

BUTCHERS HILL

DECEMBER 2019



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone that came to the Shop and Schmooze in November. We had a great turnout, and it seemed that everyone had a really good time. I am so glad to live in a neighborhood that celebrates and supports its artists.

As we close out 2019 and start planning 2020, we are interested in knowing what you want from your neighborhood association. Are there meeting topics or speakers that you would come to a general meeting to hear? Are there events that we aren't doing now that you would participate in? That you would help organize? Are there fundraising opportunities that you think would be successful in the neighborhood? Is there some other information that you want in this newsletter? Do you want to volunteer to help in the neighborhood, but the activities are at times you can't join in? Are there committees you think we need—or projects you think we need to undertake? As you see in other articles, we are having an election of our board at the January meeting and we are voting on the bylaw revisions. Other than that, we're going to talk about what you want in the Butchers Hill Association. And if you can't make the meeting, please email me beforehand at butchershillpresident@gmail.com. If you aren't comfortable emailing, call me at (240) 353-6333.

One thing we know for sure is that we are having a chili cookoff. There will be more information in the January newsletter, but for now, hold Saturday, February 16 on your calendar.

As winter sets in, please remember to keep an eye on our more vulnerable neighbors in case they need assistance. Offer help when you can—even if it is to let them know you're there if they need you.

Take care of yourselves and each other, Beth



WWW.BUTCHERSHILL.ORG

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Sunday, December 15, 5pm

Our annual winter potluck will be held Sun., Dec. 15, at 5pm in the meeting hall of St. Andrew Church on Lombard St. at the corner of S Chester St. All are welcome and asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and exchange ideas about how to make our community better. Families are encouraged to attend, and a craft project will be set up for the kids.

The Butchers Hill Association will provide beverages and paper goods, and the leaders in the neighborhood will provide turkey and ham.

Help with set-up or clean-up is appreciated. Please email Beth Braun (butchershillpresident@gmail.com) if you are willing to help with either. And thank you in advance.

2020 BHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SLATE OF NOMINEES

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate for next year's executive committee:

President: Beth Braun

Vice President: Dan Kiselik

Vice President: Billy Motel

Corresponding Secretary: Brianna McNamara

Recording Secretary: Sarah Hoover

Treasurer: Emily Warren

Parliamentarian: Andrew Crummey

Member at Large: Doug Gorius

Member at Large: Amy Sheinin

Member at Large: Jay Golon

The election will be held at the January general meeting on Wed., Jan. 8. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. In order to vote, you must be a member in good standing, meaning you have paid your annual dues for 2020. Your membership can be renewed (dues paid) online at butchershill.org. See the bottom of page 4 for detailed information. You may also pay at the January meeting.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Giving Tuesday	4	5	6	7
8 Pagoda Lighting	9	10	11	12 Executive Com. Mtg.	13 Jan. newsletter deadline	14 Bird Watching
15 Holiday Potluck	16	17	18 Crime Prevention Com. Mtg.	19	20	21 First Day of Winter
22 Hannukah begins Last Farmers' Market (under 83)	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 Makeup Trash/ Recycling Day
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Perry Warren perrywarren@gmail.com	Wed., Dec. 18, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Dec. 12, 7:00pm Meets the second Thursday at the white house.
FLEA MARKET	Heather Gorius butchershillfleaemarket@gmail.com	No meeting this month.
GARDEN TOUR	Trish White mrshophoop@hotmail.com 240-593-3712	No meeting this month.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus phoebu1115@aol.com 410-327-1610	No meeting this month.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram Virgil@ArchUV.com 410-327-4964	No meeting this month.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth bmoredwads2211@gmail.com Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	No meeting this month.

Snow Ordinance

Citizens are responsible for removing a two-foot-wide passage on public sidewalks and ramps adjacent to their homes and businesses within three hours of the snow stopping, unless the snow stops between 3pm and 6am, in which case snow must be cleared by 11am or the citizen could be subject to a \$50 fine.

SAVE THE DATES

December 8 \\
Pagoda Lighting
December 15 \\
Holiday Potluck
January 8 \\
BHA General Meeting

BUTCHERS HILL CHAP BLOCKS

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.

For new neighbor information or to learn more about Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood, visit www.ButchersHill.org.

DECEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION POTLUCK

Sunday, December 15, 5pm, at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, 2028 E. Lombard St.

There is no general meeting in December, instead, please join the BHA for the annual Holiday Potluck

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BHA BYLAWS

In addition to voting on the BHA Executive Committee nominees at the January BHA meeting (on Jan. 8), we will be voting on proposed changes to the bylaws. Both the current bylaws and the proposed document are available on our website, butchershill.org. Many of the changes are to clarify existing wording. The changes that actually reflect changes are:

- Increasing the maximum consecutive terms for officers in one office from two to three.
- Emphasizing that all committee chairpersons are volunteers.
- Updating the timeline and composition of the nominating committee to be consistent with the meetings of the association.
- Eliminating three standing committees and changing to ad hoc committees in order to reflect current needs.

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Friends of Patterson Park have started a capital campaign to raise funds to restore the white house, for new construction that will include community programming space (yippee!), and for a volunteer support center. Jennifer Robinson, executive director of the Friends, recently spoke at our general meeting about the campaign. We announced that we, as a neighborhood, will contribute to the campaign since the park is integral to our neighborhood and the Friends are important partners. And, because the white house is instrumental to many of our events, we have pledged to pay for the kitchen remodel. The executive committee has pledged a donation of \$20,000 over three years. We are planning several ways to support the campaign: first, we ask that when each of you personally donate to the campaign, you identify yourself and your donation as part of the Butchers Hill effort by adding "Butchers Hill" to the memo line or the comments of your capital campaign donation. (Ways to donate at PattersonPark.com/capitalcampaign, including how to have your donation matched.) Second, we will incorporate the campaign and opportunities to donate into our existing events, when possible and appropriate. For example, at the house tour, there was an opportunity for tour goers to look through the white house (to see why the upgrade is necessary). And, third, we will host events specifically designed to fundraise for and otherwise support the capital campaign.

Hopefully everyone understands the benefits to upgrading the white house, and hopefully you all will be willing to lend your support via the Butchers Hill Association to help us meet our pledge.

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



Follow us on Instagram:
[@ButchersHillBaltimore](https://www.instagram.com/ButchersHillBaltimore)



Like us on Facebook:
[Butchers Hill Blocks](https://www.facebook.com/ButchersHillBlocks)



Follow us on Twitter:
[@Butchers_Hill](https://twitter.com/Butchers_Hill)



NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Important reminders for the school year: watch out for children walking to and from school, take extra care at intersections and crosswalks, and remember, right turns are not permitted at many traffic lights during school hours. Pay attention and keep our kids safe!

COMMODORE JOHN RODGERS SCHOOL
100 N. CHESTER ST.

First Thursdays = Coffee@Commodore \ 8-9am; join the staff, families, and community members for coffee, conversation, and snacks.

Reading Buddies \ an easy-to-follow literacy program gives students-in-need 30min. of one-on-one help.

Produce in a SNAP \ (supported by Hungry Harvest) 1-3:30pm every Friday, except Dec. 27, offering fresh fruit and vegetables; bring & build your own bag of \$1, \$2 & \$3 items. The program is open to all and buying keeps the program going.

For more information on any program, email Ms. Wallace at wallace@thecjrschool.org.

PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
27 N. LAKEWOOD AVE.

Accepting Applications \ PPPCS applications are now accepted for Fall 2020 in grades PreK-8. Go to pppcs.org/enrollment to apply. Clay Hill Public Charter School is also accepting applications for Fall 2020 in grades K-4 at joinclayhill.org.

GET THE NEWSLETTER FIRST!

Volunteer to deliver the newsletter to four blocks: unit and 100 blocks of S. Duncan and S. Chester Streets. Contact Sandy at sjs2201@verizon.net or (410) 558-0149 with your name, address, and contact information if you are willing to be one of our valued distributors. Thanks to Alison of S. Duncan for her years of service. We will miss her and her lovely family.

BUTCHERS HILL FLAGS FOR SALE!

We have a limited number of Butchers Hill flags for sale for \$45. They are 3' x 5', white with the purple neighborhood logo on both sides. Contact butchershillpresident@gmail.com or (240) 353-6333 if you are interested in buying a flag.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

Bilingual Tiny Tots - Animals in Winter \ Fri., Dec. 13, 10:30-11:30am, Patterson Park at the Boat Lake. Please register in advance. \$5 suggested donation.

