

BUTCHERS HILL

April 2011

Over the past several months, many of you came to the meetings to hear the facts about and ask questions concerning the process of and the rules regarding Residential Permit Parking. Thank you for your interest and your involvement. That involvement means to me, that the decision made at the last meeting was truly the consensus of a group of devoted neighbors. One of the many reasons this is a great neighborhood to live in. The results of the vote, is the decision not to proceed with the petition process.

Then, just as calm was descending upon the 'hood, redistricting became an issue. The proposal is to move two thirds of Butchers Hill to another district. After many conversations, the decision was made, that keeping Butchers Hill whole and in one district, no matter which one, was the most important element. Many of you responded to my request to send letters to the mayor and you copied me on your responses. While I do not know the outcome as of this writing, I want to sincerely thank the many people who wrote, who attended the meetings and who supported the democratic practice of making our voices heard. Whatever the result, I will be sure that the council person(s) who will work with Butchers Hill attend one of the next meetings. See you in the 'hood.

*-Tori Simms
President BHA*



WWW.BUTCHERSHILL.ORG

MAYOR'S / BUTCHERS HILL'S SPRING CLEANUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th • 9 AM to NOON

*Grab a broom, rake, or trowel. Help make Butchers Hill shine!
Get rid of that winter grim!*

Sweep alleys, gutters and sidewalks. Clean storm drains, scrub marble steps, plant flowers, mulch tree pits, and bundle dead tree limbs (max. 3' lengths). To help do all this, a limited number of tools and large paper bags, plus a community dumpster will be located at Chester and Fairmount Avenues at 9:30 AM. Please return tools and filled paper or plastic bags



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

**Saturday, APRIL 30th, 9 AM-2 PM
Falls Road & Cold Spring Lane**

Baltimore Polytechnic High School parking lot, use Cold Spring Lane entrance. Must have proof of Baltimore City residency. Household hazardous waste materials include automotive fluids, brake fluid, button batteries, car batteries, coal tar products, creosote products, floor care products, fungicides, furniture



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Get Ready, Get Set...

Saturday, May 14TH 9AM - 3PM

PATTERSON PARK FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

Butchers Hill sponsors this event as a gift to the community. It is a way for the neighboring associations, non-profits and schools that surround Patterson Park, and neighbors, to clear the clutter while passing on gently

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SAVE THE DATES!

2011 Butchers Hill Events:

- Spring Flea Market – Saturday, May 14
- Potluck Picnic – Friday, July 8
- Fall Flea Market – Saturday, Sept. 10
- House Tour – Sunday, October 9
- Art Night—November 2
- Holiday Potluck – Sunday, December 4

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

APRIL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	1	2
3 Baltimore's Farmers Market Opening Day 7AM-noon	4	5 Streetscape Committee 7PM	6 Butchers Hill General Meeting 7PM	7 Flea Market Committee 7PM	8	9
10	11 Land Use Committee 7PM House Tour Committee 7PM	12 Book Club 7:30 PM	13 C.O.P. 7:30 PM	14 Executive Committee 7PM	15	16 Annual Spring Cleanup (Pg.1)
17 Palm Sunday	18 Community Initiatives 7:30	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 Block Reps & Crime Prevention 7PM	21	22 NO RECYCLING (Green Zone) Earth Day Good Friday	23 MAKE-UP RECYCLING (Green Zone—west side of Washington St.)
24 Easter Orthodox Easter	25 Flea Market Committee 7PM	26	27 C.O.P. 7:30 PM	28	29	30 Household Hazardous Waste Day

BHA Committees and Monthly Meetings

- **Crime Prevention/Block Representatives:** *Wednesday, April 20th 7PM, 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.
- **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:** For more information please contact Carolyn at c.boitnott@verizon.net, 410-522-4991
- **Flea Market Committee:** *Thursday, April 7th, and Monday April 25th, 7 PM, 105 S. Chester St.* New members are invited to check out and join the fun and fellowship of this great committee. All are welcome! For more info contact: William White at 410-563-7941 or willilicious@hotmail.com
- **House Tour Committee Meeting:** *Monday, April 11th, 7 PM, 2029 E. Pratt St.* For information contact Dee at DeeLundelius@verizon.net, or Sue Noonan at SueNoon@cavtel.net. See page 4 for more.
- **Community Initiatives:** *Monday, April 18th, 7:30 PM, 2110 E. Baltimore St.* 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, April 12th, 7:30 PM* to discuss "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. For more information contact: Anne Puckett, anne_puckett@hotmail.com, 410-675-8765.
- **Land Use:** *Monday, April 11th, 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, April 14th, 7 PM, 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.* For more information contact Tori Simms, 410-209-9677, tori_simms@hermanmiller.com.
- **Streetscape Committee:** *Tuesday, April 5th, 7 PM, 2211 E. Lombard St.* Focus is education and assistance with trash and litter—a healthy and attractive neighborhood. Contact Amy Finney: astringer_6@yahoo.com, 443-465-5958 or Betsy Wadsworth: bwads221@comcast.net, 410-558-1312. New members most welcome!
- **Newsletter:** *Tuesday, April 19th* is the deadline for all articles, ads, and notices for the MAY issue of the BHA newsletter. Contact Patricia Clark: BHAnewsletter@gmail.com



