

BUTCHERS HILL

AUGUST 2017



ANDREW CRUMMEY
BHA PRESIDENT

Neighbors,
A little rain and a lot of humidity didn't dampen the mood at our annual BHA potluck picnic in Halcott Square. It was a great evening of meeting new/catching up with old neighbors, watching kids run and play, and eating great food. I hope everyone noticed how beautiful and well-kept Halcott Square is—we should collectively say thank you to Steve Young for his continued stewardship of the park.

Our flea market and house tour committees are in full swing getting ready for two of our most important events of the year. Please consider volunteering and patronizing these events. The day before the house tour, October 7, the streetscape committee hosts a neighborhood cleanup. Please take this opportunity to spruce up the areas around your home and your street, and help show off our great neighborhood!

We are all aware of the crime in the area over the past few months. As always be your neighbors' keeper and keep your exterior lights on.

Andrew CrummeY



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BHA FALL FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

Sat., Sept. 16 ~ 9am-3pm

Vendor signup for a 15'x15' space will be open to BHA members who are current on their 2017 dues on Aug. 1 and to the general public on Aug. 4 at www.butchershill.org. Spaces are limited and cost \$35 each. Proceeds support the BHA, other local nonprofits, and our two PreK-8 schools.

Donation items to be sold at the BHA Flea Booth may be brought to the Lombard St. entrance the morning of Sept 16. Help will be on hand to assist unloading. All proceeds from the sales at the flea booth go directly to our two schools & tax receipts are available when you drop off your donation.

Volunteers needed: YOU make it happen! Volunteers eat and drink for free. Sign up for a two- to three-hour shift during morning setup, at the food or flea booth, or for cleanup. Contact Emily for more information at emily.augustine@gmail.com or 443-326-8621.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! GET READY FOR SHOP & SCHMOOZE

Wed., Nov. 15, at the St. Andrew church hall at Lombard & Chester St. Artists who are interested in selling or showing your work at the Butchers Hill annual holiday mart, please email Kini at kinicollins@gmail.com by Sept. 2. Setup will begin at 5pm and load out at 9pm. Shopping & schmoozing will be from 7-9pm. BHA provides beverages, desserts, and music. Artists are asked to pay \$10 to participate and to bring cheese or crackers to share.

WHEN DOES SCHOOL START?

You may have heard that the state has mandated a later start to the school year for 2017-2018. Baltimore City Public School's official first day of school is Tues., Sept. 5. However, our zoned school, Commodore John Rodgers, got a waiver from the state and is able to start a week early. Be sure to mark your calendars.

The first day of school for Commodore John Rodgers is Mon., Aug. 28.
The first day of school for Patterson Park Public Charter School is Tue., Sept. 5.

On a related note, the annual teachers' appreciation breakfast is being revamped this year to accommodate the differing schedules of the two participating schools. Stay tuned for more details.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Streetscape Committee Meeting	2 BHA General Meeting	3	4 "Sharkspeare" at PP pool, thru 8/6 HHW	5 Household Hazardous Waste
6	7	8	9	10 Executive Committee Meeting	11 Twilight Swim Party, Patterson Park pool	12 Dumpster - 2100 block of Fairmount Ave.
13 Concert in Patterson Park	14	15 CJR Ice Cream Social	16 House Tour Com. Meeting	17	18 Sept. newsletter deadline	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Birdwatching
27	28 Flea Market Committee Meeting	29	30	31		

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	No August meeting
EXECUTIVE	Andrew Crummey <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., Aug. 10, 7:00pm 113 S. Chester St. Meets on the second Thurs.
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Mon., Aug. 28, 8:00pm 2124 E. Lombard St. Meets on the fourth Mon.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Pat Phoebus <i>phoebu1115@aol.com</i> 410-327-1610	Wed., Aug. 16, 7:00pm 2029 E. Pratt St. Meets on the second Wed.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	No August meeting
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth <i>bwads2211@verizon.net</i> Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tue., Aug. 1, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. Meets on the first Tue.

2017 Save the Dates
 August - Teacher Appreciation Event
(date and details TBA)
 September 16 - Fall Flea Market
 October 8 - House Tour
 November 15 - Shop & Schmooze
 December - Holiday Potluck

SIMPLE STEPS FOR CRIME PREVENTION

Be present, and make your property look cared for and occupied. Get to know your neighbors, and keep an eye out for them as well. Most properties in our neighborhood have front and back door lights. There are adaptors that can be screwed into the socket between the fixture and the light bulb that are solar powered so you don't have to remember to turn them on and off. Say hello to people you see on the street, and of course, keep your cell phones in your pockets. Make a habit of looking out your windows while cleaning, etc. Check that you have adequate locks on your doors and windows. Report any suspicious activities to 911.

