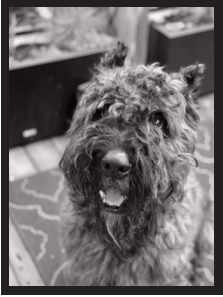


BUTCHERS HILL

January 2024



ROCKET
BHA MASCOT

Groundhog Day. I'm two days past deadline and drawing a blank. Rocket is staring at me and hoping the procrastination will turn into another walk. As much as I would like that, it would not be fair to Amy, Beth, and Sandy who work hard assuring our newsletter hits the street, on time, each month. So once again dear reader, I ask you to indulge my stream of consciousness. Fasten your seatbelts, make sure your tray tables are stowed,

and seats are in the upright position; this could get bumpy.

While this year went by fast from my perspective, Rocket said it felt like seven from his, regardless, Happy New Year! It's taken a while; however it feels like I'm getting the hang of this president gig but I can only remain in the position if you pay your dues for 2024 and vote at our general meeting on January 3rd. Remember, membership is open to **everyone** who lives in Butchers Hill. In fact, right now go to butchershill.org/join to join or renew. Take your time, I'll wait.

Welcome back.

New year, new board, however first, Andrew, Dani and Michele, on behalf of our entire community, thank you for your dedication and service. Each of you has made an impact. We appreciate you and all that you have done!

Amy, Jean and Sarah, welcome to the board! Thank you for assuming this responsibility. We also welcome Izzy Krogh, a student at CJR, as our inaugural youth board member, a non-voting position whose intended purpose is to assure the views of those under 18 are represented.

Based upon the smiles and laughter, our December holiday potluck was a success. Thanks to everyone who attended, brought delicious food, and helped set up and clean up! A special thanks to the community of St. Andrew Orthodox Church who provides their social hall for our indoor events.

Every year our association makes charitable donations to local organizations who share and reflect our collective values as well as make a positive impact on our community and beyond. After a productive and substantive discussion, this year's group includes Audubon (based out of Patterson Park), Baltimore Greenspace, Baltimore Heritage, Bluewater Baltimore, Community Law Center, Creative Alliance, Friends of Patterson Park, Julie Center,

Neighborhood Design Center, St Andrew Orthodox Church, Roca, Banner Neighborhoods and our two neighborhood schools, Commodore John Rodgers and Patterson Park Public Charter. We are going to invite representatives from some of these groups to tell us more about their organizations at future general meetings.

Last, as I mentioned at our potluck, every day each of us has a choice, do we add to the pain and suffering of the world or do we work to lessen it. As Rocket and I walk around the neighborhood, from your smiles and through our conversations, it is clear to us that each of you has made the choice to lessen it. And for that, you have our sincerest gratitude!

With respect and in peace,

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

2024 Elections

Thank you to the nominating committee, Christen Krogh, Matthew Kurlanski, Billy Motel, and Beth Braun for their efforts to fill a slate of officers for the 2024 BHA executive committee. That slate, listed below, was presented to the members at the November meeting and will be offered again at the January meeting when the election is held.

President: **Dan Kiselik**
Vice President: **Billy Motel**
Vice President: **Patrick Filbert**
Corresponding Secretary: **Colbi Furman**
Recording Secretary: **Amy Finney**
Treasurer: **Jean Klein**
Parliamentarian: **Joshua Ruck**
Member at Large: **Jane Brown**
Member at Large: **Arch McKown**
Member at Large: **Sarah Andrews**

The January general meeting will be Wed., Jan. 3, 2024, at 7pm, at St. Andrew Orthodox Church (S. Chester & E. Lombard). To be eligible to vote, you must be a member in good standing, meaning you have paid your annual dues for 2024. You can join or your membership can be renewed online at butchershill.org/join.

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BHA January General Meeting

Wed., Jan. 3, 7pm at St. Andrew Church

Agenda: election of BHA officers

BHA Committee News & Notes

House Tour Committee

Monthly house tour meetings will resume in the spring of 2024. Anyone interested in joining the committee can reach out to Emily at horbackwarren.emily@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).

