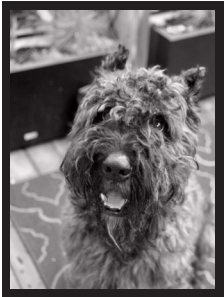


BUTCHERS HILL

May 2024



ROCKET
BHA MASCOT

Well dear readers, spring is in full swing (if rhymes are your thing) or spring is in full bloom (if metaphors float your boat!) Either way, stop reading (for just a moment) and look outside. Trees are flowering, bees are buzzing and bulbs are bursting.

Why is May a great time to live in Butchers Hill? Two words: Stoop. Sitting. Once again three of our neighbors will be hosting and serving beer and wine

(courtesy of the BHA), light snacks and soft drinks on Wed. May 1 from 6pm until ~8pm in lieu of our general meeting. The stoop hosts are Lara and Jay at 25 N. Collington, Dave and Amy at 2129 E Baltimore (corner of S. Collington), and Kristen and Andy at 2102 Claremont St. (off Chester St. just south of Pratt).

Now the only ask I have of you, dear reader, is to come out and meet one new person. I know I am going to get a lot (a real lot) of clarifying questions on this, so I'm going to make a best effort, right here, right now, to provide greater precision with the following four scenarios;

1. The person can be a complete stranger
2. You are aware of the person and know who they are but have never spoken to them
3. You are aware of the person however don't who they are
4. You have a secret crush on the person and want to use this as an excuse to make the first move (feel free to thank me later)

The above covers the full spectrum of possibilities so let's move on.

Another big reason why May is such a great time to be in Butchers Hill is our Spring Flea Market on May 11. Come closer and I'll let you in on a little known secret, the flea market is not a miniature store where fleas shop after they go to the flea circus. It's 150 plus vendors selling all kinds of cool stuff. And BHA has a spot where you can bring some of your stuff, which can be sold to benefit our two neighborhood schools.

And to run this awesome event, we need you to volunteer. Last spring, Rocket was a volunteer helping vendors find their assigned spot. When his shift was over, he picked up an old knickknack from a nice woman named Fay in spot 93. He brings it home and the next thing you know, he sells it on Facebook Marketplace, invests half the proceeds in a basket of AI stocks and the other half in Bitcoin.

President's letter continues on p.3 ...

Spring Flea Market & Craft Fair

Sat., May 11 ~ 9am - 2pm

We had an amazing turn out from flea market vendors this time and sold all 150 (plus) spaces in one day! There are two ways to support the flea market:

Volunteer: we need people for two-hour shifts throughout the day of the flea market. Go to butchershill.org/2024-spring-flea-market and click on the Volunteer link to sign up.

Donate your gently used items (if it isn't nice enough to give to a friend, please don't donate it) to the BHA table. Proceeds go to support two of our local preK-8 schools. Drop off your donations from 7-10am at the Lombard St. entrance to Patterson Park. Tax receipts available upon request. We can't accept the following items: large appliances, tube TVs and monitors, furniture (if you can't pick it up with one hand, we can't take it), and beds and bedding.

One more way that everyone can participate in the flea market is to come shop! There will be live music, food, and lots of fun. Hope to see everyone in the park on May 11!

Cumbersome Can Control

It's spring, and our neighborhood is looking wonderfully green and colorful with the trees full of leaves and the pots filled with blossoms. Remember that trashcans can't be stored in front of our houses. It can be difficult to move and store those large, city-issued cans since trashcans can't be stored in the front and are a hassle to move in and out, and up and down stairs. Here's an option to consider: you aren't required to use the city-issued cans, as long as you do use a rat-proof can with a tight-fitting lid. If you don't want your green can, note the number on the can and contact 311 by phone or on the baltimorecity.gov website to have the city pick it up. Buy the size of can that fits your needs. Hopefully this idea may make it easier to keep Butchers Hill a beautiful place where everyone is proud to live!

