

August 2011

The July picnic was a wonderful success. There was fabulous food, courtesy of Larry - the 'best' griller and to everyone who brought a dish to pass. Great conversation due to everyone who came out, of all ages, on a beautiful night to meet and enjoy their neighbors. Well organized, thanks to the two Executive Committee members, Craig Thomson and Thomas Crandall, who made difficult weather decisions (remember the torrential rain the week before), rescheduled, worked through reissuing permits, got everything back into refrigerators and still made it look easy. The evening reinforced that this is the best neighborhood to live in.

This is an election year, and so we have invited all of the mayoral candidates to our August meeting to talk about their platforms and to allow time for you to ask questions. The primary, and defining piece of the election season, is September 13th, so this will give you time to make a decision on how you would like to see the city move forward over the next four years.

Please plan to come, better understand the issues and how the multiple candidates plan to work through them.

Enjoy your summer. See you in the hood.

*-Tori Simms
President, BHA*

NEIGHBORHOOD ART ASSOCIATION AND HOLIDAY ART EVENTS

Did you know that Butchers Hill is rich with gifted individuals? We are bursting with artists from talented professionals to enthusiastic hobbyists. To help showcase our neighborhood artists, the Butchers Hill Studios group has been created. An artist collective, it provides information about and for our neighborhood artists. Additionally, BHS will organize and run events from Holiday Craft Boutiques to juried Art Shows. In preparation for the winter holidays, two exciting art events are in the works: **Art Night** and **Holidays in the Hood on the Hill**.

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BUTCHERS HILL Flea Market & Craft Fair in Patterson Park

Near The Pagoda

Saturday, Sept. 10th, 9am-3pm

There is NO Rain Date for This Event

NEW RULE:

We will not accept any "pay-at-the-door" vendors
Vendor Registration Cut-Off Date - Sept. 3rd

For Vendor Registration Information:

Visit www.butchershill.org or

E-Mail: bhfleamarket@yahoo.com or

Call Bev at 410-675-0148

Para información en español llama 410.675-2829 Emily

MANY VOLUNTEERS HAVE WORKED TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A GREAT PLACE! They do it because it's fun! YOU CAN HAVE FUN TOO BY PITCHING IN! Meet your neighbors, have a good time AND get fed and partied! PLEASE HELP by signing up to volunteer with one of these jobs:

- 1) Prior to Flea Market give out posters to local businesses and stores
- 2) Sept. 10th – Set-up 7-9 am
- 3) Sept. 10th - Work at one of the BH Booths for 2 hours between 9am&3pm
- 4) Sept. 10th - Break-down BH Booths from 3-5 pm

To sign up to help: E-Mail William at:

willilicious@hotmail.com, or call Sandy at: 410-558-0149.

GOT STUFF? Turn it into CASH or DONATE it to the BHA Booth

Donations for the Butchers Hill Booth can be dropped off on the morning of Sept. 10th between 7-9 am at the Lombard Street entrance, across from the fountain.

Tax receipts will be available. Please put a suggested price on each item. Proceeds will go to our two neighborhood schools: Commodore John Rodgers & Patterson Park Public Charter Schools.

SAVE THE DATES!

2011 Butchers Hill Events:

Fall Flea Market – Saturday, Sept. 10

House Tour – Sunday, October 9

Art Night—Wednesday, November 9

Holiday Potluck – Sunday, December 4

AUGUST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 31	1	2 Streetscape Committee 7PM Concert in the Park 6:30 PM (See Pg 4)	3 Butchers Hill General Meeting 7PM	4 House Tour Committee 7PM	5	6
7	8 Land Use Committee 7 PM Flea Market Committee 7 PM	9 Book Club 7:30 PM	10 Movies on the Pier 8:45 PM (See pg 4)	11	12	13
14 Concert in the Park 6:30 PM (See Pg 4)	15 Executive Committee 7 PM	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 Block Reps & Crime Prevention 7 PM	18	19	20
21	22 Flea Market Committee 7 PM	23	24 Movies on the Pier 8:45 PM	25	26	27 Shakespeare in the Park 1&5pm
28	29	30	31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3

