

BUTCHERS HILL

JULY 2016



GREG HINCHLIFFE
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Independence Day! On July 4th, Butchers Hill will join the rest of the country in celebration of the 240th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence from Britain, and the veritable birth of our nation. We Americans prize our independence, not only on the world's political stage, but as an essential element of our national character. The image of the rugged individual is writ large in our history and lore.

And yet...

Much of what we treasure about our country is what we have done in concert with our neighbors and fellow citizens. Look around at the things we value most about living in Butchers Hill, and notice how many of them are the result of the shoulder-to-shoulder shared effort of your friends and neighbors acting as a group. My favorite example? The fond memory of Independence Day last year at a block party set up by my neighbors, complete with not only food, drink, music, and conversation, but a dunking tank and a bouncy castle! Is this a great country, or what? Is this a great neighborhood, or what?

So on the fourth, as you ooh and ahh at the fireworks from a roof-top deck or the Fells Point promenade, celebrate the independence that has served our country so well, and marvel at the impressive accomplishments of talented and ambitious individuals, but save a thought for all the wonderful things we have done and built together as a country and as a community.

Happy Fourth.

Greg Hinchliffe



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ANNUAL BHA POTLUCK PICNIC Halcott Square Park (100 S. Duncan)

Fri., July 8, 6:30-8:30pm

Bring a side dish or dessert to serve eight people, and join in the fun. Meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends. BHA will provide hot dogs, burgers (including veggie), and beverages.

We need six volunteers for setup from 4:30-6:30, as well as use of a truck to get the tables and canopies from the Friends of Patterson Park white house and back after the picnic. (And if you're available to stay and assist with clean up afterwards, your help will be appreciated.) Please contact Tom Crandall at thomas.j.crandall@verizon.net, or call Sandy at 410-558-0149, if you can help.

Sunshine = Success for the Flea Market

The May 14 Butchers Hill Flea Market and Craft Fair was a wonderful success with record-breaking sales at both the food booth and the BHA flea booth, fantastic music, delicious refreshments, and great buys all around. The rain held off for a few hours and brought some much needed sunshine to the northwest corner of Patterson Park with 150+ eager vendors and hundreds shopping for unique finds.

This biannual event is not only a highlight of our community calendar, but also a true testament to the efforts of our community association members and neighbors. The flea market would not be possible without the dedication and expertise of our flea market committee: Emily, Adam, Sandy, Beth, Bill, Cal, Jim, and Krissy. We are also fortunate to have the commitment of our community volunteers who help out both in advance of the event and on the day of, executing countless roles and tasks. Tremendous thanks to Dale for his work at the grill and Carolyn for her coordination of the BHA flea booth. (continued on page 3)

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff 9am-5pm, 2840 Sisson St.	2
3	4 Independence Day - Govt. Holiday	5 Streetscape Com. Meeting	6	7	8 BHA Potluck Picnic	9
10 Concert in Patterson Park	11 Land Use Committee Meeting	12	13 Crime Prevention Mtg. House Tour Mtg.	14	15 August newsletter deadline	16
17	18	19 Concert in Patterson Park	20	21	22 Start of Restaurant Week (thru 7/31)	23
24/31 31: Concert in Patterson Park	25 Flea Market Committee Meeting	26	27	28	29	30 Birdwatching

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., July 13, 7pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Greg Hinchcliffe <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	No July meeting
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Mon., July 25, 8pm 2124 E. Lombard St.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Dee Lundelius <i>deelundelius@gmail.com</i>	Wed., July 13, 7pm 2029 E. Pratt St.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., July 11, 7pm Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
STREETScape	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., July 5, 7pm 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

Save the Date - 2016

July 8 - Summer Potluck
August 2 - National Night Out
August - Teachers' Breakfast
September 10 - Fall Flea Market
October 9 - House Tour
October 9 - All Volunteer Thank You Party
November - Shop & Schmooze
December - Holiday Potluck

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.

Don't forget...

it is still against city code to store your trashcan in front of your house.

