

BUTCHERS HILL

MARCH 2020



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

If you missed the second annual BHA chili cook-off, you missed a great time. Congratulations to the winners: Scott Robinson (1st), Erin Johnson (2nd), and Sarah Merritt (3rd). Of course, the Friends of Patterson Park are also winners, as the proceeds from the event will go toward our pledge of paying for the kitchen remodel. And making it a win-win-win evening, those of us that got to enjoy all the different chilis and spend time with our

neighbors were also winners. We're definitely going to do it again next year!

At the first meeting of 2020, there were suggestions that we try to make our meetings accessible to more of our neighbors, especially to parents that are taking care of their children at 7:00 on Wednesday nights. We heard that suggestion and are going to test broadcasting our March meeting on Facebook Live.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2020 yet, please do! We start over every December for the next year, so if you haven't paid since then, you haven't paid for the year. Paying dues is really much more than giving \$10 to the association. It is making a statement that you have a stake in the organization - and in the neighborhood. If you are a dues-paying member, you can have a say in any vote we take during the year and you can vote on our budget. It's the budget that determines our focus for the current year. If you pay your dues and vote, you determine with your neighbors what is important to us as an association. (No voting by Facebook Live. Sorry, we're not there yet. And yes, it would have been easy to insert a bad voting-app joke here.) Paying dues is easy: you can pay on the website by credit card, you can bring money to a meeting, or you can mail a check using the form at the bottom of page 4.

Take care of yourselves and each other,

Beth



SPRING FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, May 9, 9am - 3pm

The Butchers Hill spring flea market is still happening in Patterson Park despite the construction that is starting soon on the white house. As always, the event promises unique finds from approximately 150 vendors, as well as great music and delicious food. Vendor spaces will go on sale at butchershill.org on April 1 for dues-paying BHA members and on April 3 for the general public. Spaces cost \$35, are approximately 15'x15', and are payable by credit card or PayPal. Requests about space location will be honored on a first-come, first-serve, and as-possible basis.

The success of this biannual event, which serves as a "win" for buyers, sellers, and the nonprofits BHA supports, is due to the efforts of community volunteers. Just a two-hour shift makes it all happen. Online signup at <https://tinyurl.com/sdrl3a8>. There will be links in social media, and you may email Heather at butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com for more information.

CONSTRUCTION IN PATTERSON PARK

Work has started on the renovation of the white house in Patterson Park. If you had a chance to visit before it started, you know that this work is necessary. The Butchers Hill Association uses the white house for many of our activities and meetings, and we expect to continue doing so once the work is finished. As a gesture of our appreciation, we have pledged to cover the cost of the kitchen rehab, \$20,000 over the course of three years. Please help meet that goal by making your own donation and putting "BHA" in the comments (or on the memo line of your check). Hopefully, together, we can show the Friends of Patterson Park how much we value our partnership and appreciate the support they give us. pattersonpark.com/support-the-campaign

BHA CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Starting immediately, any mail for the Butchers Hill Association should be sent to 12 N. Collington Ave. instead of 27 S. Patterson Park Ave. This is a temporary change of address while the white house at Patterson Park undergoes construction.

March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Streetscape Com. Mtg.	4 BHA Gen. Mtg.	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time begins	9 Land Use Com. Mtg.	10	11 House Tour Com. Mtg.	12 Executive Com. Mtg.	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Crime Prevention Com. Mtg.	19 First Day of Spring	20 April Newsletter Deadline	21
22 World Water Day	23	24 Flea Market Com. Mtg.	25	26	27	28 Audubon Bird Watching
29	30	31				

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Perry Warren perrywarren@gmail.com	Wed., Mar. 18, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Mar. 12, 7:00pm March location TBD. Meets the second Thursday.
FLEA MARKET	Heather Gorius butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	Tues., Mar. 24, 7:00pm 19 S. Castle St.
GARDEN TOUR	Trish White mrshophoop@hotmail.com 240-593-3712	No meeting this month.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus phoebu1115@aol.com 410-327-1610	Wed., Mar. 11, 7:00pm 202 S. Chester St.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram Virgil@ArchUV.com 410-327-4964	Mon., Mar. 9, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets the second Monday.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth bmoredwads2211@gmail.com Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	Tues., Mar. 3, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. Meets the first Tuesday.

