

# BUTCHERS HILL

APRIL 2016



GREG HINCHLIFFE  
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Spring has sprung! Despite the fact that, as I write this, the weather forecast for the first day of spring includes the possibility of another snowstorm, spring is on the way. From the daffodils in Patterson Park (and my back yard) to the magnificent magnolia trees in blossom, we are increasingly surrounded by the natural beauty that helps make Butchers Hill such a terrific place to live. Spring is also

a good opportunity to give Mother Nature a hand with all this beautification. The Butchers Hill Spring Cleanup coincides with the Mayor's Spring Cleanup on April 23. Note that it is NOT April 16, as previously announced. (But feel free to clean up on that weekend too, and every weekend for that matter.) See the adjacent article elsewhere in this newsletter for details, and please accept my thanks in advance for all that you do to make Butchers Hill beautiful.

And by the way, what better way to appreciate your beautiful neighborhood than by sharing a stoop and some refreshment with some of your beautiful neighbors? In lieu of a general meeting in May, we will be repeating the ever-popular stoop sitting sessions. Want to volunteer your stoop? (BHA provides the refreshments.) Contact our stoop sitting event chair: Doug Gorius at [dgorius.esq@comcast.net](mailto:dgorius.esq@comcast.net).

And thanks,

Greg Hinchliffe

\* Stoop =  
the steps into your house;  
a great place to congregate! (for  
those new to the neighborhood)



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## SPRING CLEANUP & FIRST DUMPSTER Sat., April 23, 9am-noon

Start right outside your front door or join neighbors at Fairmount & Chester, where the dumpster will be.

Please bring your own gloves, as well as brooms and trash bags. Tools will be borrowed from the Friends of Patterson Park (thanks to the Friends!) and a limited number of large paper bags will be available.

If you need debris picked up during the cleanup time (please keep it light), call 410-371-8346 with your location and be ready to help get it into the truck.

Volunteers are needed:

- Tree planting
- Taking pictures
- Providing/driving truck or van
- Helping with the cookout

BHA will host a kid-cleanup at 11am in Castle St. Park next to The Life of Reilly pub on Fairmount Ave. and, for everyone, a cookout at noon in the park. For more information, email [andrewcrummey@gmail.com](mailto:andrewcrummey@gmail.com).



## FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR Sat., May 14, 9am-3pm

REMINDER: Spaces (15'x15' space for \$30) go on sale on April 4 for members of the Butchers Hill Association who have paid their 2016 dues, and for all others April 8. To pay by credit card or PayPal, go to our website ([butchershill.org](http://butchershill.org)). If you don't have access to our website, call 410-558-0149. Don't delay--spaces sell out quickly.

HELP NEEDED: distributing posters to local businesses mid-April, hanging banners, putting posters in Patterson Park, pick up boxes, shop for food, store perishable food in your freezer or refrigerator a day or two prior to the FM, Sat. May 13 - help mark spaces & set out cones; May 14 - 7-9am: transport ice to park, help with setup of tables, canopies & booths; 9am-3pm - do a two- or three-hour shift at the food or flea booth; 2-4pm - help with breakdown & cleanup.

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# APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 April Fool's Day	2 Household Hazardous Waste Collection
3	4 Orioles Home Opener - 3pm	5 <b>Streetscape Committee Meeting</b>	6 <b>BHA General Meeting</b>	7	8 Birdwatching	9
10	11 <b>Land Use Committee Meeting</b>	12	13 <b>House Tour Committee Meeting</b>	14 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	15 <b>May newsletter deadline</b>	16 Recycle Bin Sale & Paper Shredding
17 Pagoda Opens	18	19	20 <b>Crime Prevention Com. Meeting</b>	21	22 Passover Begins Earth Day	23 <b>Spring Cleanup</b> Birdwatching
24	25 <b>Flea Market Committee Meeting</b>	26	27	28	29	30 Bell ringing at midnight Dia del Nino

## BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., April 20, 7pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Greg Hinchcliffe <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., April 14, 6:30pm White House, Patterson Park
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Mon., April 25, 8pm 2124 E. Lombard St.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Dee Lundelis <i>deelundelius@gmail.com</i>	Wed., April 13, 7pm 2029 E. Pratt St.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., April 11, 7pm Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., April 5, 7pm 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

### 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 plans for exterior work, including painting and new window installations, must be submitted to CHAP and the Butchers Hill Land Use Committee. Contact Virgil Bartram at 410-327-4964 or CHAP at 410-396-4866 if you have questions.

