

# BUTCHERS HILL

MAY 2020



**BETH BRAUN**  
**BHA PRESIDENT**

Dear Neighbors,

So here we are. Everything is different. While we all strive to find normalcy wherever we can, we should expect that many aspects of our lives will be different going forward. And not only will life be different, but we don't necessarily know what it will look like a month from now—or a year from now.

The executive committee had a great conversation at our last meeting. We agreed that we would like to continue neighborhood activities as best we can, understanding that adjustments will have to be made, sometimes at the last minute, in order to balance our pursuit of normalcy with ensuring the health and safety of our neighbors and guests.

Our meetings and activities will be different going forward, but we *will* continue to hold them. The May general meeting will be a Zoom meeting, the June stoop sittings will likely be adjusted in some way. The fall flea market, house tour, volunteer party, and Shop & Schmooze will all likely be different than they've been in the past. But they are important to us, and we will do our best to organize events that fulfill the goal of the original event. Of course, everything we do is dependent on state and city government restrictions. We will not intentionally put anyone's health at risk—and, as always, everyone should exercise their own judgment when it comes to participating in any Butchers Hill event. If we can't figure out how to modify a gathering to make it safe, we won't do it.

Even though much is changing, the spirit of Butchers Hill continues as always: our friendliness, our appreciation for our homes, businesses, and green spaces, and our continued respect and care for our neighbors.

Take care of yourselves and each other,

*Beth*



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## COVID-19 ONLINE RESOURCES

There is a huge amount of information online related to COVID-19. We collected a number of relevant city, state, and federal links on our website, [butchershill.org](http://butchershill.org). If you need assistance with the site—or anything—call me, Beth, at (240) 353-6333.

## BHA COMMITTEE UPDATES & NOTES

### HOUSE TOUR

Like all groups, the Butchers Hill House Tour Committee is on wait-and-hold status due to the coronavirus crisis. Our committee's May 13 meeting will be via Zoom at 7pm. Whether the June committee meeting is in person or online will be determined based on the status of the virus and whether social distancing guidelines have been relaxed. Plans for the forty-first BHA House Tour are on hold at this time and will continue forward only in a manner deemed safe by Maryland state and Baltimore city officials. Contact the committee chairperson, Pat Phoebus, at (410) 327-1610 or [phoebu1115@aol.com](mailto:phoebu1115@aol.com).

### STREETSCAPE

It is lovely weather for getting outside to plant and clean! We can "distance ourselves" while working together to sweep up, spruce up, and add cheery color to our planters and other outdoor areas. Before we had "Mayor's Cleanups" we had "Night-Before-Trash-Pick-Up Sweep-Ups." Sometime during the early evening, we would all get outside, sweep our sidewalks and gutters into our trash cans, then hold up a beverage to toast a job well done. Let's resume this weekly practice! Hope to see you out the night before trash pickup. Cheers!

### LAND USE

You can still apply for CHAP and building permits. CHAP staff are working remotely from home. Eddie Leon is the CHAP review person for Butchers Hill. You can reach him at his direct number which is (443) 984-2727. The link for a CHAP Authorization to Proceed permit application is [chap.baltimorecity.gov](http://chap.baltimorecity.gov).

Whether you are located on a CHAP block or not, you can submit applications for building construction permits online. Inspections are continuing and The Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) will begin virtual public hearings in May. For more information, check out the Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development website at [dhcd.baltimorecity.gov](http://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov).

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# MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Household Hazardous Waste collection days are cancelled until further notice	2
3	4	5 <b>Streetscape Com. Mtg.</b> Cinco de Mayo	6 <b>BHA General Meeting via Zoom</b>	7	8	9
10	11 <b>Land Use Com. Mtg.</b>	12	13 <b>House Tour Com. Mtg.</b>	14 <b>Executive Com. Mtg.</b>	15 June Newsletter Deadline	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20 <b>Crime Prevention Com. Mtg.</b>	21	22	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day city offices & sanitation yards closed	26	27	28	29	30

## BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Perry Warren <a href="mailto:perryewarren@gmail.com">perryewarren@gmail.com</a>	Wed., May 20, 7:00pm Meeting via Zoom.
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun <a href="mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com">butchershillpresident@gmail.com</a>	Thurs., May 14, 7:00pm Meeting via Zoom.
FLEA MARKET	Heather Gorius <a href="mailto:butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com">butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com</a>	No meeting this month.
GARDEN TOUR	Trish White <a href="mailto:mrshophoop@hotmail.com">mrshophoop@hotmail.com</a> (240) 593-3712	No meeting this month.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus <a href="mailto:phoebu1115@aol.com">phoebu1115@aol.com</a> (410) 327-1610	Wed., May 13, 7:00pm Meeting via Zoom.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <a href="mailto:Virgil@ArchUV.com">Virgil@ArchUV.com</a> (410) 327-4964	Mon., May 11, 7:00pm Meeting via Zoom.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth <a href="mailto:bmorewads2211@gmail.com">bmorewads2211@gmail.com</a> Andrew Crummey <a href="mailto:andrew.crummey@gmail.com">andrew.crummey@gmail.com</a>	Tues., May 5, 7:00pm Meeting via Zoom.

