

February 2012

Hello! My name is Heather Gorius and I am very excited to serve as President of the Butchers Hill Association for the coming year. For those of you that may not know me very well, I have lived in the neighborhood since 2008 and in Baltimore since 2003. I stumbled upon Butchers Hill quite accidentally, but quickly became very fond of the beautiful park-side location, interesting architecture and friendly neighbors. I'm proud to have the opportunity to be a part of such a special group of people that care so passionately about our neighborhood and Baltimore as a whole.

One of the strengths of our organization is that even though contributors come and go, the association is steadfast in working to promote, protect, and improve the neighborhood's affairs. Volunteering on a committee is a great way to meet neighbors and become more active in Butchers Hill. As little as two hours a month, multiplied by many volunteers, creates change for the better. What do you care about? If there is not a committee addressing it – create one. This is democracy in action and the Butchers Hill Association welcomes all ideas.

The Executive Committee looks forward to the year ahead as we welcome back our perennial events such as the Garden Tour, Flea Markets, Stoop Sitting, Potluck picnics and dinners as well as our monthly meetings. As we set our goals for the year ahead, we will be looking for ways to keep you interested, engaged and coming back for more!

We would love to hear your ideas. Share your ideas and concerns with me, or other board members, as we would welcome your input on how to make our community an even better place to live.

- Heather Gorius
President

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a holiday we share with those we love. Why not spend your celebration in one of Butchers Hill's own restaurants?

The Life O'Reilly Irish Restaurant & Pub - 2031 E. Fairmount Ave. 410-327-6425. Boasting the largest Irish whiskey selection in Baltimore. www.thelifeoreilly.com
Salt - 2127 E. Pratt Street. 410-276-5480. The restaurant is taking reservations at this time. The evening will showcase a new menu the website will be posting shortly. www.salttavern.com

Here are a few thoughtful reasons to go local from www.buylocalbaltimore.com

- Keep money local
- Unique differences - chain stores are monolithic.
- Better service – understand their product, take more time with customer.
- Help the environment
- Community investment - owners are more invested in community's future.
- Save time, gas, auto wear – saves you money.
- Get to know neighbors – connect with like-minded people.
- Exercise – fun reason to walk.

Top of Mind

- The Ravens' fell just short of advancing to the Super Bowl appearance, missing a 32-yard field goal in the last seconds of the game. No matter the Super bowl line-up, it is worth noting this was the team's fourth consecutive playoff appearance with a regular season record of 12-4, including an undefeated AFC divisional record. Interestingly the Ravens' 1996 inaugural season record was 4-12.
- Governor O'Malley's proposed tax increases for 2012 include a 15¢ gas tax, and a doubling of the "flush fee" to \$5 a month. He declares the state is in need of funding to focus on infrastructure initiatives and required funding for pollution management.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 BHA General Meeting 7PM	2	3	4
5	6 Flea Market Committee 7PM	7 Streetscape 7PM	8 C.O.P. 7:30PM	9 Executive Committee 7PM	10	11
12	13 Land Use 7PM	14 Book Club 7:30PM Valentines Day Newsletter	15 Crime Prevention 7PM	16	17 Card club 7PM (details on pg. 4)	18
19	20 President's Day	21 Mardi Gras	22 C.O.P. 7:30PM Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Leap Day	1	2	3