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

BHA May Stoop Sitting

Wed., May 1, 6pm around the neighborhood

Kristen and Andy
2102 Claremont Street
(on S Chester just south of E Pratt)

Amy and Dave
2129 E Baltimore Street
(on S Collington Ave at E Baltimore)

Lara and Jay
25 N Collington Avenue

BHA Committee News & Notes

Safety Committee

Community Appreciation Walk \ Wed., May 15, 7pm, starting at Halcott Square on South Duncan St. These mobile stop and chats are a great way to get out and explore the spring vegetation, architecture, and the people of Butchers Hill. The weather should be warm, and the walk will end around sunset. Those interested can continue on with us to a local watering hole.

Grant Proposal \ the Safety Committee worked with the Streetscapes Committee in April to write proposals toward the 2024 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development grants towards cameras, lighting, and related safety services, and environmental health and justice. We hope we are awarded again in 2024 to continue the work we have been doing as a community to improve lighting, reduce urban heat island effects, bring traffic calming, and to add video cameras to dangerous intersections.

Survey Reminder \ If you haven't already done so, take a few minutes to complete DPW's self-reporting service line survey. This short survey is designed to quickly discover and report the material of the water service line entering your home. The survey is part of a nationwide effort to find and address lead pipes. DPW has mailed survey instructions to us all that explain the simple process. If you need help completing the survey, contact the Safety Committee (See page 4) and we can arrange to have a DPW representative stop by to help you with it. For survey information, go to servicelinepartnership.baltimorecity.gov.

Streetscape Committee

Working Together \ Yes! A day of community-wide work cleaning Castle Street Park and the rain gardens and planting new trees! About 25 people had fun together, socializing, and pitching in to make our neighborhood a cleaner, greener place to live. It is so good getting to know new folks.

Grant \ Streetscape and Safety Committees are working on an all-encompassing grant from DHCD. Read more details in the Safety Committee report.

Dumpster ??? \ **We must have volunteers for the dumpster on June 15, or we will need to cancel it.** The dumpster will be in the unit block of N. Collington Ave. We request volunteers work two hours, either first or second shift, after

the dumpster is delivered (usually between 7-9am). Please check out all the dates and locations for dumpsters on page 4 of the newsletter. Contact Sandy at sjs2201@verizon.net or text (410) 371-8346 with the date and shift you would like and your contact information. This is an important service to our whole area and a great way to meet neighbors. Dumpsters must be monitored to prevent illegal dumping for the four hours they are here. Thank you in advance!

Flea Market Committee

The Flea Market Committee continues to plan the upcoming flea market on May 11. If you would like to join and help with future flea markets, email Sara at butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com. To volunteer for this months' flea market, go to butchershill.org/2024-spring-flea-market.

Land Use Committee

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).

House Tour Committee

The Butchers Hill House Tour is back this fall, set for Sun., Oct. 20. Our House Tour Committee is hard at work, scouting out the perfect homes to feature. Already, several homeowners have eagerly joined the lineup, and we can't wait to unveil the hidden gems behind their doors!

Are you intrigued about showcasing your home on this year's tour? We love highlighting the unique charm of our neighborhood's homes and would be thrilled to include yours. Get in touch with Emily at butchershillhousetour@gmail.com with questions or to express your interest.

Mark your calendars for our next House Tour meeting on Thur., May 16, at 7pm, located at the Superintendent's House in Patterson Park. Your participation and enthusiasm are always welcomed and appreciated!

Connect with Butchers Hill



www.ButchersHill.org



Butchers Hill
Blocks



ButchersHill
Baltimore



Butchers_Hill

President's letter continued from p.1 ...

He then tells me he cashed in his portfolio because David Rubenstein and "the Iron Man" want him to join them in buying the Orioles. Here's the point; sign up to volunteer at the Flea Market and you too could own a Major League Baseball team.

Now for this month's letters:

Dear Dan and Rocket,

I love living in Butchers Hill because I like living near the park where I always run into my friend Leon. My neighbors are the best because they give me chocolate and they are nice. I like living close to my friends Emily, Noah and Finny and my favorite restaurant La Barrita. I love looking at my neighbors beautiful flowers.

— Sufi K.

Dear Dan and Rocket,

I love living in Butchers Hill because, well, what starts with a p? P-p-Patterson park! Because I play t-ball and soccer there.

— Will B.

Remember, kindness toward each other costs nothing yet it can be the most valuable gift one receives. See you at the Stoop Sitting and the Flea Market!