### SAVE THE DATES

June 3 \\  
Stoop Sitting  
July 10 \\  
Summer Potluck Picnic  
September 12 \\  
Fall Flea Market  
October 10 \\  
Fall Cleanup  
October 11 \\  
BHA House Tour  
November \\  
Shop & Schmooze  
December \\  
Holiday Potluck

### SAVE THE (DUMPSTER) DATES

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.

*\*all dumpsters are still planned at this time\**

**THANK YOU** to our 2020 dumpster monitors:  
Ann, Bill, Delores, Trent, and Trish

## 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.

# MAY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 7pm, via Zoom

Agenda: updates from the neighborhood and around the city

Zoom link: [zoom.us/j/6897540268](https://zoom.us/j/6897540268), Phone: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 689 754 0268

\*for those new to Zoom, use the phone number and ID above to join by phone, or use the link to join online

## "THANK YOU HEROES" CAMPAIGN

Neighbor Geoff Moore has organized signage, using artwork from Upper Fells artist John Adsit, to let healthcare workers know that we appreciate them. The idea is to have as many signs as possible displayed throughout the neighborhood as a show of support for healthcare workers as they walk or drive through Butchers Hill.

The signage reads "THANK YOU HEALTHCARE WORKERS" along with "YOU ARE OUR HEROES." Three sizes were designed: an 8.5"x11" for printing at home and two larger format banners. All artwork, along with instructions for how to order banners, is available on the Butchers Hill website, [butchershill.org](http://butchershill.org).

## BUTCHERS HILL HEROES

The Butchers Hill Hero Spotlight is a new initiative by the Executive Committee to highlight our "hyper-local" heroes, who are too often overlooked. Each month, the Executive Committee will recognize and celebrate one of our neighborhood heroes.

The inaugural Spotlight shines on Chris Krogh of the 100 block of S. Chester Street. Chris has been instrumental in expanding our cafe lights program throughout the neighborhood, including spending countless hours up a ladder, hanging lights for neighbors. He also serves neighbors (literally!) with his famous "Juicy Lucy" burgers at the annual Chester Street Block Party. And it doesn't end there: Chris, a husband and father of two, is also a cardiac surgical ICU nurse currently working with COVID-19 patients at University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC). So, here's to you, Chris Krogh, Butchers Hill Hero!

Do you know a neighborhood hero? Please consider nominating a family member, friend, or neighbor within Butchers Hill! Submit nominees, with a brief explanation, to [butchershillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com).

## SUPPORT ST. ANDREW CHURCH

They support our neighborhood by allowing us the use of their facilities for our various meetings and fundraisers. Buy Dutch Mill Bulbs and plants, guaranteed to grow, at [groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=standrew2028](http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=standrew2028). Plants are shipped to address specified, 25 or more packages ship free.

Their annual flea market has been postponed from its June 6 date. Information about their June 12 golf tournament can be found on the parish website, [standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming\\_events](http://standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming_events).

Our contacts at St. Andrew thank everyone for their past support and pray all will stay well and healthy.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

**PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**  
27 N. LAKEWOOD AVE.

**Food Pantry** \ Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am-1:30pm, 2638 E. Baltimore Street (Lakewood Ave. entrance). Hundreds of families and neighbors rely on the St. Elizabeth's/PPPCS Food Pantry. If you are able, please consider making a donation of food items, diapers, and/or hygiene items.

## BCRP VIRTUAL REC CENTER

Baltimore City Rec & Parks has created a virtual recreation center with fun for the entire family. From this website there are links to dozens of activities, education experiences, and institutions throughout the city. This site is a one-stop site for fun! The links are broken down by age group (kids, teens, adult (not that type of "adult"), and senior)—as well as by other category (Baltimore institutions, family, STEM activities, etc.). [bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/virtual-rec](http://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/virtual-rec)

## CHALK NIGHT MAKEOVER

Due to the shelter in place order, Martha Simons has temporarily replaced Chalk Night Wednesdays with Butchers Hill Zoom Parties three nights a week, featuring our many talented, interesting and extraordinary neighbors. Tune in to get to know them. The schedule includes a mix of activities, from bedtime stories to cooking tips, and everything in-between. Check the [Butchers Hill Blocks](https://www.facebook.com/ButchersHillBlocks) Facebook group for the schedule and Zoom links. If you would like to participate, or to nominate a neighbor, send a request to Martha at [Stelladog@erols.com](mailto:Stelladog@erols.com).

