

BUTCHERS HILL

DECEMBER 2016



GREG HINCHLIFFE
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

We have our annual holiday potluck on Sunday, December 11. (See article to the right.) I want to make sure everyone knows that this is an event for everyone in the neighborhood—you don't need to be a member of the association to come. And, as in previous years, we plan to have Wondersitters supervising the kids (or maybe any adults who need supervision).

At our January general meeting, we will be holding the election for the neighborhood's 2017 executive committee. Our nominating committee worked hard to come up with an outstanding slate of candidates, which is listed on the calendar page in the newsletter. All active members of the association are welcome to vote. In fact, all active members are urged to vote!

And speaking of memberships, you can pay your dues for 2017 at any time now. Dues can be paid either through the website at www.butchershill.org, click on Join BHA, or by using the Membership Form at the bottom of page 4 of the Newsletter). We will be able to accept in-person payments, including by credit card, at the January meeting.

This is a beautiful and festive time of the year. Regardless of any other disruptions in the force, do your best to enjoy it to the hilt, including coming to the Holiday Potluck.

Happy Holidays!

Greg Hinchliffe



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HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Sun., Dec. 11, 6pm

St. Andrew Church - Lombard & Chester

What's the best thing about December? Christmas? Chanukah? Kwanza? Solstice? No! It's the Butchers Hill Holiday Potluck! Everyone in the neighborhood is invited. It's a great opportunity to see neighbors you haven't seen in a while and to maybe meet some new ones. We will supply turkey, ham, and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with others. Butchers Hill folks are known for terrific potluck contributions.

As this is a community event, we are asking for help setting up and cleaning up. If you are interested, please contact Greg Hinchliffe at greghinch@aol.com or 443-629-0142.

As we did last year, we will have Wondersitters there to supervise the kid's corner. There is no charge to parents for this service; the association will be picking up the tab. This dinner is one of the highlights of the year—and a great way to kick off the holiday season. Hope to see you there.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Just a reminder that everyone's dues are "due" for 2017. Unless you have paid for multiple years in advance, all memberships start over each January. Dues are \$10 per person, \$6 for seniors.

The money collected from dues is combined with the funds that we raise at our fundraisers: the flea markets, house tour, and garden tour. We then make expenditures based on our annual budget, which is voted on by the general membership early each year. Some of the most notable items are our newsletter, neighborhood events like the stoop sittings, and streetscape projects. We also support a number of local nonprofits and our two local K-8 schools.

So please pay your dues and be an active member of the Butchers Hill Association.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Washington Monument Lighting	2	3 BHA Dumpster 100 block S. Collington
4 Merry Mart Pagoda Lighting	5	6 Streetscape Com. Meeting	7	8	9	10
11 BHA Holiday Potluck	12	13	14	15 Executive Committee Meeting	16 Jan. newsletter deadline	17 Birdwatching
18	19	20	21 Crime Prevention Mtg. Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Chanukah begins at sunset
25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa begins City offices & sanitation yards closed	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Dec. 21, 7pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Greg Hinchcliffe <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thurs., Dec. 15, 6:30pm Patterson Park White House
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	No scheduled meeting in December.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Dee Lundelis <i>deelun@verizon.net</i>	No scheduled meeting in December.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	No scheduled meeting in December.
STREETScape	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., Dec. 6, 7pm 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

2017 BHA Executive Committee Slate

The Nominating Committee will be presenting the following slate at the January BHA meeting:

President: Andrew Crummey

First Vice President: Doug Gorius

Second Vice President: Dave Phoebus

Treasurer: Beth Braun

Recording Secretary: Brenna Toney

Corresponding Secretary: Emily Thompson

Parliamentarian: Ann Wolfe

Member at Large: Dan Kiselik

Member at Large: Peter Snider

Member at Large: Ingrid Wilson

All members in good standing (dues paid in 2017) will be eligible to vote at the January 4, 2017 BHA General Meeting.

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.

Last Dumpster until Spring
Saturday, December 3
100 block of S. Chester

DECEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: No General Meeting. Instead join us for a Holiday Potluck - Sunday, December 11, 6:00 pm at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St. (more details on page 1)

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Patterson Park Public Charter School (27 N. Lakewood Ave.)

Patterson Park 5K, Fun Run, Beer Garden, & Homebrew Contest. Sat., Dec. 3 - Help raise funds for our students to travel to Costa Rica. We will be hosting the 5th annual Patterson Park 5K & Fun Run! The day will be packed with various activities, including a 5K (strollers and dogs welcome!), one-mile fun run, beer garden, and homebrew tasting! Find the course route, registration information, and race-day information at www.pppcs.org.

