

BUTCHERS HILL

APRIL 2018



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BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Spring has finally come and hopefully everyone is able to break out of hibernation and get outdoors.

Our annual spring cleanup, dumpster and tree planting is April 28, 9am-noon. This is a great opportunity to meet neighbors while sprucing up the front of your home and block, then join us at the dumpster on N. Chester and

Fairmount where we will have free collection bags and tools to lend (thanks to the Friends of Patterson Park). We will also plant a few trees. A kid's cleanup will happen in Castle Street Park 11:30-noon, then please join us for a cookout at noon.

Between chalk night, the arabbers festival, the Mayor's Cleanup, dumpster and tree planting as well as the Friends of Patterson Park and school activities and city living events listed in this newsletter, there are many opportunities in April to get out, meet your neighbors, and take advantage of what's so great about living in Butchers Hill. Enjoy the break in weather, and I hope to see you out and about soon.

Andrew

BELL RINGING AT MIDNIGHT

on April 7 is part of the St. Andrew Orthodox Church celebration of Easter. Don't be alarmed.

SPRING FLEA MARKET

Vendor spaces for the spring Flea Market & Craft Fair (Sat., May 12) go on sale through the association website (www.butchershill.org) on April 4 for dues-paying BHA members and on April 6 for the general public. Spaces are \$35, payable by credit card or Paypal.

Please consider volunteering at this event. The online sign-up is at <https://tinyurl.com/y926mp5z>. There will also be opportunities to volunteer through links in social media. Contact Emily at butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com with any questions.

CLEANUP, TREE PLANTING, DUMPSTER

This is an organized event to clean up and green the entire neighborhood. Please join in and work with your neighbors to clean your street and/or alley--and then other areas that need help. Supplies will be at Fairmont & Chester at 9:00 a.m. close to the dumpster. Volunteers to help plant trees will also meet at the same corner.

BHA HOUSE TOUR

We are beginning our search for houses for the 2018 BHA House Tour on Oct. 14. Are you ready to be one of the attractions of the neighborhood that continue to amaze visitors and even other Butchers Hill residents? We need a variety of homes, small and cozy, big and impressive, simple and interesting, historic or modern inside. We will also need volunteers to do some writing for us. If you enjoy descriptive writing and have a little time, your help will be appreciated. Recommend a neighbor you think would be interested in being on the tour, and we can follow up with them. It may seem a long way off to October 14, but we need to settle our list of houses soon, so please don't wait. Contact Pat Phoebus at 410-327-1610 or phoebu1115@aol.com.

HALCOTT SQUARE MIX & MINGLE

On Fri., April 14, from 5-8pm, join us in Halcott Square (Duncan St. between Lombard and Pratt Sts.) to get to know your neighbors, as well as one of Butchers Hill's most charming locations. Light snacks and drinks will be served, but everyone is welcome to bring something to contribute.



April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter April Fool's Day	2	3 Streetscape Committee Meeting	4 BHA Gen Meeting Flea market spaces to members only	5	6 Flea market spaces on sale to all	7 Household Hazardous Waste
8 Baltimore Farmers' Market Opening Day	9 Land Use Com. Meeting	10	11 House Tour Committee Meeting	12 Executive Committee Meeting	13 May newsletter deadline	14 Feet-on-the- Street event Halcott Square
15 Pagoda Opens	16	17	18 Crime Prevention Com. Meeting	19	20	21 Recycling Bin Sale & Shredding
22 Earth Day	23 Flea Market Com. Meeting	24	25	26	27	28 Cleanup and Dumpster
29	30					

JUNE MEETING IS A STOOP SITTING
 We are looking for volunteers to host and provide the stoops for the June Stoop Sitting meeting on Wed., June 6. The BHA provides the beverages. Email Doug Gorius at dgorius.esq@comcast.net for more information or to volunteer.

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott c.boitnott@verizon.net 410-522-4991	Wed., April 18, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Andrew Crummey butchershillpresident@gmail.com	Thur., April 12, 7:00pm 113 S. Chester St. Meets on the second Thursday.
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com	Mon., April 23, 8:00pm 2124 E. Lombard St. Meets on the fourth Monday.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus phoebu1115@aol.com 410-327-1610	Wed., April 11, 7:00pm 200 S. Chester St. Meets on the second Wednesday
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram Virgil@ArchUV.com 410-327-4964	Mon., April 9, 7:00pm Meets on the second Mon. in the white house in Patterson Park.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth bwads2211@gmail.com Andrew Crummey andrew.crummey@gmail.com	Tue., April 3, 7:00pm Meets on the first Tue.

Interested in a Community Garden Plot?

A few plots are open for the upcoming season in the Castle St Park Community Garden. Please email castlestgarden@gmail.com if you are interested in participating or for more information.