Dumpster Dates 2016

Aug. 6 ~ Oct. 1 ~ Dec. 3



Fourth of July Celebration

7-10pm - at the Inner Harbor

9:30pm - fireworks begin

Presented by Ports America Chesapeake



JULY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: No General Meeting in July. Instead, join your friends and neighbors on Friday, July 8, at Halcott Square (100 block South Duncan St.) for our annual potluck picnic. Details on the front page.

HOUSE TOUR 2016

We have nine wonderful houses for the house tour on October 9, but we still need volunteers for the many jobs connected to the tour. Examples are delivering posters to businesses, help with the advertising, and house sitters for the day of the tour. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out by contacting Pat Phoebus at phoebu1115@aol.com. You are also welcome to join us at our next house tour meeting on July 13 at Sue Noonan's home (2029 E. Pratt) at 7pm. Please email Sue at suenoon@cavtel.net if you would like to participate on the committee.

STORMWATER RETENTION BUMPOUTS GET SPRING CLEANING

BHA and Commodore John Rogers seventh grade volunteers weeded unwanted non-native plants, removed trash, and planted new native perennials in the bumpouts at Fairmount & Chester and Lombard & Chester streets. BlueWater Baltimore supplied tools, plant material and plant identification expertise. The third bumpout, at Baltimore & Collington streets, is awaiting action from the city. These bumpouts are designed to filter stormwater runoff before it flows via the sewer system into Baltimore Harbor and the Chesapeake Bay. Although many of these native plants may not look familiar, each has been selected for its ability to stabilize the soil, absorb water, and/or provide food or shelter for native insects and birds. As the plants mature and fill in, each bumpout will become more effective at the jobs it was designed to do. Your patience and assistance in keeping trash and pets out of these green spaces is very much appreciated.

BALTIMORE RESTAURANT WEEK

July 22-31, \$15 & \$18 lunch or \$30-\$35 dinner, Enjoy special three-course dinners and two-course lunches at participating restaurants. Local restaurant, Salt, is participating again this year. More information at www.baltimorerestaurantweek.com.



Mark your calendars:
BCPS students return to school on Mon., Aug. 29.
Staff return Tues., Aug. 23
PPPCS staff will return the week prior.

SUCCESS FOR THE FLEA MARKET (CONT.)

Applause goes to Alison, Amara, Andrew, Ann, Barry, Butch, Carol, Chris, Doug, Dee, Don, Edward, Greg, James, Jennine, Jo, John, Jordan, Josh, Kathy, Leslie, Lindsey, Liz, Meg, Megin, Mike, Missy, Nancy, Nancy N, Nancy S, Pat, Peter Q, Peter S, Robert, Rick F, Rick B, Selvi, Stuart, Sue, Tom, Toni, Tony, Victor, Virgil, Willa, and students and staff from CJR and PPPCS K-8 schools. Final thanks to all the Butchers Hill residents who donated to the BHA booth. Your generosity does not go unrecognized. We look forward to another successful fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 10.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

If you have children under the age of 18, check with the Family League of Baltimore for information about getting meals now that school is out. Phone 410-662-5500 or look on the web at familyleague.org.

Commodore John Rodgers -

- City-wide lacrosse championships won by the boy's team last year and the girl's team this year.
- Arts bloomed at the annual Spring Showcase of the Arts and the musical production of *Horton Hears a Who*.
- Eighty 8th graders graduated and are moving on to high school, including both public: Bard, City College, Digital Harbor, Dunbar, Poly, and Western; and private: Cristo Rey, Episcopal High School (VA) Foxcroft Academy (ME), The Gunnery School (CT) and Miss Hall's School (MA).
- On July 13 from 5-6:30pm the annual cookout and ice cream social at the school playground will welcome all Commodore friends and families, old and new.