All-Ages Bird Watching Walk \ Sat., Dec. 14, 8-9am, meet near the white house at the Lombard St. and Patterson Park Ave. entrance.

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

CODE BLUE

Through March 15, the Health Department will declare code blue extreme cold alerts if the temperature (with wind chill) goes below 14 degrees. Please check on those in need, the elderly, and pets living outside. Temperatures below 10 degrees require pets be brought into a heated enclosure. For assistance and information, our nearest Community Action Partnership (CAP) Center is 3411 Bank St., (410) 545-6518.

WINTER PET-WALK SHORTCUT?

It's cold out, and your pet needs to be walked the long blocks to and from the park. Solution! Your yard is so close. But think again. Dog poop = rat food. And rats usually live within fifteen feet of their food source, putting your home and neighboring homes at risk of becoming rat residences. If a neighbor is taking this winter shortcut and not pickup up the poop daily, use 311 to report. A \$50 fine will result if an inspector finds dog poop in your or your neighbor's yard.

READYING YOUR GARDEN

Take action now to help planters and gardens welcome winter and spring. This is the second of a two-part series - more tips were available last month!

- Plant spring-flowering bulbs after the first frost, this prevents them from sprouting prematurely. Choose a sunny spot, in well-drained soil.
- Wait until late winter or early spring to prune trees and shrubs.
- When most deciduous leaves have fallen, or after the first frost, water only when a significant amount of rain or snow has not fallen for about two weeks. Snow is a great insulator, so shovel it into tree pits, containers and gardens as long as it is free of chemical snow melt and pet waste.
- Fertilize trees, shrubs and perennials according to species. Meyer Seeds on Caroline and Fleet Sts. can guide you.



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 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.

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

Fifth Annual Pagoda Lighting \ Sun., Dec. 8, 4:30-6:30pm, join Santa and other holiday characters for a fun-filled events with music, food trucks, local vendors, and LIGHTS!

DECEMBER EVENTS

48th Monument Lighting & Fireworks \ Thur., Dec. 5, 5-8pm, Charles & Monument St., enjoy a holiday village with entertainment, vendors, face painting, and photos with Santa. The Walters Art Gallery will be open and free with seasonal performances and winter-inspired art events. godowntownbaltimore.com

Dollar (or less) Days \ Dec. 7 & 8, many Baltimore attractions (see website for list) will open their doors offering free or \$1 admission. Note that they are often first-come-first-served or only up to capacity. godowntownbaltimore.com

Holiday Poinsettia Display & Sale \ Sat., Dec. 7 - Sun., Jan. 5, and Holiday Open House with Santa on Sun., Dec. 8, 1:30-3:30pm, Rawlings Conservatory & Botanic Gardens. rawlingsconservatory.org

Merry Mart \ Sun., Dec. 8, 11am-5pm, juried, hand-made arts & crafts: clothing, handbags, accessories, kids' toys, jewelry, and art. 3134 Eastern Ave. at the Creative Alliance. creativealliance.org

Sisterhood Christmas Cookie Sale \ Sun., Dec. 8, 11:30am-1pm, St. Andrew Orthodox church fellowship hall. Homemade cookies will be packaged and ready for sale.

47th Annual Mayor's Christmas Parade \ Sun., Dec. 8, 1pm, floats, bands, calliope, motorcycles, mummers and, of course, Santa. Falls Road & Cold Spring Lane south to 36th St. mayorchristmasparade.com

35th Annual Tuba Christmas \ Sat. Dec. 21, 3:30pm, Inner Harbor Amphitheatre, Christmas carol concert featuring over 200 tubas. (Really.) In case of inclement weather, it will be relocated to the Maryland Science Center. tubachristmas.com

The Highlandtown Train Garden \ The train garden is located at Engine House # 41 at 520 S. Conkling St. It will be open from 11am to 5pm on the following weekends: Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8, and Dec.14-15. And then it will be open every day Dec. 20 through Jan. 5 (closed Christmas Day). The Train Garden is open to the public and is free. More information at highlandtowntraingarden.blogspot.com or on Facebook [@HighlandtownTrainGarden](https://www.facebook.com/HighlandtownTrainGarden).