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.

2017 Dumpster Dates
 Aug 12 ~ Oct 7 ~ Dec 2

AUGUST BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., August 2, 7:00 pm

St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.

Agenda for August meeting:

- Lexi Williams, field organizer with Retrofit Baltimore, a program of the nonprofit Civic Works - will talk about solar power

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Commodore John Rodgers (100 N. Chester St.)

Unlike most schools in Baltimore City, Commodore will be starting on Mon., Aug. 28, one week earlier than other city schools. Uniforms can only be purchased online. A link is available at www.thecjrschool.org. Discounts and free shipping are available.

Our ice cream social and uniform-sizing event will take place at 5pm on Tues., Aug. 15. In addition, CJR will be joined by Y on the Fly from the Y of Central Maryland.

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

PK and K students and their families are invited to visit the annual PK & K Picnic on Sat., Aug. 26 from 11am-1pm. RSVP and get event details from Ashia Moultrie at amoultrie@pppcs.org or 410-558-1230, ext. 327.

Volunteer Coordinator, Ashia Moultrie, can also help if you are interested in any of the following opportunities or need more information about them: ABC Crew, Uniform Committee, Recess Monitor, Teacher Aide, & Lunch Aide.

HELP MAKE THE HOUSE TOUR A SUCCESS

The House Tour on Sun., Oct. 8, may sound far off, but it will sneak up on you. So if you'd like to help make it a success, sign up now. You can go on the tour, then house sit from 2:30-5, or house sit from 12-2:30 and then visit all the houses—free. All volunteers are invited to the party after the tour. If you can't make it on Oct. 8, you could help distribute cards and posters before the tour. We will be selling chances on the framed poster from the booklet cover as well. To hear more about the tour all are welcome to our regular meeting, Wed., Aug. 16, 7pm at 2029 E. Pratt St. Contact Pat Phoebus at phoebu1115@aol.com or 410-327-1610.

YOUR FREE LITTLE LIBRARY AT COMMODORE

If you haven't walked past the school at 100 N Chester St. in a while, it might be time. A bit of new construction appeared last year. The school now sports a beautiful Free Little Library that was a combined effort of the different players in the school: teachers, students, and members of our community. The Commodore team was led by teachers Ms. Palomares and Mr. Cardarella, and when I recently asked them about the process, this is what I learned.

Ms. Palomares, a literacy teacher, mentioned that she loves Free Little Libraries for the sense of kindness and community wellbeing that they bring. Anyone, a resident or visitor, can go to a Free Little Library and find a new book! You never know what you will find.

Mr. Cardarella is one of the middle school team and he found the design for the structure online and made a few modifications to increase the size. He built the library box, Mr. Armstrong, a pillar of the leadership team, installed the post, and Ms. Cassamasina, the art teacher, enlisted Commodore students to create the artwork that tops off the project. All the funding for the Free Little Library at Commodore came directly from the staff of the school.

The staff wants you to know that everyone in our community is needed to be a Free Little Library steward. Please help us take care of this treasure for years to come! Feel free to bring book donations directly to the library or drop them off in the school office in care of Ms. Palomares. With the building of this Free Little Library at Commodore, the staff hopes to foster the idea that reading is a love that can be shared and promoted! The school's library is listed in the national registry for Free Little Libraries as well so check it out.

Teresa Groesch

NEW AD HOC GARDENING GROUP

Wow, how we've greened our neighborhood! Seven blocks now have planting strips instead of concrete between tree pits. Twenty new trees are added each year, new tree pits created, and small ones enlarged. Two alleys have been greened with planters, with more to come. Three rain gardens flourish where there was concrete, and the Castle Street Park community garden is thriving! Now we need "green thumbs" and "green knowledge" to keep all this greenery healthy. To this end, the Streetscape Committee would like to spark formation of an ad hoc group of community gardeners who want to use their smarts and skills, or want to learn more, or who just enjoying being outdoors working in dirt. If you are a Master Gardener already, your input would be most welcome. Interested? Email Betsy at bwads2211@verizon.net.

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email the editor - bhanewsletter@gmail.com.