Santa is visiting PPPCS on Thurs., Dec. 15 at 6 pm. Visit us to have your picture taken with him!

Commodore John Rodgers (100 N. Chester St.)

We are seeking adult reading tutors, no experience required, for one to two hours a week to support individual elementary students.

We are also seeking college or graduate school students who are able to commit to tutoring our alumni who are now in high school on Tuesdays or Thursdays after school. To volunteer, email glenwick@thecjrschool.org.

The food pantry welcomes non-perishable items and brown paper bags, and is open to anyone in the community.

The CJR annual Winter Showcase of Arts will take place in the school auditorium Tues., Dec. 20, at 6pm. All are welcome.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

To participate in Patterson Park Audubon Center events, RSVP at 410-558-2473 or PPAudubon@gmail.com.

Tiny Tots - Fri., Dec. 9, 10:30-11:30am at the boat lake, ages 2-5. Kids make a craft, play a game, and read a story about Animal Tracks.

Guided Bird-Watching Walks - Sat., Dec 17, 8-9:30am. All ages welcome. Meet at fountain near Lombard St. If you need to borrow binoculars, send us an email.

PATTERSON PARK

Pagoda Lighting - Sun., Dec. 4, 5-7pm. See the beloved Pagoda become our favorite winter beacon on the hill.

TIMELY ADVICE FOR SAFETY

As we approach the holiday season, street crime tends to increase. Please be alert to your surroundings and:

- Practice three-second surveillance: look up and down the street whenever you are by a window or outside for any reason.
- Watch out for neighbors' property, and be alert to mail or package theft.
- Avoid carrying a purse.
- Do not use your cell phone while walking.
- Turn on outside lights every night, or save time and money by adding a dusk-to-dawn sensor in your outside light, with an LED bulb. We will all be safer and cameras will get better lighting.
- Call 911 for any crime or suspicious activity.

Remember, officers are deployed based on recently reported criminal activity.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

45th Annual Monument Lighting - Dec. 1, 7:45 pm at Charles & Monument Sts. Entertainment begins at 6pm. The Holiday Village & Beer Garden - 4-8pm, 600 block of Cathedral St., will have food, holiday fun, and kids' area.

Highlandtown Train Garden - 11am-5pm, Dec. 3 and 4, 10 and 11, then every day Dec. 17-31 (except Dec. 25) and Jan. 1-3, 520 S. Conkling St. (in fire station).

Merry Mart - Sun., Dec. 4, 11am-5pm. Annual, juried craft market showcasing handmade items at the Creative Alliance, Eastern & East Ave. creativealliance.org.

St. Andrew Orthodox Church Homemade Cookie Sale - Sun., Dec. 11, 11am-1pm. The St. Andrew Sisterhood will present their homemade treats in the church hall, Lombard St. entrance.

Winter Solstice Celebration - Wed., Dec. 21, 7pm, First Unitarian Church, Charles and Franklin Sts. Celebrate the solstice with a seasonal ritual. For more information, call 410-685-2330.

New Year's Eve Spectacular - Dec. 31, 9pm, fireworks at midnight, watch from the Inner Harbor, Fells Point, or your own Butchers Hill perch. Information at bop.org.

GETTING GREENER

Thanks to approximately thirty volunteers who joined the Streetscape Committee during the three tree plantings of 2016, Butchers Hill has about twenty more trees to make our summers cooler and air cleaner, subdue the street noise, and beautify our neighborhood all year. And thank you to the neighbors that have agreed to take care of the new trees in front of their houses.

The committee has also started a beautification project on Castle St. with the help and support of the neighbors on there.



MORE DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

43rd Mayor's Christmas Parade - Sun. Dec. 4, 1pm, Falls Rd. to 34th St. to Chestnut Ave. Marching units, floats, one hundred Harley Davidson motorcycles, a steam calliope, Mummers of Philadelphia, and of course Santa. mayorchristmasparade.com.

Fells Point Old Tyme Christmas - Dec. 3, enjoy the holiday market, eggnog contest, breakfast with Santa, Reindeer Run Pub Crawl, and annual Parade of Lighted Boats (visible from many decks in Butchers Hill). Information at fellspointmainstreet.org.

Dollar (or less) Days - Dec. 3 and 4, fourteen popular attractions will cost \$1 or less. Full list available at godowntown.com.



And speaking of trees: Leaves are beautiful, but also leach lots of phosphorus, harming the harbor and the bay. If you are not composting or mulching with them, leaves need to be bagged and placed in paper or clear plastic bags and put out with regular trash collections, not with recycling. Please consider helping out a neighbor—especially the evening before regular trash pickup or when you see them out “doing the job.”



To receive monthly newsletters 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.