

BUTCHERS HILL

JANUARY 2020



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BHA PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

As evidenced by the spirited game of tag at the recent holiday potluck, our neighborhood has undergone a huge transformation over the past ten years. In 2009, we had few, if any, children at the annual dinner. This year we had many! (And it was wonderful.)

As the neighborhood changes from one of primarily adults with grown or no kids to one with an increasing percentage of families with children, how should the association change to meet everyone's needs and interests?

That's one of the topics for the January meeting.

I fully understand that many parents can't come to meetings because they are feeding/bathing/putting to bed their children. Is there another time that those parents would be able to (and want to) come to meetings? Or is the solution revamping our communication tools so that all members have an opportunity to provide input without being there in person? And I get the irony in having a discussion about why people can't be at a meeting—at a meeting! So, if you are one of those people that can't (or doesn't want to) be at a meeting and you have suggestions, let's get together some other time. Or email me at butchershillpresident@gmail.com. Or call me at (240) 353-6333. I would love to hear your thoughts.

My hope for all of us is that 2020 is a year filled with good neighbors, good fun, and good will toward all.

Take care of yourselves and each other, Beth



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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: PAY IT FORWARD

Going forward into a new year, show your thanks for all the things that make Butchers Hill the place you want to live. Is it the clean sidewalks and gutters, the trees, plantings, and parks, the friendly "Hello", the frequent organized activities or just knowing you are in a neighborhood where folks look out for each other? Maybe these are the same folks, young and not-so-young, who have swept the sidewalks, bagged the leaves, planted the greenery and helped make the fun activities happen. Show your thanks by paying it forward. Resolve that in 2020 you will do what you can, when you can. Choose to be a part of making your neighborhood your kind of place. Volunteer for something that fits you - maybe a quick "join in" when you see something going on or check out the upcoming events in the Save the Dates box on the calendar page. Bonus: you will meet neighbors and have some fun!

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As detailed in last month's newsletter ([butchershill/uploads/newsletters/December_2019.pdf](https://butchershill.org/uploads/newsletters/December_2019.pdf)), we are supporting the Friends of Patterson Park (FOPP) in their capital campaign for a major renovation of the white house, the addition of new community programming space, and a courtyard in what's now the back yard. We (the BHA) have pledged funds earmarked for upgrading the kitchen.

Over the course of the next three years, we will include in the newsletter different avenues we can take together to raise these funds. The most straightforward method is for you, members of the Butchers Hill Community, to make a personal donation to the FOPP, and note that you are from Butchers Hill in the comment section of the website (or the memo of your check or somehow note it on your donation). That way you get credit and karma for the donation, and Butchers Hill gets to include that in our tally.

Do you want to double the impact of your donation? Maintain your current support of FOPP, or become a new member, and make a capital campaign donation of at least \$250 on top of that, and your capital campaign donation will be matched by the Joseph and Harvey

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Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day (no trash pick-up)	2	3	4 make up trash pick-up
5	6	7 Streetscape Com. Mtg.	8 BHA General Mtg.	9 Executive Com. Mtg.	10	11
12	13 Land Use Com. Mtg.	14	15 Crime Prevention Com. Mtg.	16	17 Feb. newsletter deadline	18
19	20 MLK Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 Chinese New Year, Year of the Rat	27	28 Flea Market Com. Mtg.	29	30	31	

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Perry Warren perrywarren@gmail.com	Wed., Jan. 15, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Jan. 9, 7:00pm Meets the second Thursday at the white house.
FLEA MARKET	Heather Gorius butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	Tues., Jan. 28, 7:00pm 19 S. Castle St.
GARDEN TOUR	Trish White mrshophoop@hotmail.com 240-593-3712	No meeting this month.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus phoebu115@aol.com 410-327-1610	No meeting this month.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram Virgil@ArchUV.com 410-327-4964	Mon., Jan. 13, 7:00pm Meets the second Monday at the white house.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth bmoredwads2211@gmail.com Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	Tues., Jan. 7, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. Meets the first Tuesday.

