

Butchers Hill January 2011 News

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BHA DUES = BANG for your BUCK

We all invest a lot of our personal resources into our homes, whether we own or rent. We can buy quality objects, but we cannot buy quality neighbors or a quality neighborhood – like we find in Butchers Hill. The price is collective diligence.

For the annual \$10 per person membership (\$6 for seniors and low-income), you contribute to an Association that is the community voice on issues ranging from development and parking, to public safety and education. Many of your neighbors work quietly and donate many hours to support the concept of making Butchers Hill the best neighborhood in Baltimore. BHA is a positive force in many ways – organizing neighborhood cleanups, contributing to our neighborhood schools and nonprofits, like the Friends of Patterson Park, keeping all households informed through the monthly Newsletter and meetings, plus sponsoring multiple events such as the Garden Tour and House Tour, stoop sitting get-togethers, 2 yearly Flea Markets, 4th of July & Holiday Potlucks and highlighting our creative neighbors.

Contribute to our community and be ready to vote for the 2011 Executive Committee by sending in your \$10 dues today.

Please find your membership form and how to get it to us on page 4, or bring it to the January 5th General Meeting (see pg.3).

*-Greg Matanoski,
Treasurer BHA*

PARKING CONUNDRUM CON'T...

Fall 2009 BHA voted for the city to do a survey to determine how many cars parked in the neighborhood are registered in the neighborhood. The survey was conducted in December 2009, one day between 9 AM – 10 PM and another between 6 PM and 11:30 PM on multiple streets and blocks. In June 2010 the police dept. finished running all of the plates provided through MVA and a summary report was issued. A total of 2678 license plates were recorded during the study period, of which 891 were registered within the Parking study area plus an additional one block radius. Only 33% of the cars parked in Butchers Hill were registered in Butchers Hill. (Report available on the BHA website)

What is the Baltimore Resident Permit Parking Program (RPP)?

The intent of these programs is to:

- promote clean air
- reduce hazardous traffic conditions
- protect the resident from unreasonable burden in gaining access to their residence.

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POTLUCK DINNER HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to all of the neighbors and volunteers that helped make the Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner a success this year. A special thanks to Jo Van Wely for decorations and setting up, to Sandy Sales for keeping the kids entertained, to Craig Thompson for donating the delicious ham, and to Tori Simms and Ray Hofmann for the equally delicious turkeys. Also thanks to the set up and breakdown teams: Beth, Lindsay, Andrew, Marie, Tom, Nancy, Mark, and Lynn.

SAVE THE DATES!

2011 Butchers Hill Events:

Spring Flea Market – Saturday, May 7
Potluck Picnic – Wednesday, July 6
Fall Flea Market – Saturday, Sept. 11
House Tour – Sunday, October 9
Holiday Potluck – Sunday, December 4

JANUARY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--|-------------------------|--|----------|-------------------------|--|
| Dec 26 | Dec 27 | Dec 28 | Dec 29 | Dec 30 | Dec 31 | 1 New Years Day |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Orthodox Christmas | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Land Use Committee 7PM | 11 Book Club 7:30 PM | 12 C.O.P. 7:30 PM | 13 | 14 Orthodox New Year | 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday |
| 16 | 17 Martin Luther King Day Observed Executive Committee 7PM | 18 | 19 Newsletter Deadline | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Block Reps & Crime Prevention 7PM C.O.P. 7:30 PM | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | Feb 1 | Feb 2 | Feb 3 | Feb 4 | Feb 5 |

