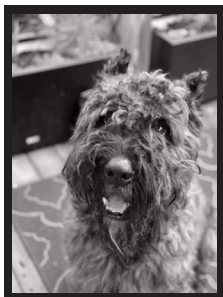


BUTCHERS HILL

October 2023



ROCKET
BHA MASCOT

When man's best friend takes the month off from proofreading, mistakes are bound to be made. As such, last month, I thanked my very talented neighbor Howie Ehrenfeld for adding to the music on our National Night Out, however auto-correct changed his last name. With Rocket back, you can feel confident this month's column will be both accurate and precise.

Speaking for our entire community, we want to thank the Flea Market Committee and all those who volunteered to help. We are all disappointed the Fall Flea Market couldn't happen this year.

It's been a while; however, we are back in St Andrew's for our October general meeting. The agenda is still being finalized, but you can be sure you will leave the meeting more informed than when you entered. While I can't promise you'll be 2 inches taller, 5 lbs. lighter and look 10 years younger, it's not impossible. The only way to find out for sure is to attend.

Rocket is excited about October. As a longtime "Swifty" (for the record, auto-correct changed it to "Swiffer") he is all about the release of "1989—Taylor's version" at the end of the month. He has been busy working his recording industry connections and the FOPP in an effort to secure her a date at next summer's Patterson Park Concert series.

Fun fact; according to the Wall Street Journal, Ms. Taylor Swift has an extensive real estate portfolio. Rocket suspects she may be looking for property in our neighborhood. As such he placed a significant wager at DraftKings that she will be checking out the Butchers Hill House Tour incognito.

Want to meet Taylor Swift? My advice is to volunteer to be a house sitter. Besides the chance to get a selfie with her, you help out the neighborhood and get to attend the exclusive velvet-rope volunteer appreciation party. And if Taylor Swift crashes it, it will be epic and might even break the internet.

Numerous teachers have asked us to give the kids a month off from letting us know why they love living in Butchers Hill, so they can focus on getting their homework done. Don't worry, they'll be back next month.

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

— Dan

DAN KISELIK, BHA PRESIDENT

Butchers Hill House Tour

Sun., Oct. 15, 12-5pm

We can't wait to see you at the 44th Butchers Hill House Tour! This year's house tour will be held on Sun., Oct. 15 from 12-5 pm. We are thrilled to feature eight historic homes that highlight the uniqueness and diversity of our neighborhood.

Tickets for the tour are available for \$20 a ticket through Sat., Oct. 14 at butchershill.org/2023-housetour/tickets-1. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available at the Superintendent's House in Patterson Park for \$25 a ticket.

We couldn't do this without our neighbor volunteers and are so thankful for your support. Please consider signing up to serve as a house sitter. House sitters monitor rooms, engage with attendees on the day of the tour, and have the opportunity to meet neighbors and other historic home lovers. All house tour sitters receive a complimentary house tour ticket to attend the tour before or after their house-sitting shift. Sign up for a shift at <https://tinyurl.com/3v5jc95c> or email Max at maxd342@gmail.com with questions or interest.

Shop & Schmooze

Wed., Nov. 15, 7-9pm

Don't miss the return of Shop & Schmooze! We will be back in St. Andrew Church Hall on Wed., Nov. 15. Check out pottery, paintings, prints, photos, weavings, books, boxes, jewelry, mosaics, and scarves from area artists.

Enjoy (and purchase!) the art while hanging with your neighbors, enjoying music, snacks, and beverages provided by the Butchers Hill Association.

Neighborhood Cleanup, Tree Planting & Dumpster

Sat., Oct. 14, 9am-1pm

Join your neighbors in pulling weeds, sweeping sidewalks and gutters, and generally cleaning up the neighborhood ahead of this year's House Tour. There will be a dumpster on the 100 block of S. Chester St. Volunteers are needed to monitor the dumpster and to plant trees – if you can assist with either, meet at the corner of S. Chester and Pratt St. around 9am that morning. Let's work together to make the neighborhood shine!

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BHA October General Meeting Wed., Oct. 4, 7pm at St. Andrew Church

BHA Committee News & Notes

Streetscape Committee

Dumpster monitors are needed for Oct. 14. We will have a dumpster for all the trash that everyone picks up during the neighborhood-wide clean up that day. Please help make the neighborhood sparkle for the house tour the next day. If you are able to monitor the dumpster, contact Sandy: sjs2201@verizon.net or text (410) 371-8346 with your name and contact information.