Save the Date - 2016  
**April 23 - Spring Cleanup**  
 May 14 - Spring Flea Market  
 July - Summer Potluck  
 August - Teachers' Breakfast  
 September 10 - Fall Flea Market  
 October 9 - House Tour  
 November - Shop & Schmooze  
 December - Holiday Potluck

### Dumpster Dates 2016

April 23 ~ June 11 ~ Aug. 6 ~ Oct. 1 ~ Dec. 3

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off begins April 1 & 2, 9am-5pm, 2840 Sisson St.

Dispose of materials such as:

- Oil-based paints
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Car batteries
- Many other items
- Drain cleaners
- Gasoline
- Pool chemicals
- CFL light bulbs

No leaking or unmarked containers will be accepted. Latex paint can be dried up and the cans put out for regular trash collection. Residents must show proof of city residency and be able to identify the material. For more information, including items that are not accepted, visit the public works website at [publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling/HouseholdHazardousWaste](http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling/HouseholdHazardousWaste).

**APRIL BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., April 6, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.**

**Agenda for April meeting: 2016 BHA budget vote and Patterson Park Audubon presentation**

## **MORE ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING**

Ever wonder where BHA's money comes from, and where it goes? Find out at the April general meeting as Treasurer Beth Braun presents the Association's budget for your information and approval. Beyond Orioles and Ravens-from Patterson Park Audubon. Ever think this area is for the birds? You are right! Patterson Park Audubon (and how many neighborhoods get to have their own local Audubon office?) will educate us on our native flying fauna, the programs they offer (including some involving our local schoolchildren), and what we can do to attract and support our feathered friends.

## **FARMERS' MARKET & BAZAAR**

The Baltimore Farmers' Market returns April 17 from 7am-12pm and continues every Sunday until Christmas under the I-83 Expressway. Maryland's largest, producers-only market: fruits and vegetables, poultry, seafood, beef, pork, lamb, bison, goat, rabbit, fresh baked goods, flavorful herbs, and naturally raised and produced milk, yogurt, butter, eggs and cheese products. Food vendors add a variety of prepared food items. The bazaar offers live music, unique crafts, collectibles, jewelry, handbags, hair accessories, clothing, rugs, pottery & wood items, stained glass, and photographs. Musicians perform most Sundays. There is an ATM is on site.

## **LAST CHANCE FOR SMALL TRASHCAN**

Requests for a smaller trashcan must be received no later than April 20, 2016, and can be made by calling 311. The deadline to refuse a municipal trashcan has also been extended to April 20. Refusal forms are available on the Municipal Trash Can page of the DPW website, as well as on the Butchers Hill website ([butchershill.org](http://butchershill.org) - see the right-side banner).

## **MIDNIGHT CHURCH BELLS - APRIL 30**

Don't panic when you hear the church bells during the once-a-year midnight ringing of the bells as the congregation celebrates Eastern Orthodox Easter in a procession around the church.

## **RECYCLE BIN SALE & PAPER SHREDDING**

April 16, 9am-1pm, 1400 W. Cold Spring Lane, at the parking lots of Polytechnic High School.

## **NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS**

### **Patterson Park Public Charter School -**

Spring Into Art 2016 - Saturday, April 9, 2016 6:00-10:00 pm (bidding ends at 8 pm), a silent auction of art made by local fine artists and current students at PPPCS. Raised funds support the schools' arts programming, including partnerships with MICA, OrchKids, and artists-in-residence. Purchase tickets for \$30 at [www.pppcs.org](http://www.pppcs.org).

Reading Buddies - Ms. LaHair's 8th grade class (Skidmore) reads with Ms. Ontiveros' 2nd grade class every other week. The 8th graders and 2nd graders take turns reading to each other. The 2nd grade students love reading with the older kids. Skidmore also reads with Ms. Grandchamp's 1st grade class. Mr. Hendrick's 8th grade class (Hopkins) reads with Ms. Ontiveros' and Ms. Harris' 2nd grade classes. Mr. Bradbury's 7th grade class (Notre Dame) reads with Mrs. Hendrick's 2nd grade class.

### **Commodore John Rodgers -**

There are two more Commodore Collegiates Breakfasts this year, April 10 and May 5. Our big end-of-the-year celebration for all collegiates (a "plus one") on May 20th at UMBC, our partner in the program.

Contact the coordinators Kristen Sweeny ([sweeny@thecjrschool.org](mailto:sweeny@thecjrschool.org)) or Michael Hasset ([hasset@thecjrschool.org](mailto:hasset@thecjrschool.org)), or call 410-396-9300 to volunteer or for questions.

