

BUTCHERS HILL

August 2023



ROCKET
BHA MASCOT

Although the last-minute, weather-related cancellation of our July barbecue was disappointing, we are looking forward to seeing everyone on August 1 for National Night Out. Check out Tim's column (article to the right) for more information on what to expect from this love child of a potluck-barbecue and a stoop sit. If you are able to help out and want to participate, please reach out to him.

Speaking of participation, writing this month's column was easier thanks to your submissions; keep them coming!

Responding to the question, "why do you like living in Butchers Hill?" Maggie B. writes, "I love living in Butchers Hill because everyone is so kind and friendly. Another reason is there are lots of kids, like me and my brothers." Great, Maggie, thank you for sharing!

New neighbors Kip E and his mom Barb write "We moved into Butchers Hill this month because of the sense of community. Good potlucks make good neighbors! And because of all the trees." Welcome to the neighborhood, Kip, Barb, and family! We look forward to seeing you on NNO and, if you like trees, the Streetscape Committee will be planting more later in the summer. How about joining them?

And from Katie M, "I like living in Butchers Hill because of the great park with concerts and places to ride your bike and because there are always a lot of friends to hang out with." Awesome Katie! Rocket and I like to hang out in Patterson Park too.

We received a question from a Mr. Richard Feder of Fort Lee, NJ who heard about Butchers Hill when Billy Joel mentioned our neighborhood at one of his recent stints at MSG.

"Dear Rocket and President Dan, Butchers Hill sounds like such a great place to live. Friendly neighbors, lots of community events and those beautiful café lights that add safety and ambiance. Was your neighborhood always that way?"

Well Mr. Feder, to answer that question, I reached out to my friend and former neighbor Carolyn Boitnott who pointed me to an article written in 1982 from the Butchers Hill Archives at the University of Baltimore (yes, that is an actual thing!)

President's letter continued on p.4...

National Night Out: Stoop Sit for Safety

Aug. 1, 7pm

Come out on Tues., Aug. 1, starting at 7pm and show the force of community and neighborliness that both binds us and supports us. For our celebration of National Night Out, we will hold a Stoop Sit for Safety and encourage everyone to come out—kids too! We will have tables set up near the intersections of S. Collington and both Baltimore and Pratt Sts. where we will feature refreshments, discussion, and safety literature (sidewalk chalking encouraged – chalk provided!). Come learn tips for personal safety and ideas for how to stay aware and alert in your city. A safe street is a street that is occupied, witnessed, and enjoyed. National Night Out is a nationwide hosting of block parties and festivals, held each year on the first Tuesday of August, purposed to reinvigorate communal energy that enhances relationships between neighbors and law enforcement officers through a celebratory event.

Fall Flea Market & Craft Fair

Sat., Sept. 23, 9am-2pm

We are less than two months away from the fall flea market and craft fair! Spaces go on sale Wed., Aug. 23. The price for a (approx.) 15' x 15' space is \$40.

Volunteers are needed to help set up on Fri., Sept. 22. On the day of the flea market, Sat., Sept. 23, we need volunteers to help sell beverages, work at the BHA table, and direct cars.

Donation items to be sold in the BHA flea space may be brought to the Lombard St. entrance the morning of Sept. 23 between 7 and 10am. We expect to have help on hand to assist with unloading. Proceeds from the BHA flea booth go directly to our two schools. Tax receipts are available when you drop off your donation.

More information about every aspect of the flea market is available on the Butchers Hill website at butchershill.org.

Support Our House Tour!

There are several ways to support our 44th annual Butchers Hill House Tour. One way is through sponsorship – please read details on page 2!

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

No General Meeting in August

Join your neighbors on Tues., Aug. 1 for National Night Out!

The neighborhood potluck picnic may be rescheduled to coincide with National Night Out –

check the website, butchershill.org, for details.

BHA Committee News & Notes

Safety Committee

Safety Walk \ The Safety Committee will conduct a community safety walk on Wed., Aug. 16, at 7pm. We'll meet at Castle Street Park and proceed down Castle St to Pratt St and return via Washington St. Please join us for a casual and informative walk on a warm summer night and get to know your neighbors and neighborhood better. All are also welcome to visit or join our Safety Committee meetings where we review recent safety trends, plan safety events, and discuss items such as abandoned property, missing or broken signs, the effects of police redistricting, cameras, and safety tips and tricks.

House Tour Committee

House Tour sponsorships are an important means of supporting neighborhood initiatives and events. There are five sponsorship levels with varying benefits: Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Placing an ad in the House Tour guide booklet is a great way to advertise a business or to thank friends and neighbors.

Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels enjoy the benefits of advertising in the tour book and a mention during the tour. Some levels include free tickets to the tour and your logo on the website.

For more information contact Lindsay Crummey at lindsaycrummey@gmail.com.

Flea Market Committee

If you are interested in helping to organize the two flea markets we have each year, the committee will be meeting Mon, Aug. 21. Contact Sara at butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com for time and location. If you are interested in helping at the flea market or with set-up the day before, go to butchershill.org and scroll down to the purple Flea Market Info button.

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). Reach out to Virgil for more information: virgil.archuv@icloud.com.

Streetscape Committee

Dumpster Heroes! \ Your neighbors made the July 29 dumpster possible. Thanks to: Ann, Chris, David, Eli, Greg, Joanne, and Trish we were able to make two-hour shifts for monitoring the dumpster. The whole neighborhood could then easily dispose of unwanted junk. Usable items were put out for free pickup. Thanks to Adam, all metal was recycled. If we don't have a truck to collect metal, no metal or any recyclable item (paper, cardboard, or glass) is allowed in a city dumpster. Think about Oct. 14 and Dec. 2! You too can be a hero! So far no one has signed up to monitor the last two dumpsters this year. If you can fit it into your schedule, please contact Sandy at sjs2201@verizon.net or text (410) 371-8346.

Details on what can and can not go in the dumpster, information on household hazardous waste, and a list of recycling centers and their hours can all be found at butchershill.org/streetscape.

Summer Watering \ Trees need at least five gallons of water a week. and more when the temperature goes above 80 degrees. City gardens and planters in front of homes also need "people water." Any plant within two feet of a wall or fence will not receive enough rainwater due to wind currents. Pay attention to the plant's leaves – if the leaves are pointing down from their stems, they are crying for water. Give them a big drink right where the stem goes to the roots. Water on their leaves will encourage mold, mildew, or water spot damage. A good two inches of mulch will help keep them from drying out so quickly.

Volunteer Opportunity

Newsletter Distribution \ The 2000 block E. Baltimore St. needs someone to deliver the BHA newsletters to each household once a month. If you can do this service, please contact Sandy at sjs2201@verizon.net or (410) 371-8346. Thank you.

August Notes & Activities

Around the Neighborhood

Maxine Taylor Art Opening \ Thurs., Aug. 17, 6-8pm; Charmed Kitchen; opening reception of Maxine Taylor's new exhibit. Stop by for a glass of bubbles on the house, meet the artist, and enjoy wonderful new art by a local artist in the neighborhood! This event is free and open to the public.

Connect with Butchers Hill



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August Notes & Activities cont'd

Patterson Park Audubon

Follow on Facebook [@PattersonParkAudubonCenter](#) and Instagram [@audubon_pattersonpark](#)

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

Habitat Team \ Sat., Aug. 5, 9-10:30am; meet uphill from the boat lake. Water, gloves, and tools provided. Please register.

Birdwatching \ Sat., Aug. 26, 8-9:30am, meet at the Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

Friends of Patterson Park

Newsletter \ Sign up to get a free weekly email listing all the events going on in the park; go to: [pattersonpark.com](#).

Concerts in the Park \ Observatory Hill, 6-8pm; Sun., Aug 13, 6-8pm; Haitian Caribbean Festival Concert; Observatory Hill.

Other Good Stuff

Patterson Park Pool \ Patterson Park Pool will not be open this summer. A contract has been approved for major renovation of the pool. BCRPD hoped to salvage one more season out of the seventy-year-old facility and spent over \$100,000 trying to get the pool operational. Recent rains have continuously flooded the pump room, forcing closure. City Councilman Zeke Cohen said he will be exploring alternatives, such as shuttles to other pools or a sprinkler system in Patterson Park.

Fells Point Farmers Market \ Saturdays, 8am-12:30pm

Final Four Friday Family Fun Nights \ Aug. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 4-7pm, \$12 reduced price at Port Discovery Children's Museum. (410) 864-2681

Baltimore Heritage Walking Tour \ Aug. 6, 9-10:30am; the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 to see what 2500 degrees Fahrenheit can do to blocks of solid stone and other incredible stories of that fateful day. For tickets, contact rick@baltimoreheritage.org or (240) 305-3984.

Ask A Master Gardener \ Aug. 6 & 20, noon-3pm, at the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park. For more information, contact info@friendsofrc.org.

Meteor Shower \ Aug. 12, late overnight and early morning sky; the Perseids is remnants of the Comet Swift-Tuttle and can throw off as many as one hundred meteors per hour, visible in a perfectly dark sky. It is worth a drive into the country where there is less artificial light, like up I-83 near the PA line, to view this spectacle.