SAVE THE DATES

February \\\ Chili Cookoff
 April \\\ Spring Cleanup, Dumpster, Tree Planting
 May 9 \\\ Spring Flea Market
 July \\\ Summer Potluck Picnic
 September 12 \\\ Fall Flea Market
 October \\\ BHA House Tour & Fall Cleanup
 November \\\ Last Dumpster
 December 15 \\\ Holiday Potluck

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Formerly live trees that have been cleared of all decorations will be picked up on your regular trash days throughout January. Alternatively, DPW will be mulching them in January, Mon.-Sat, 9am-2pm, (except MLK Day) at Southwest Citizen' Convenience Center, 701 Reedbird Ave. Residents are encouraged to bring containers and tools to collect free mulch (while supplies last).

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.

JANUARY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 7pm, at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, 2028 E. Lombard St.

January Agenda: Vote on 2020 BHA Officers | Vote on revisions to BHA bylaws | The BHA in 2020

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Meyerhoff Family Charitable Fund. This match is only available when your original membership in FOPP stays the same (or increases).

Frequently, when an organization starts a capital campaign, the current supporters just flip their ongoing support over to the capital campaign. Unfortunately, doing so leaves the nonprofit in a situation where their operating funds are cut—with all the money going to the campaign. Obviously, an organization can't continue to function when that happens. So, it is vital that everyone continue their regular level of membership support. Or increase it. And then, please donate on top of that.

For more information about the capital campaign or FOPP, please go to pattersonpark.com.

JANUARY BHA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 7pm

In addition to discussing how the BHA might change to better accommodate the needs of its members, the January meeting (on the 8th not the 1st!) will also have an election for the 2020 officers—the slate is listed below—and we will vote on proposed changes to our bylaws. The changes can be found on our website, in the December newsletter—OR—call or email me (butchershillpresident@gmail.com; (240) 353-6333), I'll get you the details. You must have paid dues for 2020 to be able to vote. Please pay online at butchershill.org (Join BHA!), use the bottom of page 4, or pay at the meeting.

Slate for 2020 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

STILL IN NEED!

The newsletter keeps us informed! Get the monthly BHA newsletter first, and then put one in each mail slot for the houses on South Chester and South Duncan Streets (the two blocks between Baltimore & Pratt Streets). If you would like to do only one of these streets, that would be fine. Contact Sandy at (410) 558-0149 or sjs2201@verizon.net with your name, address, and contact information. Thank you for volunteering for this important job!



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CHILI COOKOFF

TO BENEFIT FOPP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Saturday, February 16, 5pm

The second annual Butchers Hill Association Chili Cookoff is scheduled to take place Sat., Feb. 16 and will benefit the FOPP capital campaign. If you are interested in putting your chili up against your neighbors, email Billy Motel at wcmotel@gmail.com.

Tickets will be \$12 in advance (\$15 at the door) for "unlimited" chili tastings, one adult beverage, Charmed Kitchen bread, and soda/water. Cash bar available. The proceeds from this year's cookoff will be donated to the Friends of Patterson Park capital campaign.

"A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE":

FUNDRAISING FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

PRESENTED BY THE

JULIE COMMUNITY CENTER

Saturday, February 29, 7pm

For more than forty years, the Julie Community Center has provided assistance for local Baltimoreans experiencing socio-economic barriers in access to education, health, and social services. Join the Julie Center on Sat., Feb. 29, from 7 to 10pm, for "A Night at the Theatre," a fundraiser at the Fells Point Corner Theatre. Tickets for the show "The Mineola Twins" are \$45 and include wine and light fare. To purchase tickets or ask questions, contact Perri Carroll at perri.carroll@gmail.com.

