

## February 2013



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President

Hello! The Executive Committee is excited to welcome new officers Kini Collins, Chris Glick, Burke Cochrane and Jared Barnhart. We are looking forward to all of the events that we have planned this year, including: two monthly meetings held as Stoop Sittings – where several “stoops” throughout the neighborhood serve as gathering places where we can build

community and hear your thoughts in a social setting; two potlucks in July and December, two Flea Markets in May and September, the House Tour in October and Art Night in November.

BHA simply cannot put on all of these wonderful events without volunteers. We are grateful for our stalwart volunteers who we know we can count on year after year and will be thrilled to have new faces join the mix in 2013. I originally became involved with BHA through volunteering at the Flea Market. I was a bit nervous because I knew only a few people who would be there, but everyone was very friendly and I ended up getting more and more involved in the neighborhood. I had always wanted to be “more involved” but wasn’t sure how to do so. Trust me, newsletter reader, a few hours help with one of our events this year makes all the difference and is greatly appreciated!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting. We will have representatives from the Baltimore Fire Department and the Baltimore City Department of Planning to speak about the zoning changes proposed as part of the TransForm Baltimore initiative. Abby, from Baltimore Energy Challenge (BEC) will be with us again with free energy saver kits (See Jan. Recap page 4).

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## Building–and Rebuilding–Our Place: Butchers Hill

Butchers Hill is being built today, just as it has for 30+ years, by the time and energy of smart, **creative and caring folks** (namely **YOU**) who appreciate the value of living in a great neighborhood and understand it takes everyone’s input to keep a neighborhood great.

Join (and get to know) your neighbors in 2013 by volunteering for Butchers Hill events. Our Flea Market and Craft Fairs (May 11 and Sept. 21), Summer Picnic (July),



“True belonging is born of relationships not only to one another but to a place of shared responsibilities and benefits. We love not so much what we have acquired as what we have made and whom we have made it with.”  
—Robert Finch

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in Patterson Park (Sept.), our House Tour (Oct. 13) and our Holiday Potluck (Dec.) need your help, usually for two-hour shifts. Our May and Sept. Stoop-Sitting meetings need volunteer stoops and hosts. Volunteer in 2013 by contacting Tori: [torisimms.bha@gmail.com](mailto:torisimms.bha@gmail.com), or Sandy: 410-558-0149.

BHA Committees (see page 2 under the calendar) are open to anyone at any time. They meet monthly and do the planning – usually in a social setting – to address issues and keep our neighborhood vibrant. Committee chairs will welcome your participation.

Butchers Hill Wants You! Find a BHA activity or committee to **activate your passion** and find a way to **play your unique part** to contribute your time, your energies, your talents and your creativity. **Pay it Forward!**

# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4 Flea Market, 7 p.m. Streetscape 7 p.m.	5	6 BHA Meeting 7 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Chinese New Year	11 Land Use, 7 p.m.	12 Lincoln's Birthday Mardi Gras Book Club, 7:30	13 Exec Cmty 7 p.m. C.O.P., 7:30 p.m.	14 Valentine's Day	15 Newsletter Deadline	16
17	18 President's Day	19	20 Crime Prevention 7 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 C.O.P., 7:30 p.m.	28		

## Calendar Reminders:

**April 21:** Spring Cleanup

**May 11 and Sept. 21:** Butchers Hill Flea Market & Craft Fairs (*Seeking volunteers. See Committee Chair info. below.*)

**May, July, Sept. and Oct.:** Dumpsters

**May 1 & Sept. 11:** Stoop Sitting Meetings

**July 12:** Summer Picnic

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

**Streetscape** Andrew Crummey  
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## Next Meeting:

Tues. Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. We will discuss "The Wanderer's Necklace" by H.R. Haggard

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

Wed. Feb. 20, 7 p.m., 2105 E. Balt. St. . Meets on the third Wed. of the month.

Wed. Feb. 13, 7 p.m., at the President's home.

Mon. Feb. 4th, 7 p.m. at **232 S. Patterson Park Ave.**

Mon. Feb. 11, 7 p.m., at the White House in Patterson Park.

