

BUTCHERS HILL

❄️ December 2014 ❄️



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

As I started writing this letter, I was thinking about Shop & Schmooze and how grateful I am to live in a neighborhood with so many talented artists, as well as so many people willing to encourage and support those artists. That made me think of all the other aspects of our neighborhood for which I am thankful; and I decided to take this chance to share them with you.

I am thankful for the “old-timers” that moved to Butchers Hill when it was a scary place to be – inhabited by drug dealers and prostitutes. These are the people that transformed the neighborhood into a (relatively) safe, urban neighborhood that then made it attractive to the rest of us.

I am thankful for the volunteers that year after year pitch in to deliver the newsletters, help at the events, participate in the clean ups, serve on committees and otherwise do all of the tasks that make Butchers Hill the wonderful place to live that it is.

I am thankful to the local politicians, including both of our councilmen, who really care about our quality of life and have actively assisted us when we have asked them to do so.

I am thankful for an executive committee that has consistently answered “yes” when I have asked, “can anyone?”

And, I am thankful for the neighbors that have made suggestions, asked questions, worked to improve the neighborhood, and just said “hello” when passing on the street. You are the force that makes Butchers Hill the friendliest neighborhood in Baltimore.

I hope to meet old, new and not yet engaged neighbors at the holiday potluck on **Dec. 7 at 5:30pm.**



Take care of yourselves and each other,

-Beth Braun
President

TRASH/RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES

No collection on Christmas, Wed., Dec. 25, makeup collection is **Sat., Dec. 27.**
Note: Trash must be in rat-proof, tightly lidded cans or subject to \$50 fine. Please, no recycling in plastic bags – it jams the sorting system.

BUTCHERS HILL ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK *All Neighbors Invited!*

Sun., Dec. 7, 5:30-7:30pm - St. Andrew Orthodox Church, Lombard & Chester. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome to attend. (You don't have to be a member.) The executive committee will supply turkey and ham, as well as beverages. We ask that everyone bring a dish to share—side, salad, or dessert. We will have cards and markers so you can label your contribution.

We need help with set-up and clean up. If you're able and interested in helping, please email Chris at ctophg@gmail.com, or call Beth at 240-353-6333. Set up will start at 4:30pm, and we expect clean up to be done by 8:30pm.

Neighbors of all ages are welcome! We hope families will bring their kids, and to keep them entertained, we will have a play area set up which will be supervised by Wondersitters.

If you've participated in this event in past years, you know that you don't want to miss out this year. If you've never joined us for the party, please come and kick off the holiday season!

DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 No BHA General Meeting	4 Lighting of Washington Monument	5	6 5K Fun Run for PPPCS / Santa in Fells Point / Dollar Days At Science Center
7 Merry Mart 11-5pm Holiday Potluck 5:30-7:30pm	8 Newsletter Deadline for Jan. 2015	9	10 COP	11 Tiny Tots Executive – Location TBD	12 Tiny Tots Bird Watching	13
14	15	16 Chanukah Begins at Sunset (Ends Wed., Dec. 24 at Sunset)	17 Crime Prevention	18	19	20 Bird Watching
21 Winter Solstice Last 2014 Farmers Market Under 83	22	23	24 No COP	25 Christmas No Trash/ Recycling Collection	26	27 Makeup Trash/ Recycling Collection
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Fireworks at Midnight			

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NEXT MEETING:

Meeting 2nd & 4th Wed. of the month, 7:30PM, at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St.

Wed., Nov. 17th, 7PM
2105 E. Baltimore St.
Meets on the third Wed. of the month

Thurs., Nov. 11th, 7PM - TBD

No meeting in Dec., next meeting: Jan. 12 at the White House in Patterson Park

No meeting in Dec., next meeting: Jan. 6 at 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

MONUMENT LIGHTING FAMILY FESTIVAL - FREE

Warm Up At The Walters Art Museum

Thurs., Dec. 4, 5-8:30pm - Charles & Monument Sts. - Free, family-friendly event! Enjoy seasonal performances, refreshments, holiday films, and special winter-inspired art activities for kids! At 7pm, the Washington Monument will be set aglow, followed by fireworks.