ANNUAL RESOLUTION RUN

Wednesday, January 1, 2pm

Cornerstone Community Housing, formerly United Ministries, will be holding their fifteenth annual Resolution Run in Patterson Park on New Year's Day at 2pm. This event raises funds for this local nonprofit that provides housing to those experiencing homelessness in our community. There will be a 5K run, a one-mile walk, and a kids fun run. There will be a party with chili, cornbread, and cookies after the race for all that participate. More information at chbaltimore.org.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

Audubon's Winter Waterfowl Special \ Sat., Feb 8, times and locations vary, register early! Bundle up and explore what we miss when we winter indoors! baltimorebirding.com

Bilingual Tiny Tots - Animal Tracks \ Fri., Jan. 24, 10:30-11:30am. Patterson Park at the Boat Lake. Please register in advance. \$5 suggested donation.

All-Ages Bird Watching Walk in Patterson Park \ Sat., Jan. 25, 8-9am, meet near the white house at the Lombard St. & Patterson Park Ave. entrance.

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

PATTERSON PARK ACTIVITIES

Ice skating at the Dominic "Mimi" Dipietro Family Skating Center, admission \$5, skate rental \$3. Hours Mon. and Wed. noon-2pm, Fri. 7-9pm, Sat. 3-5 & 7-9pm, and Sun. 3-5pm. For information about hours, birthday party packages, and private rentals, call (410) 396-9392 or email ron.greensfelder@baltimorecity.gov.

SNOW ORDINANCE

Citizens are responsible for removing a two-foot-wide passage on public sidewalks that are adjacent to their home or business within three hours of stopping, unless it stops between 3pm and 6am, in which case it must be removed by 11am—or be subject to a \$50 fine.

PROTECT YOUR PIPES

Know where the water shutoff valve is in your home or apartment building and keep bottled water on hand (a gallon per person per day) in case of emergency. When day-time temperatures remain below 25 degrees for more than a day or two, waterpipes located close to an unheated exterior wall can freeze and break, leaking water continuously. To prevent your pipes from freezing, increase the heat close to the exterior wall or keep a thin stream of water (both hot and cold) flowing inside your house. This can be expensive, but not as expensive as water damage. If a pipe becomes frozen, carefully use a blow dryer to gently warm the pipes. Warming too quickly can break a joint open. Be aware of frozen pipes in unheated vacant properties. This could cause flooding to adjoining property. Be alert to sounds of running water and report it to 311. Call 911 if water is impacting your property.

HANDS-ON PRUNING WORKSHOP

The Community Gardeners of Butchers Hill are organizing a hands-on pruning workshop in late February or early March for beginners or beyond. Learn-by-doing at this free outdoor workshop. Street trees and shrubs in our greened alleys will be used to learn and practice the art of pruning. Check the February newsletter, Nextdoor.com, Facebook (Butchers Hill Blocks), and Instagram for date, time, and meeting location.

As a Community Gardeners of Butchers Hill event, all residents are welcome. The goal is to sharpen gardening skills and plant knowledge to enhance your own property, as well as to help create new and maintain existing community green spaces. Questions or to be added to the email list contact Betsy at bmorewads2211@gmail.com.

SNOW PARKING

Pratt, Lombard, Baltimore, and Washington Streets and Patterson Park Avenue are designated snow emergency routes. There is no parking on these streets when Phase 2 emergency is in effect.

- Phase 1: All moving vehicles must have snow or all-weather-radial tires or chains.
- Phase 2: Parking is prohibited on snow emergency streets.
- Phase 3: Only emergency vehicles may drive on city streets.

If it seems like a Phase 2 might be imminent, it is advisable to look for parking on non-emergency streets as soon as possible. If Phase 2 is called and you can't find a space, call 311 to find out where the city has designated parking for our area. Vehicles parked on snow emergency routes will be ticketed and towed so snowplows can do their job.

CODE BLUE & ENERGY ASSISTANCE

For assistance, contact the Southeast Community Action Partnership Center:
3411 Bank St., Baltimore, MD, 21224, (410) 545-6518.

FREE DPW CALENDARS

A free DPW calendar listing all government holidays, contact information, and trash/recycling pickup changes has been mailed to every household. If you didn't receive one yet, call 311 to request yours.



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.