# BUTCHERS HILL

# SEPTEMBER 2019



BETH BRAUN BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I know that everyone is concerned about crime in the neighborhood, in Baltimore, and across the country. I wish that I had the magic solution to the problem, but I don't. The only things I know to do are small things that I think minimize my risk: know my neighbors, shine lights in the front (and back) of my house, install cameras and register them with both the neighborhood and the city, and always be aware of

my surroundings. The one thing I won't do is hide in my house (sorry, honey). My personal decision is to continue to live the life that I enjoy and not let the possibility of being a victim of a crime change that. If you feel the same way, here are some suggestions:

Instead of our usual busines meeting in September, we will have a stoop sitting. Everyone is welcome. Come visit with old and new friends. If you are new to the neighborhood or Baltimore, and don't know what a stoop sitting is, come to one or more of the addresses (to the right) Wednesday night and find out! Other evenings, sit out on your stoop and talk to those that walk by. Get to know your neighbors.

Turn on your front lights every single night. Install dusk-to-dawn timers so you don't have to think about it. Install a motion sensor for your back lights. If your block doesn't already have them, talk to each other about installing cafe lights. (Email me.) When you are outside, always be watchful. Always be careful.

Install cameras in front of your house. It helps if the area is well lit (see above). Register your cameras with the crime prevention committee (see page 2) and with the city. Be proactive if you see something happening



on your camera feed and notify the police. Always call 911 if you see a crime occuring.

I really mean it: Take care of yourselves and each other, Beth

# BUTCHERS HILL FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR IN PATTERSON PARK

Saturday, September 14, 9am - 3pm

The semi-annual flea market is this month! To volunteer to help, go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y4qrtuzi">https://tinyurl.com/y4qrtuzi</a> or email Heather at <a href="mailto:butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com">butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com</a>.

Drop off your donations for the BHA Flea Booth on Sept. 14, from 7-10am at the Lombard and Patterson Park Ave. entrance to the park. Get help unloading and a tax receipt upon request. All of the BHA booth proceeds benefit our two local preK-8 schools.

This is an absolutely free event (except what you decide to spend on those great bargains) that is open to everyone. Come relax with people from all over Baltimore; support BHA and other nonprofit organizations; dine on burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers that your neighbors have grilled; and listen to the always-entertaining jazz group that has been entertaining at the flea market for years.

Free lunch for volunteers & bargains galore!

## **STOOP SITTING**

Wednesday, September 4, 6:30pm

Here are the stoops where we will be gathering for the stoop sitting. Thank you in advance to the volunteer hosts.

2130 E. Pratt ~ Molly and Mike Sheehan
2119 E. Lombard ~ Thushari Wijesekera
103 S. Collington ~ Lora Bauer Rudolph
12 N. Collington ~ all of us on the block!
Visit one ~ visit them all!

#### SHOP & SCHMOOZE

Wednesday, November 15, 7-9pm

The annual BHA art event, Shop & Schmooze, where local artists show and sell their work, is Wed., Nov. 13, at St. Andrew Church hall. Mark your calendars for this start-of-the-holiday-season event! BHA provides beverages, nibbles, and music. You provide support for our local artists. If you are interested in being one of the artists, contact Kini at <a href="kinicollins@gmail.com">kinicollins@gmail.com</a>.

# September 2019

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Thursday	Friday	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day gov't holiday	3 Streetscape Com. Mtg.	4 BHA Stoop Sitting	5	6 HHW [Note: HHW	7 HHW closes at 5pm.]
8 National Grandparents Day	9 Land Use Com. Mtg.	10	11 House Tour Com. Mtg.	12 Executive Com. Mtg.	13	14
15	16 October newsletter deadline	17	18 Crime Prevention Com. Mtg.	19	20	Chester St. block party All are welcome. (100 block S. Chester)
22	23 First day of autumn	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rosh Hashanah begins	30			The rea	asons I love	livina in

## **BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS**

CRIME PREVENTION	Perry Warren perryewarren@gmail.com	Wed., Sept. 18, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets the third Wednesday.
Executive	Beth Braun butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Sept. 12, 7:00pm Meets the second Thursday at the white house.
FLEA MARKET	Heather Gorius butchershillfleamarket@gmail. com	No meeting this month
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., Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m. 200 S. Chester St. Meets as needed.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram Virgil@ArchUV.com 410-327-4964	Mon., Sept. 9, 7:00 p.m. Meets the second Monday at the white house.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth bmorewads2211@gmail.com Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	Tue., Sept. 3, 7:00 p.m. Meets the first Tuesday.