Fells Point Antique Market \ Aug. 13, 8am-4pm; held the second Sunday of every month from April – November. For more information visit [facebook.com/FellsPointSecondSunday](#).

Vegan Soul Fest \ Aug. 19, noon-8pm and Aug. 20, noon-7pm; West Covington Park, 101 W. Cromwell St. Two-day festival tickets \$35, includes 30+ food vendors, guest experts, cooking demos and entertainment. [vegansoulfest.com](#)

142nd Maryland State Fair \ Aug. 24-27, Aug. 31-Sept. 4, and Sept 7-10 at Timonium Fairgrounds; for more information and advance sale on entry and ride-wristband tickets, go to [marylandstatefair.com](#).

Know Your Codes: Stay Safe in the Heat

- Code Orange: Poor air quality with air pollution levels unhealthy for active children and adults and people with respiratory disease (such as asthma). Reduce prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.
- Code Red: Unhealthy air quality with excessive heat, the leading weather-related killer in the United States. A code red declaration by the health department triggers the opening of cooling centers. Baltimore City 311 line and local news media will provide updates. The nearest cooling center is the John Booth Senior Center in the Casino building in Patterson Park, 2601 E. Baltimore St., (410) 396-9209. Call prior to arrival to ensure a space is available.

President's letter continued from p.1 ...

"Seventeen more gardens were added to the Butchers Hill community in April. Along with efforts to beautify, residents have formed the Rat Patrol, grouping the blocks into smaller areas for walkthrough inspections.

In April, the Outreach Committee and residents from the Peace Community Assn. organized the most colorful Easter Egg Hunt this side of City Hall. The hunt was held on the Commodore John Rodgers playground. Our day began with a parade led through the neighborhood by a towering purple Easter Bunny (Rich Grier) and a balloon ascension back at the bandstand. We hid over 19 dozen eggs; it took us "bunnies" about 45 minutes to hide them but the children uncovered every last one in less than 15 minutes. Prizes were awarded and we all enjoyed home baked goodies including a decorated 6 foot long Easter Bunny cake baked by Pam McCarthy."

We have been busy these past few months. Many of us working on committees aimed at cleaning and sprucing up the neighborhood and Patterson Park and involving more of our neighbors in both fun and work activities, keeping Butchers Hill alive and growing."

So Mr. Feder, while the physical neighborhood may have changed a bit over the last forty-one years, the community-minded ideals, the can-do spirit of active volunteering, and the joy of hanging out with friends is still thriving in Butchers Hill. Who knows, maybe someone will bake a 6-foot-long cake resembling Rocket for National Night Out.

Want to get involved (or more involved) in the neighborhood but don't know where to start? Email me at butchershillpresident@gmail.com and I'll help you get connected. Trust me, working to enhance the lives of friends, neighbors, and those you care about is both meaningful and rewarding.

And please keep telling me why you like living in Butchers Hill!

With respect,

— Dan

DAN KISELIK, BHA PRESIDENT

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 National Night Out	2	3	4	5
					Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off; 2840 Sisson St., 9am-7pm	
6	7	8	9 Safety Com. Mtg. 	10 Executive Com. Mtg. 	11	12
13	14	15 Land Use Com. Mtg.	16 Safety Walk	17	18 Sept. Newsletter Deadline	19
20	21	22 Flea Market Com. Mtg. 	23	24 House Tour Com. Mtg. 	25	26 Birdwatching
27	28	29	30	31		

 Indicates recycling collection days

Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Aug. 10, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase butchershillfleaemarket@gmail.com	Tues., Aug. 22, 7pm Contact Chair for meeting time & location
House Tour	Emily Warren horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com	Thurs., Aug. 24, 7pm Park Superintendent's House
Land Use	Virgil Bartram virgil.archuv@icloud.com	Tues., Aug. 15, 7pm Halcott Square, 100 blk S. Duncan St.
Safety	Cheryl McDonald and Tim Eveleigh tim.eveleigh@gmail.com butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com	Wed., Aug. 9, 7pm Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at butchershill.org/safety
Streetscape	Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	No Streetscape meeting in August

Save the Dates 2023

Sept. 23 \ Fall Flea Market & Craft Fair

Oct. 14 \ Fall Cleanup & Dumpster –
100 block S. Chester

Oct. 15 \ House Tour

Nov. \ Art event

Dec. 2 \ Dumpster –
100 block S. Collington

Dec. \ Winter Potluck



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 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.