

November 2011

Congratulations on a hugely successful house tour. The array of houses was awesome. Thanks to all who contributed, home owners, the committee, and all volunteers. For those who missed it, you need to join us in October, 2012 to experience the exciting variety of homes the Butchers Hill neighborhood has to offer.

This month, on the *second* Wednesday, November 9th, a departure from our normal date, we will continue to celebrate an artistic theme we started with the house tour, hosting Art Night. This time Butchers Hill artists will share their amazing variety of crafts, showcased for our enjoyment and purchase. Who knew how much talent resided within our community. Come and do your holiday shopping early, visit with neighbors, and maybe get motivated to go home and create something yourself. Holding just as much importance for the evening, 2012 BHA officer nominees will also be announced.

The new website is beginning to take shape. We should be able to roll it out within the next 90 days. While visually there will be small changes, more importantly, the ease of updates, quickly finding information, and keeping it current will be completely different. Plus, multiple people will be able to update information, based on password protections, eliminating all of the work falling on a single individual. It should be a very workable website for several years. Remember to vote in the general election.

See you in the 'hood.

*-Tori Simms
President, BHA*

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

Art Night

**Wednesday, November 9th 7PM – 9PM
During Monthly General Meeting**

The Butcher's Hill Association will hold Art Night at St. Andrew's Church, 2028 E. Lombard Street, serving to supplement our monthly general meeting. Our intention is to provide a forum for Butchers Hill neighbors to meet artisans who live in our neighborhood, see their crafts, and have an opportunity to purchase their wares. Artists works will include pottery, jewelry, mixed media art, ceramics, knitting, photography, and more. **See page 4 for a complete listing of artists.**

As a special feature, we will have a raffle to benefit our very own Butchers Hill Black Knights youth football team! Artisans will be donating special items to be raffled off at intervals throughout the evening. Raffle tickets will be \$1, or \$5 for 6 tickets. You must be in attendance to win – so come one and all! Come meet your creative neighbors and do a little holiday shopping! BHA is proud of our close knit community, as one of the Association's missions is to acquaint members with neighbors and talents within our neighborhood. Wine and Cheese will be served.

Volunteers are needed for setup and takedown. For information or questions contact Ej Braidia - ejbraidia@gmail.com.

Holiday Potluck

**Sunday, December 4th 5PM - 7PM
St. Andrews Church – Chester & Lombard**

Plan to join your neighbors as we celebrate the winter holiday season with our Holiday Potluck at St. Andrew's Church, sponsored by the Butchers Hill executive committee. Craig Thompson is our host this year providing the ham, turkey, beverages and creating a festive environment in which to celebrate the holiday season. A children's corner with games and supervision will be provided. Your role is to mark your calendars, bring a dish to pass of your favorite side or dessert, and enjoy the festivities.

We need volunteers:

- Collaborators - to dream up and create table theme and decorations
- Support with the children's corner
- Set up (3:30PM - 5 PM)
- Take down (7PM-until finished)

To volunteer, please contact Craig- craig.thomson@longandfoster.com

Tori - torisimms.bha@gmail.com

Trash Day Changes

There will be no trash or recycling on Tuesday, November 8th, or Thursday, November 24th. Make-up pick-up days will take place the Saturdays following. *See Calendar on page 2.*

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Election Day Book Club 7:30PM Streetscape 7PM No trash/recycle	9 Art Night/ General Meeting 7PM C.O.P. 7:30PM	10	11	12 Trash and Recycling Make-up Day
13	14 Land Use 7PM	15 Executive Committee 7PM	16 Crime Prevention 7PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 C.O.P. 7:30PM	24 Thanksgiving No trash/recycle	25	26 Trash and Recycling Make-up Day
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