Calendar Reminders

April - 4/21 Spring Cleanup

May - 5/12 Spring Flea Market

June - 6/3 Garden Tour

July - 7/6 Summer Picnic

Sept - 9/15 Fall Flea Market

Oct - 10/13 Fall Clean-up
10/14 House Tour

Dec - 12/2 Holiday Potluck

Butchers Hill Committees

Book Club	Anne Puckett, anne_puckett@hotmail.com 410-675-8765	Tuesday, 2/14 - 7:30PM. Discussing "The Tiger's Wife" by Tia Albrecht.
Butchers Hill Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)	Evan Helfrich, ubik14@netscape.net 410-342-2148	Meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. 7:30PM at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St.
Crime Prevention	Carolyn Boitnott - c.boitnott@verizon.net 410-522-4991	Wednesday, 2/15 - 7PM. Held at 2105 E. Baltimore St. Police ask that residents call 410-666-DRUG to report repeated suspected drug activity. Emergency 911.
Executive Committee	Heather Gorius (New Chair) hnorris@mtb.com , 215-450-9169	Thursday, 2/9 - 7PM. Held at 19 S. Castle St.
Flea Market Committee	Rick Gilmore (New Chair) 410-563-7941	Monday, 2/6 - 7PM. Held at 105 S. Chester St.
Garden Tour Committee	Joe Rehak, jrehak@lightspeedsystems.net 410-327-1533	No meeting this month
House Tour Committee	Dee Lundelius, DeeLundelius@verizon.net , and Sue Noonan, SueNoon@cavtel.net .	No meetings until March 2012
Land Use Committee	Virgil Bartram, virgil@archuv.com . <i>Please note new email address.</i> 410-327-4964	Monday, 2/13 - 7PM. Held at the White House, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave. For those in the historic district, please see page 4 for CHAP information.
Streetscape Committee	Amy Finney, astringer_6@yahoo.com , 443-465-5958, and Betsy Wadsworth, bwads2211@comcast.net , 410-558-1312.	Tuesday, 2/7 - 7 PM. Held at 2211 E. Lombard St.

Butchers Hill General Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 7PM—St. Andrew Church at Chester & Lombard.

Baltimore Heritage Foundation will be speaking about window restoration, and Water for Chocolate will be making chocolate covered strawberries. Champagne will be provided.

Getting to Know Your BHA Flea Market Committee

The Butchers Hill Flea Market Committee (FMC) plans and organizes the spring and fall Flea Markets in Patterson Park each year. These are the Association's gift to the broadest spectrum of individuals, neighborhoods, and non-profits. The markets offer opportunities to recycle, save money, make money, make a tax-deductible donation, enjoy good food, good music, and good family fun, all while experiencing and appreciating Patterson Park. A large part of the money that the Association makes from the events goes to support our two local schools.

The FMC meets monthly at various places in the neighborhood, and the first meeting for 2012 will be on February 6, at 7:00 pm, held at 105 South Chester St. *That meeting will be 91 days before the first Flea Market on May 12!*

I took over as chair of the FMC in 2012, succeeding William White. I consider myself a Flea Market aficionado who tries to find Thrift Stores or Flea Markets no matter where I am. This year represents my 15th working year on the Butchers Hill Flea Markets.

Planning and organizing these events involves many tasks, and while the FMC is well organized and benefits from the dedication of many "old hands," we need help in almost any area. Advertising and promotion, vendor relations, setting up and managing the popular food service booth, helping to sell donated items contributed by the neighbors, we need your help! Please contact me at [410-825-0157](tel:410-825-0157) / iok672@gis.net if you have any questions — or simply join us on February 6.

- Rick Gilmore

Flea Market Committee

Crime Prevention News Burglaries & Break-ins

Southeast Police Maj. William Davis, Dep. Maj. Melissa Hyatt and Det. Derrick Layton attended the January BHA meeting to give a report on recent crime. Two Crimes are of special concern: **CAR BREAK-INS** – please report every one – officers are deployed based on crimes reported, no reporting means less coverage. The Major expects every vehicle involved finger-printed, unless the owner declines, and wants to know if officers don't offer to do so. Email william.davis@baltimorepolice.org, or notify the Southeast District Police 410-396-2422.

BURGLARIES at night, from the rear (5 within our boundaries since Dec.1) require vigilance – lock all windows & doors at all times, install backyard lights & keep them on or install motion sensors, do not leave unchained ladders in yards or stored vertically, report description of suspicious people who may be casing the area, when away make sure mail & other deliveries are stopped and let a neighbor know to keep an eye out, dogs or knick knacks on window ledges make your house less of a target.

-Carolyn Boitnott
Crime Prevention Committee

How to Fight Your Tax Assessment

If you received an assessment notice and you feel the Total New Market Value on your notice (box 7) does not reflect the market value of your property, you may file an appeal and/or obtain information on this property from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Appeals must be postmarked February 10th. Read more at http://www.ehow.com/how_2340548

Monthly Rewind- BHA Executive Officer Election.

The following officers were elected in January's vote.