BUTCHERS HILL GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 6TH



Meeting: 7:00 PM St. Andrew's Church Hall, Chester & Lombard. Contact Tori Simms, tori_simms@hermanmiller.com
AGENDA: Baltimore Health Dept on Healthy Homes - Bed bugs and Ann Fleshman of Baltimore Contained on Vertical Gardening.

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(not too heavy) to this location by 12:30 PM.

Can't make this day/time, but would like to do your part? Bags can be made available by contacting Amy Finney at astringer_6@yahoo.com. You may leave yard waste in paper or clear plastic bags with your regular trash pick up.

YOU WILL LOVE HOW GOOD THE 'HOOD CAN LOOK WHEN WE ALL WORK TOGETHER. The Life of Reilly Pub, 2000 block Fairmount, will be the place to congratulate each other on a job well done Saturday after the cleanup with Happy Hour prices extended noon to 4 PM.



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Letter to the Editor (March Dog Park Article)

Editor of the Butchers Hill Newsletter:

The dog park proposed for the tennis courts in Patterson Park is not a "temporary fix" as written in the newsletter. It is our intention to construct a quality facility that will serve the dogs of Patterson Park for years to come. We will continue to engage the community in dialogue about a possible non-fenced dog area.

Thank you,

Bill Vondrasek
Bureau chief for Parks

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strippers, gasoline, herbicides, household batteries*, insecticides, kerosene, laser toner cartridges, oven cleaners, paint - oil based and latex, paint thinners, pesticides, pool chemicals, propane gas tanks (30 gal. only)*, rust removers, solvents, turpentine, varnishes and stains, weed killers, wood preservers, straight florescent light bulbs. These are materials that absolutely cannot go into the trash or down a drain. These materials must be disposed of by a reputable, licensed contractor. Re: Compact Florescent bulbs: Many Ikea stores offer a "Free Take Back" program for Compact Florescent bulbs. Also, Home Depot recently announced that each of its 1,973 store locations will also offer free CFL recycling. Home Depot customers can drop off expired, unbroken bulbs at the returns counter of any Home Depot store.

*Alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V) are no longer considered hazardous and may be put in the regular trash collection. Rechargeable, Button and Lead-Acid batteries should be recycled through a retail take-back program like Home Depot, Lowes, Circuit City, Radio Shack, Best Buy and Cell Phone Retail stores. Laptop and lithium batteries may go to a take-back program or a Baltimore City Citizen Drop-off location and placed into the eCycle container in "disposal propane tanks" for list of local assistance.

*Less than two pound, empty propane tanks (like Coleman camping canisters) may be placed in the garbage. For additional propane tank disposal alternatives visit: www.amerigas.com/exchange/consumer or HelloLocal.com, Business Search - type in "disposal propane tanks" for list of local assistance.



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used items. Turn spring cleaning into cash for yourself, or donate items to the Butchers Hill booth. To reserve your space go to www.ButchersHill.org, email bhfleamarket@yahoo.com, or call Bev at 410-675-0148. Donations for the BHA booth may be dropped off between 6 & 9 AM at the Lombard Street entrance of the park the day of the Flea Market. Prior to May 14th volunteers are needed to help distribute posters. On May 14th help is needed with (1) set up from 7-9AM, (2) work the food or Flea Market booth and (3) break-down from 2-4 PM. To volunteer call Sandy at 410-558-0149 or Carolyn at 410-522-4991.

Items unsold at the end of the day may be dropped off at the Goodwill truck provided. This is the major fund-raising event for the Education Committee that donates to our two elementary-middle schools. A tax receipt will be available at time of donation.

-William White, Flea Market Chair

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK :

Saturday April 2, 10 AM-1 PM - Fishing Rodeo. Patterson Park Boat Lake. Bring your own rod and reel or borrow one and try to catch some of the monster bass that call the Boat Lake home. The rodeo, produced by the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks, is open to ages 15 and under. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call 410.396.9392 for more information.

