castle St..

Mon. Aug. 19, 7 p.m.
 232, S. Patterson Park Ave.

Mon. Aug. 12, 7 p.m., 2029 E Pratt St.
We still have room for a few houses for the October 13, 2013, BHA House Tour!

Mon. Aug. 12, 7 p.m. at the White House in Patterson Park.

Tues. Aug. 3, 7 p.m., 120 S. Chester St.
 Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

*Household Hazardous Waste

Residents may take HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) to the Northwest Citizen Convenience Center the first Friday and Saturday of every month through October. August 9 a.m.-7 p.m. September and October 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information about hazardous waste collection in Baltimore City, visit www.baltimorecity.gov.

Dumpster Saturdays:

- **Sept. 7:** 100 blk. S. Collington Ave.
- **Oct. 12:** 100 blk. S. Chester St.

Citizen Drop off Centers: Extended Hours

Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-7 p.m., until Aug. 31, to drop off household waste, bulk trash, recycling and eCycling at:

- **Eastern Center** - 6101 Bowleys Lane, OR
- **NW Center**, 2840 Sisson St.** which also accepts tires w/o rims, metal, durable plastic, such as plastic chairs, milk cartons, etc. and Styrofoam for recycling AND Household Hazardous Waste July 5&6.

General Meeting, August 7, 7 p.m., St. Andrew Church Hall, Lombard & Chester Sts. Will host a presentation by Baltimore City State's Attorney, Gregg Bernstein, and view plans for The Gateway at Washington Hill Project's "Block A," —the block bounded by Washington, Wolfe and Baltimore Streets. See map front page.

Friends of Patterson Park Welcomes New Executive Director

The Friends of Patterson Park is happy to announce that, after a competitive search process, Jennifer Arndt Robinson will serve as our new Executive Director. Jennifer will take the helm on August 5th as Kathy Harget leaves the Friends to pursue a nonprofit freelance career. Jennifer comes to the position having served on the Friends' Board of Directors for six years, including two as President.

Jennifer knows the organization intimately, has worked tirelessly for the Friends, and is committed to the Friends' mission. She has been a Southeast Baltimore resident since 2001 and she and her husband, Scott, are excited to raise their daughter, Rose, with Patterson Park as their front yard. Jennifer has a B.A. in Education from the University of Iowa and a Masters in Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University. The staff and Board are thrilled she's accepted their offer to become the new leader of the Friends. Kathy and Jennifer are working together to ensure a smooth transition.

Aug. 17 & 18, Feast of St. Gabriele Italian Festival in Little Italy

Entry \$1, littleitalymd.com

Aug. 9 to 11, 20th Annual Otakon. Celebrate the music, anime and manga of Asian pop culture, from Astroboy to Yu-Gi-Oh, from Seven Samurai to Spirited Away. At the Baltimore Convention Center and the Inner Harbor.

Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, "Celebration of Acceleration," 2013 Grand Prix of Baltimore, with a modified racing circuit and an even better fan experience this is the Mid-Atlantic's premier motorsport destination. Tickets: grandprixofbaltimore.com.

Aug. 22-25, 33rd Annual Baltimore Summer Antiques Show, 550 international exhibitors display for sale rare furniture, silver, art, Asian antiques, porcelain, Americana, antique & estate jewelry, glass, textiles and more. Baltimore Convention Center.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast- 8 a.m. August 21, a quick, fun volunteer effort, in Patterson Park near the fountain.

The Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is Butchers Hill's traditional way of thanking the staffs of the two city schools we support – Com. John Rodgers Living Classrooms K-8 and Patterson Park Public Charter K-8 – before they start a new year of teaching. If you would like to contribute some baked goods, fruit or other offering for this "continental breakfast" – please contact Beth or Carolyn: 410-522-4991. You are also welcome to stop by and chat with the staffs to let them know how much you appreciate what they do. Also, the Education Committee is still looking for a Chair.

Are You Going the Right Way?

A number of neighbors are noting that residents, and some non-residents, are driving in the wrong direction in the Unit blocks of S. Castle and S. Duncan – which are both ONE WAY streets. Signage is poor or nonexistent. The BHA is working on correcting the signage. In the meantime, be sure you are driving the right way: **North on Duncan St.** and **South on Castle St.** Speed is also a problem at times; please be careful and watch out for pedestrians exiting their homes onto very narrow sidewalks. If you know of other streets that have this problem, contact the Crime Prevention Committee. Carolyn Boitnott at c.boitnott@verizon.net or 410-522-4991.

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 questions. Contact Virgil Bartram: 410-327-4964; CHAP's number is 410-396-4866.

Report from your Reps to the Patterson Park Working Group

Last October, community opposition to a city plan that would have increased paving, vehicular traffic, and parking lots inside Patterson Park led to the formation of a large working group (PPWG) charged by the mayor with resolving these issues as well as the daunting task of updating the Patterson Park Master Plan (PPMP.) After eight months of meetings the Working Group accepted a proposal made by the community association representatives that includes the following:

- (1) The Casino building will house the relocated Booth Senior Center from Highlandtown allowing only six parking spaces on the existing pavement behind the building (southeast corner) and sharing some of the existing eight parking spaces at the recreation center;
- (2) No Parking will be permitted on the north or west sides of the Casino;
- (3) No newly created loop road around the Casino will be permitted;
- (4) Vehicle access and paving from the Promenade to the Casino will no longer be permitted;
- (5) No parking will be permitted on existing pathways and access roads;
- (6) In the near future a new nine space diagonal parking/four space drop-off/drive-through area behind the current recreation center at the stone wall below the hill will be created, accompanied by the removal of the existing eight space surface lot;
- (7) Increased permit parking/traffic rule enforcement and ticketing has been assured and already should have begun.

Many items for updating the 1998 Master Plan remain to be discussed by the communities and various agencies involved, and meetings will continue to address some of the short-term action items remaining and to prepare for a transition to the Patterson Park Master Plan Revision.

For more details consult the Butchers Hill website and the Friends of Patterson Park website. BHA Volunteer Reps: Dave & Nancy (both of whom served on the creation of the existing Patterson Park Master Plan) THANK YOU BOTH FOR REPRESENTING Butchers Hill so faithfully and well.



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had to turn vendors away because we have limited numbers of spaces available. The web site will announce when spaces are sold out.

It is the rare: WIN, WIN, WIN than makes this event so special.

ALL PROFITS from the *Butchers Hill Flea Market booth* go to the two local schools we support (Donations may be brought to the Lombard St. entrance on 9/21, volunteers call: Carolyn, 410-522-4991. See Teacher Breakfast article.).

ALL PROFITS from the *Butchers Hill Food booth* go to the many local non-profits the Butchers Hill Association supports annually (See website and booth for list.) To volunteer to work a shift – 7 -9 a.m., 9 -11 a.m., 11 -1 p.m., 1-3 p.m, 3-4 p.m. - call: Tori, 410-675 -4948.

MOSTLY, it's just FUN. It really is fun to volunteer and get to know your neighbors – refreshments provided - and you have the satisfaction of contributing to the local causes the Butchers Hill Association residents vote to support during the year. SEE YOU AT THE PARK SEPT. 21!

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. Now we can pay our Butchers Hill Association dues via PayPal online! Log on 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/deliver to: BHA, 27 South Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.