## **CRIME IN THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

The Southeast Police District sends a daily report listing crimes in the entire district to representatives in SE neighborhoods. Last summer and into the fall, Butchers Hill, as well as other neighborhoods, experienced an increase in robberies, burglaries, car thefts, and break-ins. The Butchers Hill Crime Prevention committee has begun forwarding information on crimes that occur in Butchers Hill or one block outside our boundaries to the Butchers Hill Yahoo group and Next Door (in Butchers Hill). The committee is also maintaining a list of the crimes in our area and contacting the courts when an arrest is made. All residents are welcome to attend our meetings. While arrests have not been made in all of the crimes affecting our neighborhood, five people have been arrested since June. Several of the arrests came about because of watchful neighbors.

## FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

**Pagoda Opens!** - Sun., April 17, noon, thanks to the all-volunteer Pagoda Team, the Pagoda will be open and free to the public every Sunday 12-6pm (weather permitting) and during some special events through Oct. 9. Want to join the team? Email [volunteer@pattersonpark.com](mailto:volunteer@pattersonpark.com).

**Día del Niño** - April 30 (rain date May 1), 11am-2pm, Pagoda Hill, free family event for kids of all ages. There will be games, crafts, face painting, piñatas, a musical performance, and much more! For more information, email [katie@pattersonpark.com](mailto:katie@pattersonpark.com).

**Join one or all of the FOPP volunteer teams** - Lake Team: April 2, 8am; Pagoda Team: April 17, 9:30am; Tree Team: April 23, 9am.

### Earth Day Weekend -

April 23, 9am - weed & mulch trees, pick up trash, garden, remove invasive plants at the lake, and more.  
April 24, 10am - playground clean up, bring the whole family for this kid-friendly clean up.

## OTHER APRIL EVENTS

**Earth Day Celebration at The Walters Art Museum**  
Sat., April 16, 11am-4pm, free. Learn about reducing, reusing, and recycling in the environment and in works of art and tie-dye a reusable shopping bag.

**Fells Point Privateer Festival** - April 16 & 17, 10am-7pm, free. Celebrate maritime history, re-enactments, arts & crafts, live music, and more. For details, go to [www.fellspointmainstreet.org](http://www.fellspointmainstreet.org).

**Baltimore Museum of Art** - family Sundays, 2-5pm, April 3: print portraits; April 10: create wire sculptures; April 17: make a diorama; April 24: sculpt clay figures., free.

**Money Power Day** - Sat., April 2, 9am-3pm, Poly-Western High School, workshops by experts on homeownership, managing student loans, how to start and grow a business, etc. Services such as credit counseling, one-on-one consultation with a certified financial planner, college access counseling, and more. Tax sale prevention clinic provided by the Pro Bono Resource Center & Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service.

## LIGHT CITY BALTIMORE

Light City Baltimore ends Sun., April 3 at 9pm. Get in on the last days of spectacular, and free fun. Check it out at <http://lightcity.org/>.

On April 2, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine will host special evening tours where visitors will be able to explore the Fort's two hundred years of history through a special living history presentation by candlelight! See <http://www.nps.gov/fomc/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?eventID=3922997-307230> for more details.

## THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS IMPORTANT

Historically, because Democrats have far outnumbered Republicans in Baltimore, whoever won the Democratic primary was then usually elected in the November general election. To have a voice in our city government, voting in the primary is very important, especially for city council.

The deadline to register to vote is April 5. The voter registration application, as well as much more information about the registration process can be found online at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>. In-person early voting is April 14-21. The closest location is Southeast Anchor Library in Highlandtown, 3601 Eastern Ave., 10am-8pm.

The deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot is April 19, and the deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot is April 22.

Election Day is April 26 from 7am-8pm, and your polling location is on your voter registration card. In Butchers Hill, you will be assigned to one of three polling places: Commodore John Rodgers School (102 N. Chester), Engine House #5 (2120 Eastern Ave.), or Wolfe Street Academy (245 S. Wolfe St.). The early voting location will not be open on Election Day.

Please vote!

To receive monthly newsletters via email contact: [ktyhack@gmail.com](mailto:ktyhack@gmail.com).



## BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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. Now we can pay our Butchers Hill Association dues via PayPal online! Go to [www.butchershill.org](http://www.butchershill.org) and click on "Join BHA," then "Renew" or "Application." If you want to pay by cash or check, make checks payable to the Butchers Hill Association and send/deliver to BHA, 27 S Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.