

## July 2011

Summer has officially arrived and with it our annual July picnic. Because of the fun and camaraderie that we have had over the years, we decided this year to change the day to a Friday so that most people won't have to worry about going to work the following day and can enjoy a longer evening with their neighbors. Please plan on coming out to enjoy the good food and better conversations.

The June Stoop Sitting event was well attended. The hosts out did themselves with fabulous food and gracious hospitality. The ending time was ignored everywhere. We will be doing the event again in September; hopefully we won't have again chosen the hottest day of the year (who knew that June 1 would be in the upper 90's).

We are looking for a newsletter editor effective with the January 2012 newsletter. As many of you know, we continue to print and distribute to every home in the neighborhood monthly, plus email to those we have the information on. It is a task that takes about 4-6 hours a month over a 1 week period to garner all of the information from the committee chairs and then format into a cohesive 4 page document. It has been a staple of the neighborhood forever. If you have any publishing skills, or are interested in learning we would love to talk to you. Most of us would miss having the information about the neighborhood (not to mention needing to change our bylaws if we go without).

Work on the new website has begun. Thanks to those who have offered their time and ideas. If anyone else has any words of wisdom during the creation process, please feel free to contact me.

Please note the date change for the November meeting/ Art Night, which is moving to the 2nd Wednesday of the month – November 9, to accommodate the flea market held by St Andrews the prior week/weekend. Please remember to update your calendars.

See you in the hood.

*-Tori Simms  
President, BHA*



## Potluck Picnic July 8th!

**Halcott Square (Duncan Street Park)**

**Friday, 6 - 9PM**

It's time again for our annual Butchers Hill picnic and barbeque located in Duncan Street Park (Halcott Square), between the 2100 blocks of Lombard & Pratt Streets on Duncan.

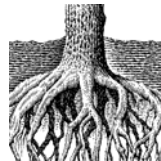
Everyone is invited....it is a great opportunity to see old friends and to meet new people. The Association provides the burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs & chicken plus drinks (both the non alcohol and alcohol kind). Please bring a dish to share; your favorite side or dessert are all welcome.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, or tear down & clean up. If you can volunteer please contact Craig Thomson at [craig.thomson@lnf.com](mailto:craig.thomson@lnf.com) or 410-371-1661

See you all there!!



## TAKING CARE OF YOUR TREES



Go to: [ButchersHill.org](http://ButchersHill.org), Archived Newsletters, August 2010, page 3 for the full page original article on **Watering Urban Trees**. Main points are: Trees cool through shade and transpiration and provide oxygen, air cleaning and noise baffling.

Watering once or twice weekly, slow trickle for about an hour, between 9pm & 8am causes deep root production for draught tolerance. Over watering depletes oxygen roots need. Don't over mulch - not over 4", not against tree trunk (think donut shape) BUT do place 2-4" mulch over whole tree pit to reduce water evaporation, keep roots cool in summer - warm in winter and supply nutrients. DO NOT put competing plants around tree base.

### SAVE THE DATES!

#### 2011 Butchers Hill Events:

Potluck Picnic – Friday, July 8

Fall Flea Market – Saturday, Sept. 10

House Tour – Sunday, October 9

**Art Night—Wednesday, November 9**

Holiday Potluck – Sunday, December 4

## JULY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	1	2
3	4 Fireworks display Inner Harbor 9:30PM (Pg. 4)	5	6 NO Butchers Hill General Meeting	7	8 Annual Potluck Picnic 6 PM (See pg 1)	9
10 Turtle Derby PP 10AM Concert in the Park 6:30 PM (See Pg 4)	11 Land Use Committee 7 PM Flea Market Committee 7 PM	12 Book Club 7:30 PM	13	14	15 Artscape (pg 4)	16 Artscape (pg. 4)
17 Artscape Concert in the Park 6:30 PM	18 Executive Committee 7 PM	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 Block Reps & Crime Prevention 7 PM	21	22	23
24 Concert in the Park 6:30 PM (See Pg 4)	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6

### BHA Committees and Monthly Meetings

- **Crime Prevention/Block Representatives:** *Wednesday, July 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:c.boitnott@verizon.net), 410-522-4991
- **Flea Market Committee:** *Monday, July 11th, 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](mailto:willilicious@hotmail.com)
- **House Tour Committee Meeting:** *No meeting this month.* For information or to volunteer your house, contact Dee at [DeeLundelius@verizon.net](mailto:DeeLundelius@verizon.net), or Sue Noonan at [SueNoon@cavtel.net](mailto:SueNoon@cavtel.net).
- **Community Initiatives:** *No meeting this month.* Call Kathy Hackett for info, [ktyhack@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bhamember@gmail.com).
- **Book Club:** *Tuesday, July 12th, 7:30 PM* to discuss "In the Garden of Beasts" by Eric Larson. For more information contact: Anne Puckett, [anne\\_puckett@hotmail.com](mailto:anne_puckett@hotmail.com), 410-675-8765.
- **Land Use:** *Monday, July 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:** *Monday, July 18th, 7 PM, 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.* For more information contact Tori Simms, 410-209-9677, [tori\\_simms@hermanmiller.com](mailto:tori_simms@hermanmiller.com).
- **Streetscape Committee:** *No meeting this month.* Focus is education and assistance with trash and litter—a healthy and attractive neighborhood. Contact Amy Finney: [astringer\\_6@yahoo.com](mailto:astringer_6@yahoo.com), 443-465-5958 or Betsy Wadsworth: [bwads2211@comcast.net](mailto:bwads2211@comcast.net), 410-558-1312. New members most welcome!
- **Newsletter:** *Tuesday, July 19th* is the deadline for all articles, ads, and notices for the AUGUST issue of the BHA newsletter. Contact Patricia Clark: [BHAnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:BHAnewsletter@gmail.com)