THE 2018 DUMPSTER DATES

April 28
 May 26
 August 4
 October 13
 December 1

We still need volunteers to monitor the dumpster on the following dates:

May 26
 October 13
 December 1

Contact Sandy Sales at 410-558-0149 (or sjs2201@verizon.net) if you are interested in performing this important task.

SAVE THE DATE

April 28 - Mayor's Cleanup & First Dumpster
 May 12 - Spring Flea Market
 June 6 - Stoop Sitting
 July 13 - Summer Potluck
 September 15 - Fall Flea Market
 October 14 - BHA House Tour
 November - Shop & Schmooze
 December - Holiday Potluck

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.

APRIL BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., April 4, 7:00 p.m.
St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.

STREETSCAPE UPDATE

2017 was a great year for the Butchers Hill Streetscape Committee. We put into motion many more projects than we have ever before in the history of the committee, and that's an achievement to be proud of!

On the list of achievements were the installation of three new informative and attractive signs detailing the ecosystem and function of our rain gardens. We have focused on greening our alleyways and lighting them, too, for ambience and safety. Our two pocket parks are also prepped and ready for spring. We have planted more than twenty trees along our streets, and are one of the only community associations in Baltimore City to have every single tree within our neighborhood inventoried by species type, size, and condition. This inventory list enables us to better utilize our resources and promotes beautiful tree-lined streets. Additionally, we have now divided the community into four quadrants which will help us to focus on planning, promoting, and implementing not only our continuing tree program, but also our lighting program, Lights On The Streets (LOTS). The initial pilot program has been successfully completed, and we are ready to do more.

If you are interested in obtaining more information on any of these initiatives or want to be a part of them on your street, please contact us via the information on page 2.

TRASH ETIQUETTE

If you move your trash/recycling to the end of an alley or to another street for pickup, please be extra careful to follow the rules for when you can put it out (after 6pm the night before) and when you must move your cans back to your property (by 6am the day after pickup). It isn't fair to the home owners that live by the collection points to have to endure other people's trash cans any longer than necessary. They can be subject to fines and face a possible increase in rodent "visitation."

And to those that pick up after your dogs: thank you! However, please do not throw away the dog poop bags in other people's trash cans. Many people have to move their cans through their house (and even store them in their home). And even if they don't, it is your responsibility to clean up after your dog—all the way to your own trash can. And it goes without saying (doesn't it?) that you should never dispose of your dog poop bags in anyone's flower pots or tree pits!

Recycling Trifecta

April 21, 9am-1pm, 2201 Argonne Dr., bring five or more plastic bags & get a reusable bag. Bring up to two 32-gal. bags of papers to be shredded. And buy a new recycling bin or lid.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

100% of the money from the BHA flea market booth goes to CJR and PPPCS. On May 12, drop off donations from 7-10am at the Lombard St. entrance (tax receipts and help unloading available)

Commodore John Rodgers Elementary and Middle School (100 N. Chester St.)

Fundraising at the Canton Chipotle on Tues., April 10, 5-9pm. Mention "COMMODORE" to support 8th grade science students' trip to Florida where they will learn scientific inquiry and engineering design. Learn more at cjrtoorlando.com.

CJR's College Readiness Coaches program is expanding. If you are able to give one to two hours a week after 5pm to help some of our high-achieving juniors and seniors as they navigate the college process, please email glenwick@thecjrschool.org.

Patterson Park Public Charter School (27 N. Lakewood Ave.)

TRIVIA for a CAUSE - April 16, 7:30pm, at Sammy's Enoteca (623 S. Broadway). They will donate a portion of your food and drink bill to PPPCS. Get a team and play free.

Free screening of the movie "Coco" - April 20, doors open at 6pm. Enter on Baltimore St. Food and drinks available for purchase. (No drop off of children or outside food/drink).

PATTERSON PARK ACTIVITIES

Pagoda opens for the season - Sun., April 15, noon-6pm. The Pagoda will be open & free to the public on Sundays noon-6pm and during special events through mid-October (weather permitting).

Earth Day in Patterson Park - Sat., April 21, help us mulch 100+ trees, pick up trash, edge walkways, and more. For more information, email volunteer@pattersonpark.com.

Dia del Niño/Kid's Day - Sat., April 28, 11-2pm, free event, near the Pagoda. Bring the kids to the park for games, crafts, piñatas, paper rockets, face painting and more. (rain date April 29, 1-4pm)

Wine at Sunset, Thurs., May 24, 6-9 p.m. The Friends' signature fundraiser featuring great wines. Tickets are now available at pattersonparkwineatsunset.com.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

For more information about Patterson Park Audubon Center, RSVP at 410-558-2473 or email baltimore@audubon.org.