SAVE THE DATES

April 18 \ Spring Cleanup & Tree Planting
 May 9 \ Spring Flea Market
 July \ Summer Potluck Picnic
 September 12 \ Fall Flea Market
 October 10 \ Fall Cleanup
 October 11 \ BHA House Tour
 December \ Holiday Potluck

SAVE THE (DUMPSTER) DATES

April 18 \ E. Fairmount Ave. & N. Chester St.
 June 6 \ Unit Block S. Collington Ave.
 August 1 \ Unit Block N. Collington Ave.
 October 10 \ 100 Block S. Chester St.
 November 21 \ 100 Block S. Collington Ave.

BUTCHERS HILL CHAP BLOCKS

The Land Use Committee reminds property owners 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 window installations, must be submitted to CHAP (the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation). Contact Virgil Bartram at (410) 327-4964 or CHAP at (410) 396-4866 with any questions.

MARCH BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 4, 7pm, at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, 2028 E. Lombard St.

March Agenda: Vote on BHA 2020 budget | Activities in Patterson Park | Intro. to Clay Hill Public Charter School

Can't join us in person? Join via Facebook Live on [Facebook/Butchers Hill Blocks](#)

BHA HOUSE TOUR

Sunday, Oct. 11, noon - 5pm

If you've ever thought about making your house one of the featured abodes on the BHA House Tour, 2020 could be your year. It is great fun to participate and NOW is the time to think about it! We're looking for a variety of houses, not just glamorous castles, and we know every home is unique. For those who have never been on the tour, you will be amazed at the interesting details people add to their homes.

If you are interested in having your house on the Tour, or would like to be involved with the House Tour, please join our gathering Wed., Mar. 11, 7pm, at 200 S. Chester St. Contact Pat Phoebus at (410) 327-1610 or phebu1115@aol.com with any questions.

BEWARE THE RIDES OF MARCH

Did you know that distracted driving is a major cause of traffic accidents in Baltimore?

While we have your attention, we want you to know: compared to the rest of the year, traffic accidents in Baltimore are especially high between March and June. Beware the rides of March!

Send us your favorite transportation pun and we will send you our favorite speed limit (bhanewsletter@gmail.com).

DUMPSTER MONITORS NEEDED

The Streetscape Committee is seeking volunteers to monitor the dumpsters the city provides for the Butchers Hill Association four times each year. We could lose this vital service if we do not have monitors during the four hours it is available to the community. Please look at the dumpster schedule on page 2, if you live on one of those blocks - or if you don't but still want to help! - this could be an easy and fun way to get to know your neighbors while helping keep our neighborhood clean. Contact Sandy with your name, preferred dumpster date, and your contact information. Email sjs2201@verizon.net or leave a message at (410) 558-0149. And **THANK YOU!**

RECYCLING REMINDERS

No Plastic Bags or Film \\ Plastic bags and plastic film—such as the kind wrapping bottle/can cases and paper towel packages—jam up the conveyor belt system, stopping the entire recycling process until the plastic can be pried from the mechanism. DPW is not supposed to pick up plastic bags of recycling. Please put your recyclable items in a container with a lid.

March Means Wind \\ Keep recycling from blowing all over the neighborhood by covering it, taping it, or tying it down.



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NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

COMMODORE JOHN RODGERS SCHOOL

100 N. CHESTER ST.

Chick-Fil-A Days \\ The first Thursday of every month at the Canton Crossing location, tell the cashier you are supporting Commodore and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the school.

Coffee@Commodore \\ Join us the first Thursday of every month from 8-9am for coffee, snacks, and conversation. Hear from CJR staff, meet families, and engage with community partners.

Community Market \\ Fresh produce available for purchase inside Chester St. entrance every Friday, 1-3:30pm. All produce is \$1, \$2, or \$3. Customers bring and build their own bag. Cash, credit/debit, and EBT/Snap payments accepted. Weekly texts list what is available: text @cjrhh3 to 81010. The program is open to all; buying keeps the program going!

PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

27 N. LAKEWOOD AVE.

Read-a-Thon \\ Throughout March, Read-a-Thon events will focus on how to encourage "rising readers" - and all readers - to read, read, read. To get information about fundraising events, Books & Brews (a beer homebrew contest), and how to sponsor a student, go to pppcs.org/rat.

