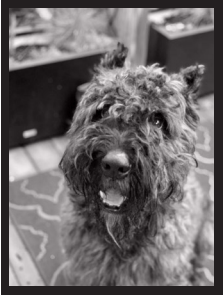


BUTCHERS HILL

May 2023



ROCKET
BHA MASCOT

Rocket and I don't always agree about everything on TV,

however we both enjoy Last Week Tonight with John Oliver. A recent episode focused on homeowner associations and their power, citing many examples of nonsensical restrictions and absurd punitive enforcement. To be crystal clear, **THE BHA IS NOT A HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION!**

The BHA exists to enhance the daily living and quality of life of everyone who resides in, works in, and passes through our neighborhood. Membership is open to anyone who lives here, be they renters, subletters, or owners. We encourage you to join and join us as we work together for the collective benefit of our entire community.

The BHA sponsors social events like this month's stoop sittings, a summer barbecue, and a December holiday party. Member volunteers, your neighbors, organize events to plant trees, light up the streets, and clean up trash. We run a flea market that people from all over the city and beyond attend, and we open our homes for an annual house tour. We support our local artists, our neighborhood schools, work to make our streets safer by calming traffic, and support other local organizations who also work to help Baltimore realize its full potential.

While we are living in an era of high inflation, our membership dues remain at \$10.00 per person. We volunteer our time, so we have no overhead; every dollar we take in goes to improving the lives of you and your neighbors. The more dues-paying members we have, the more we can do for the entire neighborhood. A common thread winding through all our activities, whether organized or in some instances, disorganized, is our striving to enjoy the company of our neighbors. We welcome you to join us.

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Enjoy your month, look out for each other, and see you at the stoop sitting!

— Dan

DAN KISELIK, BHA PRESIDENT

Stoop Sitting

Wed., May 3

In place of May's general meeting, we will be having a Stoop Sitting on Wed., May 3, at 6:30pm. There will be three neighbors hosting this time, locations listed below. Stoop sittings are open to everyone in the neighborhood, in the hope that all neighbors will come out and mix and mingle with each other. BHA provides the beverages, and the hosts will provide a light snack.

23 N. Collington — Patrick Filbert and Natalie Aparcar

2131 E. Lombard St. — Josh and Jess Rupp

Unit block south of Madeira St. (between Lombard and Boyer Streets) — Billy and Laura Motel

Spring Butchers Hill Flea Market & Craft Fair

Sat., June 3rd, 9am-2pm, Patterson Park

As we go to print, spaces are still on sale for the Spring Flea Market & Craft Fair in Patterson Park. Go to butchershill.org/2023-spring-flea-market and navigate to the vendor page to learn everything you ever wanted to know about being a vendor at our flea market—and to pay for and reserve a space.

If you aren't planning to be a vendor, please consider helping out by volunteering for a two-hour shift (or two!). The easiest way to volunteer is to start on the flea market page and navigate to the volunteer page. That will take you to a sign-up form that lists all the options, including shift times. Just add your name to as many as you would like! And thank you in advance for your help.

If you have gently used items to donate, do so at the BHA table. Proceeds go to the two local schools we support. Drop off items the day of the flea market near the entrance to the park at Lombard St. Tax receipts are available. We are not able to accept donations of large furniture or appliances. If you need two hands to pick it up, we can't take it.

And hopefully, if nothing else, everyone will join us on the day of the market as a shopper. We expect the 150 vendor spaces to sell out, so there will be many "fleas" to choose from. There will also be food to purchase and live music to enjoy.

See everyone in Patterson Park on June 3!

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May Stoop Sitting

Wed., May 3, 6:30pm, three different stoops – visit one, two, or all three!

2131 E. Lombard St. • Unit block south of Madeira St. • 23 N. Collington Ave.

BHA Committee News & Notes

Executive Committee

BGE Regulator Installations \ At the recent BHA general meeting, we had a lively discussion about the work BGE is doing in nearby neighborhoods installing gas regulators. There is a petition started to ask our elected leaders and the Maryland Public Service Commission to take action by assisting Baltimore communities in pausing the installation of outside gas regulators in Baltimore City and coming up with a real solution that takes into account our high density and historic neighborhoods. If you weren't able to attend the meeting and are interested in learning more information—or to sign the petition, go to butchershill.org (scroll down on the home page). BGE has temporarily paused the installations, but is planning to start again.

