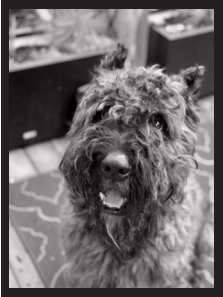


# BUTCHERS HILL

July 2023



**ROCKET**  
**BHA MASCOT**

**Rocket is a big fan of Doctor Who**, the thousand-year-old alien with two hearts traveling the time-space continuum in a blue box that's bigger on the inside than the outside. And being an astute dog, he is quick to remind me of two takeaways from the show that are essential to life; 1) it's time travel, don't overthink it and 2) it's not about where you go, when you go or how you go, it's about who you go

with. It's about your relationships and your community.

Our Butchers Hill community is pretty special. Not because of the physical characteristics, though join us on our house tour and you'll see it is special from that perspective. Not because of what we do, though come to our events like our potluck barbecue in Halcott Square on July 14 and you'll see it's special from that perspective. Our community is special because of you.

From the moment we moved here and became part of our community seven years ago, Alice and I have marveled at your dedication to each other, our neighborhood and our city. We have cherished your friendship and have been touched by not only witnessing your genuine concern and compassion but by experiencing it first hand.

It has been my privilege to continue to serve you, along with our board and the many volunteers, as president of our association. As I have stated in the past, the function of our association is to enhance the lives of everyone who lives here, works here and passes through. The process of actualizing this enhancement, working alongside people I care about for the benefit of people I care about, provides incredible fulfillment, so thank each of you for the opportunity.

I'd like to make sure you have the opportunity to experience that sense of fulfillment too. This is my personal appeal to ask you to join us. To help us. I know you are busy. I know you have responsibilities. I know you have a long commute, a demanding job, you have to shuttle your kids around, take your parents to medical appointments and can't seem to carve out any 'me' time to reclaim some sanity. I'm not asking for a limitless commitment. How about 60 minutes at our fall flea market? How about 60 minutes at our house tour? 60 minutes monitoring a community dumpster?

*President's Letter continued on p.2 ...*

## **Annual BHA Potluck Picnic** **Fri., July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Halcott Square**

Everyone is welcome to the annual BHA potluck picnic in Halcott Square (100 S. Duncan St.) on Fri., July 14, at 6:30pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and join in on the fun! Meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends. BHA will provide entrees (from the grill!) and beverages. We need volunteers for setup 4:30-6:30pm, and volunteers for the clean up afterwards. We also need someone with a truck to get the tables and supplies from the Park Superintendent's House and then back there after the picnic. Please contact Joshua Ruck at [joshuasruck@gmail.com](mailto:joshuasruck@gmail.com) if you can help.

## **National Night Out:** **"Stoop Sit for Safety"** **Tue., Aug. 1, 7pm**

Join others across the country and sit on your front steps (stoops) to encourage safety by getting to know your neighbors and showing we have "eyes on the street." The Safety Committee will have a table set up on the 2100 block of E. Baltimore St. (north side) with safety literature, swag, and refreshments. If you would like to host a table email: [butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com).

## **Heads Up: Fall Flea Market** **Sat., Sept. 23, 9am-2pm**

It is already time to start planning for the fall flea market! Information will be posted on [butchershill.org](http://butchershill.org) as it is available. Here are four ways you can plan to participate:

1. Sell your stuff: Spaces, \$40, go on sale Aug. 23.
2. Volunteer: We need help on the day of the flea market and there are also some opportunities beforehand.
3. Donate to the BHA table: Drop off donations on the morning of Sept. 23. Note: if you wouldn't give it to a friend, please don't donate it!
4. Come to the flea market!

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

# July BHA Annual Potluck — No General Meeting

Fri., July 14, 6:30pm, Halcott Square

## BHA Committee News & Notes

### *President's Letter Continued from page 1 ...*

45 minutes to help plant a tree or two one Saturday? 15 minutes to help clean up at the end of our upcoming July 14 barbecue potluck? How about it? And bring your kids because they are impressionable and they see everything. Having them watch you and your neighbors sharing your time in the service of something larger than yourselves will have an impact.

Please let me know if I got through. Send me an email ([butchershillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com)) with the subject line "count me in!" Tell me where you'd like to help out and I'll connect you with your neighbors. Rocket and I share a favorite African parable; "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

In closing I'd like to share two reflections from some of our younger residents on why they like living in Butchers Hill.

"I like living in Butchers Hill because of all the kids around me. I also like how everyone is nice to each other." Sawyer G.

"I like living in Butchers Hill because I'm so close to everything. I can walk to friends' houses or even the park! In fact, I am the 13<sup>th</sup> house from the park!" Fiona S.

(Notice relationships and community are prominent as to why they both like living here. This was unprompted.)