House Tour Committee

The Butchers Hill House Tour Committee hopes to see you on Sun., Oct. 15 for this year's house tour!

Pre-purchase a ticket or pick one up at the Superintendent's House in Patterson Park the day of the tour. Enjoy a wonderful afternoon exploring the Butchers Hill neighborhood and touring eight historic homes. We can't wait to see you there!

Flea Market Committee

A huge thank you to the committee members for their hard work over the past several months and the volunteers who were prepared to make the flea market happen in September. Unfortunately Mother Nature had different plans. We were sad to make the decision to cancel, but looking at the weather forecast the day before, we knew it was the only sensible way to go.

Shelving \\ If anyone has bookcases/shelves they are not using, please consider donating them to the BHA for use in our garage (thanks Sandy) to store and organize supplies. To donate, reach out to Sara via email at butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com or call/text (240) 315-3240.

Debrief \\ We will hold a committee debrief meeting soon. If you would like to join the committee to help organize the spring flea market, please contact Sara at butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com.

2024 Flea Markets \\ Mark your calendars for next year's flea markets: Sat. May 11 and Sat. Sept. 14.

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 for shorter days \\ With that refreshing nip in the air, we can anticipate shorter days ahead. This is a great time to think about shorter-day safety strategies. For pedestrians and cyclists in the neighborhood, reflect on your lighting strategy. Consider carrying a small flashlight and wearing more reflective clothing and using reflective dog leashes. Bikes require lights if operated after dark. Residents, consider using stoop lights, they now make very affordable switches that track dawn and dusk for you based on your latitude so that you can configure the switch once and forget it. Get those smoke and CO detectors tested (or acquired if you don't have one!). Change your furnace and dryer filters and consider having your furnace checked by a qualified expert, particularly if your furnace is older. A few simple steps will go a long way toward safer, shorter days.

Honda owners alert \\ There has been a rash of airbag thefts recently in all Honda models. Thieves working together as a team can smash a car window and grab an airbag in about 15 seconds. Consider getting a steering wheel lock that also protects your airbag. Several are available in stores and on Amazon.

Safety walk \\ Our next Safety Walk will be on Wed., Oct. 18 at 7pm. We'll meet at Castle Street Park (2021 E Fairmount Ave) and walk east and north looking for street lighting issues, abandoned property, trip hazards, missing and damaged signs, and launching 311 requests. Please join us for a pleasant stroll in the crisp night air. We are often accompanied by our BCPD community outreach officers who can impart a wealth of great safety knowledge. Escorts home provided if needed.

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October Notes & Activities

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.

Patterson Park Public Charter School

Information \\ Check out pppcs.org for important school-related information.

Julie Community Center

Child Care Training Program \\ The next class will begin their instruction in mid-October. Course work includes all Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care required classes. Past graduates have obtained positions in childcare centers and Head Start programs. Course work is in English and Spanish and at a minimal cost to the student. For more information or to enroll, contact Laura Syron, juliecenterdirector@gmail.com.

Operation Soup Bag \\ We are launching a new food program, Operation Soup Bag. We will distribute soup bags containing a whole chicken, rice, beans or posole, and onion/carrots/celery. More information on the program and how to volunteer/donate will be available on our website very soon. Program contact: Rosa Pineda, juliecenteroutreach@gmail.com.

St. Andrew Church

Bull & Oyster Roast \\ Sun., Oct. 15; support our friends at St. Andrew and eat delicious food. Event details at standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming_events.

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., Oct. 7, 8-9:30am; meet at the garden NW of the boat lake.

Birdwatching \\ Sat., Oct. 28, 8-9:30am, meet at the Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

Friends of Patterson Park

Voluntober! \\ Sat., Oct. 8, 8:30am; Join FOPP and your neighbors at the annual volunteer extravaganza in the park. If you appreciate Patterson Park, here is one opportunity to help keep it beautiful. For more information, email volunteer@pattersonpark.com.

Other Park Events \\ other events and volunteer opportunities can be found on the FOPP calendar, pattersonpark.com/parkcalendar.

October highlights:

- Great Halloween Lantern Parade and Festival on Oct. 21
- BARCStoberfest on Oct. 28

Other Good Stuff

Greek Festival // Oct.5-8; 24 W. Preston St. Authentic food, wine, music, dance groups, cathedral tours and shopping. annunciationbaltimore.org or [Facebook.com/BaltGreekFest](https://www.facebook.com/BaltGreekFest).