Tiny Tots - Reptiles Rule! - Fri., April 13, 10:30-11:30am, reg. required, \$5 donation per child.

Intro. to Bird-Friendly Gardening - 5:30-7:30pm, April 19, Lake Roland Nature Center.

Adv. Bird-Friendly Garden Design - 5:30-7:30pm, April 5 (5108 Roland Ave.) and April 12 (5910 Harford Rd).

Urban Bird-Watching Walks - 8-9:30am, Sat., April 28, meet at Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

BLOCK PARTY FOR ARABBERS & HORSE LOVERS

Sat., April 7, noon to 5pm at MAXgallery, 126 N. Madeira St. Arabbing has deep roots in Baltimore, particularly with the African-American community. Arabbing provides self-employment opportunities in a city where jobs are scarce. The arabber wagons bring food to parts of the city that have no easy access to food, and there is a particular focus on senior citizens and others with limited mobility.

Baltimore is the only city left in the country that still has working arabbers, and they are in danger of extinction. The number of arabbers on Baltimore's streets have dwindled to just a few. We want to create momentum to rebuild this tradition—to get more wagons on the street, more people at work, and more residents in “food deserts” served.

The block party has two goals: to raise money to rebuild and repair arabber wagons, and to create an opportunity for the arabbers to speak directly to the Baltimore community about what they do, and what they hope for in the future.

There will be an exhibition of horse and arabber-related artwork at MAXgallery, as well as pony rides, food, music, a crankie show, and a question-and-answer session with two or more arabbers.

Schedule of events:

- 12:00-2:00: Food, pony rides, art exhibit
- 2:00-3:30: Arabber talk and question-and-answer session
- 3:30-4:30: Live music - Brooks Long
- 4:30-5:00: Katherine Fahey's arabber crankie show

There will also be an art exhibition including original works by local artists, as well as a harness display, along with a description of the "Baltimore Fancy Harness" and the DVD "We Are Arabbers" playing and for sale.

OTHER APRIL ACTIVITIES

Light City - April 14-21, 7-11pm (until midnight on weekends). Free festival of light, music, and innovation. Family-friendly events are planned along Baltimore's Inner Harbor and in fourteen neighborhoods throughout the city (April 6-8). Labs@Light City are April 18-21. Details for all activities are at lightcity.org.

Fruit Tree Fair - April 7, Rawlings Conservatory, TreeBaltimore (treebaltimore.org) conducts tree giveaways each spring and fall (family-friendly event).

Baltimore Farmer's Market & Bazaar Opening Day - April 8, 7am-noon, beneath the Jones Falls Expressway, every Sunday until Dec. 23. Free, two-hour parking at the Mercy Garage, bring the ticket to the Welcome Tent for validation.

Cherry Blossom Celebration Picnic: Hanami - April 14, 1-4pm, Middle Branch Waterfront Park, sponsored by Baltimore-Kawasaki Sister Cities Committee and Baltimore City Rec & Parks. Come learn about the Japanese tradition of a picnic under the cherry blossoms. (rain date: 4/15)

Canton Spring Festival "Crab & Crushfest" - Patterson Park, April 21, 11am-5pm, more information at www.bmoresspringfest.com.

15th Annual Highlandtown Wine Festival - April 22, 1-6pm, 3600 Claremont St. Homemade wine, Italian food, live music. Adults 21 & over only. Tickets at DiPasquale's & Laughing Pint. highlandtown.com

Fells Point Privateer Festival - April 21 & 22, 11am-6pm, Broadway Square, privateerfestival.com

Charm City Bluegrass Festival - April 27 & 28 in Druid Hill Park. Family-friendly music festival, tickets at www.mt.cm/6th-annual-charm-city-bluegrass-festival.

Charm City Bluegrass Pop Up in the Conservatory's garden. Free.

Save \$17 on June 10 Tour Dem Parks cycling by registering by April 1 at www.tourdemparks.org.

POP-UP GROW CENTERS

The DPW and USDA/Forest Service are bringing garden centers to a neighborhood near you. Baltimore GROW (Green Resources & Outreach for Watersheds) Centers are your neighborhood greening resource hubs, linking city residents, communities, and faith-based groups to plants, materials, and technical expertise for greening projects. During the months of April and May, GROW Centers will pop up in Baltimore with free and low-cost green products and free workshops on topics including greening, vacant lot revitalization, and storm water management.

The nearest pop-up center to Butchers Hill is on April 28, 400 block of N. Duncan St. Information at eventbrite.com/e/grow-center-pop-up-3-registration-42945604459?aff=es2 or check them out on Facebook.



To receive the monthly newsletter via email, contact bhamember@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. You can pay your Butchers Hill Association dues via PayPal or credit card online! Go to 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 to BHA, 27 S Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.