

BUTCHERS HILL

November 2023



ROCKET
BHA MASCOT

Let me squash the ugly rumor going around the neighborhood right here, right now; while Democracy, as both an institution and as a philosophy, is under attack across the globe, you can rest assured it is thriving in Butchers Hill. To quote Rocket, “not on my watch!”

Yes, we are a bit delayed in announcing the slate of officers for the 2024 board. However, in our defense, jamming in an extra stoop sit in August

for NNO put us into double secret unprecedented territory.

**Note to self, add extensive experience in party planning to the criteria for prospective BHA board members.

The process for selecting officers is both straightforward and 100% transparent. The board has tasked immediate past president Beth Braun to assemble a nominating committee composed of individuals with unique abilities who, only by working as a team, have a shot at defying the odds and assuring the sun will rise another day. Sort of a combination of the Uncanny X-Men and the '83 Orioles. This team will be given “unlimited” resources (think supercomputers, recovered alien spacecraft and advanced genetic engineering tools) to identify prospective BHA board members who will then compete in a Hunger Games styled contest to find the three most qualified individuals to join the seven current board members who will be returning. As I said, straightforward and 100% transparent.

My own experience, serving our community in various board positions over the last six years, has been quite fulfilling. While the day-to-day neighborhood business and our community's interaction with the city and state are interesting, the most rewarding aspect has been creating greater connections and deepening friendships. As president, one of my personal goals has been, and will continue to be, assuring each board member has the opportunity to advance their own growth and fulfillment as a consequence of making a positive impact on the community. If you are interested in serving the community by joining the board (or are even just a little intrigued by the possibility), I encourage you to reach out to Beth (bethabraun@yahoo.com).

Let's end this month's rambling with a more coherent message from one of our younger residents.

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Shop & Schmooze

Wed., Nov. 15, 7-9pm

Shop and Schmooze is back inside St Andrew Church Hall (corner of E. Lombard and S. Chester Streets). Twenty-plus local artists will be selling their pottery, jewelry, paintings, journals, boxes, photos, prints, candles, wood turnings, textiles, and books. Everyone is welcome to this hyper local holiday shopping event among friends and neighbors with live background music. Nibbles and beverages will be provided by the Butchers Hill Association.

Thank You House Tour Sponsors

We deeply appreciate the following neighborhood sponsors' generous support of our house tour. Their sponsorship helped make the event a great success and enabled us to showcase our neighborhood's character and charm. We encourage everyone to thank our sponsors.

Diamond

- 3 Carat - Amy Sheinin, Soethby's International Realty
- 2 Carat - Mike Doyle, State Farm
- 2 Carat - Old Line Spirits
- 1 Carat - Law Office of Douglas R. Gorius

Platinum

- Dave and Pat Phoebus
- Trish White, Atelier
- Kevin Beale, Cummings & Co. Realtors
- Scott Richard Berg, CBW LLC, Marine Surveyor and Consultant
- Charmed Kitchen

Gold

- Maxine Taylor, MAXgallery
- Charmed City Living

Silver

- Solidarity Firearms
- Mark Supik & Co.
- Phina's Fine Linen and Gifts

Bronze

- Andrew Gray, Esq.

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BHA November General Meeting Wed., Nov. 15, 7-9pm at St. Andrew Church

This month's general meeting will be replaced by Shop & Schmooze – Wed., Nov 15, 7-9pm, St. Andrew Church Hall.

BHA Committee News & Notes

President's Letter (continued)

"Why do I like living in Butchers Hill? I like living in Butchers Hill because of the community in general, I like my school, Commodore John Rodgers, from the teachers and students to the after-school programs. The festivities that go on in the neighborhood during the holidays like the winter solstice. I've been here 10 years and don't regret one." Izzy K

And finally, a big thank you to the House Tour Committee, our neighbors who opened their homes and everyone who went on the tour!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Shop & Schmooze!

