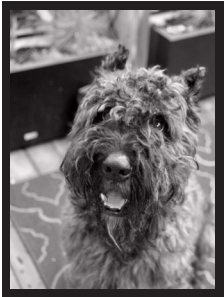


# BUTCHERS HILL

April 2024



**ROCKET**  
**BHA MASCOT**

*The most important things in this world are not things.*

On March 12 at 4:46pm, the perception of safety in our neighborhood was shattered and longtime Butchers Hill residents, the Smallwood family, suffered an indelible and tragic loss when thirty-three-year-old Nasir was shot and killed.

To the Smallwood family, please know that your loss is our loss. You have our sincerest condolences and all of our collective empathy. Your community is and will be here for you.

To our community, thank you for joining together to support our neighbors with love and compassion during this unimaginable time. We are each other's angels.

The BHA has setup a GoFundMe. Should you desire to help the family with expenses associated with Nasir's funeral you can contribute at <https://gofund.me/2e78cce0>.

As the events of March 12 are part of an active police investigation, at the time of this writing, official information provided to our community has been sparse. Detectives have been thorough in collecting information from both private and community resources. It is our understanding that people heard yelling prior to the shooting.

While we can't change the past and undo this tragedy, we can work together, as a community, to make the future safer. It is our collective responsibility to make every effort to ensure no family experiences a similar loss in Butchers Hill and beyond. To that end, I reached out to Captain DellaRocco asking for specific clarification on calling 911 if a verbal altercation is witnessed. "If a verbal altercation is witnessed and appears serious in nature, please contact 911 for Officers to investigate."

The adage "if you see something, say something" holds; should you witness an escalating argument or something as our former Captain, now Major Danita Boyd phrased it "feels wrong or dangerous" do not hesitate to call 911. Provide BPD the opportunity to assess the situation. You may save a life.

Given past incidents of police misconduct directed at people of color throughout the country, and in our city in particular, I understand people may feel uncomfortable about calling 911. That is why the US Department of Justice

implemented the consent decree in 2017. Major Colòn and Captain DellaRocco are consummate professionals who hold those under their command to high standards. They are serious about ensuring their officers are here to serve and protect the community without violating the rights or dignity of individuals. If you witness something to the contrary, let them know. If you have a positive experience with an officer, they want to know that as well.

Our Safety Committee has compiled an extensive list of "tips and tricks" in an effort to further empower us as individuals. The list is available at [butchershill.org/safety](http://butchershill.org/safety). The Committee meets via Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month. This meeting is open to any Butchers Hill resident. In addition, the Safety Committee and Streetscape Committee now conduct joint Community Appreciation Walks on the third Wednesday of the month. SED officers, SED command, DPW, representatives from our city council rep's offices, and the States Attorney's office may join us on any given walk. All residents are invited to join us. Please check the calendar and newsletter for the starting point and route.

In 2023 the BHA was awarded a security grant by the State of Maryland. To date we have deployed three sophisticated high-resolution camera systems at key strategic points in our neighborhood. We anticipate a follow-on grant cycle opening soon, and we will request additional funds for more cameras, lights as well as traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures. Besides being known as "Baltimore's friendliest neighborhood," we want criminals to know us as the neighborhood where if you perpetrate a crime, you are on camera and will be caught. Please know that the BHA does not have access to the cameras and the cameras are not monitored in real time. The recordings are used retrospectively by the police when investigating crimes or traffic incidents.

The easiest and most rewarding action we can each take to make our community safer is to get to know our neighbors. Look out for each other. Take in each other's packages. Invite them over to your stoop for a cold drink on a warm afternoon. Maybe even walk over St Andrew together on the first Wednesday of the month for our community meeting. I'll be looking for you.

Stay safe and most of all, thank you for being the most caring, welcoming neighborhood in which I have ever lived.

— Dan | **Dan Kiselik, BHA President**

*Butchers Hill ... "Baltimore's friendliest neighborhood"*

## BHA April General Meeting

*Wed., Apr. 3, 7pm at St. Andrew Church hall, enter through door on Lombard St.*

Agenda: Conversation with a representative of Baltimore City Police  
Review and approval of BHA 2024 budget

## BHA Committee News & Notes

### Safety Committee

**Water Service Line Survey** \ The Safety Committee reminds everyone to take DPW's self-reporting service line survey. This short survey is designed to quickly discover and report the material of the water service line entering your home. The survey is part of a nationwide effort to find and address lead pipes. DPW mailed survey instructions to explain the simple process. The survey and instructions are also available at: [www.servicelinepartnership.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.servicelinepartnership.baltimorecity.gov)

**911 Reporting** \ Use the 911 service to report traffic accidents, events that make you feel unsafe, and loud disturbances where people appear to be fighting in the street. Recent events have shown the importance of giving our first responders early notice of developing situations. There is no stigma to calling 911. Furthermore, city agencies use 911 calling patterns to make resource decisions and to focus on trouble spots.

