

BUTCHERS HILL

February 2024



ROCKET
BHA MASCOT

As I write this, I'm in row 17, seat B of a Boeing 737 MAX 8, on a runway at BWI. It's an hour past the scheduled departure time and the flight is full. I'm sitting next to a beefy guy with a "Steeler Nation" shirt and matching trucker hat. It could be worse. We're wrestling for control of the arm rest when the captain's voice breaks the awkward silence. The ground crew is performing an extra inspection, and the luggage has to be redistributed to even

out the weight. Safety first. Can't argue with that.

Once we get up in the air, I'm going to name drop to the cabin crew that Rocket knows Secretary of Transportation and former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, Pete Buttigieg. Figure all this time sitting on the tarmac is good for a few extra packs of Southwest Snack Mix. The captain just announced that we're ready to go, so I'm going to comply and put my "device" away unlike Steeler Nation who is continuing to play Minecraft.

Now that we're at cruising altitude and my "device" is in airplane mode, I can tell you Pete Buttigieg doesn't have any real cred with this Miami-based flight crew; however, the cabin lead loves layovers in Baltimore. "You know the New York Times named it a must visit in 2024," she said with a big smile.

"I do."

"Do you live in the city?"

"In a neighborhood called Butchers Hill. No apostrophe," I said.

"The neighborhood adjacent to Patterson Park with the café lights? And the two Flea Markets, stoop sittings, and the House Tour? I've seen the newsletter!"

"And more," I said, "my understanding is the new BHA board is working on some exciting new initiatives to inspire more neighbors to get involved, get to know each other, and make the community even stronger."

"You seem to have an inside track."

I shrugged. "I'm originally from NJ. I know a guy whose knows a guy."

She leaned in closer, violating an oblivious Steeler Nation's airspace. "Is it true that Billy Joel goes to Charmed Kitchen and has the famous Banana Nutella Pancakes with a dog?"

Steeler Nation stopped playing his game. Not sure if the Banana Nutella Pancakes or Billy Joel having breakfast with a dog got his attention.

"If I tell you, do you think I can get some extra bags of snack mix?" I said.

She motioned for me to follow her back to the rear galley. Steeler Nation grumbled as he got out of his seat to let me pass and head to the back of the plane.

"So is it true? I also heard Taylor Swift, Stevie Nicks, and Bruce Springsteen go there for inspiration."

"Well, Butchers Hill (no apostrophe) is an inspirational place. It's the people. And the dogs." I looked around to make sure no one was listening. "Between us, Rocket doesn't get to eat the pancakes, but he does get dog biscuits. He kind of expects them. But make him sit first. Once Bono forgot to make him sit, and he almost got knocked over. And yes, Rocket collaborates with all of them on occasion."

"I knew it!" She pulled down the carton of individual Snack Mix packs and with a wink said, "take as many as you want...Hon!"

Stay warm and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting!

With respect,

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

DPW Wants to Know About Your Water Service Line

The EPA is requiring all jurisdictions across the country to report on the material comprising their water service lines. Baltimore City DPW is asking for residents help in identifying and reporting their service line material composition by October 2024. Go to the DPW website at publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/dpw-wants-know-material-your-water-service-line for information on this project, including photos of different types of lines, instructions for how to identify what your water lines are made of, and a link to the form to report the information. In case you need it, the DPW link and basic information are on our website (butchershill.org) as well.

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BHA February General Meeting

Wed., Feb. 7, 7pm at St. Andrew Church hall, enter through door on Lombard St.

Agenda: various representatives from Baltimore City

BHA Committee News & Notes

House Tour Committee

Monthly house tour meetings will resume in the spring of 2024. If you are interested in joining the committee, reach out to Emily at horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com.

Flea Market Committee

Save the date: the Spring Flea Market is May 11. If you are interested in helping organize the flea market and can attend the February committee meeting on Feb. 19, please contact Sara at: butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com for the time and place.

Streetscape Committee

Join the Committee! \ \ Come meet your neighbors creating a cleaner, greener neighborhood. We hold one-hour meetings almost monthly. See the calendar page for date, time, and location. All are welcome.

Only YOU Can Prevent Sewer Backups \ \ Up-hillers can help prevent floods “downstream” in harbor-front areas by taking care with what gets into their sewer system. Two preventable clogs are leaves and FOG. Leaves are easy—put them in the trash. FOG stands for fats, oils, and grease which, when allowed to go into the drains, congeals with other items (leaves, etc.) to cause an ever-increasing clog. Fats, oils, and grease need to be drained into containers (like metal cans) or wiped up with paper towels and then put into the regular trash. Problem solved!

Tree Care \ \ February is the ideal time to prune trees, bushes, and shrubs. If the end of a branch snaps when bent, it is dead. Follow the branch back to where it is attached to a trunk or comes out of the ground and cut it off parallel to the surface it is coming from so that only a small amount protrudes. That small amount will heal the wound. Remember, in Baltimore City, only certified TreeKeepers can prune city trees alongside sidewalks and in public spaces like parks.

Safety Committee

Community Safety Works Grant \ \ The Butchers Hill Safety Committee will be busy in February addressing the next round of grant proposals toward the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. The committee has heard several interesting ideas for how to shape the proposal but is still open to suggestions concerning investments in community safety (send us an email with your ideas).

Street Safety Tips \ \ The Safety Committee has compiled a collection of street safety tips, now available on our page on the BHA website (butchershill.org/safety). Come check out the many great ideas we have collected from the community. If you have additional ideas to add to this collection, please send them to our email address, and we'll add them.