HIGHLANDTOWN TRAIN GARDEN

Open Weekends 11am-5pm - 520 S. Conkling St. inside Fire House #41: Dec. 6 & 7, 13 & 14. Open Daily: Dec. 20 to Jan. 3 (closed Dec. 25). All aboard! Map & Schedule: highlandtowntraingarden.com

NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECTACULAR

Wed., Dec. 31 from 9pm-12:30am - Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Ring in the New Year with friends and family, and enjoy live music by area bands and a grand fireworks display at midnight.

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 questions. Contact: Virgil Bartram: 410-327-4964 or Commission on Historic & Architectural Preservation (CHAP): 410-396-4866

MEETING AGENDA & VOTE FOR JANUARY: No Regular Meeting in December. All are welcome to join us for the Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner - see *page 1* for details.

Wed., Jan 7: Membership Vote on Executive Committee Officers for 2015. Slate from the Nominating Committee (Carolyn Boitnott, Andrew Crummey, Toni Holter, Dee Lundelius and chair Carol Richman):

President: *Beth Braun*

V. President: *Don Renaud*

V. President: *Greg Hinchliffe*

Parliamentarian: *Doug Gorius*

Treasurer: *Jared Barnhart*

Rec. Secretary: *Tori Simms*

Cor. Secretary: *Barry Glassman*

Member-at-large: *Emily Augustine*

Member-at-large: *Tom Crandall*

Member-at-large: *Teri Groesc*

NEWS FROM CJR & PPPCS

Com. John Rodgers' Green Team - With 20 students and a waiting list, they manage the school's classroom recycling program and are developing energy conservation activities and, working with Audubon, are developing a native plants habitat in the garden between the two front doors on Chester St. Watch for great improvements this spring.

3rd Annual Patterson Park 5K & Fun Run "No Pain, No Spain!" Dec. 6 - Helping to raise funds for Patterson Park Public Charter students to travel to Spain as a part of their bilingual education. The day will be packed with various activities, including a 5K (strollers and dogs welcome!), 1-mile fun run, beer garden, and - NEW THIS YEAR - homebrew tasting! Find the course route, registration and race-day information at: pppcsgoestospain.weebly.com/patterson-park-5k-fun-run.html

11TH ANNUAL OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS in Fells Point

Sat., Dec. 6. - Santa arrives at 9am by tug boat at Broadway Pier. Follow him to a breakfast and a Traditional Holiday Market and the Eggnog Contest on the square, 5pm Tree-Lighting immediately followed by the Parade of Lighted Boats. 7pm-1am Reindeer Pub Run, food & drink specials at 20+ pubs, ticket info: fellspointmainstreet.org. Say "No" to malls, Shop & Dine locally.

MERRY MART at Creative Alliance

Sun., Dec. 7, 11am-5pm - Handmade gifts and crafts + FREE Drop-off & Shop-on arts workshop upstairs, noon - 5pm, where staff will lead children in fun art projects so you can shop. Check out the photo booth & make-your-own buttons. Marquee Lounge serving brunch noon to 3pm, reservations suggested. Info: creativealliance.org/events/2014/merry-mart-2014

PARK SURVEY CONTINUES - WINTER SURVEY TAKERS NEEDED

As part of updating the Patterson Park Master Plan, Recreation & Parks has hired University of Maryland Professor Sidney Brower and his graduate assistant Yijing He to conduct a one year seasonal survey of people who use the park. The research team is calling for volunteers to help administer a questionnaire to find out how users feel about the park and would like to see it improved.

They will offer training sessions for interviewers (10-20 minutes) every Sat. afternoon at the White House. Contact Yijing at giuliahe0130@gmail.com no later than the Friday before you plan to attend. Or go to our website, butchershill.org, to access the link for the online signup.