**Community Appreciation Walk** \ The combined Safety and Streetscape Committees' Community Appreciation (CA) Walks began on a cold, windy night in March. It was a good time, all the same, investigating traffic and parking issues, checking out the trees in bloom, assessing lighting in Castle Street Park, picking up blowing litter, meeting new folks, and splashing down at La Barrita. The next CA Walk will happen Wed., Apr. 17, at 7pm starting in Halcott Square. Everyone is invited to this mobile stoop sit; bring your kids and pets and enjoy a stroll in the company of your neighbors.

### Streetscape Committee

**Spring Tree Planting** \ April 6, 10am-noon, meet in the 100 block S. Chester St. ready to do some diggin'! Bring your own gloves, if you have them, and join in the fun!

## Spring Flea Market & Craft Fair

*Saturday, May 11, 9am-2pm*

It is almost time for the spring BHA Flea Market and Craft Fair in Patterson Park. This fantastic event in the park is a fundraiser for BHA and, more importantly, a fun day for an amazing cross section of people from all over to enjoy.

There are several ways to get involved:

- First: sell your stuff. Spaces (\$40) will go on sale Apr. 12, and we will close the sales when we reach 150 spaces sold. There is no waiting list.

### Flea Market Committee

The committee continues to meet in preparation for the May 11 flea market. If you would like to volunteer, go to [butchershill.org/flea-market-1](http://butchershill.org/flea-market-1). We will post the link to the volunteer sign up as soon as it is ready. Alternatively, if you would like to help, email Sara at [butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com).

### Land Use Committee

**CHAP Blocks in Butchers Hill** \ The Land Use Committee reminds property owners in the 2100 and 2200 blocks of East Baltimore Street and the 2200 block East Pratt Street, that you live in a City Historic District. All planned exterior work, including painting, must be submitted to CHAP (the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation).

### House Tour Committee

The BHA House Tour Committee recently had its first meeting of 2024, and we're already diving into planning mode for the fall house tour.

We're putting out the call for any interested neighbors who might want to join us on the committee. Whether you're an experienced neighborhood volunteer or just curious about what we do, your input would be valued.

Our initial task is to scout out eight to ten houses to feature on the tour. If interested in showcasing your house, or if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at [butchershillhousetour@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillhousetour@gmail.com).

- Second: volunteer. We need many volunteers on the day before the flea market and on the day of. The signup will be available soon on the website: [butchershill.org/2024-spring-flea-market](http://butchershill.org/2024-spring-flea-market).
- Third: donate. The Butchers Hill table will sell donated items to support our local preK-8 schools, Commodore John Rogers and Patterson Park Public Charter School. Consider donating your gently used items. We will have tax receipts available upon request.

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## Butchers Hill Chalk Nights

Every Wednesday night is Chalk Night in Butchers Hill. Originated by Martha Simons and now organized by Christen Krogh, Chalk Night is a chance for kids (of all ages) to get together and draw on the sidewalks. The location changes every week as different households volunteer to host. If you are interested in having your sidewalk decorated by the neighborhood's youngest artists, please use the QR code or the link below to access the volunteer sign up:

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3bfhu2nb>

QR code:



## April Notes & Activities

### Commodore John Rodgers School

**CJR's New Home** \\ While the new school is being built, the new home is at 6820 Fait Ave. The phone number is still (410) 396-9300.

**Uniform Drive** \\ CJR is having a uniform drive. If you have old uniforms that another child could use, please drop them off at the Fait Ave. school location by Thurs., Apr. 18.

### Patterson Park Public Charter School

Information at [pppcs.org](http://pppcs.org).

## Friends of Patterson Park

**Baltimore Kite Fest** \\ Sat., Apr. 6, Join Friends of Patterson Park and Creative Alliance for the annual Baltimore Kite Fest in Patterson Park near the Patterson Park Observatory.

**Patterson Park Wine at Sunset** \\ Tickets now on sale! This wine-tasting fundraiser will be held May 23 from 6-9pm near the Marble Fountain in Patterson Park. Tickets and information are available at [pattersonpark.com/wineatsunset](http://pattersonpark.com/wineatsunset). If you're a Friends of Patterson Park member, check your email for your discount code (email [membership@pattersonpark.com](mailto:membership@pattersonpark.com) if you need them to check on it), or join/renew at [pattersonpark.com/donate](http://pattersonpark.com/donate).

**Construction update** \\ Work at the Park Superintendent's House (FPP headquarters at 27 S Patterson Park Ave) is underway. FPP is building a new community-programming building, volunteer support center, and courtyard. Learn more about the project and how to support it at [pattersonpark.com/capitalcampaign](http://pattersonpark.com/capitalcampaign).