Sunday April 10, 12 noon-6 PM Pagoda opens for the Season. FREE. The Patterson Park Pagoda will be open every Sunday 12noon-6pm through October, weather permitting. Come check out the best view in Baltimore!

Saturday, April 16, 8AM-2PM Annual Easter Egg Hunt, with Downtown Family Alliance, at the Gough Street entrance pavilion and Children's Playground near Eastern Avenue. Registration 9AM. Hunt times: 0 to 3-year-olds 10 AM to 10:20 AM. 4- to 7-year-olds 10:40 AM to 11:00 AM. 8- 10-year-olds 11:20 AM to 11:40 AM.

Saturday April 30 - 11 AM-2 PM Día del Niño. Pagoda Hill in Patterson Park. FREE. Join us for a fun, family event in the park, complete with book exchange and giveaway, Piñatas, parent/child races, music, face painting, and more!



AROUND TOWN :

OPENING DAY, *Sunday, APRIL 3rd, 7am-noon* **Baltimore Farmer's Market & Bazaar** under the Jones Falls Expressway at Saratoga & Gay Streets Featuring Baltimore Islanders Steel Band, 8am-noon AND Baltimore City Master Gardeners for advice on planting and growing herbs. Pets are not allowed by Health Department Regulations.

PIRATES IN FELS POINT

Friday, April 15th Swashbuckler Soiree

Saturday, April 16th Free family fun: sea battles, music, kid activities. Evening: Pyrate Invasion Pub Crawl - show your pirate button. www.fellspointdevelopment.com for details.

ZOO WALKS SERIES BEGINS

Themed family zoo walks planned for spring.

Monday, April 18th, 2-3:30pm. What's Bugging You

Tuesday, April 19th, Forest Floor Scavenger Hunt

Space limited. To register: call 443-992-4618 or email: fieldtrips@marylandzoo.org

GOT BOOKS???

Friends of Patterson Park will be hosting a book giveaway for children ages infant-12 for their first annual Día del Niño celebration April 30th. If you have children's books to donate, please drop them off at the white house by the Lombard St. entrance in Patterson Park, Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm. Contact katie@pattersonpark.com or 410.276.3676 for more information.

STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE :

Home to Harbor: clean water begins on your sidewalk and the street!

Trash, litter and leaves on sidewalks, in gutters and on streets travel with rainwater into storm drains, then underground into the harbor. Some is trapped and removed by trash interceptors at 27 outflow locations around the harbor → 3-5 tons collected at each location = 972-1620 tons/year. Even more trash is removed by the scooping barge that patrols the harbor. Litter removal costs a lot of money, money that could be used instead to repair park ball fields, fix pot holes, or plant new street trees. *Won't you help DECREASE the trash, litter and leaves around your home that travel into the harbor?*



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES :

We will hold our first meeting of the year on Monday, April 18 at 7:30 PM, at 2110 E. Baltimore St. Bring your ideas. All are welcome!



FLEA MARKET COMMITTEE :

The Flea Market Committee would like to thank *Far Eastern Shore Winery* for allowing us to feature their unique and wonderful wines at our March 21st meeting. *Far Eastern Shore Winery* is a local family-owned, boutique micro-winery that has proven very successful at the various Maryland wine festivals. For more information visit their website - <http://www.fareasternshorewinery.com>.



HOUSE TOUR COMMITTEE :

We've started our list for the 2011 BH houses to be on tour and welcome offers and suggestions. Just let us know if you're interested. Dee at DeeLundelius@verizon.net or Sue Noonan at SueNoon@cavtel.net.

A DAY ON THE LINKS BENEFITS SAINT ANDREW ORTHODOX CHURCH

8th Annual Golf Tournament, Friday, June 17

Registration 12:30PM. 1:30 p.m. start at the Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen, Md. benefiting St. Andrew Orthodox Church which makes space available for the monthly meetings of the Butchers Hill Association.

\$100 per golfer includes 18 holes with cart, bucket of balls for driving range, lunch prior, snack at turn, dinner at end of play, unlimited beverages (water, soda, beer) and entry to contests.

Sponsorships (which are 100% charitable contributions) are available and include: business card size in golf program for \$25, and also up to four golfer fees plus advertisement in the golf program and at holes. Registration and payment by June 10th. Contact: Yuriy Dzambasow, 410-652-1035, yuriyd@comcast.net for more information.

Flyers with information will be available at the Butchers Hill general meeting, April 6.