

Butchers Hill February News

February 2011

Like any incoming president there are holes in the staffing, plans to be made, campaign promises to fulfill and a feisty, partisan committee to sell ideas to. Should be a great year! My goal from 2010 remains my goal for 2011- Get more people out to meet their neighbors and where possible participate in the BHA activities. So mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of every month (except July and December –see below).

I am happy to tell you that in 2010 the BHA events (House tour, Garden tour, Flea Markets) were financially successful and after all costs of running the organization we broke even. That included spending 100% of the approved charitable donations which had increased to \$2500. In a year where charitable spending had declined, BHA was able to strongly support those organizations that help our neighborhood – Audubon, Creative Alliance, St Andrews Church, Friends of Patterson Park and the Food Bank.

As the majority of the Exec Committee has now been together for a year, we were able to set some plans for 2011. We have established the following meeting agendas.

February: Valentines Day and Residential Permit Parking

March: Budget and cooking class

April: Gardening

May – looking for ideas

June: Stoop Sitting event

July 8: A Friday night summer neighborhood

Barbeque

August – looking for ideas

September: Stoop Sitting event

October: Education Meeting, Nominating committee

November: Art Night; announce 2012 candidates

December 4: A Sunday Holiday Event

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January BHA Voted to Continue the Process for Residential Permit Parking

(2009 report available on the BHA website)

There are currently 41 RPP neighborhoods in the city.
What is the Baltimore Resident Permit Parking Program (RPP)?
The intent of this program is to:

- promote clean air
- reduce hazardous traffic conditions
- protect residents from unreasonable parking burden.
- 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.

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ZIPCAR Report from January Meeting

Zipcar is spreading like wildfire in the city of Baltimore. It is a self-serve car sharing service providing transportation at affordable costs. Butchers Hill has joined, which means reduced rates for paid members. (\$10 per person to join the association) There are over 20 different vehicle makes and models, once you join you can use throughout the world.

Rate is minimum \$7 per hour weekdays,

\$49 for 7 AM – 7 PM

\$60 for 24 hours

Weekend rates are higher.

Plus gas, insurance and 180 free miles are included

The closest Zipcar location today is Bank and Central. If we use the service, we can gain a location in our neighborhood.

If interested go to . <http://www.zipcar.com/butchershill>

If you are a Butchers Hill member, the application fee is waived and the annual fee is \$25.

SAVE THE DATES!

2011 Butchers Hill Events:

Spring Flea Market – Saturday, May 7

Potluck Picnic – Friday, July 8

Fall Flea Market – Saturday, Sept. 11

House Tour – Sunday, October 9

Holiday Potluck – Sunday, December 4

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 30	Jan 31	1	2 Butchers Hill General Meeting 7PM Groundhog Day	3 Chinese New Year	4	5
6	7	8 Book Club 7:30 PM	9 C.O.P. 7:30 PM	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> ♥ Land Use Committee 7PM	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 Flea Market Committee 7PM Executive Committee 7PM	18	19
20	21 President's Day	22	23 Block Reps & Crime Prevention 7PM C.O.P. 7:30 PM	24	25	26
27	28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5

BHA Committees and Monthly Meetings

- **Crime Prevention/Block Representatives:** *No meeting this month.* 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:** *Thursday, February 17th, 7 PM, 105 S. Chester St.* 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, February 8, 7:30 PM* to discuss "The Secret Scripture" by Sebastian Barry. For more information contact: Anne Puckett, anne_puckett@hotmail.com, 410-675-8765.
- **Land Use:** *Monday, February 14th, 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:** *Thursday, February 17th, 7 PM, 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.* For more information contact Tori Simms, 410-209-9677, 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, February 16th* is the deadline for all articles, ads, and notices for the MARCH issue of the BHA newsletter. Contact Patricia Clark: BHAnewsletter@gmail.com



BUTCHERS HILL GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 2ND



Meeting: 7:00 PM St. Andrew's Church Hall, Chester & Lombard. Contact Tori Simms, tori_simms@hermanmiller.com
AGENDA: Champagne and Candy for Valentines Day; Residential Permit Parking with a representative from the Parking Authority and discussion to determine parameters.

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- 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.
Exceptions are Students and Members of the Armed Services who still need permits
Visitor permits are issued if desired -\$20

What parameters does BHA determine? (Be at the February General Meeting to have a voice)

- Days and times that the RPP program will be in effect. Initial recommendations are:
Monday - Friday
2 hours as a non resident see section 10-28 of the RPP ordinance that directs that the parking durations are limited to 2 hours.
7 AM - 7 PM The general direction for RPP hours of restrictions is 7AM to 7PM weekdays only (see section 10-29 (a) of the RPP ordinance). But, if 80% or more of the parking spaces in the area are being utilized during all hours of the day, then a 24 hour restriction may be justified. However, if that percentage of space utilization is only realized during certain hours of the day and days of the week (defined as "peak periods" - see sections 10-15 and 10-29 of the attached RPP ordinance) then the days and hours of the restrictions should be limited to those periods.
List of participating blocks faces and streets
Number of visitor passes allowed per household (2)
Other issues that were brought up in January:
Businesses are not eligible for RPP permits. However, parking spaces on the curb in front of businesses are not designated/signed for RPP parking restrictions.
RPP restrictions are in effect on holidays (however, parking enforcement may not be...).