BHA Committees and Monthly Meetings

- **Crime Prevention/Block Representatives:** *Wednesday, January 26th, 7 PM, 2105 E. Baltimore St.* Meets monthly to share information from our block representatives and to coordinate action. New block representatives wanted; if interested e-mail or call Carolyn: c.boitnott@verizon.net, 410-522-4991. Police ask that residents call 410-666-DRUG to report repeated suspected drug activity, but always call 911 if you need immediate police response. Protect your car from break-ins, do not leave anything valuable or tempting in your car, not even a quarter.
- **Butchers Hill Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.):** Butchers Hill Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) has been regularly patrolling the neighborhood for over eleven years, and conducts its walk-arounds on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We meet at 7:30 p.m. at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Evan Helfrich, 410-342-2148, ubik14@netscape.net.
- **Community Representative, School 27 School Improvement Team:** Carolyn Boitnott, 410-522-4991.
- **Education Committee** *No meeting this month.* For more information please contact Carolyn at c.boitnott@verizon.net, 410-522-4991
- **Flea Market Committee:** *Next Flea Market Committee meeting will be in February to prepare for the May Flea Market.* For more information contact: William White at 410-563-7941 or willilicious@hotmail.com
- **House Tour Committee Meeting:** *No meeting this month.* For information contact Dee at DeeLundelius@verizon.net, or Sue Noonan at SueNoon@cavtel.net.
- **Community Initiatives:** *No meeting this month.* Call Kathy Hackett for info, ktyhack@gmail.com, 410-327-2447. Welcome New Neighbors! To request a New Neighbor Packet or sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and other breaking news, please e-mail bhamember@gmail.com.
- **Book Club:** *Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 PM* to discuss "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett. For more information contact: Anne Puckett, anne_puckett@hotmail.com, 410-675-8765.
- **Land Use:** *Monday, January 10th, 7 PM, at the White House, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave.* The Land Use Committee reminds homeowners in the 2100 & 2200 blocks of E. Baltimore St. and the 2200 block of E. Pratt St. that you live in a City historic district. All exterior work and painting must be submitted to CHAP and Butchers Hill. We would be happy to help with any questions. Contact Virgil Bartram: 410-327-4964. CHAP's number is 410-396-4866.
- **BHA Executive Committee:** *Monday, January 17th, 7 PM, 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.* For more information contact Tori Simms, 410-675-4948, tori_simms@hermanmiller.com.
- **Streetscape Committee:** *No meeting this month.* For more information contact Ann Wolfe: annwolfe1@verizon.net or Carol Richman: mmmount@earthlink.net.
- **Newsletter:** *Wednesday, January 19th* is the deadline for all articles, ads, and notices for the FEBRUARY issue of the BHA newsletter. Contact Patricia Clark: BHAnewsletter@gmail.com



Meeting: 7:00 PM St. Andrew's Church Hall, Chester & Lombard. Contact Tori Simms, tori_simms@hermanmiller.com

AGENDA: Election of Officers (see below), Zip Car presentation, Permit Parking conversation.

SLATE OF OFFICERS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE JANUARY MEETING

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate at the January meeting of the Butchers Hill Association. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time, providing the nominee has consented to serve. You must be a Butchers Hill Association member to vote.

President: Tori Simms
Vice President: Heather Norris
Vice President: Don Renaud
Treasurer: Greg Matanowski
Recording Secretary: Jo Van Wely

Parliamentarian: Craig Thomson
Corresponding Secretary: Thomas Crandell
Member at Large: Jeff Carroll
Member at Large: EJ Braida
Member at Large: Todd LaPointe



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- preserve the quality of life in the general community. increase the chances of finding a parking space by stimulating turnover and eliminating storage of non-resident vehicles.
There are currently 41 RPP neighborhoods in the city.
- 4 permits allowed per household - \$20 per automobile
- Permits are renewed annually, online or in person.
- All vehicles must be registered to a local address.
 - o Exceptions are Students and Members of the Armed Services
- Visitor permits are issued if desired -\$20

What factors does BHA determine?

- Days and times that the RPP program will be in effect
 - o Monday – Friday
 - o 2 hours as a non resident
 - o 7 AM – 7 PM
- List of participating blocks, faces and streets
- Number of visitor passes allowed per household (2)

Next Steps:

- BHA votes to proceed with petition process
- If passed, upon receipt of info from city, must be completed within 60 days
 - o Every household must be petitioned
 - o Vote for, against or neutral with signature

MINIMUM 60% of households must respond

For further information go to: <http://baltimorecity.gov/BaltimoreCitySearchResults.aspx?cx=016856369251817325360:1wrq1qoz5cy&cof=FORID:11&q=residential+permit+parking#1230>

Come to the January meeting for discussion. Bring your ideas, concerns and solutions.

MULCHING OF CHRISTMAS TREES-2 locations: 2840 Sisson St. & 701 Reedbird Ave.

Every Monday—Saturday in January, 9 AM-2PM

Citizens may take trees to be mulched and bring their own bags or containers to scoop up mulch to be taken home. Any mulch left over after January will be incinerated at the waste-to-energy facility. Community groups are encouraged to bag up free mulch for community trees and gardens while supplies last.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS TREES

January 4-28, 2011 on trash collection days. Tinsel & ornaments must be removed. For more information: call 311.