Fell's Point Fun Festival \\ Oct. 6-8; free annual festival; food, live music, beverages, shopping, fun! fellspointfest.com

Baltimore Running Festival – ROAD CLOSURES \\ Sat., Oct. 14, local road closures will be in effect from about 9:45-10:45am as runners make their way through. thebaltimoremarathon.com

Great Halloween Lantern Parade and Festival \\ Sat., Oct. 21, 4-9pm; hosted by FOPP and Creative Alliance. Family festival in the afternoon; parade at 7pm. creativealliance.org

BARCStoberfest \\ Sat., Oct. 28; 8am-2pm; Patterson Park by the Observatory. barcstoberfest.org

Das Best Oktober Fest \\ Sat., Oct.28, noon-5pm, Maryland State Fairgrounds. baltimore.dasbestoktoberfest.com

Zoo Boo! \\ Oct. 28 & 29, 10am-4pm; Games, prizes, contests, and live entertainment. marylandzoo.org

And About Those Rats ... by Burke Cochrane

Our neighborhood has seen a rise in the number of dog owners enjoying our beautiful parks and streets. While this is a wonderful sign of an active and engaged community, it's crucial that we address a growing concern: the proper disposal of dog waste. Not only is it a matter of cleanliness and courtesy, it's also directly tied to preventing health hazards and avoiding rat infestations.

Promoting Cleanliness and Aesthetics. Dog waste left behind on sidewalks, parks, and streets creates an unsightly mess and it stinks (literally)! This can significantly impact the overall appeal of our neighborhood, making it less enjoyable for everyone to use and appreciate.

Preventing Health Hazards. Unattended dog waste can carry harmful bacteria and parasites, posing health risks to humans and other animals. Common issues include stomach illnesses, skin infections, and even transmission of diseases like giardia and parvovirus. Proper disposal of dog waste reduces the likelihood of such hazards affecting our community.

Fostering Community Cooperation. Taking responsibility for our pets' waste helps foster a sense of community and shared responsibility. By keeping our neighborhood clean, we contribute to a positive environment that benefits all residents.

The Rat Connection. One of the lesser known but crucial reasons to pick up dog waste is its direct link to rat infestations. In cities like Baltimore, the presence of rat populations can be a persistent challenge. Rats are attracted to the smell and nutrients in dog waste, which can provide a steady food source and contribute to their rapid breeding and infestation rates.

As responsible members of this community, it's our duty to maintain its cleanliness and safety. Picking up after our dogs mitigates health risks, prevents rat infestations, and contributes to the overall well-being of our neighborhood.

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Streetscape Com. Mtg. 	4 BHA General Mtg.	5 	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off: 2840 Sisson St., 9am-5pm</div>	7
8	9 Indigenous Peoples Day; (govt. offices closed)	10	11 Safety Com. Mtg.	12 Executive Com. Mtg.	13	14 Fall Cleanup & Dumpster
15 BHA House Tour	16	17 Land Use Com. Mtg. 	18 Safety Walk	19 	20 Nov. Newsletter Deadline	21 Great Halloween Lantern Parade
22	23	24 Leaf bag collection with trash begins	25	26	27	28 Birdwatching BARCStoberfest
29	30	31 Halloween 				

 Indicates recycling collection days

Butchers Hill Committees & Chairs

Executive	Dan Kiselik butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thurs., Oct. 12, 7pm Park Superintendent's House Meets the second Thurs.
Flea Market	Sara Gebase butchershillfleaemarket@gmail.com	No Oct. meeting
House Tour	Emily Warren horbackwarren.emily@gmail.com	No Oct. meeting
Land Use	Virgil Bartram virgil.archuv@icloud.com	Tues., Oct. 17, 7pm Halcott Square, 100 blk S. Duncan St.
Safety	Cheryl McDonald and Tim Eveleigh tim.eveleigh@gmail.com butchershillcrimecommittee@gmail.com	Wed., Oct. 11, 7pm Usually meets the second Wed. Zoom link at butchershill.org/safety
Streetscape	Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	Tues., Oct. 3, 7pm Meets the first Tues. 122 S. Chester St.

Save the Dates 2023

Oct. 14 \ Fall Cleanup & Dumpster –
100 block S. Chester
Oct. 15 \ House Tour
Nov. 15 \ Shop & Schmooze
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 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.