BHA Committees and Monthly Meetings

- **Crime Prevention/Block Representatives:** *Wednesday, November 16th, 7PM, 2105 E. Baltimore St.* Meets monthly to share information from our block representatives and to coordinate action. New block representatives wanted; if interested contact Carolyn Boitnott, c.boitnott@verizon.net or 410-522-499. 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 contact Evan Helfrich, ubik14@netscape.net or 410-342-2148.
- **Community Representative, School 27 School Improvement Team:** Carolyn Boitnott, 410-522-4991
- **Education Committee:** Carolyn Boitnott, c.boitnott@verizon.net or 410-522-4991
- **Flea Market Committee:** No meeting this month. William White, willilicious@hotmail.com or 410-563-7941
- **House Tour Committee Meeting:** No meetings until March 2012. Dee Lundelius, DeeLundelius@verizon.net, and Sue Noonan, SueNoon@cavtel.net.
- **Community Initiatives:** No meeting this month. Kathy Hackett, 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, November 8th, 7:30 PM* to discuss "In the Woods" by Tana French. For more information contact: Anne Puckett, anne_puckett@hotmail.com, 410-675-8765.
- **Land Use Committee:** *Monday, November 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:** *Tuesday, November 15th 7 PM, 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.* For more information contact Tori Simms, tori_simms@hermanmiller.com, 410-675-4948
- **Streetscape Committee:** *Tuesday, November 8th, 7PM, 2211E Lombard St.* Focus is education and assistance with trash and litter - a healthy and attractive neighborhood. For more information contact Amy Finney astringer_6@yahoo.com, 443-465-5958. Betsy Wadsworth, bwads2211@comcast.net or 410-558-1312.
- **Newsletter:** *Tuesday, November 15th* is the deadline for all articles, ads, and notices for the DECEMBER issue of the BHA newsletter. Contact Julie Mayer, bhanewsletter@gmail.com

Butchers Hill General Meeting

Wednesday November 9th, 7PM – St. Andrews Church at Chester & Lombard.

The gathering will include Art Night festivities. Official business will focus on the announcements of 2012 committee officer nominees. For information contact Tori Simms - tori_simms@hermanmiller.com

From the Editor

The mums are out, and fall is in the air!

November is what I consider a transitional month, a time period when changes begin preparing us for the trials of winter. The leaves fall, fashioning the trees for winter slumber, football fans begin to attend to how their team's will fair the season, and our bodies begin to slow down to hoard the reserves. Well, some of us slow down, but if you're like me and love nothing more than to savor a bowl of Tuscan white bean soup, slowing down serves a wonderful purpose.

I am excited to see the movement of creativity in Butchers Hill, aren't you? This pent up energy is finally bursting its way out, who knows where it will take us. I continue to look forward to showcasing some of this talent in the newsletter. What do you think? The following are ideas we are considering:

- BH artist spotlight - offering a personal and artistic profile of a BH local artist.
- Personal works - writings and contributions from BH residents, in the form of short story or poem.

These and more ideas are being considered for our revamping. I am interested in hearing your feedback, and continue to encourage your input. Send me your thoughts to bhanewsletter@gmail.com.

See you in the 'hood.

*-Julie Mayer
Editor*

Monthly Rewind

House Tour

This 2011 BHA House Tour was definitely one of our most successful house tours. Although blessed with a beautiful day, it was the Butchers Hill people who made it a hit. Thanks to the Streetscape Committee and all who pitched in on the day before the tour, our sparkling neighborhood created a setting for success. With an attendance of around 250 visitors it was the greatest tour in years. The Terranova's "work in progress" received a lot of attention. Their unique modern kitchen with no sharp edges was aptly described by one visitor as "cashmere", and you had to have seen it to appreciate how soft and creamy it was. Patty Clark's home won lots of praise for her collections and memorabilia, and Deborah Jennings' house was the one we'd all be glad to move into.

The Heroes of the day included the residents of the eleven homes generously opened for viewing, the many volunteers, and the house tour committee. We thank the wonderful ladies at St. Andrew's church who made goodies and provided a rest stop, and let's not forget the considerate cooperation of Roger and Cecelia of the Blue Door.

- House Tour Committee

Neighborhood Fall Clean-up

It's not magic - it's our neighbors! After Saturday's united effort much of Butchers Hill was leaf, trash and weed-free for Sunday's Annual House Tour. Block captains distributed flyers to advertise the clean-up, groups of neighbors attacked areas that had been identified ahead of time as needing special attention, and a dedicated crew weeded and pruned our South Duncan Street pocket park, Halcott Square. Other volunteers, on call in their trucks, hauled filled leaf bags and items as requested to the community dumpster. As usual the dumpster (one of five requested each calendar year by the Streetscape Committee) was filled to capacity by the clean-up crews and residents cleaning house. Thank you to all who participated including Sandy, Jay, Steve, Pat, Andrew, Lindsay, Sue and Dan.

- Streetscape Committee

Streets are Streams - Let's Keep Them Clean!