Patterson Park Public Charter School -

- The tot lot at PPPCS is open for family fun on Sundays 3-5 pm, Belnord Ave. between Baltimore St. & Fairmount. Kids must be accompanied by a grown-up.
- Fitness, Fun, and Games Summer Camp will be at PPPCS this summer! Open to all students. www.fitnessfunandgames.org
- Breakfast (8:30am) and lunch (11:15 am) provided to students 18 and under and people with disabilities at PPPCS all summer.
- The food pantry is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 11am-1:30pm. Always accepting new clients and donations!

AUDUBON'S GREEN LEADERS' BILINGUAL VIDEO RELEASE

Patterson Park Audubon Center's Green Leaders had an action-packed first year! This spring, Audubon visited BHA to share how we can create resilient communities for our birds and people by saving energy at home and at work, advocating for a healthy climate, and planting wildlife gardens. Audubon's Green Leaders program for middle school students cultivates initiative in climate change communication. Green Leaders interviewed and filmed each other to create a video, in partnership with New Lens, a youth-driven social justice organization. This capstone project illustrates what the students learned through trust-building activities, community presentations, bird watching, and planting wildlife gardens. Thanks to partners, Hampstead Hill Academy and Chesapeake Bay Trust, Green Leaders created a video to inspire their neighbors and classmates to take climate action. Look for our video and local Audubon news, including volunteer opportunities, at pattersonpark.audubon.org.

EVENTS IN PATTERSON PARK

The Patterson Park Pool is Open - (but check the schedule before going)

The pool is open! The schedule varies, so check pattersonparkpool.weebly.com to find the most up-to-date times. In general, it is open for lap swimming M, W, F from 6 to 10am., closed weekdays from 10am to 12:30pm for use by Baltimore City summer camps, and open 12:30-3:30pm and 4-7pm. Pool admission fees for the 2016 swim season are \$2 per two-hour session, \$4 for Early Bird Lap Swim, or Summer Season Passes \$30 (\$50 to include early am lap swim). Admission to splash pad (for toddlers) is free.

Friends of Patterson Park Summer Concert Series -

Sun., July 10, 6:30pm - **Fractal Cat** (rain date 7/13)

Tues., July 19, 6:30pm - **Balti Mare** (rain date 7/20)

Sun., July 31, 6:30pm - **Strykers Posse** (rain date 8/3)

For the complete 2016 concert line-up, visit pattersonpark.com/fun-in-the-park/events/community-events/concerts-in-the-park.

JULY EVENTS

African American Festival -

July 2 & 3, Sat. noon-10pm & Sun. noon-9pm, Camden Yards, between lots B & C, free admission. More information at africanamericanfestival.net.

Baltimore Caribbean Carnival -

July 9 & 10, noon-5pm. Parade starts at 900 E. 33rd St. ends at Clifton Park at St. Lo Drive. Festival will continue until 10pm. More information at baltimorecarnival.com.

Maryland's Polish Festival -

July 16 & 17, Sat. 11am-10pm, Sun. 11am-7pm, \$10 adults, Timonium Fair Grounds, under 12 free with adult.

ARTSCAPE - Explore What's Out There -

July 15, 16, & 17, Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm, Sun. 11am-8pm in the Mount Royal area. America's largest free arts festival. Visit artscape.org for details.

MICA Art Market at ARTSCAPE -

See dates and times above, Brown Center, discover and purchase work by two dozen students, alumni, faculty, and staff, with proceeds going to scholarships for MICA students.

And Much, Much More -

Free summer concerts:

bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/special-programs/music.

Rec & Parks programs:

bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/special-programs.

Free summer movies:

bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/rhythm%26reels2016_p2.pdf.



Volunteer Fun with Friends of Patterson Park -

Sat., July 2, 8am - help clean the Boat Lake.

Sun., July 10, 10am - garden and Pagoda cleanup.

Thur. am through the summer - Weed Avengers of Patterson Park

Thur. pm (start mid-July) - soccer coaches for kids; volunteer coaches are the only way to keep it free.

For information, check out the Friends of Patterson Park's event calendar at pattersonpark.com, email volunteer@pattersonpark.com, or call 410-276-3676.



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.