

BUTCHERS HILL

MARCH 2019



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Based on a number of conversations I've had, it seems that people new to Butchers Hill and to the association see that we have a great neighborhood and think that is a happy accident or just naturally happened and that the neighborhood's success is self-sustaining. In fact, the Butchers Hill Association has a many-decades-long history of actively working to improve the neighborhood. A number of individuals have spent

years volunteering their free time for the betterment of the place we all now call home. We all benefit from the work of those people. Several of them chair and serve on our standing committees. Some of the committees are event/fundraising in nature (Flea Market, House Tour, Garden Tour), but the work of the other standing committees is what shapes our neighborhood (Crime Prevention, Land Use, and Streetscape).

Over the decades, participation on those committees has waxed and waned, but we always need neighbors to serve and provide input. Is it your turn to help make Butchers Hill a great neighborhood?

Are you worried about crime in the neighborhood? Join the Crime Prevention Committee. Do you want to have input into zoning, CHAP, and other property decisions? Join the Land Use Committee. Do you want to play a part in making the neighborhood greener and more beautiful? Join the Streetscape Committee.

I know you are busy - maybe you have children, maybe you work full time, maybe you have other volunteer activities that are important to you. But please consider taking a few hours each month and becoming an active part of one of these vital committees. The chairperson and meeting times are listed on page two of this newsletter.

We need your help to keep Butchers Hill as wonderful as it is.

Take care of yourself and each other, Beth



BHA CHILI COOKOFF

Sat., March 23 ~ 3:00pm

The first annual Butchers Hill Association Chili Cookoff will be held on Sat., March 23. Tickets to come taste (and judge) your neighbors' chili are \$12 online (www.butchershill.org) by credit card or PayPal or \$15 at the door (by cash, check, or credit card). You will get "unlimited" chili tastes, one adult beverage (cash bar available), Charmed Kitchen bread, and soda/water. Vegetarian chili will be part of the cookoff. The cookoff will be held in the St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, where the monthly general meetings are held, at Chester & Lombard (Lombard St. entrance)

If you want to put your chili to the test, email Billy Motel at wcmotel@gmail.com. It is limited to twenty-five cooks, so don't delay. Bragging rights are at stake!

SPRING FLEA MARKET IS COMING SOON

BHA's spring Flea Market and Craft Fair in Patterson Park is scheduled for Sat., May 11 from 9am-3pm. The event promises great music, delicious food, and unique finds from 150+ vendors. Vendor spaces will go on sale on the association website (www.butchershill.org) on April 3 for dues-paying BHA members and on April 6 for the general public. Spaces are \$35, payable by credit card or Paypal.

The success of this biannual event rests in large part with our fabulous community volunteers. If you'd like to help out for a two-hour shift, please visit the online sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/y5fgnoew>. There will also be opportunities to volunteer through links in social media. Contact Heather at butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com with any questions.

GARDEN TOUR OPPORTUNITY

Consider placing an advertisement in the tour booklet every participant gets to keep. You will be targeting gardening enthusiasts as well as the eight environmental groups participating. Please contact Trish White at mrsshophoop@hotmail.com for details. Artwork and payment are due by March 31. Thanks for your support!

March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Garden Tour Committee Meeting	5 Streetscape Com. Meeting Mardi Gras	6 BHA General Meeting Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time (spring forward)	11 Land Use Committee Meeting	12	13 House Tour Committee Meeting	14 Executive Committee Meeting	15 April newsletter deadline	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Crime Prevent. Com. Meeting First day of spring Purim	21	22	23 BHA Chili Cookoff
24/31	25	26 Flea Market Committee Meeting	27	28	29	30 Birdwatching

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION Carolyn Boitnott
c.boitnott@verizon.net
410-522-4991
Wed., March 20, 7:00pm
2105 E. Baltimore St.
Meets on the third Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE Beth Braun
butchershillpresident@gmail.com
Thur., March 14, 7:00 p.m.
Meets on the second Thursday in the white house.

FLEA MARKET Heather Gorius
butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com
Tues., March 26, 7:00 p.m.
Meets on the fourth Tuesday at the white house.

