

BUTCHERS HILL

DECEMBER 2018



ANDREW CRUMMEY
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that everyone had a meaningful and joyous Thanksgiving. As the holidays are in full swing, and the year is coming to a close, I want to highlight that we have such a strong, dynamic, and engaging neighborhood full of committed neighbors. I encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on the incredible number and diversity of events that the

neighborhood hosts throughout the year, from large events like the house tour and flea markets down to the stoop sittings and movie and chalk nights.

Of course, as rewarding as our organized events and projects can be, there is something special to see a good idea spread ad hoc. For example, I LOVE to see the string lights that our neighbors have been hanging in front of their homes.

Enjoy the holidays! Andrew

LAST 2018 DUMPSTER: Dec. 1
100 block of S. Collington
First 2019 Dumpster: April ?

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Sun., Dec. 9 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Our annual winter potluck will be held on Sun., Dec. 9, starting at 5:00 p.m. This is a great social event for everyone in the neighborhood—not just for members of the neighborhood association. So if you have been thinking about getting involved, but don't want to commit to a business meeting, this is a great "starter" event. Families are encouraged to come; we will have a craft project set up for the kids.

The Butchers Hill Association will provide beverages and paper goods, and the executive committee members will provide turkey and ham. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Come join your neighbors and enjoy an evening of delicious food and great company.

If you are interested in helping to set up or clean up, please email Doug Gorius at dgorius.esq@comcast.net.

NEW SLATE FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate for the 2019 BHA Executive Committee:

Beth Braun – President
Dan Kiselik – Vice President
Dani Sossaman – Vice President
Brianna McNamara – Corresponding Secretary
Amy Sheinin – Recording Secretary
Emily Warren – Treasurer
Doug Gorius – Parliamentarian
Andrew Crummey – Member at Large
Greg Mullen – Member at Large
Billy Motel – Member at Large

The election will be held at the January general meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. In order to vote, you must be a member in good standing, meaning you have paid your annual dues for 2019. Your membership can be renewed (dues paid) online at butchershill.org. You will also be able to pay your 2019 dues when you come to the January meeting.



December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Dumpster - 100 block S. Collington
2 Pagoda Lighting Hanukkah starts	3 Garden Tour Committee Meeting	4 Streetscape Committee Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 BHA Holiday Potluck	10 Land Use Committee Mtg. Hanukkah ends	11	12	13 Executive Committee Meeting	14 Jan. newsletter deadline	15 Birdwatching
16	17	18	19 Crime Prevention Committee Meeting	20	21 Winter Solstice	22
23	24	25 Christmas (no trash/ recycle pickup)	26 Kwanza starts	27	28	29 Trash/recycle make up day
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day (no trash/ recycle pickup)	2 BHA General Meeting	3	4	5 Trash/recycle make up day

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION Carolyn Boitnott
c.boitnott@verizon.net
410-522-4991
Wed., Dec. 19, 7:00pm
2105 E. Baltimore St.
Meets on the third Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE Andrew Crummey
butchershillpresident@gmail.com
Thur., Dec. 13, 7:00pm
122 S. Chester St.
Meets on the second Thursday.

FLEA MARKET Heather Gorius
butchershillfleamarket@gmail.com
No scheduled meeting in
December.

GARDEN TOUR Trish White
mrshophoop@hotmail.com
240-593-3712
Mon., Dec. 3, 7:00pm
2200 E Lombard St.
Meets on the first Monday.

HOUSE TOUR Pat Phoebus
phoebu1115@aol.com
410-327-1610
No scheduled meeting in
December.

LAND USE Virgil Bartram
Virgil@ArchUV.com
410-327-4964
Mon., Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m.
Meets on the second Mon. in the
white house in Patterson Park.

STREETScape Betsy Wadsworth
bmoredads2211@gmail.com
Andrew Crummey
andrew.crummey@gmail.com
Tue., Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.
Meets on the first Tuesday.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CAMERAS

You can join Citiwatch, a program to voluntarily assist police investigation of street crimes. Butchers Hill is part of the Public Safety Task Force started by our city councilman. Our Crime Prevention Committee has informational flyers about the process of registering your private security cameras. If you are already registered, or would like more information, please contact the committee chair, Carolyn Boitnott, at 410-522-4991 or email *c.boitnott@verizon.net*.