Next Steps:

- BHA to decide parameters for the petition.
If accepted by the City the petition must be completed within 60 days.
Every household must be petitioned
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 February meeting where a representative from the Parking Authority will be available to answer any questions and talk about how other neighborhoods have adopted permit parking. Bring your ideas, concerns and solutions. We will also be discussing the parameters for BHA Residential Permit Parking requirements.

STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW CHAIR:

BH is seeking a new chairperson (or co-chairs) for the Streetscape Committee. Primary responsibilities include sprucing up the neighborhood, organizing neighborhood clean-ups, seeking grants where applicable to help with green areas (such as Castle Street Park), trash problems and regulations, and other projects that are important to the community. Carol and Ann will continue to be on the committee, but due to time constraints must seek a new leader. Please contact Carol Richman (mmount@earthlink.net) or Ann Wolfe (annwolfe1@verizon.net) for more information.

PRESIDENT'S DAY - City offices closed.
Citizen drop off centers WILL BE CLOSED
Parking meters will be in effect.

CALL "211" FOR HELP Like 911 & 311, 211 is a free service to access confidential information and referral help with concerns: food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more. Alt. numbers: 1-800-492-0618, 410-685-0525, or http://uwcm.org/uwcm/2-1-1.html

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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We had planned on updating the website in 2010, but that is rolling to 2011. BHA needs an Education Chair and a Streetscape Chair, both important pieces in improving and keeping Butchers Hill a great place to live. Discussions on Residential Permit Parking continue on whether it is the right solution for Butchers Hill.

Ideas for meetings, improvements in the neighborhood, or other suggestions are always welcome.
Torisimms.bha@gmail.com

See you in the hood.

-Tori Simms
President BHA

BE PROUD OF BHA and BE A PART!

The Butchers Hill Association supports the Friends of Patterson Park youth programs. The "Panteras" consists of Spring and Fall clinics for children 4-14 years old. The philosophy is simple: FUN. The result is to combat childhood obesity as well as address the lack of self-esteem and juvenile justice problems with the positive social interaction of organized sports. Consider donating some time towards being a coach, a sponsor or donating "gently used" equipment. There are also youth basketball teams, a tennis club and swim team.

Contact: Tim@pattersonpark.com or call 410-276-3676.

SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY IN HIGHLANDTOWN :

TEENS:

Middle & high schoolers can earn community service learning credits in the library's Community Youth Corps Internship. Pick up an application at any library or at: teens.prattlibrary.org.

Tuesday, February 8th, 4PM Get FREE COPY of "Chasing Lincoln's Killer" to speak your mind at the DTLR Book Discussion. This group has author visits, short films and discussions that relate to teen life.

Saturday, February 19th, 1 PM MOVIE: "Shaolin Soccer", Kung Fu turns to soccer.

ADULTS:

Wednesday, February 16th, 6 PM Garden Club: for the Love of Oysters. Oysters in our environment.

Thursday, February 24th, 6:30 PM Friends of the SE Anchor meet. Come help decide: summer concert groups and films for summer film festival.



- 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.

The editor reserves the right to refuse any ad. Address ads to BHAnewsletter@gmail.com

COMMODORE JOHN RODGERS K-8 SCHOOL #27 :

Every Thursday, thru March 3rd, 5-7PM , 100 N. Chester St. Parent and Caregiver Workshop to offer supportive atmosphere to bring out parent's values and how to support them in every day interaction with children. For more information, call Krystal Henry at (410) 396-9500



WALTERS ART MUSEUM :

FREE activities at the Walters Art Museum, registration may be required: 410-547-9000.

Sunday, February 6th, noon-3PM : Celebrate Chinese New Year - the Year of the Rabbit, by enjoying a performance by the Lion Dance Troupe, the Baltimore Chinese School, making your own rabbit-inspired work of art and much more. Info call 410-547-9000-ext.323 or email: landerson@thewalters.org

February 4th—May 6th (selected Fridays), noon—1PM, Lunchtime Concerts, call to check dates.

Saturday, February 26th, 10AM-4PM African American Family Festival: Explore fabrics, instruments, spices, family histories, play act and video interview, create your own artwork.



Getting to Know Banner Neighborhoods

Banner Neighborhoods is an area non-profit that fosters neighborhood stabilization and improvement. Its services are offered to the communities surrounding Patterson Park to the East, North and West. Here are two programs that may be of interest:

The football league, which includes the "Black Knights", gives youth positive encouragement to work as a team, learning interpersonal and community life skills while playing their favorite sport.

The Senior Home Maintenance Program provides minor home maintenance and repairs allowing homeowners over 62 years old, or fully disabled, to stay in their homes. Both programs support individuals and strengthen neighborhood continuity and diversity. Interested? For information about services, and volunteer opportunities please visit bannerneighborhoods.org , or phone 410-585-8810.