Flea Market Committee

In February we will resume meetings to start planning the May flea market. If you are interested in joining the committee, email Sara at: butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com.

Streetscape Committee

Dec. 2 Dumpster \ It was a success thanks to: Adam, Andrew, Ann, Burke, John, Leo, Mark, Sandy, and Sonia.

Help Green Our Neighborhood \ Put your name on our list for "I'll help plant a tree." Contact Sandy at sis2201@verizon.net or text (410) 371-8346 with your name and contact information. When the city notifies us that they will be delivering trees for our neighborhood, we will contact you. If you can help, great. If not his time, maybe next time.

Christmas Trees \ Cleared of all decorations, may be put out with regular trash pickup during the month of January.

Melting Ice Safely \ To prevent damage to your home and the environment, choose a deicer carefully. Sidewalks on the north side of buildings are in permanent shade and need deicing. Magnesium chloride works quickly down to -13 degrees, does not damage concrete or metal, but should not be used on tree wells or plants. Others: calcium, sodium, or potassium chloride damage everything. Sand, ashes, or kitty litter improve traction on icy areas like steps. When shoveling snow or ice, remove it all the way to the concrete to allow the sun's rays to warm the concrete and melt snow and ice. More information at the University of Maryland Extension website: extension.umd.edu.

Safety Committee

Community Safety Works Grant \ In 2023, Butchers Hill was awarded a \$50K Community Safety Works Grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. We were able to use this money to acquire several video systems that are being deployed on key intersections in our community where traffic incidents have historically occurred or that have experienced recent traffic/pedestrian issues. We have also invested in the build out of a traffic calming bump-out on S. Chester St. This month, MDHCD is again soliciting proposals for grants, and the Safety Committee is asking the community for ideas to put in the next grant proposal. We believe that the current state administration may favor requests that also have an environmental or energy reduction angle to them. If you have ideas, please come to the Safety Committee meeting on Weds, Jan 10, (on Zoom) and help us sculpt the next round of safety investments for our community; if you can't make the meeting, send us an email.

Street Safety Ideas \ In December, the Safety Committee met to discuss ideas for pedestrian (and driver) street safety tradecraft, and we heard many great ideas. We suspect that there are many more great ideas out there that people have found effective. If you have good advice, tricks, and tips, email them to the Safety Committee as we are compiling them into a Neighborhood Safety Guide that we will post in February.

Safety Walk \ The January Community Safety Walk will occur on Wed., Jan. 17, at 7pm. We will meet at Halcott Square and explore safety issues up Duncan to Fairmount and then back via Madeira. These walks typically explore matters such as poor street lighting, abandoned property, and pedestrian/driving hazards. We will be particularly focused on identifying grant ideas on this walk. All are welcome to attend this event. Dress warmly, come out, meet your neighbors, walk your pets, exchange safety tradecraft, and experience the wonderful diversity of our beautiful community.

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January Notes & Activities

Patterson Park Public Charter School

New Name \\ PPPCS will be changing its name to Bluebird Education Network soon. For more information, write to JLindenfelser@pppcs.org.

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 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., Jan. 27, 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.

Other Good Stuff

Baltimore Museum of Art \\ Free; Wed-Sun:10am-5pm; Thur. 10-9pm; 10 Art Museum Dr., (443) 573-1700. Programs for all ages. Gift shop with books, posters, jewelry, etc.; outdoor sculpture gardens, and Gertrude's Restaurant on premises. Only the special exhibits require tickets. Until Jan. 7, the special exhibit is History of Women Artists in Europe, 1400-1800. Much more information at artbma.org.

Walters Art Gallery \\ Free; Wed-Sun: 10am-5pm; Thur. 1-8pm; 600 N. Charles St., (410) 547-9000. Activities include drop-in art making for families and walking tours with a guide to point out interesting details. Special exhibits require tickets. Currently, the special exhibit is Ethiopia at the Crossroads. More information at thewalters.org.