Assistance \\ Some middle school students lack the resources to purchase uniforms and hygiene items. Please consider donating at [amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29PT0O6ATBV87?ref=wl_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29PT0O6ATBV87?ref=wl_share).

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES - APPLY NOW!

YouthWorks \\ Youth and organizations may now apply for either session of the "Hire One Youth" program. Visit youthworks.oedworks.com, baltimorecity.gov/hireoneyouth, or call: (410) 396-JOBS for more details.

Camp Creative \\ School 33 Arts Center: April 6-10, June 29-July 3, and July 6-10. Mon-Fri., 9:30am-4:30pm, students ages 8-14. Applications available at promotionandarts.org, 1427 Light St.

YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE! UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 7	
Dates	Action
Apr. 16-23	Early Voting
Apr. 24	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
Apr. 28	Absentee Ballot Submission Deadline
Apr. 28	Special General Election
PRIMARY ELECTION	
Dates	Action
Apr. 7	Voter Registration Deadline
Apr. 16-23	Early Voting
Apr. 24	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
Apr. 28	Absentee Ballot Submission Deadline
Apr. 28	Primary Election

FOPP ACTIVITIES

2nd Annual Big Baltimore Kite Festival \\\ Sat., Mar. 28, 12-4pm, Pagoda Hill (rain date March 29). FOPP and the Creative Alliance are co-producing this festival. Join others near the Pagoda to make your own kite, listen to breezy music, participate in the "Will It Fly" competition, and enjoy a day outside in our beautiful park!

Help keep the park beautiful! Volunteer for Boat Lake cleanup, tree plantings, and more; email volunteer@pattersonpark.com for more information.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

Bilingual Tiny Tots - Baby Animals \\\ Fri., Mar. 13, 10:30-11:30am, Patterson Park at the Boat Lake. Please register in advance. \$5 suggested donation.

All-Ages Bird Watching Walk \\\ Sat., Mar. 28, 8-9am, meet near the white house at the Lombard St. & Patterson Park Ave. entrance.

Save the Date: Audubon's Birding Weekend! \\\ May 15-17. Explore, participate, sponsor. Stay tuned.

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

Winners of the 2020 BHA Chili Cookoff (pictured at right): 1st place, Scott Robinson (center); 2nd place, Erin Johnson (right), and 3rd place Sarah Merritt (left).

OTHER MARCH ACTIVITIES

Maryland Home & Garden Show \\\ Weekends of Feb. 29-Mar. 1, and Mar. 6-8, Sat. 10am-8pm, Sun. 10am-6pm at Timonium Fairgrounds. Three shows in one: home improvement, gardens & outdoor living, and craft show. Only hand-carried pets allowed. Coupon and information at mdhomeandgarden.com.

Modern Polish Pop-Up \\\ Fri.-Sat., Mar. 6-7, 5-9pm (bar until 10:30pm at Salt restaurant. "SERCE" - small plates by Chef Antoni Szachowicz. Call (410) 276-5480 for rezervations; walk-ins also welcome.

International Women's Day \\\ Sun., Mar. 8. Theme for 2020 is "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights." The United Nations Observance of International Women's Day will be March 6, 10am-1pm in New York. unwomen.org

Herring Run Nursery Opening Day \\\ Wed., Mar. 11, 10-3pm (Spring Kickoff is Sat.-Sun., Mar. 21-22.) at 6131 Hillen Rd. Herring Run Nursery is Blue Water Baltimore's nonprofit nursery with 250+ mid-Atlantic native plants for sale, as well as soil, rain barrels, and organic compost. bluewaterbaltimore.org/herring-run-nursery

65th Baltimore St. Patrick Parade \\\ Sun., Mar. 15, the parade steps off at 2pm at the Mt. Vernon Washington Monument, proceeds south on Charles St., and turns east on Pratt St. to the Inner Harbor.

National Cherry Blossom Festival \\\ Fri., Mar. 20 - Thurs., Apr. 12. Events include the Pink Tie Party Mar. 20, Opening Weekend Mar. 21-22, Blossom Kite Festival Mar. 28, Parade Apr. 4, and Petalpalooza Apr. 11. nationalcherryblossomfestival.org

World Water Day \\\ Sun., Mar. 22. Dedicated to growing awareness about water and climate change, and the link between the two. Learn more and find ways to get involved at worldwaterday.org.



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, 12 N. Collington Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.