Rain carries fallen leaves and litter from our streets, gutters and alleys into our storm drains. From here the leaves and litter flow into our local streams (many now out of sight under roadways), or directly into our harbor and the Chesapeake Bay via the underground storm drain system. Leaves entering the harbor and Chesapeake Bay decompose, releasing nitrogen, which contributes to summer algae blooms. These blooms rob the bay of vital oxygen needed for healthy fish, crab, oyster and clam populations. Trash and litter, besides being unsightly floating in the water, also pollute when they decompose. Please help by bagging fallen leaves and removing the litter around your property!

How do I get rid of my bagged leaves?

From now until January 30th, 2012, up to 5 bags of leaves may be put out on your regularly scheduled trash pick-up day. To avoid being fined, residents must put leaves in clear or labeled bags, and place them at their regular 'mixed refuse' collection location, not in the public right-of-way. Residents can also drop off bagged leaves at the Northwest Sanitation Yard at 2840 Sission Street, Monday through Saturday from 9AM to 5PM

- Streetscape Committee

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Art Night - continued from page 1

Wednesday November 9th 7PM – St. Andrews Church
Butchers Hill featured artists.

Martha Simons	Fiber & Mixed Media
Nancy Newman	Spinning/Knitting
Beth Braun	Weaving
Ellen Reich	Personal Accessories
Kathy Hackett	Embroidered Pagoda T Shirts
Ej Braida	Jewelry
Alexey Oshadrov	Jewelry
Kenyatta Cooper	Hand beaded jewelry
Megin Diamond	Jewelry and Tableware
Jo Van Wely	Charms and Beaded Jewelry
Kini Collins	Painting
Kirsten Lapointe	Ceramic Sculpture/pottery
Maxine Taylor	Mixed Media
Athba Hammad	Mosaics
Nelson Adlin	Pen & Ink, Pastels
Mark Supik	Wood Turning
Billy Michels	Photography
Patty Clark	Photography
Erika Williams	Photography
Roxanne Rehak	Photography
Cheryl Atkins	Photography

General Election - for local City Council Representatives

Tuesday, November 8th

About half of Butchers Hill is now in the new 13th District, and may experience a rare election event. The incumbent won the primary election by a close margin, and an active write-in campaign by the runner-up gives voters an opportunity to make Baltimore 'election history'. Instructions on how to cast a write-in vote, and a listing of the filed write-in candidates will be posted at your polling center on election day. The new 13th District line runs down the middle of the following streets: North Patterson Park Ave., 2100 & 2000 of East Baltimore St., South Chester St., and 2000 & 2100 blocks of East Pratt St. If you live West or North of this line you live in the new 13th District.

For information about where to vote visit:

<http://cityview.baltimorecity.gov/electionPollingPlace>

For detailed information about voting visit:

www.elections.state.md.us/voting/election_day_questions.html

Help Needed - BHA Facebook Volunteer

Are you a Facebook guru? The Butchers Hill community is in need of a volunteer to manage our Facebook page. Maybe you are someone who knows everyone? Or maybe you are one of the few who actually have been able to follow FB's ever-changing interface madness! Contact Tori Simms - torisimms.bha@gmail.com

40th Annual Greek Heritage Festival

Weekend of November 4th-6th, 11AM-11PM, Sun. Noon-6PM

Annunciation Cathedral, 24 W. Preston St.

www.goannun.org/festival

Free Admission. Indoors, rain or shine.

Featuring traditional food, music, dancing and crafts: live Greek Dance (Greeks invented line dancing - join in!), children's activities, Martini Bar, Cathedral tours and cultural exhibits.

Veterans Day Weekend at Fort McHenry

Weekend of November 11th-13th.

www.nps.gov/fomc/index.html

Jr. Ranger Program - earn a badge, rare artifacts & photos on display, Living History presentations, live concerts, special flag talks, vets from WWII - Desert Storm share stories all happening at a state-of-the-art Visitor Center.

Baltimore American Indian Center

Saturday, November 19th - 1PM-4PM

113 S. Broadway

Children's Activities & Native Food Sale
Museum & Gift Shop Open House

FELLS POINT :

Farmer's Market

Saturdays 7:30AM- Noon thru November 19th

Broadway Square. Fells Point has FREE parking Saturdays, until 10AM.

Pagoda Shirts and Caps for Sale

100% cotton, short and long sleeve shirts available in a variety of colors, in all sizes, features an embroidered pagoda and no advertising. For more information, or to order email bhamember@gmail.com



BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

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.