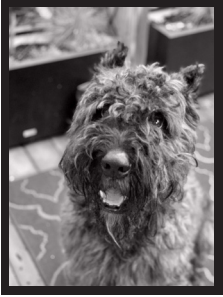


BUTCHERS HILL

March 2024



ROCKET
BHA MASCOT

My phone was blowing up during the Superbowl. To say folks were confused is an understatement. As the residents of the “Friendliest Neighborhood” in the “Greatest City in America” watched Taylor Swift chug most of a beer with Blake Lively, two questions popped into their collective consciousnesses; where was Rocket? And why was Marta closed?

Well dear reader, as you suspected, these two unrelated mysteries are

not mere coincidence. Sure Rocket was disappointed the Ravens lost the AFC Championship but that’s football, a few questionable calls and the Chiefs just outplayed them. What lit his fuse was Travis Kelce tossing Justin Tucker’s helmet aside during the pregame warmup.

For goodness sakes, number nine is a freaking national treasure. A true GOAT, a mensch and the best spokesperson RoFo has ever had. Tossing his helmet, well that is just bad form. Rocket told Taylor as much and the next thing you know she’s pounding beers with the Gossip Girl on national TV.

But you’re still wondering, why was Marta closed? While you, I, and about 100 million other Americans were munching Doritos and guacamole during the Superbowl, Rocket and Justin Tucker were holed up inside Marta feasting on a selection of Chef Matt’s specialties and watching the real big game, Nigeria vs Ivory Coast in the Africa Cup of Nations Championship. Baltimore being Smalltimore, Adley Rutschman and Gunnar Henderson heard about this private soirée and popped over to show solidarity and enjoy some Tuna Cannoli, Meatballs Cacio e Pepe and Tagliatelle Tartufo.

Not being there, I don’t know what they discussed however Rocket alluded to something about combining disparate talents, unlocking hidden synergies and creating greater value. It’s kind of like us bumping into each other and getting your chocolate mixed up with my peanut butter. Or the Streetscape Committee joining the Safety Committee on the monthly walks around the neighborhood. Cleaner, greener & safer; everybody wins!

Last but not least we have a letter;

Dear Rocket and Dan,

Here are the best things about living in Butcher’s Hill from a 10 year old,

- everyone knows everyone
- my best friend lives down the street
- snow days are the best because of Patterson Park
- I don’t have to drive in a car or be on a device to have fun
- I can play wall ball whenever I want because I have my own alley

These are the reasons I love my house and Butcher’s Hill.

— Chloe B.

Be safe and looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting!

With respect,

— Dan | Dan Kiselik, BHA President

A Reminder about Trash Enclosures and Trash Cans

The Butchers Hill Association would like to remind everyone that trash enclosures in front of homes are illegal. We are concerned with the increase in these structures and want to remind anyone that building these structures may result in a fine from the City and removal. Additionally, remember to please bring your trash cans in from the street to store behind or beside your house as soon as possible after pickup. Thank you for your support!

Castle Street Park Clean-up Sat. Mar. 2, 9:30-11:30am

Join neighbors and the Streetscape Committee on Sat., Mar. 2, from 9:30-11:30am for a morning clean-up of Castle Street Park. We’ll provide tools, garbage bags, and refreshments! Please bring your phone (for 311 requests) and gardening gloves, if you have them. Any questions, reach out to Harley at harley.stokes@gmail.com.

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BHA March General Meeting

Wed., Mar. 6, 7pm at St. Andrew Church hall, enter through door on Lombard St.

Agenda: TBD

BHA Committee News & Notes

House Tour Committee

Volunteers \ Call for volunteers! We are gearing up for the 2024 House Tour, slated for this October. If you're an avid supporter of historic homes, love meeting your neighbors, or are looking to get more involved in your Butchers Hill community, this is a great opportunity to volunteer and make a difference!

Members \ This is a major fundraiser for our community. We are seeking new members for a variety of roles on our committee. Whether you're a seasoned event planner or just looking to dip your toes into community involvement, we have a spot for you! We have a variety of roles from planning, communications, art for the brochure/poster, and more.

Meeting \ Let's make the 2024 Butchers Hill House Tour the best one yet! The first meeting of the year will be held on Thur., Mar. 21 at 7pm at the Superintendent's House in Patterson Park. Reach out to Emily Warren at horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com if you're interested or have any questions.

Safety Committee

The Safety Committee is working with the Streetscape Committee to advance ideas for 2024 DHCD grants that could impact our community in positive ways. We anticipate that the 2024 grants will bring more focus on environmental and public health considerations. If this interests you or you have innovative ideas, please join us in shaping the grant proposal. The Safety Committee is continuing to implement projects resulting from 2023 grant awards and is arranging several video projects focused on dangerous intersections and traffic calming measures. The Safety Committee is also working with the newly established Johns Hopkins University police force to address pedestrian safety impacts of the Commodore John Rodgers School reconstruction project and pathways from Butchers Hill to and from the Hopkins medical campus. We are excited to adapt our successful safety walks to a more comprehensive and socially-focused format (see article on next page).

Streetscape Committee

Review of Recyclable Materials \ Plastics: bottles, jugs, and jars (unless they contained motor oil or poisons) and prescription bottles (including caps). Rule of thumb: If the top of the container is narrower than the bottom, it is recyclable.

- Paper and cardboard: All (including hardback books) unless it is metallic or soiled with grease.
- Metal: All clean cans and aluminum foil pans and empty aerosol cans.
- Glass: All clean bottles and jars (all colors, lids may be left on).

Spring Planting Plans \ Ready to think about spring gardening? The National Wildlife Federation recommends food, water, and shelter needs for birds, bees, and butterflies at nwf.org. Find inspiration for small spaces at nwf.org/keystoneplants for our ecoregion. You can make a vertical garden in a small space (balcony or patio) with containers and trellises. Native plant combination kits can be found at gardenforwildlife.com.