BHA Committees and Monthly Meetings

- **Crime Prevention/Block Representatives:** *Wednesday, August 17th, 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:** *Monday, August 8th and Monday, August 22nd, 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:** *Thursday, August 4th, 7PM, 2029 E. Pratt St.* For information or to volunteer your house, 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, Aug. 9th, 7:30 PM* to discuss "On a Pale Horse" by Piers Anthony . For more information contact: Anne Puckett, *anne_puckett@hotmail.com*, 410-675-8765.
- **Land Use:** *Monday, August 8th, 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, August 15th, 7 PM, 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.* For more information contact Tori Simms, 410-209-9677, *tori_simms@hermanmiller.com*.
- **Streetscape Committee:** *Tuesday, August 2nd, 7PM, 2211E 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: *bwads2211@comcast.net*, 410-558-1312. New members most welcome!
- **Newsletter:** *Tuesday, August 16th* is the deadline for all articles, ads, and notices for the SEPTEMBER 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: Come hear the Mayoral candidates talk about their platform and answer questions.

... And The Tree Was Happy

Shel Silverstein once wrote a compelling story about a tree that gave all she had for another's happiness; our neighborhood trees may not donate apples, limbs, and lumber for our happiness but we all reap many benefits from their well being. From sheer beauty to energy savings, from air filtration to erosion prevention, our trees are working for us – how are we giving back? As we delve deeper into another Baltimore summer, be sure to show some love to your trees, if only so that they will continue to give to you.

The tips below are the quick ABCs for caring for urban trees but there is much more to learn – visit the websites listed at the end for more information.

Agua: Young and old alike, trees need weekly watering from the time leaves first appear in the spring until they fall in the ... fall. Estimate 1 gallon of water per inch of trunk diameter (a tree 5" thick requires 5 gallons of water), ideally provided at a slow drip instead of a college-sports-style drenching. Tree gators can do the slow-drip for you; they just need a fill-up every so often. The Give Back: slow-drip watering encourages your tree to develop roots deep underground so you have a strong, full tree to shade and protect you for years to come.



Boxes: Boxes are bad. Tree boxes constructed of any material are harmful to trees – nice to look at, sure, but do you ever see tree boxes in a forest – or in the park for that matter? No. And why?; because they allow excess soil to build up above the roots, interfering with the tree's ability to absorb oxygen and other nutrients. In addition, tree boxes can cause "girdling roots" to develop, which are not cute and really are just downright embarrassing for the tree – so spare your tree, and spare your back the labor of installing a box. Give Back: use open fencing to mark the border – it deters dogs from "marking" the tree (dog urine is toxic to tree bark and roots); and open fencing allows rain water to flow naturally to the roots.



Chips: Wood Chips or mulch ... instead of piling up soil in a tree pit or leaving roots exposed to the dangers of dog urine, Give Back: add a shallow (2 - 3") layer of mulch to your tree box. Mulch is one of the best presents you can give a city tree – it adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil as it decomposes, it retains moisture for the roots during the summer, and it insulates roots during the winter. Give modestly though: excess mulch, like excess soil, is harmful to the tree, causing disease, bark damage, and insect invasion.

Additional reading for tree maintenance and other questions ...

Baltimore City Forestry Board:

<http://www.baltocfb.sailorsite.net/>

Baltimore Recreation and Parks – Forestry Division:

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/RecreationandParks/ForestryDivision.aspx>

National Arbor Day Foundation:

<http://www.arborday.org/>

Tree Gator:

<http://www.treegator.com/>

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK :

PNC Concerts in Patterson Park Pagoda Hill, 6:30- 8:30 pm presents:

*Tuesday August 2 – **Crawdaddies.*** (Rain date 8/3) The Crawdaddies infuse Cajun, Zydeco, Blues, Ska, Roots, Rock and Reggae into an incomparable, groove-laden sound that is unquestionably its own.

*Sunday August 14 – **Son de Aqui.*** (Rain date 8/17). This 11-piece band will be sure to get you up and moving with their classic salsa sound, so bring your dancing shoes!