## CORONAVIRUS SPECIAL ENROLLMENT

There is a special, emergency enrollment period (through June 15) for the Maryland Health Connection. If you or someone you know needs health insurance, please go to [marylandhealthconnection.gov](http://marylandhealthconnection.gov).

## 2020 CENSUS

The Census has started! Make sure #BmoreCounts. The count determines federal spending, congressional representation, and more. Go to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or call 1 (844) 330-2020 to complete your Census.



## YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE! UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

PRIMARY ELECTION - JUNE 2	
Dates	Action
Early May	Registered voters receive Absentee Ballot
June 2	Absentee Ballot Submission Deadline
June 2	Primary Election *a few in-person voting locations will be open

To register to vote or change your address, name, or party affiliation, go to [elections.maryland.gov](http://elections.maryland.gov). Call (410) 396-5550 if you have questions.

### HAVING FUN DURING QUARANTINE

What are people doing for fun during quarantine? Isabelle Krogh interviewed neighbors (at a safe distance!) to find out ...

**Grace, age 8:** "I am playing with my brother and sister and playing on my iPad."

**Zeina, age 9:** "I am sewing a purse and I am talking to my friends so we can write a play."

**Neyla, age 7:** "Snuggling with mama, jumping on the trampoline and reading."

**Presley, age 12:** "I have been painting and doing puzzles."

**Liz, age 44:** "I have done lots of puzzles."

**Jude, age 8:** "I have been watching TV and playing on my iPad."

**Christopher, age 44:** "I have been trying to keep my kids from killing each other."

**Christen, age 41:** "I have been taking Boxo out for walks in the park."

**Isabelle, age 10:** "I have been texting my friends and calling family members. I've also played on my iPad and I have been playing Legos and dolls."

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION ALERT

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage due to coronavirus outbreak. Healthy blood and platelet donors are asked to give now. Donating blood is safe and can help save lives. Please schedule an appointment by calling (800) RED-CROSS or by visiting [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) today.

## AUDUBON ACTIVITY

**Wildlife Gardening Design Workshop** \ Wed., May 6, 7-8:30 pm, Zoom. The workshop will teach bird-friendly garden design and maintenance, based on plants that are beneficial to birds, and will focus on the best methods to plan a beautiful landscape and sustain your native garden while supporting beneficial wildlife. The workshop is intended for more advanced gardeners, and Audubon's Intro to Bird-Friendly Gardening workshop is recommended as a prerequisite. Registration is FREE but limited and required at [patterson.audubon.org/events/bird-friendly-garden-design-zoom](http://patterson.audubon.org/events/bird-friendly-garden-design-zoom).

### FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

**White House Renovations** \ Good news! On April 15, Baltimore City's Board of Estimates approved the plan to renovate the historic white house (the 1868 park superintendent's house), so work can begin as soon as early May.

Mold and lead remediations are first on the list...look for that signage to be posted soon. Renovations should be complete by the end of summer. Though this first phase of the project is fully funded, the Friends are still raising funds for Phase 2, which will include construction of a community programming space, courtyard and landscaping.

You can learn more and support the project at [pattersonpark.com/capitalcampaign](http://pattersonpark.com/capitalcampaign). And when you donate, please indicate "BHA" in the comments so the Butchers Hill Association gets credit toward our neighborhood goal.

**Virtual Programming** \ Though in-person programs are suspended for now, the Friends have developed virtual recreation programs accessible online. Visit [pattersonpark.com/virtual-programming](http://pattersonpark.com/virtual-programming) for links to Zumba, youth soccer skills workouts, mindfulness sessions, and more.

**Nature Escape** \ Get your copy of *Miracle Pond* by Middleton Evans for a nice escape while staying home. This beautiful, oversized, 340-page book showcases the amazing nature found inside Patterson Park at the Boat Lake - our own "miracle pond."

Middleton has graciously offered the Friends a significant portion of the profits for any books sold. Purchase online at [pattersonpark.com/friendsstore](http://pattersonpark.com/friendsstore). Ship it anywhere or have it dropped off (only to addresses in Butchers Hill).

**Patterson Park News** \ Text FPPNEWS to 22828 to sign up for our email newsletter and keep up to date on all things Patterson Park.



### 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](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 to BHA, 12 N. Collington Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.*