**Park Programs and Events** \\ Learn more at [pattersonpark.com](http://pattersonpark.com)

## Patterson Park Audubon

Follow on Facebook [@PattersonParkAudubonCenter](https://www.facebook.com/PattersonParkAudubonCenter) and Instagram [@audubon\\_pattersonpark](https://www.instagram.com/audubon_pattersonpark)

Registration for all events required, go to: [patterson.audubon.org/events](http://patterson.audubon.org/events).

**Birdwatching** \\ Sat., Apr. 27, 8-9:30am, meet at the Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

## Other Good Stuff

**Baltimore Farmers' Market Opening Day** \\ Sun., Apr., 7, under 83 Expressway, 7am-noon. Regional farmers goods plus handcrafted products and unique artworks, since 1977. Continues every Sun. through Dec. 15.

**It's Happening at the Enoch Pratt Library** \\ Apr. 6-30, kids ages 3-5 can pick up an Imagination Celebration Kit filled with activities & crafts (while supplies last). Events at our closest branches:

**Canton** \\ Wed., Apr., 2, 3:30pm, decorate and plant a seed in a paper pot to take home. Tuesdays, Apr. 16-30, 3:30pm, craft projects, all ages.

**Patterson Park** \\ Tues., Apr. 16, 3:30pm, plant and decorate seeds to take home.

**Southeast Anchor** \\ Wed., Apr. 3, 4pm, Fast & Fun Buzzword Jr.; Wed., Apr. 10, 4pm, Sidewalk Chalk Art; For Teens: Mondays, Apr. 1-15, 4:30pm, Dungeons & Dragons - My First Campaign; and Mon., Apr. 22, 3:30pm Earth Day herb planter to take home.

More information at [prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org).

**National Cherry Blossom Festival** \\ Through Sun., Apr. 14, at the Tidal Basin in Washington, DC. Information on how to get there, a listing of all the events, and a free, live "Bloom Watch" video stream, can be found at [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org).

**Spotlighting Quilts Events** \\ Maryland Center for History and Culture, 610 Park Ave.; Thurs., Apr. 4, 6:30-8pm, Free First Thursday Program - Cocktails & Quilts: A Sip & Sew Evening; Wed., Apr. 27, 10-11:30am a free program: Virtual Objective Dive - Peace by Piece: Healing through Quilts. For more information and other events, call (410) 685-3750 or visit [mdhistory.org](http://mdhistory.org).

# April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 April Fool's Day	2	3 <b>BHA General Mtg.</b>	4	5	6 <b>Butchers Hill Tree Planting</b> Baltimore Kite Fest
7	8	9	10 <b>Safety Com. Mtg.</b> Eid al-Fitr	11 <b>Executive Com. Mtg.</b>	12	13
14	15	16 <b>Land Use Com. Mtg.</b>	17 <b>Community Appreciation Walk</b>	18 <b>Streetscape Com. Mtg.</b> <b>House Tour Com. Mtg.</b>	19	20
21	22 Earth Day Passover	23	24 <b>Flea Market Com. Mtg.</b>	25	26 Arbor Day	27 Birdwatching
28	29	30				

## Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik <a href="mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com">butchershillpresident@gmail.com</a>	Thurs., Apr. 11, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase <a href="mailto:butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com">butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com</a>	Wed., Apr. 24, 7pm Contact Committee Chair for details
House Tour	Emily Warren <a href="mailto:butchershillhousetour@gmail.com">butchershillhousetour@gmail.com</a>	Thurs. Apr. 18, 7pm Park Superintendent's House
Land Use	Virgil Bartram <a href="mailto:virgil.archuv@icloud.com">virgil.archuv@icloud.com</a>	Tues., Apr. 16, 7pm Meets the third Tues. Contact Committee Chair for location
Safety	Tim Eveleigh <a href="mailto:butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com">butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com</a>	Wed., Apr. 10, 7pm Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at <a href="https://butchershill.org/safety">butchershill.org/safety</a>
Streetscape	Patrick Filbert <a href="mailto:pfilbert123@gmail.com">pfilbert123@gmail.com</a>	Thurs., Apr. 18, 8pm 23 N Collington Ave. Meets the third Thurs.

## Save the Dates 2024

April 6 \ Tree Planting  
 May 11 \ Spring Flea Market  
 July \ Summer Picnic  
 Sept. 14 \ Fall Flea Market  
 Oct. \ BHA House Tour  
 Nov. \ Shop & Schmooze  
 Dec. \ Holiday Potluck

## Dumpster Dates 2024

June 15 \ Unit block N. Collington Ave.  
 Aug. 10 \ 2100 block E. Fairmount Ave.  
 Oct. 5 \ 100 block S. Chester St.  
 Dec. 14 \ 100 block S. Collington Ave.



## Butchers Hill Association Membership

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 [butchershill.org](https://butchershill.org) and click "Join BHA," then click "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.