Do your kids like living in Butchers Hill! Email ([butchershillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com)) with the subject line "why I like living in BH" and include their two sentences in the body. We'll share it in an upcoming newsletter.

Thanks for being part of our community!

— **Dan**

DAN KISELIK, BHA PRESIDENT

### **Safety Committee**

**National Night Out** \ The Safety Committee is planning a Butchers Hill "Stoop Sit for Safety" on National Night Out, Tue., Aug. 1. See more information on Page 1

**Safety Walk** \ Our next safety walk will be on Wed., July 19, at 7pm. We'll start at Halcott Square, head south to Pratt, east to Madeira, then north to Boyer, and back to Halcott. Come join us for a pleasant and informative stroll through our community and help report safety issues with lighting, signage, and driving/walking hazards.

### **House Tour Committee**

The annual House Tour is coming this October — That may seem far off but Oct. 15 will be here before we know it! If you haven't already, mark your calendars and plan to join us as we open our doors to our neighbors and showcase the wonderful homes on our blocks.

The House Tour Committee is looking for writers to help us create the short summaries of each unique home that will be printed in the house tour brochure. If you love old houses, meeting neighbors, and enjoy writing then this is the job for you! If interested, please reach out to Emily at [horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com](mailto:horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com). We are also still looking for houses. If you are interested in having your home on the tour or are curious about what this entails, let us know!

All are welcome at our next committee meeting which will be held on Thur., July 20, at 7pm. More information on page 4.

### **Flea Market Committee**

The flea market committee is hard at work getting ready for the fall flea market on Sept. 23. All those interested in helping on the committee, please contact Sara at [butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com). The next committee meeting will be July 31.

### **Streetscape Committee**

**JULY 29 DUMPSTER IN JEOPARDY** \ Dumpsters help keep illegal dumping from littering our neighborhood. As of the printing of this newsletter, we DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS TO HAVE THE JULY 29 DUMPSTER. Dumpsters are only here for 4 hours, usually 8am-noon, and must be monitored. If you have a couple of hours on a Saturday morning to assist at the July 29, Oct. 14, or Dec. 2 dumpster, please send your contact information to Sandy: text (410) 371-8346 or email: [sjs2201@verizon.net](mailto:sjs2201@verizon.net). You can make THE difference!

**Help Save the Pollinators** \ Urban plantings, in-ground or containers, and window boxes support pollinators by having something blooming all season in close proximity to each other. Even non-native flowers can produce pollen that bees and butterflies can physically access: zinnias, snapdragons, and sunflowers go well with natives. Parsley and dill are good host plants for swallowtail butterflies. Collectively we all help keep pollinators alive. Thank you for maintaining the beauty and helping the bees.

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## ***Land Use Committee***

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**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](mailto:virgil.archuv@icloud.com).

## **July Notes & Activities**

### ***Around the Neighborhood***

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**BGE Regulator Installations** \ In cooperation with neighborhood associations citywide, an injunction has been filed to halt the installation of external gas regulators across Baltimore city. If neighbors have previously received any communications from BGE or have been approached by an installation crew, please email Billy Motel at [wcmotel@gmail.com](mailto:wcmotel@gmail.com).

**Chalk Night** \ As many of you already know, Chalk Night happens every Wednesday at various locations around the neighborhood from 5:30 to 7pm. Kids of all ages are welcome to come create beautiful sidewalk art. If you are interested in hosting, go to the sign up page at [signupgenius.com/go/60b0a49a4a928aafa7-chalk3#/](http://signupgenius.com/go/60b0a49a4a928aafa7-chalk3#/) or visit a chalk night and talk to Christen, the volunteer now organizing.

**Deck Party Reminder** \ Outdoor entertaining means “no walls” to muffle the volume of music and voices. All sound travels to your closest neighbors and then even much further and louder than you would expect due to the “canyon effect” of the row houses. Please remind your guests to use conversational tones and play any music so folks don’t need to shout above the volume. Assume that people in houses within a block in every direction can hear you when you are on your deck. Also, do not toss anything over the rail. It could be dangerous to those below and it’s littering.

### ***Friends of Patterson Park***

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

**Concerts in the Park** \ Observatory Hill, 6-8pm; Sun., July 16, Sun., July 23, and Sun., Aug. 13.

**Park Sponsors** \ Sponsors keep FOPP events free. Becoming a Park Patron or single-event sponsor will give you a chance to invest in our local events (Brewfest, Winter Lights, Wine at Sunset, Mueveton, and more) and give your company exposure to thousands of visitors. Deadlines are approaching. For more details, email: [sponsorship@pattersonpark.com](mailto:sponsorship@pattersonpark.com). FYI: Butchers Hill restaurant, Charmed Kitchen at Pratt & Chester, is a sponsor of the concerts. Be sure to thank them by patronizing the restaurant.