GARDEN TOUR Trish White
mrshophoop@hotmail.com
240-593-3712
Mon., March 4, 7:00pm
2200 E Lombard St.
Meets on the first Monday.

HOUSE TOUR Pat Phoebus
phoebu1115@aol.com
410-327-1610
Wed., March 13, 7:00pm
200 S. Chester St.

LAND USE Virgil Bartram
Virgil@ArchUV.com
410-327-4964
Mon., March 11, 7:00 p.m.
Meets on the second Monday at the white house.

STREETSCAPE Betsy Wadsworth
bmorewads2211@gmail.com
Andrew Crummey
andrew.crummey@gmail.com
Tue., March 5, 7:00 p.m.
Meets on the first Tuesday.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

April 27 - Mayor's Cleanup
May 11 - Spring Flea Market
June 9 - BHA Garden Tour
July - Potluck Picnic
September 14 - Fall Flea Market
October 20 - BHA House Tour
November - Shop & Schmooze
December - Holiday Potluck

DUMPSTER DATES:

June 8 - unit block S. Collington
August 3 - unit block N. Collington
October 12 - 100 block S. Chester
November 23 - 100 block S. Collington

DUMPSTER MONITORS NEEDED

The Streetscape Committee is seeking volunteers willing to learn how to monitor the dumpster the city provides to the Butchers Hill Association four times each year. This vital service could be lost if we do not have people willing to monitor each dumpster during the four hours it is available to the community.

Please look at the Dumpster Dates (above). If you live on one of those blocks, this could be an easy (and fun) gift of time you give back to the neighborhood, but you don't have to live on the block to volunteer. Contact Sandy at *sjs2201@verizon.net* or leave a message at 410-558-0149 giving your name, date you choose, and contact information.

MARCH BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING - Wed., March 6, 7:00 p.m.
St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets, enter on Lombard St.

***2019 budget presentation and vote**
*** speakers to address legislation that would enable Johns Hopkins**
to establish a police department

CAMERAS AND CRIME

Thanks to the four residents who last month informed our committee of their cameras. If you have a security camera, please register it with *citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov* and let our crime prevention committee know as well. If you are interested in a security camera purchase, a neighbor from the Patterson Park neighborhood, active in crime prevention, has prepared a three-page report with information on camera purchases. I will forward that information if you send me your contact information.

Carolyn Boitnott, BHA Crime Prevention Chair,
c.boitnott@verizon.net

**BALTIMORE CITY DPW
SOLID WASTE MASTER PLANNING**

DPW is currently gathering information to be used to develop a solid waste master plan, "Less Waste, Better Baltimore." The goal of the plan is to improve solid waste diversion, recycling, and disposal in Baltimore City. Add your input to the survey available at <https://lesswastebetterbaltsurvey.questionpro.com/>. Details about the plan itself, as well as the process to develop it, are at <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Less-Waste-Better-Baltimore>.

While on the topic, don't let the wind blow your recycling or trash all over the neighborhood! Put a tight lid on it, tape it, or bunch it with other containers. Any container you choose may be used for recycling, but it must be labeled "RECYCLING". Large sticker labels are available free at the BHA general meeting or by calling 311.

And remember: no plastic bags in recycling!

For more information on recycling in Baltimore, check out the Recycle Coach app (solutions.recyclecoach.com) and "Baltimore City Clean Guide" paper booklet (<https://bit.ly/2CMMWbY>).

BALTIMORE ENERGY EQUITY FORUM

There will be an energy forum held on Sat., March 2, at 10am at the Orleans Branch Library (1303 Orleans St.). The forum, hosted by Energy Efficient Maryland, will include tips to save money on home heating and cooling, while keeping our air and water clean at the same time. Lunch will be provided. This is a free event.



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PATTERSON PARK ACTIVITIES

Big Baltimore Kite Festival – March 30, 12-4pm, near the Pagoda in Patterson Park. Sponsored by FOPP and Creative Alliance. Bring a picnic, bring your kite, bring your friends. <https://pattersonpark.com/parkcalendar>

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

For more information about Patterson Park Audubon Center or to RSVP, call 410-558-2473 or email baltimore@audubon.org.