Mon. Feb. 4, 7 p.m., 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

## Public Hearing: Stormwater Remediation Fee

A new Stormwater Remediation Fee will be used to help preserve and protect Baltimore's streams, harbor, and the Chesapeake Bay. Fee dollars will also rehabilitate the City's aging storm drainpipes, decreasing the potential property damage and public dangers associated with flooding and infrastructure collapse. Learn about it at the Public Hearing:

*Feb. 6, 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.* at the Southeast Anchor Library  
3601 Eastern Ave. in Highlandtown.

Doors open 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. For information about stormwater's impact on Baltimore City, please visit DPW's Clean Water Baltimore website at [www.cleanwaterbaltimore.org](http://www.cleanwaterbaltimore.org) and click on the "surface water" tab. For details on the pending remediation fee legislation (12-0155), please go to the Baltimore City Council's website.

February Butchers Hill Association General Meeting, Wed. Feb. 6, 7 p.m. in the church hall of St. Andrew Church, Lombard & Chester Streets. Representatives from our **Fire Department** will share information and **Baltimore City Department of Planning** will speak about the zoning changes proposed as part of the TransForm Baltimore initiative. Abby, from Baltimore Energy Challenge (BEC) will be with us again with free energy saver kits!

## Nationally Juried Show Has Connections to Butchers Hill

**The American Craft Council Show: "Make Room for Beauty,"**  
Feb. 22-24, Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt St.

Our neighbor, **Megin Diamond**, has been invited to show and sell her work at the American Craft Council Show, "Make Room For Beauty." She will be among the 650 top jewelry, clothing, furniture and home décor artists selling their work. Megin designs and creates unique, handmade jewelry and elegant serving utensils in sterling silver. Visit her booth, #4219, go to: [megindiamond.com](http://megindiamond.com), or call 410-935-5237.

You will also see **Rose Clack**, **Beth Braun** and **Nancy Newman** – members of the Baltimore Weaver's Guild – demonstrating weaving and spinning on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24. And for a special preview to the show, our own woodturning artisan, **Mark Supik**, will host **Jerry Kermode**, respected teacher, craftsman and storyteller from California, as he gives a much-sought-after WOODTURNING DEMONSTRATION: "the Art of Non-Violent Woodturning." The demonstration will be held at Mark's shop, 1 N. Haven St., where Baltimore St. ends at Haven, on Wed. Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation (but not required) – community welcome.

*More about Jerry Kermode at: [www.jerrykermode.com](http://www.jerrykermode.com). Hours for the AMC Show: Fri. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Special price: \$5 after 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: Day pass, \$16; three-day pass, \$28; FREE to ACC members & children under 12. Join/get tickets: [craftcouncil.org](http://craftcouncil.org).*



Photo from Mark Supik's collection: woodturning a bowl.

## Pet Tips (For Wanted and Unwanted Pets Alike)

Ice-melting chemicals and rock salt can cause cuts on **pet's paws** and be hazardous if ingested. Give your pet's paws a quick bath before s/he has a chance to lick them clean. **Another good practice: Stay away from neighbors' cans. Don't forget that** it is actually illegal to put your dog-poop bag in a neighbor's trash container and inconsiderate to allow your dog to urinate on their containers. Most of us must carry our cans through our living spaces to get them to our rear yards.

Everyone is responsible for keeping their own pet droppings and garbage in their own rat-proof container with a tight-fitting lid, and placing it out for collection. We all must manage our own garbage including the stinky droppings that our pets generate.



**Mom, Dad, I can't be a good neighbor unless you help. (I'm feeling embarrassed, Man. I'm mortified.)**

**Hint:** Double zip-lock bagging animal droppings, making sure your trash container is lined with a sturdy plastic bag and the garbage can has a tight-fitting lid all help keep the rat population down.

If your trash container has a hole or lacks a tight-fitting lid, it becomes a rat-magnet. That is why many of us choose metal containers, wire our lids to the handles and put a sturdy plastic bag liner in first. The bag allows sanitation workers to easily remove the garbage without having to lift and dump the whole can. This reduces the chances of damage to the can or the lid. When everyone takes full responsibility for their own pets and garbage, we all get to live in a clean, rat-free community.

## Snow Emergency Route: What is it?

If you usually **park on Baltimore, Lombard, Pratt, Washington Streets, or Patterson Park Avenue**, you need to stay alert about which snow emergency phase Baltimore City calls during snowstorms.