Until then, Shake it Off, Respect and Peace Out,

— Dan

Dan Kiselik, BHA President

Streetscape Committee

Tree Planting \ \ Save the planet. Put your name on our list for "I'll help plant a tree." Contact Andrew (see Committee Chairs list on calendar page) or Sandy at sjs2201@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 this time, maybe next time.

Leaves \ \ Sweep sidewalk leaves onto your tree pits, potted plants, or gardens as mulch. Bag leaves from the gutter and street to be picked up with regular trash. Leaves from the street are contaminated with hydrocarbons from vehicle exhaust. Baltimore is under consent decree and puts down a solvent and then removes the residue from the gutters so it will not get into the harbor and Chesapeake Bay. In your yard or other green spaces, allow leaves to remain; they are home to many over-wintering species and should not be disturbed or thrown away.

THANK YOU to City Councilperson Antonio Glover who connected us with BRC who donated the Oct. 14 dumpster. Also thank you to Andrew for the canopy that kept volunteers out of the rain and Ann, Burke, David, Leslie, Trish, Ross, Sandy, and William (our high school volunteer, working for community service hours) all of whom made it a success.

Please consider volunteering for the Dec. 2 dumpster on 100 block of S. Collington Ave.

House Tour Committee

Thank you to all of our homeowners, house sitters, writers, sponsors, and other volunteers for a very successful house tour! The day of the tour was a perfect fall day, and we loved seeing all of our neighbors out and about for the tour.

Monthly house tour meetings have concluded for 2023 and we will resume meeting in the spring of 2024. Anyone interested in joining the committee can reach out to Emily at horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com.

Flea Market Committee

We will start meeting again after the first of the year to organize the spring flea market (scheduled May 11).

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).

Safety Committee

Safety walk \ \ Our next Safety Walk will be at 7pm on Nov. 15 and will launch from the Fairmount side of Castle St Park, down Washington to Lombard, and back up Chester (to Shop & Schmooze!). Enjoy the cool autumn night air, the company of your neighbors, and contribute to improving the safety of our beautiful neighborhood.

Activating 311 \ \ It is easy to see our built infrastructure as decaying or broken, in some cases, maybe even abandoned and often downright unsafe. A walk around our blocks will find plenty of things that could use improvement or repair. It is also easy to believe that this is how things must be and that none of us have any influence or agency. Enter 311.

311 is an app, phone call, or email you can use to report all sorts of things: overgrown vegetation, trash piles, abandoned cars, burned out city (not café) lighting, trip hazards, abandoned cars, even faded or bent road signs. Our city services want to help us fix these things but often lack the means to detect and prioritize them. Enter 311.

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A 311 request makes issues visible, multiple requests make them urgent! 311 will geolocate pictures you take showing what needs attention. 311 requests don't always result in immediate action, but squeaky wheels will eventually get oiled if they keep squeaking. Treat it as a free game app on your iPhone and before long, we'll have a safer community. Join us on a safety walk and help launch a new round of 311 requests to make our community safer.

October Notes & Activities

Patterson Park Public Charter School

Annual Report \ Read the annual report on academic growth, financials, and more at pppcs.org/annual-report.

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.

Julie Community Center

Open House and Community Meeting \ Fri., Nov. 17, 4:30-6:30pm. Join us to learn about the center's programs, celebrate achievements, and learn how you can get involved. For more information, please visit their website, thejuliecommunitycenter.org.

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.

Habitat Team \ Sat., Nov. 4, 9-10:30am, meet uphill from the boat lake. Water, gloves & tools provided. Please register..

Birdwatching \ Sat., Nov. 18, 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.

Brew Fest \ Sat., Nov. 11, 12-4:30pm; 40+ local beers, food trucks, and live music; tickets and information at pattersonpark.com/brewfest.

Observatory Lighting \ Sun., Dec. 3, 4-6:30pm; family fun at this annual event; information, including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, at pattersonpark.com/winterlights.

Other Good Stuff

Baltimore Craft Beer Festival \ Nov. 4, Canton Waterfront Park; live music, food trucks, and local breweries. More information at baltimorecraftbeerfestival.com.