## ***Patterson Park Audubon***

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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).

**Habitat Team** \ Sat., July 8, 9-10:30am; meet uphill from the boat lake. Water, gloves, and tools provided. Please register.

**Birdwatching** \ Sat., July 29, 8-9:30am, meet at the Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

### ***Other Good Stuff***

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**Patterson Park Pool** \ Open and free by reservation only. Hours are Mon.–Thurs., noon-3pm and 4-7pm; Fri.–Sun., 11am-3pm and 4-8pm. To register and more information, visit [bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/recreation](http://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/recreation) or follow on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram [@Recnparks](https://www.instagram.com/Recnparks). For information on pool closures, follow #BCRPAlerts.

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

**Independence Day Fireworks** \ Tues., July 4, 4-10pm at the Inner Harbor. Fireworks start at 9:30pm and can be seen from most Butchers Hill decks and the Canton shoreline.

**Rise & Run** \ Fells Point, Thur., July 6, 20, and 27, then every Thur., 6-7am. Meet at 1500 Thames St., 3-5 mile run/walk. Certified run coach available. Last Thursday of each month hang out for coffee/breakfast/shopping discounts.

**First Thursdays** \ Free Concerts in Canton Waterfront Park, July 6, Aug. 3, and Sept. 7, 5:30pm, rain or shine, no outside alcohol, glass containers, or coolers permitted. [wtmd.org](http://wtmd.org)

**Highlandtown Arts & Entertainment District 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** \ First Friday Walk, July 7, 5-8pm; Creative Alliance BIG Show, July 15-Aug.12. [ihearthislandtown.com](http://ihearthislandtown.com)

**Fell’s Point Flea Market** \ second Sunday of each month (July 9) on the Broadway Square at Thames St.

**Baltimore Plant Swap** \ third Sunday of each month (July 16) noon-5pm at the Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th St. Exchange plants, cuttings, and supplies.


**Summer Sounds** \ Free concerts at Belvedere Square; York Rd. & Belvedere Ave., 6-8pm; July 28, Luau Block Party and Sept. 8, The Kelly Bell Band. [belvederesquare.com](http://belvederesquare.com)

**Friday Fun Nights at Port Discovery Children’s Museum** \ 4-7pm, admission will be \$12. Ends August 25. [tickets.portdiscovery.org](http://tickets.portdiscovery.org)

**Baltimore Restaurant Week** \ July 21 – July 30, is a way to support local restaurants. Eat in or carryout available. Delivery available, but if you can pick it up yourself, it’s better for the restaurateur. [baltimorerestaurantweek.com](http://baltimorerestaurantweek.com)

**Dockless Vehicles** \ Spin and LINK now hold permits for the next year under revised Rules & Regulations by BCDOT. Permit rules, public comment report, and more information at [transportation.baltimorecity.gov/bike-baltimore/dockless-vehicles](http://transportation.baltimorecity.gov/bike-baltimore/dockless-vehicles).

# July 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Independence Day, Gov't Offices Closed	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <b>Streetscape Com. Mtg.</b> 	12 <b>Safety Com. Mtg.</b>	13 <b>Executive Com. Mtg.</b> 	14 <b>BHA Annual Potluck</b> August Newsletter Deadline	15
16 Concert in the Park	17	18	19 <b>Safety Walk</b>	20 <b>House Tour Com. Mtg.</b>	21	22 Birdwatching Shredding Event
23 Concert in the Park	24 30 25 <b>Flea Mkt. Com. Mtg.</b> 31	25 	26	27 	28	29 Dumpster

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-Off; 2840 Sisson St., 9am-7pm

 Indicates recycling collection days

## Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik <a href="mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com">butchershillpresident@gmail.com</a>	Thurs., July 13, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase <a href="mailto:butchershillfleaemarket@gmail.com">butchershillfleaemarket@gmail.com</a>	Mon., July 31, 7pm Contact Chair for meeting time & location
House Tour	Emily Warren <a href="mailto:horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com">horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com</a>	Thurs., July 20, 7pm Park Superintendent's House
Land Use	Virgil Bartram <a href="mailto:virgil.archuv@icloud.com">virgil.archuv@icloud.com</a>	No meeting this month
Safety	Cheryl McDonald and Tim Eveleigh <a href="mailto:tim.eveleigh@gmail.com">tim.eveleigh@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com">butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com</a>	Wed., July 12, 7pm Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at <a href="https://butchershill.org/safety">butchershill.org/safety</a>
Streetscape	Andrew Crummey <a href="mailto:andrew.crummey@gmail.com">andrew.crummey@gmail.com</a>	Tues., July 11, 7pm Meets the first Tues. 122 S. Chester St.

## Save the Dates 2023

July 14 \ Summer Potluck  
July 29 \ Dumpster –  
unit block N. Collington  
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](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.