Friday July 8 picnic in Halcott Square (otherwise known as Duncan Street Park) sponsored by the Executive Committee with Craig Thomson organizing. Several political candidates will be in attendance. (See page 1)

## AMERICA'S "SECOND WAR OF INDEPENDENCE"

The War of 1812 has been called "America's Second War of Independence." George III, whose failings we thoroughly documented in the Declaration of Independence, was still King of England, and many an American patriot believed that our fight in 1812 would center on Canada, to "free it from Britain's yoke". Thus the United States would complete their 1776 objective of wresting North America from the British. The US also sought unimpeded shipping on the Great Lakes, and the St. Lawrence.

Perhaps the British were not trying to re-colonize states that had declared and won independence 36 years earlier. But Britain certainly intended to punish the upstart Yankees who had challenged Britain's right to "rule the waves."

The Yankees used a fast, new, ship design — the *Baltimore Clipper* (see illustration), typically piloted by privateer captains.

Fells-Point shipyards produced dozens or scores of *Baltimore Clippers*, often built by free African-American shipwrights who might work in yards owned by free African American entrepreneurs.

Perhaps the biggest losers in this British vs. USA war were Native Americans. West of the Ohio River, Tecumseh was defeated in 1813, despite his British and Canadian support. In the southeast, General Andrew Jackson overcame the Creeks to secure American farmland in Georgia and Alabama.

Locally, our war heroes include tens of thousands citizen-soldiers who twice (in 1812 and 1814) defended



Baltimore City. We also honor General Nathan Towson who had studied artillery mathematics before the war and then fought with distinction and success near the Great-Lakes.

The local *Bellona Gunpowder Manufactory*, Maryland's largest, competed with the DuPonts' Brandywine valley powder works at the time of the war. Despite a plant explosion in 1812, Bellona's powder supported America's war effort. The remains of the "Manufactory" now lie somewhere beneath Lake Roland in Baltimore County.

The War of 1812 did not significantly change United States territory. The Yankees did not free the Canadians from their British "yoke". And although redcoats scorched the White House, they did not burn it down nor did they burn it up. In fact, the British never, from 1812 to 1815, landed a force on US soil sufficient to occupy and control Washington or any other American city.

## CELEBRATE THE WAR'S BICENTENNIAL

The US declared war on June 18, 1812. Thus, the Bicentennial is fast approaching. Here are some resources to help tourists, students, and parents understand this pivotal time in Baltimore's history.

**Fort McHenry** at the end of Fort Street in Baltimore, has just completed a new Visitors' Center, and will spearhead much bicentennial interpretation and celebration. Learn about the "Star Spangled Banner Trail" and the GPS-oriented "Star Spangled Banner Geotrail." <[www.nps.gov/fomc.com](http://www.nps.gov/fomc.com)>

**Maryland 1812** Fort McHenry Park Ranger Scott Shead is one of our nation's experts on the War of 1812. He maintains an extensive web site of historical information at <[Maryland1812.wordpress.com](http://Maryland1812.wordpress.com)>

**Star-Spangled 200** identifies the official *Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission*. They have travel suggestions, historical facts, and biographies of important people from the war. <[www.starspangled200.org](http://www.starspangled200.org)>

**Flag House** in downtown Baltimore celebrates Mary Pickersgill and her team of young women who stitched (by hand) the giant STAR-SPANGLED BANNER. Many Flag House activities are geared to school-age children. <[info@flaghouse.org](mailto:info@flaghouse.org)>

**The Smithsonian Institution** in Washington has the original STAR-SPANGLED BANNER on display. Their specific flag-oriented site is <[americanhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/](http://americanhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/)>

Photo: **Pride of Baltimore II** (a Baltimore Clipper) courtesy of the US Coast Guard. Thank you to Kate Marks of the Maryland Office of Tourism; to Jeff Buchheit and Jeanne Davis of the Mayor's Office, to Angela Heffner and Jay Doyle of Baltimore County, to Christopher George and Hal Youmans who "know" General Nathan Towson, to Scott Shead, to National Park Service staff at Fort McHenry, and to staff at Pride of Baltimore II. Any errors are mine, not theirs. — Rg

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

KIDS of all ages love BREAKFAST WITH THE ANIMALS 8-10am, Baltimore Zoo, reduced price with Zoo membership, limited spaces fill early <events@marylandzoo.org> or call 443-522-5276.

## SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY IN HIGHLANDTOWN :

**Look for the David & Dad's Cafe to open at the Southeast Anchor Library** first week of August. Coffee, cool drinks, salads and sandwiches will be available at the NW corner location, lower level by the auditorium. Outdoor seating will be donated by the FRIENDS of the SOUTHEAST ANCHOR LIBRARY. The Butchers Hill Association and many neighbors are contributors and members, and if you bought a piece of pie at the fund raiser - you too contributed to what promises to be an exciting edition to one of our favorite local branches of the Enoch Pratt Library system.

## LOCAL ARTISTS DISPLAY WORK AT LOCAL BARS AND RESTAURANTS

If you are interested in collecting works of art by local artists a great way to find some is by supporting your local bars and restaurants. A lot of our artists display their work at different places nearby.

Starting in July Butchers Hill resident and abstract artist Maxine Taylor will be displaying her work from the collection "Urban Views" at **Salt, a new American tavern** located at 2127 E. Pratt Street beginning July 12 through September.

**BALTIMORE'S FOURTH of JULY FIREWORKS** start at 9:30 pm. Enjoy live entertainment earlier in the evening with performances at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater, Pratt and Light streets. For general information, please call 1-877-BALTIMORE.

## HELP WITH BH PICNIC PLEASE!

Our July 8th Butchers Hill picnic is fast approaching, and we need volunteers to help with the setting up and tearing down of the tables, table cloths, etc. Help is also needed with getting the keg, wine, & water to Duncan Street Park. If anyone would stay awhile after the picnic to help clean up that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me to offer your services.

Craig Thomson 410-371-1661

## Editor needed for BH Newsletter

Looking for someone to take over this job in Dec. or Jan. The newsletter is being done in Microsoft Publisher at this time. Others provide the information being put into the newsletter. If interested or for more information please contact Tori Simms [tori\\_simms@hermanmiller.com](mailto:tori_simms@hermanmiller.com) or Patty Clark [bhanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bhanewsletter@gmail.com)

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE :

### Commodore John Rodgers School News.

This summer Commodore will be active with two summer school programs. Students in grades K-5 will be attending a special half day STEM ( Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program. Students grades 6-8 will be offered Grand Prix of Summer Learning which will focus on math in the morning and enrichment activities in the afternoon including sports, health and fitness , arts and robotics. The Programs will be running between July 5 and August 5.

## FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK :

*Sunday, July 10th, 10am, 70th Annual CHESAPEAKE TURTLE DERBY* at the Patterson Park Pulaski Monument. Enjoy the slowest race in town! Trophies & ribbons awarded to winners and all participants. This is a bring your own turtle event; however, some loaner turtles may be available to race for the day. All derby participants must register beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, call 410-396-9392.

*Sunday July 10, 6:30-8:30 pm. Edwin Ortiz y su Orquesta La Romana. Pagoda Hill. Rain date 7/13.* This group is the real deal when it comes to salsa swing.

*Sunday July 17, 6:30-8:30 pm. Marianne Matheny Katz. Pagoda Hill. Rain date 7/20.* One of Maryland's finest jazz vocalists.

*Sunday July 24, 6:30-8:30 pm. Chopteeth. Pagoda Hill. Rain date 7/27.* This 14-piece Afrofunk orchestra explores the common groove between the funkier, most hip-shakin' West African and American popular music on the planet.

## PATTERSON PARK POOL SCHEDULE:

Open Daily: June 25 - Sept. 5, Mon.-Sat. noon-7pm, Sun. 1-6pm.  
Weekends: May 28-June 18, Sat. noon-7pm, Sun. 1-6pm, Holidays 1-6pm, 443-677-2618 148 S. Linwood Ave.

## ARTSCAPE July 15-17

America's largest free arts festival featuring continuous musical performances by local, regional and national talent, indoor & outdoor arts exhibitions, film, theater, crafts, opera, dance, street theater & children's activities,

*Friday & Saturday, July 15-17, 12-10pm and Sunday, 12-8pm, Mount Royal Ave. and Charles St. For more info: <<http://www.artscape.org/home>>*

Butchers Hill's Megin Diamond will be showing her work there! We have plenty of artists here in Butchers Hill so be on the look out for some of our other artists who may also be presenting their work there.

## STOOP GATHERING EVENT in SEPTEMBER

Looking for 'hosts' to provide a stoop for the September 7 Stoop Gathering event. The Executive Committee provides all the drinks and any food needed. It's a fun way to get to know even more people in the neighborhood, and if you wish, to show off your culinary skills (or not). If interested, please contact Tori Simms at <[torisimms.bha@gmail.com](mailto:torisimms.bha@gmail.com)> or 410.209.9677