Supporting Local Artists \ BHA hosts an annual event to show appreciation for our local artists. If you are interested in working with Kini Collins, the volunteer that organizes this event currently, and would consider organizing it next year, contact Butchers Hill president, Dan Kiselik at butchershillpresident@gmail.com.

Safety Committee

Street Safety Tips \ Sitting in a car after arriving at your destination or before departing while talking into or typing on a cell phone places you at a greater risk of carjacking. Focusing on a cellphone or listening with earphones while out strolling places you at a greater risk of “unwelcome interruption.” Stay aware out there and stay safe!

Safety Walk \ Our next community Safety Walk is Wed., May 17, at 7pm, starting at Halcott Square, 100 block South Duncan. We'll head south on Duncan to Pratt then west to Washington and back up to Lombard. These walks continue to be useful in that they identify pedestrian and driving hazards and areas with poor lighting and other safety issues. All are welcome to attend and contribute to making our neighborhood a safer place.

Flea Market Committee

Spaces for the spring flea market on June 3 are on sale until they are sold out. We need many volunteers to make the day successful. The vendor and volunteer pages are available from butchershill.org. The committee will be meeting on Monday, May 15. Email Sara at butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com if you want to help plan this or future flea markets.

House Tour Committee

Calling all neighborhood artists! The House Tour Committee is looking for a neighborhood volunteer to design the art that will be featured on House Tour promotional flyers, across social media, and on the cover of the brochure. All original art is welcome. In years past, the house tour committee has featured a variety of mediums – examples of prior designs are available. We love showcasing what our neighbors create! If interested, please contact Emily at horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com.

The next House Tour meeting will be held on Thur., May 18, 7pm at the Superintendent's House in Patterson Park.

Streetscape Committee

Dumpsters \ Community dumpsters help keep our neighborhood clean and green. Volunteers are needed to monitor the dumpsters we have scheduled (see page 4). The committee will cover the May dumpster, if necessary. But we need at least three monitors to be present for the four hours we are allowed to have the dumpster. If we don't get enough volunteers, we will need to cancel delivery. To volunteer, call/text Sandy at (410) 371-8346. We all thank you, in advance, for stepping up to make this service happen.

Trees \ Trees, glorious trees! They give us shade, clean the air we breathe, and muffle traffic noise. We will be surveying the neighborhood to see how our tree pits and canopy are faring. Please notice how your nearby trees are doing. Do you see any empty tree pits where we could plant a tree in the fall or dead or damaged branches? Please email the committee any concerns you have and feel free to join us at a meeting.

Gardening \ Master Gardeners are available from noon-3pm on May 7 and 21 at the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park. Enjoy the beauty of the season while getting expert advice. A donation is suggested.

Correction \ Wicklein's Native Plants only sells to wholesalers. Forgive the error in April's 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). Reach out to Virgil for more information: virgil.archuv@icloud.com.

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School News

Commodore John Rodgers School

Early Dismissal \ May 17, 12:30pm dismissal

No School \ Memorial Day, May 29

May Notes & Activities

Around the Neighborhood

Dumpster \ The first dumpster of 2023 will be here Tue., May 2, at Chester and Fairmount. It could arrive anytime between 7 and 9am. When it arrives, a notice will be posted on Butchers Hill Blocks. Paper yard-waste bags will be available. Volunteers are needed. Call/text Sandy at (410) 371-8346 if you can help that day.

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#/ or visit a chalk night and talk to Christen, the volunteer now organizing.

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.

Baltimore Birding Weekend \ Sat., May 12-14, 8-9:30am, go to baltimorebirding.com for schedule and registration.

Birdwatching \ Sat., May 27, 8-9:30am, meet at the Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

Habitat Native Garden \ Sat., May 6, 8-9:30am; meet at the habitat garden near the Boat Lake.

Friends of Patterson Park

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

Wine at Sunset \ Thurs., May 25; Wine at Sunset features wine and food from some of Baltimore's favorite restaurants, live music by Rob Fahey and more.