Community Safety Walk \ \ On February 21, at 7pm, we will conduct our next monthly community safety walk. We'll meet at Castle Street Park (2025 E. Fairmount Ave.) and explore safety issues in the northwest corner of Butchers Hill. These walks typically explore matters such as poor street lighting, abandoned property, and pedestrian/driving hazards. All are welcome to attend this event. Come out, meet your neighbors, walk your dog/cat, exchange safety tradecraft, and experience the wonderful diversity of our beautiful community.

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).

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January 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.

Patterson Park Public Charter School

2024-25 Enrollment \ Now open; application deadline is Feb. 2; email hsavino@pppcs.org for more information.

Julie Community Center

Support the Mid-Year School Supply Giveaway, taking place on March 23, by donating pencils, composition notebooks, erasers, rulers, pencil carriers, loose-leaf paper, backpacks, and other school supplies. Drop off donations at the Julie Center at 100 S. Washington St.

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.

Birdwatching \ Sat., Feb. 24, 8-9:30am, meet at the Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

Friends of Patterson Park

Sign up to get a weekly free email listing all the events going on in the park. Go to pattersonpark.com.

Winter Reminders

Snow Removal Reminder \ Occupants must remove snow from the public footpath within three hours after snow has stopped falling or by 11am.

Dangerous Snow Melt Products \ Please consider using a product that is safe for pets and vegetation. Dogs and cats lick their paws to clean them, particularly between toes. Help them by having a container of warm, clean water you can dip each paw in as soon as you get home. Or use a damp cloth to get any snow or ice out from between those toes.

Code Blue \ Through March 15, the Health Department will declare code blue extreme cold alerts if the temperature (with wind chill) goes below 14 degrees. Please check on those in need, the elderly, and pets living outside. Temperatures below 10 degrees require pets be brought into a heated enclosure. For energy assistance and information, our nearest Community Action Partnership (CAP) Center is 3411 Bank St., (410) 545-6518.

Other Good Stuff

Enoch Pratt Library \ once you have a library card, you can check out books, movies, technology, art, and more at any branch in the Enoch Pratt Free Library system. The four closest locations to Butchers Hill are

- Canton: 1030 S Ellwood Ave
- Patterson Park: 158 N. Linwood Ave
- SE Anchor Library: 3601 Eastern Ave
- Orleans Street: 1303 Orleans St

Each branch has slightly different hours, programs, services, and events. Check out prattlibrary.org for access to all the information.

Baltimore Restaurant Week \ lasts through Feb. 4.

A list of participating restaurants can be found at baltimorerestaurantweek.com.

Chinese New Year \ Feb. 10, the start of the Year of the Dragon (with the wood element), the holiday is also known as the Spring Festival or Lunar New Year.

The Peale Museum \ Feb. 15, 5-7pm, Opening Reception: Kaleidoscope: Changing Perspectives, brings together the work of Elizabeth Talford Scott and Baltimore City Public School students; free (reservations required). More information at thepeale.org.

CIAA Men's & Women's Basketball Tournament \ Feb. 26 - March 3, at the CFG Bank Arena. The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association has sponsored this tournament of HBUs for over one hundred years. More information at theciaa.com/tournaments.

Tropical Escapes in Baltimore \ The tropical rain forest at the National Aquarium and the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park. The Conservatory offers the Desert House, the Tropical House, and the three-story Palm House and Orchid Room. Add to that the Mediterranean House and goldfish pond, with seating along the paths. For more information, including hours, and entry fees, visit their websites: aqua.org and rawlingsconservatory.org.

The Creative Alliance \ 3134 Eastern Ave.; fun and creative activities for all ages. Check out their February Calendar for the full list of music, performance and films, youth and family activities, exhibitions, classes and fundraisers at: creativealliance.org.

YouthWorks 2024 Summer Jobs Program \ Online registration is open at youthworks.oedworks.com. This is a five-week summer program (July 8 - Aug. 9). Youth ages 14-21 (by July 5) are eligible to apply. All documents must be completed on the application before it is submitted.

Businesses may hire and cover youth employment for \$2,500 for the five weeks. Nonprofits provide supervision and work experience while the city covers the youth's pay. Consider a tax deductible donation of \$2,100 to cover cost for one youth.

Email ywhelpdest@baltimorecity.gov or call (410) 545-1820 for information.

February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Ground Hog Day	3
4	5	6 	7 BHA General Mtg.	8 Executive Com. Mtg. 	9	10
11 Super Bowl	12	13 Mardi Gras	14 Safety Com. Mtg. Valentine's Day	15 Streetscape Com. Mtg.	16 Mar. newsletter deadline	17
18	19 Flea Market Com. Mtg. Presidents' Day Fed. Govt. Holiday	20 Land Use Com. Mtg. 	21 Community Safety Walk	22 	23	24 Birdwatching
25	26	27	28	29		

 Indicates recycling collection days

Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Feb. 8, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	Mon., Feb. 19, 7pm Contact Committee Chair for details
House Tour	Emily Warren horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com	No Feb. meeting
Land Use	Virgil Bartram virgil.archuv@icloud.com	Tues., Feb. 20, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the third Tues.
Safety	Tim Eveleigh butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com	Wed., Feb. 14, 7pm Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at butchershill.org/safety
Streetscape	Patrick Filbert pfilbert123@gmail.com	Thurs., Feb. 15, 7pm 23 N Collington Ave. Meets the second Tues.

Save the Dates 2024

May 11 \ Spring Flea Market
July \ Summer Picnic
Sept. 14 \ Fall Flea Market
Oct. \ BHA House Tour
Nov. \ Art Night
Dec. \ Holiday Potluck

Dumpster Dates 2024

April \ Mayor's Cleanup
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 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.