**Phase 1:** Requires that vehicles have snow tires, all weather radials or chains. Police citations are issued to those without.

**Phase 2: Citizens should park off the snow emergency routes before phase 2 of the snow emergency plan is activated.**

Phase 2 requires that vehicles have snow tires, all weather radials or chains **AND parking is prohibited on designated Snow Emergency Routes**. Snow emergency routes are clearly marked and vehicles parked along these designated roadways during a snow emergency will be ticketed and towed. Vehicles are impounded if they are parked along the restricted peak hour zones in the downtown area. In neighborhoods, they are relocated to suggested alternative parking areas such as schools or recreational facilities.

**Phase 3:** Permits emergency vehicles **only** on City streets.

## FREE Greening University

Sat., Feb. 9, 9a.m.-12:30 p.m., Johns Hopkins

**Homewood Campus, Levering Hall.** New and experienced gardeners welcome! Expert gardeners will teach classes about site evaluation, soil, cooking, beekeeping, gardening with kids, community gardens, storm water management and More! Director of the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, Beth Strommen, will give a short keynote presentation. \$1 to \$3 donations are very welcome. For details and to register, please visit call 410-539-1369 x107, or go to: [www.cphabaltimore.org/ayic-greening-university](http://www.cphabaltimore.org/ayic-greening-university).

## Chinese New Year at The Walters

Sun., Feb. 10, noon-1 p.m., The Walters Art Museum  
600 North Charles St. Free. Now OPEN 'TIL 9 p.m. Thursdays.

Celebrate the Year of the Snake, create clever snake art, and enjoy traditional New Year dance performances. Free art activities to ensure good luck, pay respects to ancestors, gods and spirits, and to wish good fortune for friends and family in the coming year. Info email: [avespoint@thewalters.org](mailto:avespoint@thewalters.org) or call 410-547-9000 ext. 323.



## Free Baltimore Public Works Calendar

This 2013 City of Baltimore Public Works calendar is full of information and dates you need to know. Didn't receive one by mail in January? Call 311.

## Enjoy Valentine's Day Close to Home in a Butchers Hill Restaurant

**SALT TAVERN:** 2127 E. Pratt St., 410-276-5480, open Tues.-Sun. 5 p.m. Reservations recommended.

**THE LIFE OF REILLY IRISH PUB and RESTAURANT:** 2031 E. Fairmount Ave., 410-327-6425, open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., Sunday Brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Recap of the January BHA Meeting:

**Slate of Officers** per Jan. Newsletter unanimously elected. BHA rep to the **Patterson Park Master Plan Working Group**, Dave Phoebus, reported next step is prioritizing issues and will keep us posted. Councilman Kraft reviewed issues under consideration in bill on **Permit Parking** going through City Council to change the process somewhat. Abby Moore, a neighbor from Baltimore

Energy Challenge (BEC) a non-profit program with the Office of Sustainability, spoke about no/low-cost ways to save energy in your home and **handed out free Energy Saver's Kits** to everyone that signed the BEC pledge to save energy. Abby is a neighbor working for the next year to help spread the word about saving energy and lowering your energy bills. If you want

more info about BEC, other free energy saving programs, or an Energy Saver's Kit, talk to Abby at our next meeting, email: [amoore@baltimoreenergychallenge.org](mailto:amoore@baltimoreenergychallenge.org), or call 410-927-6088.

**Zipcar** is a self-serve car-sharing service providing transportation at affordable costs. **Butchers Hill Association has joined**, which means if you are a member, the application fee is waived and the annual fee is only \$25 (\$10 tax deductible per person to join BHA) apply on line or at 1120 N. Charles St. The closest Zipcar locations today are Bank and Central or Washington and Fleet. If we use the service, we can potentially gain a location in our neighborhood. There are over 50 different vehicle makes and models you can use throughout the world. Rate is minimum \$7.50 per hour weekdays, \$69 for 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Weekend rates are higher. Gas, insurance and 180 free miles are included.

**New Neighbors** - Contact Kathy Hackett at [ktyhack@gmail.com](mailto: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](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/deliver to: BHA, 27 South Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.