Flea Market Committee

The spring flea market will be Sat., May 11. Spaces will go on sale Fri., Apr. 12, and we will stop when we reach 150 spaces sold. We will need lots of volunteers for this fun, semi-annual fundraising event that takes place in Patterson Park. There will be more information about volunteering, including the link to sign up, in the next newsletter.

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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All Who Ramble Are Not Lost

Based on the success of two years of community safety walks, we have hit upon the idea of combining member and BHA committee interests and conducting Community Appreciation Walks that will explore and celebrate the safety, architectural, historical, environmental, and social dimensions of our community. Like a mobile stoop sit, we intend these walks to be a healthy opportunity to get out, socialize, and find ways that we as a community can both appreciate and impact our neighborhood and each other. Some walks will be themed or focused on an issue or an area, and some will just be inspired explorations of our wonderful community. We can pick up trash, form 311 requests, investigate issues, or just enjoy the camaraderie of our neighbors, as well as get some exercise and learn about our incredibly diverse community and its built environment. Our first attempt at this will begin at Halcott Square (100 block of S. Duncan) on Wed., Mar. 20 at 7pm and go for however long folks want to take it. The walk may end up at any of several local watering holes. Everyone is welcome to participate, and we can provide escorts home if you need them.

March Notes & Activities

Julie Community Center

Donations of pencils, composition notebooks, erasers, rulers, pencil carriers, loose leaf paper, backpacks and other school supplies needed for the Julie Community Center's Mid-Year School Supply Giveaway. The giveaway will take place on Mar. 23 at Washington & Lombard Streets.

Friends of Patterson Park

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. If you're a Friends of Patterson Park member, check your email for your discount code (email membership@pattersonpark.com if you need them to check on it), or join/renew at pattersonpark.com/donate.

Construction update \\ The next phase of work at the "white house" (FPP headquarters at the Park Superintendent's House 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.

Park Programs and Events \\ Learn more at pattersonpark.com!

Big Baltimore Kite Festival \\ Mark your calendar for April 6th.

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., Mar. 30, 8-9:30am, meet at the Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

Other Good Stuff

Weekly Recycling Pickup Resumes \\ The city has announced that recycling will resume weekly pick up the week of March 4. Department of Sanitation weekly pickup days in most of Butchers Hill are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Regular trash pickup remains the same, but recycling will now be every week on the other non-trash day. Exception: Washington St. will stay Wed. and Fri., starting March 6 and 8.

Call for Election Judges \\ Baltimore City needs elections judges to work the polls this year for the upcoming Presidential Primary Election. Go to boe.baltimorecity.gov/boe-election-judges for information, including a list of qualifications and compensation rates. The link to the application is bit.ly/boejudge24.

Parking Meter Scam \\ There have been reports of fake QR-code stickers added to parking meters. It seems that you are able to scan the QR code to pay for parking. Don't do it! This is a scam.

47th Maryland Home & Garden + Craft Show \\ Mar. 2-3 & 8-10; 10am-6pm (Sats until 8pm); Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Kids 6-12 \$3, under 6 free. Timonium Fairgrounds. Hundreds of vendors to help with your home and garden jobs. More information and tickets at mdhomeandgarden.com.

St. Patrick Parade \\ Mar, 10, steps off at the Washington Monument on Charles St. at 2pm. Shamrock 5K Race starts at 1pm. The Parade Pub Fundraiser at James Joyce restaurant is March 3. Information is at irishparade.net.

American Craft Council Marketplace \\ March 15-17, 10am-6pm (Sun. 10am-5pm); 300+ juried artisans from across the country. Baltimore Convention Center. Tickets prior to 3/15: \$10. Day-of: \$15 Free to members. Join for \$30, includes online shopping, (shop.craftcouncil.org), one-year subscription to American Craft magazine, and other discounts. For more information, go to craftcouncil.org.

National Cherry Blossom Festival \\ Mar. 20-Apr. 14, at the Tidal Basin in Washington DC. Information on how to get there and all the events (Opening Ceremony, PetAlpalooza, Parade, Pink Tie Party, and Kite Festival) can be found at nationalcherryblossomfestival.org. There is also a free #BloomCam to view live streaming of the tidal basin.

Orioles Opening Day \\ March 28, 3:05pm at Camden Yards, vs Los Angeles Angels. For more information, including 2024 schedule and tickets, visit mlb.com/orioles.

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Castle St. Park Clean-up
3	4	5	6 BHA General Mtg.	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings, set clocks ahead Ramadan	11	12	13 Safety Com. Mtg.	14 Executive Com. Mtg.	15	16
17	18 Flea Market Com. Mtg.	19 Land Use Com. Mtg.	20 Community Appreciation Walk	21 Streetscape Com. Mtg. House Tour Com. Mtg.	22	23 Purim
24 Palm Sunday 31 Easter	25	26	27	28 Oriole's Opening Day	29 Good Friday	30 Birdwatching

Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Mar. 14, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	Mon., Mar. 18, 7pm Contact Committee Chair for details
House Tour	Emily Warren horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com	Thurs. Mar. 21, 7pm Park Superintendent's House
Land Use	Virgil Bartram virgil.archuv@icloud.com	Tues., Mar. 19, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the third Tues.
Safety	Tim Eveleigh butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com	Wed., Mar. 13, 7pm Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at butchershill.org/safety
Streetscape	Patrick Filbert pfilbert123@gmail.com	Thurs., Mar. 21, 7pm 23 N Collington Ave. Meets the third Thurs.

Save the Dates 2024

April \ Mayor's Cleanup
 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

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.