Baltimore City Veterans Day Parade \ Nov. 10, noon at the Washington Monument, Charles & Centre Streets.

Maryland Irish Festival \ Nov. 10-12, Timonium State Fair Grounds. Authentic food, drink, music, and dance. More information at irishfestival.com.

Comedy Beasts \ Thurs., Nov. 16, 7pm. Baltimore comedians, Umar Khan (The DC Improv, Warner Theater in DC, 9:30 Club, The Historic Sixth & I Synagogue, Hilarities in Cleveland, Punchline Philly, and Philly Helium) and Mike Q (host of the longest-running monthly comedy show in Baltimore – Second Saturday Sh*t Show at the Ottobar – and is founder and director of the Ellicott Silly Comedy Festival) perform live at Harbor East Cinema. For more information and tickets visit harboreastcinemas.com.

Y Turkey Trot Charity 5K \ Thurs., Nov. 23, 8:30am, The Weinberg Y in Waverly (900 E. 33rd St.). Annual Thanksgiving morning Turkey Trot. For more information, including additional locations and registration, visit ymaryland.org.

Festival of Trees \ Nov. 24-26, Hundreds of designer-decorated trees, wreaths, and gingerbread houses displayed and on sale. Entertainment, including visiting Santa Claus and holiday shopping. Benefits Kennedy Krieger Institute patients, students, and programs. More information at kennedykrieger.org.

Small Business Saturday \ Sat., Nov. 30, Shop locally and help make your community and neighbors successful.

News You Can Use

DPW Launches Textile Recycling Partnership \ Help keep textiles, including clothing, out of the landfill. There are now large blue bins for recycling clothing and houseware textiles at citizen drop-off centers. You can drop off dry, clean items, and they will be either reused or recycled. More information at publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/textile-recycling.

Speed Cameras \ to improve school safety, cameras have been added on the 2300-2900 blocks of Boston St., near St. Casimir and the Goddard schools. More information at transportation.baltimorecity.gov/atvesprogram.

MD Connected Devices \ The Pratt Library, in partnership with the Maryland Office of Statewide Broadband and Baltimore City Information & Technology, will be distributing 30,000 Chromebooks to eligible Baltimore City households. Details, including requirements and the link to schedule an appointment, are at prattlibrary.org/services/computer-internet-access/maryland-connected-devices. In addition, Chromebooks may be borrowed by those thirteen years or older with a Pratt library card. Nearby branches include: Southeast Anchor, (410) 396-1580; Patterson Park Branch, (410) 396-0983; and Orleans Street Branch, (410) 396-0970.

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 No general meeting	2	3	4
					Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off: 2840 Sisson St., 9am-5pm	
5 Daylight Savings time ends	6	7 Safety Com. Mtg.	8	9 Executive Com. Mtg.	10 Veteran's Day Gov't Holiday Dec. NL deadline	11 Missed recycling/ trash collection Brew Fest
12	13	14	15 Safety Walk Shop & Schmooze	16	17	18 Birdwatching
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Gov't Holiday	24	25 Missed recycling/ trash collection
26	27	28	29	30		

 Indicates recycling collection days

Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive Dan Kiselik Thurs., Nov. 9, 7pm
butchershillpresident@gmail.com Park Superintendent's House
Meets the second Thurs.

Flea Market Sara Gebase No Nov. meeting
butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com

House Tour Emily Warren No Nov. meeting
horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com

Land Use Virgil Bartram No Nov. meeting
virgil.archuv@icloud.com

Safety Cheryl McDonald and Tim Eveleigh Tues., Nov. 7, 7pm
tim.eveleigh@gmail.com Usually meets the second Wed.
butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com Zoom link at butchershill.org/safety

Streetscape Andrew Crummey No Nov. meeting
andrew.crummey@gmail.com

Save the Dates 2023

Nov. 15 \\
Shop & Schmooze

Dec. 2 \\
Dumpster –
100 block S. Collington

Dec. 10 \\
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.