MULCH OR DISCARD HOLIDAY TREES

You can turn formerly live holiday trees into mulch that can be used around street trees, in your garden or donated to Duncan St. or Castle St. parks. Take your tree to The Reedbird Avenue Citizen Convenience Center, 701 Reedbird Ave. any Saturday in January, 9am - 2pm. Bring your own bags. Trees may also be put out with regular trash (not recycling) to go to the landfill during January.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

Occupants must remove snow from the footpath within 3 hours after snow has stopped falling, or by 11am.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Baltimore, Lombard, Pratt, Washington Sts. & Patterson Park Ave. no parking during Phase 2 of Baltimore's Snow Emergency Plan. If you cannot find a non-emergency route place to park, call 311 to find out where the city has designated parking for our area.

FROM YOUR BHA TREASURER

We will begin collecting 2015 dues in December. You can pay either online through the website: butchershill.org or follow the instructions on the form at the bottom of this page. I will be at the potluck in December to accept cash, check or credit cards for your dues: \$10 per person (\$6 for seniors). If you haven't yet paid for 2014, I will be happy to accept that also!

Thanks to the weather, committees, and all of the volunteers, our fund raising activities: the house tour and two flea markets were very successful this year. Financial information will be available at the budget meeting early next year. We are proud to be able to provide support to our two K-8 schools and other local non-profits as well as support Butchers Hill Association activities.

- Jared Barnhart

MD STATE TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE

By Donating To The Friends Of Patterson Park

Thanks to everyone who became a Friend in 2014. We had a blast supporting the archeological dig to find the original "butcher's" shop, and inviting the world into the park for the Hampstead Hill Festival!

As you know, we can't do what we do without you, our members. Through the end of this year we have MD state CITC tax credits available for individuals and businesses making a gift of \$500 or more. To learn more, please call: 410-276-3676 or visit: pattersonpark.com See you in the park (maybe with sleds?) soon!

- Jennifer Arndt Robinson
Executive Director, Friends of Patterson Park

FREE FRIDAY NIGHT STARGAZING

At The Maryland Science Center

Every Friday night, 5:30 - 9pm - Rooftop Observatory; staff help you find planets and constellations, weather permitting, admission is not required. Call 410-545-2999 before your visit to check on viewing conditions. Dollar Days, Dec. 6 & 7, admission is just \$1 to see our permanent exhibit halls, a planetarium show, demo stage and the Observatory (weather permitting, Sat. only). IMAX is not included.



To receive monthly newsletters via email contact: 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! Log on 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/deliver to BHA, 27 S Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.

AUDUBON ADVENTURES

In Patterson Park

Info: 410-558-2473, ppaudubon@gmail.com

Free Urban Bird Watching: Fri., Dec. 12 & Sat., Dec. 20, 8 - 9am; meet at the fountain, all ages welcome. Call ahead if you need to borrow binoculars.

Tiny Tots: Ages 2 to 5, Thurs., Dec. 11 & Fri., Dec. 12, 10:30 - 11:30am, Animal tracks: Identify which animals share our habitat. Meet at the picnic tables at the boat lake. \$5 suggested donation per child with an adult. Tiny Tots is an early childhood environmental education program where kids make a craft, play a game, and read a story around a nature theme.

Volunteering, meeting new people, helping others and learning while having fun both indoors and outside. Students can earn service hours. Join Audubon to discover Patterson Park as an outdoor classroom. No experience is necessary.

PAY WATER BILLS ONLINE WITH SMARTPHONES & MOBILE DEVICES

Customers receiving bills from Baltimore City will notice a QR code on the lower/return portion of the water bill. Scan this code using a mobile device such as a tablet or smartphone to be taken directly to a web site where users can pay their bill.

To take advantage of this code, users will first need to download a free QR code reader from an app store such as Google or iTunes. Then customers can use the app to scan the code and pay their bill anywhere, anytime using the smartphone or mobile device.

QR code is an abbreviation for Quick Response Code. This is a two-dimensional code that can be read vertically or horizontally. QR codes are commonly used in magazines, posters, billboards, etc., to link users of mobile devices to a website.