SAVE THE DATES - 2019

Spring Flea Market - May 11

BHA Garden Tour - June 9

Fall Flea Market - September 15

BHA House Tour - October ?

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.

DECEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION: HOLIDAY POTLUCK, Sun., Dec. 9, 5:00 p.m.
St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.
Everyone is welcome! See details on Page 1.

**GARDENERS, ARTISTS, AND
GRAPHIC DESIGNERS**

Help create a new vision for the June 9, 2019 BHA Garden Tour! Be a part of taking greening of the urban environment to the next level. Come view the past posters and tour booklets to see if you can create an exciting new version. The goal is to visit spaces and gardens in Butchers Hill to inspire, educate, and excite folks to include native plants that “feed” the birds and bees, while making our own spaces more beautiful and inviting through inspiration from visiting gardens and public green spaces in Butchers Hill. Trish White; mrshophoop@hotmail.com; 240-593-3712.

WINTER PREPARATIONS

Use leaves for protective winter mulch on tree pits, containers, and gardens—or bag them up for trash pickup so that rotting leaves don’t leach phosphorus into the harbor and bay.

Disconnect exterior hoses and drain the faucets.

Remove or secure roof deck items that could blow around during winter storms.

Stock up on eco- and pet-friendly ice melt.

Clear storm drains and gutters to prevent flooding that could damage nearby basements.

Note where “Snow Emergency Route” signs are posted. Parking is not allowed on these blocks during a phase-two snow emergency. Cars parked there will be subject to fines and towing.

All occupants are required to clear a footpath on sidewalks adjacent to their house wide enough for two people to pass each other, or be subject to fines.

Information can be found at snow.baltimore.gov.

Keeping you informed, the Streetscape Committee

WHAT IS THE DOT YOUTH SNOW PROGRAM?

Since 2013, qualified youth ages fourteen to twenty-one have been able to earn money or service-learning hours by assisting elderly, legally disabled, and physically challenged residents (who are registered in the program) clear the snow from the public right-of-way adjacent to their properties as required by city ordinance.

Each youth participant must meet qualifying criteria, including a reference from a community leader.

Residents and youth interested in learning more about this program can call 311 or 443-262-2220 or go to <https://transportation.baltimorecity.gov/2018-youth-snow-program> to sign up by Dec 7.

**HOUSES, ARTISTS, AND
GRAPHIC DESIGNERS**

And while you are pondering helping with the garden tour, also consider that the house tour committee is in need of graphic design and artistic assistance. Each year we feature a neighborhood artist's work on the poster and booklet cover; and in some years, raffle the artwork for additional proceeds for the Butchers Hill Association. Also, winter is a good time to contemplate the projects you would need to undertake to get your house ready to be on the tour next fall. Pat Phoebus; phoebu1115@aol.com; 410-327-1610.

PATTERSON PARK ACTIVITIES

4th Annual Patterson Park Pagoda Lighting, Sun. Dec. 2, 4:30-6:30pm at the Pagoda. Join neighbors and friends as we celebrate the start of the winter holiday season in the park! Live music from the Dunbar High School Jazz Ensemble, Peabody Community Chorus, Bahia Vieja, and a holiday DJ. Food trucks and vendors, toy and coat drives (bring an unwrapped toy and/or new or gently used coat to donate). Visit with Santa, and stay for the lighting at 5:45pm. See pattersonpark.com/pagoda-lighting/ for more information.

Also, don't forget to show your park some love this holiday with your annual membership gift. Join/renew your Friends' membership before December 15 and help leverage a \$5,000 match to benefit the park. Make your gift at pattersonpark.com/donate.join or renew at pattersonpark.com/donate.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

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

Habitat Team - Sat., Dec. 1, 9-10:30am, meet at the wetland garden, uphill & northwest of the boat lake in Patterson Park. Relax with family & friends tending the native garden. Community service hours for students.

Tiny Tots - Animal Tracks! - ages 2-5, Dec. 14, 10:30-11:30am in Patterson Park at the boat lake. Please register in advance.