President:	Heather Gorius
Vice President:	Greg Matanoski
Vice President:	Todd Lapointe
Treasurer:	Beth Braun
Recording Secretary:	Tom Crandall
Parliamentarian:	Peter Green
Corresponding Secretary:	Tori Simms
Member at Large:	Jeff Carol
Member at Large:	Judy Steinburg
Member at Large:	Jo Van Wely

This Month in Baltimore History

February 7 & 8, 1904 the Great Baltimore Fire. The fire began in central Baltimore's business district, destroying over 1,500 buildings in 140 acres of downtown Baltimore, burning for over 30 hours. It is believed to have started by a cigarette in the basement of the Hurst building. The devastation prompted the creation of a national standard in fire-fighting equipment, including implementing the use of hose couplings. New building codes stressing fireproof materials. 35,000 people were left unemployed, but the area was almost completely rebuilt within 3 years.



Community Bulletin Board



Wanted - Butchers Hill Newsletter Editor

It is with regret, I announce my time with the newsletter will be coming to an unexpected end. Life is calling, and I will be relocating out of the area in the coming months. I will miss dearly the people in the community I have had the pleasure working with. The association is in need of someone to fill the roll shortly, and we are seeking candidates at this time. The newsletter serves as the association's greatest supplier of information, and the editor's dedication must see through the success of each monthly issue. This person has the opportunity to work closely with each of the community's leaders, and gets to experience a unique birds-eye-view of Butchers Hill. Previous experience is not necessary, but a preferable skillset will be sought. Feel free to contact me with questions at bhanewsletter@gmail.com, 443-690-8059. Or contact president, Heather Gorius hnorris@mtb.com

-Julie Mayer
Editor

"No Parking" Time Change - E. Baltimore Street

New signs have been posted on E. Baltimore St., east of Patterson Park Ave., *No Parking* 9AM-1PM. The days of the week are unchanged: Mon. on south side and Tues. on the north side. Be sure to read posted signs when you park to avoid confusion, and heavy tickets!

Free City of Baltimore Public Works Calendar

This 2012 calendar is chocked full of information and dates you need to know. Didn't receive one by mail in January? Call 311

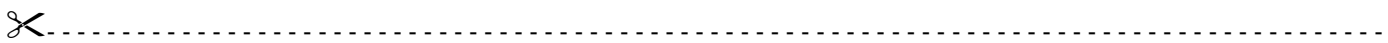
Styrofoam® Recycling Reminder

Polystyrene items are not collected with curb-side recycling. Items must have a #6 stamp, and must be taken to the Northeast Citizen's Convenience Center on Sisson St. Because polystyrene is so light weight, items must be placed in clear plastic bags and sealed. (Free bags are available at drop off point while supplies lasts)

Information is available at www.baltimorecity.gov

Streetscape Committee

New Neighbors - Contact Kathy Hackett at ktyhack@gmail.com to receive a "New Neighbor" packet, or to receive the newsletter through email.



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.*

Butchers Hill Card Club - Yes We Have One!

Friday, February 17, 7PM - Life O'Reilly
2031 East Fairmount Ave. The club meets the 3rd Friday of every month with no rsvp required. Games played depend on the interests of those who show - Hearts, Eucre, 5 Crowns, Tichu and others have been played in the past. New games are welcome anytime. Join the yahoo group for the latest updates BH_CardClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. OR email questions to BH_CardClub@yahoogroups.com (note underscores)

Continued Learning - The Renaissance Institute

The Renaissance Institute at Notre Dame of Maryland University, 4701 N. Charles Street, is accepting registrations for the Spring 2012 semester. The Institute is a continued learning program for adults 50 and over. More than 50 courses are offered from 9:30AM to 3PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For information, contact Linda Kuehn at 410-532-5351, or visit www.ndm.edu/renaissance. A number Butchers Hill residents currently attend Renaissance Institute.

Butchers Hill Garden Tour with Art Along the Way! *Sunday, June 3, 12PM-5PM.*

Plan for a "Bloomin' Good Time". Do you have, or know of a garden, large or small, visitors would love to see? Are you an artist interested in displaying your work along the garden tour? Join us in planning to make this fundraiser, and the party afterward, an enjoyable success. For more information contact Joe Rehack at jrehack@lightspeedsystems.net, or 410-327-1553.

CHAP blocks in Butchers Hill

The Land Use Committee reminds homeowners in the 2100 and 2200 blocks of E. Baltimore St. and the 2200 block of E. Pratt St., that you live in a City historic district. All planned exterior work including painting, must be submitted to CHAP and Butchers Hill. We are happy to help with any questions. Contact Virgil Bartram: 410-327-4964. CHAP's number is 410-396-4866.