SNOW REMOVAL (FROM 2009 LAW) After any snowfall that results in an accumulation of snow on the ground: every person using or occupying a structure, having charge of any church or public building, owner of any unoccupied structure or unimproved lot situated on any paved street, lane or alley must remove and clear away, or cause to be removed, the snow from the foot pavement within 3 hours after the snow has stopped falling; or if the snow stopped between 3 p.m. and 6 a.m. then it must be removed by 11 a.m., in such a way as not to obstruct the passage of water in the gutters and to keep the gutters and pavements free from ice. Penalties: a misdemeanor subject to a fine per offense.



FREE MLK Jr. Family Festival - Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles St., Jan.17, 10-4pm. All ages, performances, stories, art projects, videos & activities. 410-547-9000 ext.300.

EDGAR ALLAN POE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, Sat. Jan. 22, 7pm & Sun. Jan. 23, 4:40pm. Westminster Hall, 519 E. Fayette St. Regretfully the ghastly catacombs will not be available. Poebicentennial.com/events.html Seating is limited. Tickets \$25.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

EDUCATION COMMITTEE :

Seeking an Education Chair to call quarterly meetings to discuss how BHA can best help the two elementary schools - Commodore John Rodgers and Patterson Park Charter School, that we support. There is a dedicated group that attends the meetings looking for a leader. This is an important committee as we look for ways to keep our young residents in the neighborhood. If interested contact: Tori Simms 410.209.9677 cell or 410.675.4948 home or tori_simms@hermanmiller.com.



Maryland Zoo's 2011 Breakfast with the Animals Series 2011

The Maryland Zoo, Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, MD 21217
The Breakfast with the Animals series at The Maryland Zoo has quickly become one of the most popular events throughout the year. This VIP experience lets guests get up close and personal with their favorite animals and the keepers who care for them

The series includes a one-of-a-kind al fresco dining experience next to Zoo animals, special keeper chats, education stations, unlimited photo opportunities and great take-away gifts to remember the early morning experience. Tickets to the event also include general Zoo admission.

For more information about any of the breakfast events, please email events@marylandzoo.org or call 443-552-5276.

January 22nd, 8:30-10 AM— Polar Bear Breakfast

Long Sleeve Royal Blue Pagoda shirts for Sale \$20
100% cotton, available in all sizes, feature an embroidered pagoda and no advertising. Email bhamember@gmail.com

Welcome New Neighbors!
To request a New Neighbor Packet or sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and other breaking news, please email bhamember@gmail.com

STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE:

Seeking a Chair to call monthly meetings for an existing small cadre of dedicated volunteers who care about cleanliness, the greening of the neighborhood and trash regulations in Butchers Hill. We call it the Streetscape Committee, but by any other name the goal is the same: a healthy, clean, green, trash-free neighborhood.

Interested? Contact: Tori Simms 410.209.9677 cell or 410.675.4948 home or tori_simms@hermanmiller.com.



PATTERSON PARK AUDUBON CENTER :

To register call 410-558-2473 or email ppaudubon@gmail.com

Tiny Tot Program- Birds of a Feather

Friday, January 21st, 9:30-10:30am OR
Saturday, January 29th, 10-11am Meet at the Boat Lake.
Registration required. \$5 per participant.

What makes a bird a bird? Do all birds have the same type of beak? Join Audubon in the Park to learn about the fascinating world of birds!

Monthly Bird Walk- Winter Ducks

Saturday, January 29th, 8-9:30am, Meet at the fountain in the Park.



CREATIVE ALLIANCE AT THE PATTERSON :

www.creativealliance.org

Swing Speakeasy! Dance Party w/ Sac Au Lait

Friday, January 7th, 7 PM beginner swing lesson. 8 PM dance. \$15, \$10 mbrs. Co-sponsored by Charm City Swing. Dance demo. Prizes for most fab swing outfit.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Saturday, January 8th, 8 PM show. \$20, \$15 mbrs., stus.
Adam Cooley directs and is Hedwig Schmidt, the "internationally ignored" East German rock 'n' roll goddess and victim of a botched sex change operation. A show that is equal parts rock concert, theater and stand-up.
Sponsored by Flying Dog Brewery.

Check the website for more interesting music and shows!



— BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP — please renew for 2011 now!

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ New Neighbor Packet? _____

Would you like to serve on a committee? ____ Which? _____ Are you interested in volunteering at BHA events? ____

Annual dues (Jan. thru Dec.) are \$10 per person, \$6 for seniors and low-income. Make checks payable to the *Butchers Hill Association* and return form and payment to BHA, 27 South Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231. Paid members may have 3 free classified ads per year of 50 words or less. Ads are subject to available space. No commercial or political ads.

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