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

October 12 \\ BHA dumpster, 100 block S. Chester
October 20 \\ BHA House Tour
November 13 \\ Shop & Schmooze
November 23 \\ dumpster, 100 block S. Collington
December \\ Holiday Potluck

# The reasons I love living in Butchers Hill

by Isabelle Krogh (age 9)

- \* Concert in the park
- \* Movie night in Castle Street Park
  - \* Chalk night on Wednesdays
    - \* Stoop night
  - \* Chester street block party
- \* Playing in Duncan ally with friends
  - \* Fourth of July roof deck partys
    - \* Pagoda lighting
    - \* Neighborhood Cookouts
      - \* Trick-or-treating
- \* Commodore John Rodgers School

# 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.

# $\textbf{SEPTEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION STOOP SITTING -} \ \text{Wed., September 4, 6:30 p.m.}$

# The Stoops:

103 S. Collington \\ 2130 E. Pratt 12 N. Collington \\ 2119 E. Lombard

Visit one, two, three, or all four of the stoops!

## **BHA HOUSE TOUR**

Sunday, October 20, 12-5pm

The House Tour, like all the wonderful events sponsored by the association, needs you, the volunteer. So, if you'd like to help make it a success, sign up now. You can go on the tour—for free, then house sit from 2:30–5, or house sit from 12–2:30, and then visit all these wonderful BHA houses—for free. All volunteers are invited to the thank-you party after the tour. It is truly great fun—meeting interesting people, visiting with neighbors, seeing interesting homes, and enjoying the pride of being a part of something special—the BHA House Tour and our unique neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Pat Phoebus at 410-327-1610 or phoebu1115@aol.com.

Time is limited, so if you want to contribute to the success of the house tour through the sponsorship program, act now. This new idea is an opportunity for businesses, individuals, and groups to support the neighborhood. There are four levels, each with different benefits. The Sponsorship Table was in the August newsletter (butchershill.org). Send information or inquiries to Katherine Wolf at <a href="https://www.kwolflogmail.com">kwolflogmail.com</a> or call her at 303-875-6138.

## News from Local Businesses

**Everyday Rose Events** is a new floral studio located at 2027 E. Lombard St. The owner, Mallory Kwiatkowski, is hosting an open studio on Thur., Sept. 26, from 4-8pm to introduce the new business. Drinks and light fare will be served at this free event that is open to all. Flowers will be sold by the stem, and Mallory will be raffling an eight-person, flower crown workshop. More information is available at <a href="https://www.everydayroseevents.com">www.everydayroseevents.com</a> or 814-572-5817.

**Bmore Cats**, another Butchers Hill business, is celebrating their one-year anniversary this month. The family-owned business provides attentive care for cats while the cats' people are away. Ron and Arthur Saul, the owners, can be reached at <a href="mailto:info@bmorecats.com">info@bmorecats.com</a> or 410-847-5772. Ron is a trained veterinary technician and is able to monitor your cat's health and administer medicine, when necessary. He and Saul completely understand how important your cat's safety, health, and comfort are to your peace of mind, especially wen you are away from home.







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**NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS**With school back in session, please watch out for children walking to and from school. And remember, no right turn on many traffic lights during school hours.

Pay attention to the signs to keep our kids safe.

Good luck to all the students, teachers, staff, and

parents! We hope you have a great 2019-20 school year.

PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL 27 N. LAKEWOOD AVE.

First Day of School \\ Tues., Sept. 3

COMMODORE JOHN RODGERS SCHOOL 100 N. CHESTER ST.

First Day of School \\ Was Mon., Aug. 26

#### SUCCESSFUL DUMPSTER DAY!

The unit block N. Collington neighbors did it! From Friday afternoon parking in spaces to save room for the dumpster to getting up early Saturday morning and moving those cars—they did it all! What a wonderful crew: Anne, Carl, Clare, Dustin, Emily, Jay, Jay, Joe, Laura, Perry, and Toni. Thanks to Ann and Sandy for monitoring, Adam for bring a truckload of stuff dumped around the neighborhood and then recycling all the metal, and Beth for monitoring until the dumpster was picked up.