Make and Mingle \\ Thur., Jan. 4; 6-7pm; the first event of the Walters new First Thursday's program series; make art and mingle in this drop-in program designed for adults to get creative and socialize. A selection of food and drink from local vendors will be available for purchase, and they will supply all the materials to make art together. This first program will focus on postal art. thewalters.org/event/makemingle-01/

Downtown Discovery Days \\ Jan. 2-12; discounts and deals at several area attractions; Below is a selection of the options; see the complete list at godowntownbaltimore.com/discovery-days/.

- Reginald F. Lewis Museum; Jan. 4-8 & 11-12, \$2 admission; lewismuseum.org.
- Port Discovery Children's Museum; Weekdays – Jan. 3-5 & Jan. 10-12; \$10 admission, portdiscovery.org.
- Baltimore Museum of Industry, Jan. 7, 10, 11, 12; \$5 admission when you purchase tickets online; thebmi.org.

Baltimore Restaurant Week \\ Jan. 26-Feb. 4, brunch, lunch, and dinner; specials starting at \$15, \$25, \$35. Make your reservations today. baltimorerestaurantweek.com

In Case of Snow \\ All residents and businesses are responsible for keeping a two-foot-wide footpath adjacent to their property, safe for pedestrians, and free of snow and ice, within three hours or by 11am. Tips: sweep or shovel early while it is easier and clear from building to curb. The fine for not shoveling is \$50.

Snow emergency routes include Pratt, Lombard, Baltimore, and Washington Streets and Patterson Park Ave. No parking on these routes when Phase 2 snow emergency is in effect. Check local news stations for updates.

Free DPW Calendar \\ Listing all government holidays, trash/recycling pickup day changes, and contact information have been mailed to every household. If you have not yet received one, call 311 to request one be sent to you.

Miscellaneous News

Baltimore Green Space \\ BGS, the nonprofit that BHA supports and that holds the land trust on Halcott Square, our local pocket park in the 100 block of South Duncan St., had a busy year. In 2023 they, with the help of 1,307 volunteers, conducted 66 workshops, reached 102 sites, removed 454 bags of trash and invasive plants, and planted 2,577 new plants. To learn more or to get involved, visit: baltimoregreenspace.org.

911 Innovation Award \\ Baltimore's 911 pilot program – intended to change the behavioral health landscape – was recently awarded. The program assumes that we do not need to and should not be providing a police response to calls that are better, and more appropriately, handled by trained professionals. Instead calls were resolved through a partnership with Behavioral Health System Baltimore (BHSB) and Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. (BCRI). Since the work began, over six hundred 911 calls have been successfully resolved through the 988 helping and 187 mobile crisis team responses.

Child Safety News regarding Water Beads \\ The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a consumer alert for the Chuckle & Roar Ultimate Water Beads Activity Kit, stating that the beads can cause injuries, lifelong health consequences and even death to children if swallowed. The water bead activity kit was recalled in Sept. after reports indicated at least two children under 12 months old swallowed the beads. The product was sold exclusively at Target. Water beads can easily scatter, roll and become lost in the home and be ingested in the dehydrated state. If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead for inserted it into their ear or nose, seek medical treatment right away.

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 General Meeting & Election	4	5	6
7	8	9 Streetscape Com. Mtg. 	10 Safety Com. Mtg.	11 Executive Com. Mtg. 	12	13
14	15 MLK Day Gov't. offices closed	16 Land Use Com. Mtg.	17 Safety Walk	18	19 Feb. newsletter deadline	20
21	22	23 	24	25 	26	27 Birdwatching
28	29	30	31			

 Indicates recycling collection days

Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Jan. 11, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	No Jan. meeting
House Tour	Emily Warren horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com	No Jan. meeting
Land Use	Virgil Bartram virgil.archuv@icloud.com	Tues., Jan. 16, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the third Tues.
Safety	Tim Eveleigh butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com	Wed., Jan. 10, 7pm Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at butchershill.org/safety
Streetscape	Patrick Filbert pfilbert123@gmail.com	Tues., Jan. 9, 7pm 23 N Collington Ave. Meets the second Tues.

Save the Dates 2024

Jan. 3 \\
First General Meeting and
election of officers

May 11 \\
Spring Flea Market

Sept. 14 \\
Fall Flea Market

Oct. \\
BHA House Tour



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.