Joe's Bike Shop will be at these 2 concerts doing FREE checkovers, so BRING YOUR BIKE!
<http://www.mtwashingtonbikes.com/>

*Saturday, August 27, 1pm & 5pm – **Shakespeare in the Park*** (Rain date 8/28 1pm) In the grove of trees at the bottom of Pagoda Hill FREE! "All the world's a stage"...man! Come and watch the Shakespeare Factory Players perform **As You Like It!**

PATTERSON PARK POOL SCHEDULE:

Open Daily: *Thru Sept. 5, Mon.-Sat. noon-7pm, Sun. 1-6pm.*

Weekends: *May 28-June 18, Sat. noon-7pm, Sun. 1-6pm,*

POTLUCK PICNIC A GREAT SUCCESS!

A nice time had by all at the park on Duncan Street last month at the Butchers Hill potluck picnic. The weather could not have been better. The success of this event is due to the volunteers who make this event happen. I would like to thank Halsey & Bonnie for the use of their garage, as well as Tom, Jimmy, Larry of "Bondoggies" fame, Lena's Mom & Dad, Doug, Nancy, Mark and Sandy. Thank you all for supporting this fun time, and I look forward to doing it again next year.

Craig Thomson

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Art Night, Wednesday, November 9th A fabulous display (and of course holiday shopping opportunity) of art and crafts created by Butchers Hill residents will be offered...along with wine and goodies. You'll be amazed by the skill and flair available right in our fabulous neighborhood. November 9th will be a Butchers Hill Association General Meeting you won't want to miss. Last November's event was a tremendous success and we're hoping this year will be even better. If you live in the Butchers Hill Community and would like to participate, please contact EJBraida (EJBraida@gmail.com).

Holidays in the Hood on the Hill

Sunday, November 27 and Monday, November 28 is a juried show promoted to the greater Baltimore area, showcasing neighborhood established artists. Our goal is to establish Butchers Hill Studios as a major contributor to the Baltimore artistic community...along the lines of Highlandtown Arts. If you are interested in more information, please contact EJBraida@gmail.com. We hope to encourage, celebrate and share our artistic community....so please save the dates.

COMPOSTING in Fell's Point

Saturday mornings 7:30 – 11:30 am. Same time as Fell's Point Main Street's Farmers Market in the Square.

Bring your bag of compostables to dump into the Waste Neutral toter in front Bertha's on South Broadway. Because this is a commercial program for restaurants and institutions, many more items can be recycled and composted than in the usual backyard composting bin. Just store your leftovers in a plastic bag in your refrigerator or freezer all week and bring them to the **Farmers Market** every Saturday.

All Food – Fruits, vegetables, eggshells, bakery items, rice, beans, cheese, meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish, bones

Food Soiled PaperTea bags, coffee grounds and filters, paper napkins, paper towels, uncoated paper plates, pizza boxes

Plants – Floral trimmings, leaves, tree trimmings, weeds, grass

NO – Grease, liquids, cooking oil, plastic or styrofoam, glass, metal

Bertha's recycles all of the restaurant's compostables with Waste Neutral and is making it possible for our residents to also use this commercial service.

Fells Point FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays 7:30 am - Noon Broadway Square (through November 12th).

FELLS POINT MOVIES ON THE PIER:

Presented by The Sound Garden & Su Casa
At the end of Broadway Pier, bring chairs, etc.

Wednesday, August 3, 8:45 PM – Takers

Wednesday, August 10, 8:45 PM – Let Me In

Wednesday, August 17, 8:45 PM – Twilight: Eclipse

Wednesday, August 24, 8:45 PM – Black Swan

Editor needed for BH Newsletter

Looking for a new editor for the Butchers Hill Newsletter. The newsletter is being done in Microsoft Publisher at this time. Others provide the information. Approx. 6 hrs. per month. If interested or for more information please contact [Tori Simms](mailto:tori_simms@hermanmiller.com) <tori_simms@hermanmiller.com> or Patty Clark <bhanewsletter@gmail.com>

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 more people in the neighborhood, and if you wish, to show off your culinary skills (or not). If interested, contact Tori Simms at <torisimms.bha@gmail.com> or 410.209.9677