Other Good Stuff

AVAM Kinetic Sculpture Race \ May 6, 1-3pm. Lucky us! Lombard Street is the best viewing of this event featuring unique, amphibious, human-powered, custom-built works-of-art-as-transportation as they come out of Patterson Park going through the mud and sand pits. Information, including the entire route, can be found at kineticbaltimore.com.

Spring Fest Fiesta \ May 13, 11am-9pm, in Patterson Park. Admission \$10, age10 and under free. Sponsored by the nonprofit, HOLA Baltimore, to benefit students in their mentoring program, Hermano Mios. For more information visit holabaltimoreorg.wixsite.com or pattersonpark.com/parkcalendar.

3rd Annual Baltimore Birth Festival \ May 21, 10am-3pm, near the Observatory. Free. Go to marylandfamiliesforsafebirth.org for more information about free raffle tickets, schedule, and entertainment.

Preakness Stakes \ Pimlico Race Course, May 20, culminating with the 148th running for thoroughbred racing's middle jewel in the Triple Crown. preakness.com

Flower Mart At Mount Vernon \ May 5 & 6, noon-7pm. Baltimore's oldest free public festival, started in 1911 when the signature "Lemon Stick" treat was introduced. Sixty vendors, music and events, classes and crafts for all ages. mvpcconservancy.org/flower-mart/

Follow the local art scene \ The Highlandtown Arts District (insignia: ha! with "highlandtown" in small letters below that) encompasses a large number of local artists; ihearthislandtown.com. BOPA will connect you with the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts events and film; promotionandarts.org. GBAC is the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance website for artist opportunities and listing; baltimoreculture.org.

My Solar Power Experience

by Greg Morris

I recently did research to install solar power on my roof and thought I would share some of what I found:


Houses that have roofs with minimal shading by trees and adjacent structures, in addition to roofs that allow facing of panels in a southern and/or western direction, are better candidates for solar panels. Aerial photographs and satellite images assist in the evaluation of the capability of one's roof for solar panels and will also be incorporated into the proposed designs.

Flat roofs do present a special challenge to many solar panel installers. I went with a company that was willing to find a non-penetrating solution that also took into account how much weight my roof can support. Solar Stack has an adhesive, non-roof-penetrating solar panel mounting system (solarstack.com). IronRidge has railing options for flat roofs that can anchor along the house's wall for better support and improved weight distribution (ironridge.com/flat-roofs).

(to be continued in the June newsletter)

May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Dumpster Day Streetscape Com. Mtg. 	3 Stoop Sitting	4	5 Cinco de Mayo <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off; 2840 Sisson St., 9am-7pm</div>	6
7	8	9	10 Safety Com. Mtg.	11 Executive Com. Mtg.	12 June Newsletter Deadline	13
14 Mother's Day	15 Flea Market Com. Mtgs.	16 Land Use Com. Mtgs. 	17 Safety Walk	18 House Tour Com. Mtg. 	19 Black-Eyed Susan Day	20 Preakness
21	22	23	24	25 Shavuot begins at sundown	26	27 Birdwatching
28	29 Memorial Day Govt. Offices & Sanitation Yards Closed	30 	31			

 Indicates recycling collection days

Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., May 11, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	Mon., May 15, 6pm Contact Chair for meeting time & location
House Tour	Emily Warren horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com	Thurs., May 18, 7pm Park Superintendent's House
Land Use	Virgil Bartram virgil.archuv@icloud.com	Tues., May 16, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the third Tues.
Safety	Cheryl McDonald and Tim Eveleigh tim.eveleigh@gmail.com butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com	During Safety Walk Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at butchershill.org/safety
Streetscape	Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	Tues., May 2, 7pm Meets the first Tues. 122 S. Chester St.

Save the Dates 2023

May 2 \ Spring Cleanup & Dumpster
 June 3 \ Spring Flea Market & Craft Fair
 July \ Summer Potluck
 July 29 \ Dumpster
 Sept. 23 \ Fall Flea Market & Craft Fair
 Oct. 15 \ House Tour
 Oct. 17 \ Fall Cleanup & Dumpster
 Nov. \ Art event
 Dec. 2 \ Dumpster
 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.