All Ages Bird Watching - 8-9:30am, Dec. 15, meet at the fountain at the Lombard St. & Patterson Park Ave. entrance. In Druid Hill Park, Dec. 8, meet at 3001 East Drive. Email or call to borrow binoculars.

Love the cooler weather? - volunteer to assist young learners in Audubon's outdoor “classroom”. Learn new skills and see the park with new eyes. Email for details.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

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

Be a Reading Buddy - give thirty to sixty minutes to a grade 1 or grade 2 student. You can make a difference! Email glenwick@thecjrschool.org for details.

Produce in a SNAP - \$7 bags of produce plus specials are sold every Friday, 1-3:30pm, just inside CJR's entrance. Email Mr. Glenwick for details on how to get a weekly text detailing the produce available.

Commodore's Pantry is open! For details including hours of operation and how to donate canned goods and nonperishable items, email glenwick@thecjrschool.org.

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

7th Annual Patterson Park FUN RUN & Homebrew Contest - Sat., Dec. 1. The event benefits students' service-learning trip abroad. Includes 5K (strollers and dogs welcome), one-mile fun run, beer garden, homebrew tasting, and live music.

Rent a great space while supporting the school. Email LObara@pppcs.org for details.

WASHINGTON HILL HOLIDAY SWEET STROLL

Wed., Dec. 5, 6-9pm. The Washington Hill Community Association is sponsoring a Holiday Sweet Stroll at the Baltimore American Indian Center (113 S. Broadway). Meet and socialize with community members in a holiday party setting while enjoying baked goods from local businesses and neighbors. Purchase admission in advance from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/washington-hill-sweet-stroll-tickets-52412492175> or at the door. A \$10 ticket gets you entry to the center, desserts, and a drink.

HIGHLANDTOWN TRAIN GARDEN

The train garden is celebrating its tenth year in the fire station at 520 S. Conkling St. It will be open from 11am to 5pm on the following days: Dec. 1-2, 8-9, Dec. 15 - Jan. 1 except Christmas Day. The Highland Train Garden is open to the public and is free. For updated information, visit www.highlandtowntraingarden.com or follow us on Facebook.

OTHER DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Merry Mart - Sun., Dec. 2, 11am-5pm with free activities for kids while you shop from noon-5. The juried event includes high-quality handmade crafts, clothing, accessories, ceramics, toys, jewelry, and art to love. creativealliance.org

Olde Tyme Christmas - Sat., Dec 1, 9am-7pm. Santa arrives by tugboat at 9am; breakfast with St. Nick, and then pictures 11:30am to 2pm; other activities include kid's zone, live music, vendors at Broadway Square, eggnog contest, and lighted boat parade at 6pm, which is visible from many BH roof decks. fellspointmainstreet.org/events/otc

46th Mayor's Christmas Parade - Sun., Dec. 2, 1 pm, starts at Cold Spring Lane, moves south on Falls Road, and concludes on 36th St. Sponsored by the community associations and businesses in Hampden and Medfield. Floats, bands, Harley Davidson motorcycles, calliope, Mummers, and Santa. mayorchristmasparade.com

Monument Lighting and Fireworks - Thurs., Dec. 6, 5-8pm. 600 block Cathedral St., holiday village, photos with Santa, and live musical performances. Firework finale at 8pm. The Walters Art Museum will be open and free to warm up. www.godowntownbaltimore.com

Homemade Cookies - Sun., Dec. 9. The Sisterhood of St. Andrew Orthodox Church is holding its annual Christmas Cookie Sale in the fellowship hall of the church from 11:30am-12:30pm. A variety of delicious, already packaged, homemade cookies will be available for sale just in time for the Christmas holiday.

33rd Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour - Sun., Dec. 9, tickets on sale online and on the day of the tour at 1401 Hollins St. starting at 11:30am. The park and the homes will be decorated for the season. Stroll through the National Register of Historic Places district, and visit the many 19th century homes. union-square.us/cookie-tour.html

Tuba Christmas - Sat., Dec. 15, 3:30pm. Inner Harbor Amphitheatre. Free event. In case of inclement weather, relocated to the Maryland Science Center. tubachristmas.com

Dollar (or less) Days - Discover the Inner Harbor and local attractions, offering free or \$1 admission on Dec. 8 and 9. www.godowntownbaltimore.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.