"I Bird, I Vote!" Conservation Summit - Sat., March 2, Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, a diverse roster of speakers will address how bird lovers can be advocates on the local and national levels. Advance registration required.

Tiny Tots - Hey Bud! - ages 2-5, March 22, 10:30-11:30am in Patterson Park at the boat lake. Please register in advance.

All Ages Bird Watching - 8-9:30am, March 30, meet at the fountain at the Lombard St. and Patterson Park Ave. entrance. In Druid Hill Park, March 23, meet at 3001 East Drive. Email or call to borrow binoculars.

ARTSCAPE APPLICATIONS FOR TEENS

Applications for Artscape, the annual free-to-the-public art festival, are now open. There are two opportunities specifically for teens: the Fred Lazarus Art Prize for current Baltimore City high school students who want to submit visual art pieces, and Artscape's Teenscape. There is a separate application for each. Email Sarah Docolo at SDocolo@promotionandarts.org for more information on either application.

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

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

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

Pre-K & Kindergarten Visiting Days - March 21, 9am, prospective families are invited to see pre-K and kindergarten classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about PPPCS.

Adults Only Bingo - March 22, 7pm, all are invited to support field trip programming. Baltimore St. doors open at 6:30pm and games start at 7pm. \$10 to play. Food, alcohol, and extra games available for purchase.

Career Day - April 11, please volunteer to share information about your career experience with elementary and middle school students. Contact Marisa Moschelle, family engagement coordinator, at MMoschelle@pppcs for coaching or career-sharing.

Commodore John Rodgers Elementary and Middle School (100 N. Chester St.)

Be a Reading Buddy - give thirty to sixty minutes to a grade 1 or grade 2 student. You can make a difference! Email glenwick@thecjrschool.org to see if your schedule can be accommodated.

Produce in a SNAP - plus specials are sold every Friday, 1-3:30pm just inside CJR's entrance. Email Mr. Glenwick for details on how to get a weekly text detailing the produce available.

Commodore's Pantry is open - for details including hours of operation and how to donate canned goods and nonperishable items, email glenwick@thecjrschool.org.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

Maryland Spring Home & Garden Show - March 2-3 and 8-10, Timonium Fairgrounds, 400 exhibits, petting zoo, green products, wine tasting, orchid show, and gardens incorporating elements of water, environmental gardens, and nautical themes. Landscapers and gardening experts, unique gadgets, and garden accessories and crafts will help you create beautiful indoor and outdoor living spaces. mdhomeandgarden.com or 410-863-1180

International Women's Day - March 8, strike the pose of this year's theme "Better the balance, better the world." with arms wide at your side, elbows bent to form a "W". Follow #BalanceforBetter or #IWD2019. Patronize a woman-owned business and encourage balanced representation in our everyday life. www.internationalwomensday.com/

64th Baltimore St. Patrick Parade - March 10, the parade steps off at 2pm at the Mt. Vernon Washington Monument and proceeds south on Charles St., then east on Pratt St. to Market Place. The Shamrock 5K race starts at 1:15pm. irishparade.net.

National Cherry Blossom Festival, Blossom Kite Festival, and Festival Parade - March 20-April 13, the kite festival will be March 30, 10am-4:30pm on the grounds of the Washington Monument; the parade is April 13. Get cherry blossom updates at CherryBlossomWatch.com; on Instagram @cherryblossomwatch and on the Cherry Blossom Watch Facebook page. nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/24956-2/



COMMUNITY GARDENERS PRUNING WORKSHOP

The recent pruning workshop was so successful that a follow-up session was scheduled. Participants got lots of hands-on practice analyzing, discussing, and then pruning the trees and shrubs on the unit block of S. Madeira to make the coming season's growth better directed and the plants flourish. Late winter pruning benefits the health and growth of many trees and shrubs.

For updates and future events please check this newsletter, www.nextdoor.com, and Facebook Butchers Hill Blocks.



Noel Brown, Nancy Supik, and Mehr Pastakia carefully prune a dogwood shrub during the Community Gardeners of Butchers Hill February 17 hands-on pruning workshop. Picture courtesy of Chela Cooper.

To receive the monthly newsletter 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.