#### RECYCLING DON'TS

- \*\* no plastic bags
- \*\* no plastic cutlery, straws, clamshell food containers, six-pack rings, or used paper towels/napkins

Don't mess up the system. When in doubt, throw it out.

For help with recycling, download Recycle Coach, the app that keeps track of your recycling schedule (and trash) and what is allowed to be recycled. Download it for free from wherever you get apps.

# FOPP PLANS CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE 1868 WHITE HOUSE

The Friends of Patterson Park (FOPP) is undertaking a much-needed capital project in the park! As you may be aware, FOPP works to keep the Pagoda intact and open to the public, runs free community programming in the park—like free soccer, festivals, the summer concert series—and works closely with Baltimore City to address park issues. Their home base (the "white house" just inside the Lombard St. entrance), served as the park superintendent's home from 1868 into the 1970s. It's been the home of FOPP since 1998 and is in dire need of renovation.

If you have visited the white house for any reason, you have seen firsthand the need for an upgraded space. The building's essential systems—plumbing, electricity, HVAC—urgently need updating, and the basement requires waterproofing and mold-remediation. Space for programs and storage is minimal, and the shortage of space is hindering the ability of the FOPP to fulfill their mission.

Throughout the last two years, with the support of a planning committee, BCRP, and others, the Friends have developed a plan to renovate the building, creating an ADA-accessible visitor center and updated offices, as well as constructing a new community space that will help to meet the need for indoor programs, a volunteer-support center, and a new side entrance that will present a welcoming face to the communities northwest of the park, including Butchers Hill!

This project is estimated to cost \$2 million, nearly half of which has already been raised. FOPP plans to launch a public campaign to raise the remaining funds this fall, looking to the community for much-needed financial support. They plan to break ground on the project as soon as Spring 2020. More information on this project, and the campaign to support it, is at <a href="mailto:pattersonpark.com/capitalcampaign">pattersonpark.com/capitalcampaign</a>.

And stay tuned for more information on how the Butchers Hill Association and our neighborhood will be supporting the campaign.

#### PATTERSON PARK ACTIVITIES

Park After Dark \\ Sept 7-8, campout in the park, one night only!

Mueveton 5K & BabyFest \\ Sept 21, Free 5K and health fair!

**Annual Patterson Park BrewFest** \\ Sat., Sept. 28, 1-7pm at the Bull Circle in Patterson Park. There will be 40+ local beers, local restaurants, food trucks and live music ... all to benefit "Baltimore's Best Backyard"—Patterson Park! For more event details and to purchase tickets, visit <a href="https://pattersonparkbrewfest">https://pattersonparkbrewfest</a>.

## **AUDUBON ACTIVITIES**

**Habitat Team** \\ Sat., Sept. 7, 9-10:30am, meet at the wetland garden, uphill and northwest of the boat lake in Patterson Park. Service hours available.

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

**Bird Watching** \\ Sat., Sept. 28, 8-9:30am in Patterson Park, meet at the fountain at the Lombard St. and Patterson Park Ave. entrance.

For questions and to register for any or all activities, contact <u>baltimore@audubon.org</u> or 410-558-2473.

# **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

Free Fall Baltimore \\ Running this year from Oct. 1-Nov. 10 so it coincides with the Baltimore Book Festival and Light City. Over 200 free events from 90+ arts and cultural organizations. Events are free, but many require advance registration. <a href="https://www.promotionandarts.org">www.promotionandarts.org</a> or 410-752-8632.

**Little Italy Modonnari Arts Festival** \\ Sept. 6-8, Italian street painting, live music, theater, children's chalk center. <u>www.littleitalymadonnari.com</u>

**44th Annual Ukrainian Festival** \\ Sept. 7, noon-9pm and Sept. 8, noon-7pm, Ukrainian food, dance, crafts, Ukranian beer and medivka, and a pierogi eating contest. St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church grounds, 2401 Eastern Ave. <a href="https://www.baltimoreukrainianfestival.com">www.baltimoreukrainianfestival.com</a>

Baltimore Museum of Industry Community Night \\ Sept. 24, 4-7pm, kids' activities, music, and treats from local vendors. <a href="http://www.thebmi.org/programs-events/">http://www.thebmi.org/programs-events/</a>

X Butchers Hill Association Membership						
Name(s):	Address:					
Email:	Phone:					
Would you like to serve on a committee and/or volunteer at BHA events	s? 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.