EVENTS IN PATTERSON PARK

Friends of Patterson Park Summer Concert Series:

The Belvederes - Sun., Aug. 13, last concert of this year (rain date Aug. 15)

Fluid Movements "SHARKspeare - the water ballet" - Aug. 4-6, synchronized swimming water ballet in Patterson Park Pool. \$10 - Fri. 9pm, Sat. 7pm & 9pm, and Sun. 5pm & 7pm. More information and tickets at www.fluidmovement.org.

Twilight Swim Party - Aug. 11, 8pm, at the Patterson Park pool for those 21 & over. \$5 without a cooler or \$7 with a cooler. Please bring ID. Prizes for creative swimwear, live DJs. No glass containers allowed. Check the Patterson Park Public Pool Facebook page for details.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

To participate in Patterson Park Audubon Center events, RSVP at 410-558-2473, or email baltimore@audubon.org.

Habitat Team - Sat., Aug 5, 9-10:30am, meet at the wetland garden, just NW of the Boat Lake. Help keep bird habitat healthy and earn community service hours.

Tiny Tots - Busy Bees! - Fri., Aug. 11, 10:30-11:30am, meet at the northeast shore of the Boat Lake.

Guided Bird-Watching Walks - Sat., Aug. 26, 8-9:30am, meet at fountain near Lombard St. Email if you need binoculars.

HIGH ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE & ZIP LINE FROM BALTIMORE RECS AND PARK

Sun., Aug. 13, 10am. Bring your friends and family to Leakin Park this summer and enjoy a chance to try out part of our new high ropes challenge course and exit the course via a 100' zip line! Tickets are \$20/person and include access for two-hours. Available slots are 10am-noon and 12:30-2:30pm.

The ropes course coincides with Second Sunday in the Park featuring other family-friendly activities, such as miniature steam trains on a 1.5-mile track, bike rides, games, jump ropes, pony rides (with minimal fee), climbing wall (for ages over 8 years), labyrinth for walking and meditation, historic buildings open, picnic tables, playground, tennis courts, and walking trails with a self-guided map.

OTHER OUTDOOR HELP NEEDED

We need volunteers to be captains for the three rain gardens in the neighborhood. (Fairmount & Chester, Lombard & Chester, & Baltimore and Collington) Please contact Beth Braun at 240-353-6333 or bethabraun@yahoo.com for details including training information.

MAYOR PUGH'S BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY

Sat., Aug. 5, 11am-3pm at War Memorial Plaza. Children who attend with their parent or legal guardian receive school supplies for the upcoming year and enjoy a pep rally to get ready for the new year. No registration needed. Contact Back2School@baltimorecity.gov or call 443-984-1650 with questions. To volunteer during the event email back2schoolrallyvolunteers@baltimorecity.gov.

FIRST SUNDAYS AT THE BALTIMORE FARMER'S MARKET (UNDER I-83)

Join the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the National Aquarium at the "Time to Read" market on August 6. Dive into a book with a visit from the Book Buggy, and stop by a family story time from 9-10am with readings by special guests. Sign up for a library card and learn about the Read to Reef book club, a program that provides Baltimore children free admission to the National Aquarium through reading! This event is part of "First Sundays." From April until the market closes in December, market-goers can celebrate the first Sunday of the month with special guests, performances, cooking classes, and giveaways.

OTHER AUGUST EVENTS

Back to School Night 2017 - Thurs., Aug. 10, 6:30-8pm, at Breath of God Lutheran Church, 141 S. Clington St. To register students from pre-K through 8th grade to receive school supplies for the upcoming year, call 410-675-5616.

African American Heritage Festival - Aug. 12, 10am-8pm, Druid Hill Park, is a celebration of African American life, music and culture. This family-oriented event will feature entertainment, children's activities, financial literacy, employment & job training, health & wellness and more. Free.

Kayak Tours of the Harbor Waterfront - Sundays, 9-noon & 1-4pm, not for beginners. Register at www.kayakbaltimore.com.

Pedal Around Lake Montebello - Saturdays, 9-noon, pedal around the 1.3 mile paved track, ID required.

Summer Social at West Shore Park - Second Fridays, 5-8pm, music, food trucks, bar service, and kids play area. Free. More information at baltimorewaterfront.com.

Maryland State Fair - Fri., Aug. 25 is the opening day of the fair at the Timmonium Fair Grounds, which runs through Sept. 4. Visit marylandstatefair.com for details.

Vegan Soulfest - Sat., Aug. 26, Vegan Soulfest, noon-7pm. Free, Baltimore City Community College. 2901 Liberty Heights Ave. For more information, see vegansoulfest.com.

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.