Best,

— Dan | Dan Kiselik, BHA President

The Bells at St. Andrews

Don't be alarmed: church bells at midnight! May 4, St. Andrew's bell ringing in celebration of Orthodox Easter, May 5. Information for all events is posted on the church website at standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming_events.

May Notes & Activities

Friends of Patterson Park

Patterson Park Wine at Sunset \ May 23, 6-9pm. Tickets now on sale! This wine-tasting fundraiser will be held near the Marble Fountain in Patterson Park. Tickets and info 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 \ Work at the Park Superintendent's House (FPP headquarters 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

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., May 25, 8-9:30am, meet at the Eastern Ave. entry to the boat lake.

8th Annual Baltimore Birding Weekend \ May 10-12, Register at BaltimoreBirding.com. Guided experiences on foot; by boat, kayaks, and canoes; and in parks, wetlands, and ecological restoration sites. Profits go to the Phoenix Wildlife Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to rehabilitation and returning to the wild injured birds, mammals, and reptiles, as well as to wildlife education. Call (410) 628-9736 for advice about injured wildlife.

Other Good Stuff

American Visionary Art Museum Kinetic Sculpture Race \ May 4, 1-3pm. Lucky us! Lombard St. is the best viewing of the unique, amphibious, human-powered, custom-built works of art as they come out of Patterson Park after first going through the water at Canton Waterfront Park, then traveling up to the park for the mud and sand pits. Information, entry form and the entire route, can be found at avam.org.

Maryland Film Festival \ May 2-5, tickets on sale now. Check out the feature films and short programs, spanning all genres from all over the world. For more info: mdfilmfest.com.

Flower Mart at Mount Vernon Place \ May 3-4, 11am- 9pm, seventy vendors, music, children's area, food court, lemon peppermint sticks, and, of course, flowers and plants. For more info: mvpconservancy.org/flower-mart.

Institute of Marine and Environmental Technologies (IMET) Open House \ May 4, 1-4pm; free; kids of all ages will get a rare opportunity for hands-on science. Discover marine research, hidden wonders of the harbor through powerful microscopes and pipettes guided by marine biologists. IMET, 701 E. Pratt St. Information at waterfrontpartnership.org.

Preakness Stakes, Pimlico Racecourse \ May 18, culminating with the 149th running for thoroughbred racing's middle jewel in the Triple Crown. Only thirteen horses in history have won the Triple Crown. More information at preakness.com.

Italian Festival \ May 31-June 2, in Baltimore's historic Little Italy, Stiles & Exeter Streets; the festival opens with a showing of *Moonstruck* at the neighborhood's outdoor movie theater. For information about the festival, including the history, go to saintleorcc.com/italian-festivals.

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 BHA Stoop Sitting	2	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off; 2840 Sisson St., 9am-7pm</div>	4 AVAM Kinetic Sculpture Race
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 Safety Com. Mtg.	9 Executive Com. Mtg.	10	11 BHA Flea Market & Craft Fair
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Community Appreciation Walk	16 Streetscape Com. Mtg. House Tour Com. Mtg.	17 June newsletter deadline	18
19	20	21 Land Use Com. Mtg.	22	23	24	25 Birdwatching
26	27 Memorial Day gov't holiday	28	29	30	31	

Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., May 9, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	TBD Contact Committee Chair for details
House Tour	Emily Warren butchershillhousetour@gmail.com	Thurs. May 16, 7pm Park Superintendent's House
Land Use	Virgil Bartram virgil.archuv@icloud.com	Tues., May 21, 7pm Meets the third Tues. Contact Committee Chair for location
Safety	Tim Eveleigh butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com	Wed., May 8, 7pm Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at butchershill.org/safety
Streetscape	Patrick Filbert pfilbert123@gmail.com	Thurs., May 16, 8pm 23 N Collington Ave. Meets the third Thurs.

Save the Dates 2024

May 11 \ Spring Flea Market
 July \ Summer Picnic
 Sep. 14 \ Fall Flea Market
 Oct. 20 \ BHA House Tour
 Nov. \ Shop & Schmooze
 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.

**Four volunteer monitors are required
 or dumpster will be cancelled. See
 Streetscape Committee info to sign up.**



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.