

BUTCHERS HILL

DECEMBER 2015



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

We have our annual holiday potluck on Sunday, Dec. 6. (see article to the right) I want to make sure everyone knows that this is an event for everyone in the neighborhood--you don't need to be a member of the association to come. And we plan to have someone from Wondersitters supervising a kids' corner. (Although I think last year there were as many adults hanging out as there were kids.)

At our January general meeting, we will be holding the elections for the neighborhood's 2016 executive committee. All active members of the association are welcome to vote.

And speaking of memberships, you can pay your dues for 2016 now. Dues can be paid either through the website (www.butchershill.org, click on Join BHA!, and then either Application Form or Renew Your Membership) or by mail (see the bottom of page 4 of this newsletter). We will be able to accept in-person payments, including by credit card, at the January meeting.

We have been discussing Transform Baltimore, the new zoning code soon expected to be adopted by the City Council. While the proposed zoning for our neighborhood remains R-8 Residential, there are concerns throughout southeast Baltimore about proposed new building heights to be allowed. There is a movement to curtail that height. There are at least two areas of concern: tall buildings being built along the water's edge blocking the view of those up the hill and the possibility of increased heights on corner lots in R8 areas. We have a petition for Butchers Hill residents that would like to express their concern. We will have the petition at the potluck. If you aren't able to attend, but would like to sign the

petition, contact me at butchershillpresident@gmail.com or 240-353-6333.

Take care of yourselves and each other, Beth



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HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Sun, Dec. 6, 6:00pm

St. Andrew Church - Lombard & Chester

Everyone in the neighborhood is invited! This is a great opportunity to see neighbors you haven't seen in a while and to meet both new and long-term neighbors. The BHA will supply turkey and beverages, and Craig Thomson will be bringing a ham. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with others. (No pressure, but Butchers Hill folks are known for excellent potlucks.)

As this is a community event, we are asking for help setting up and cleaning up. If you are interested in helping, please contact Greg Hinchliffe at greghinch@aol.com or 443-629-0142.

As we did last year, we will have Wondersitters there to supervise the kid's corner. There is no charge to the parents for this service; the association will be picking up the tab.

This is one of the highlights of the year—and a great way to kick off the holiday season. Hope to see you there.



ST. ANDREW ORTHODOX CHURCH

Homemade Cookies (Yum!)

Sun., Dec 13, 11am-1pm - the St. Andrew Sisterhood is having its annual Christmas cookie sale in the Fellowship Hall, Lombard St. entrance. Purchase some delicious cookies as gifts, for entertaining, or to just enjoy!



Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 No BHA General Meeting	3 Lighting the Washington Monument & fireworks	4 Highlandtown tree lighting and train garden opens	5 PPPCS Fun Run Dollar Days (thru 12/6)
6 Butchers Hill Holiday Potluck Mayor's Parade	7 Hanukkah (thru 12/14)	8	9	10	11 Birdwatching	12 Dumpster (100 block S. Collington)
13	14	15 Jan. newsletter deadline	16	17	18	19 Birdwatching
20	21 Winter Solstice (starts at 11:49am)	22	23	24 Start of BCPS winter recess (thru 1/3)	25 Christmas Day No trash/recycling pickup	26 Kwanzaa (thru 1/1) Make up trash/recycling pickup
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day No trash/recycling pickup	

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	No December meeting; contact Carolyn if you want to be involved in 2016.
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	No scheduled December meeting
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	No December meeting; contact Virgil if you want to be involved in 2016.
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	No December meeting; contact Andrew if you want to be involved in 2016.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Dee Lundelis <i>deelundelius@gmail.com</i>	No December meeting; contact Sue or Dee if you want to be involved in 2016.

SAVE THE DATES:

Dec. 12 - Dumpster
(100 block S Collington Ave)

May 11 ~ Spring BHA Flea Market
September 10 ~ Fall BHA Flea Market

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.

WINTER PREPARATIONS

- * Rake and bag leaves before they become a heavy mass.
- * Clean debris from roof gutters to prevent ice dams that can form under siding/roofing material causing interior leaks.
- * Disconnect exterior hoses, drain exterior hose bibs.
- * Cut back annuals and tender perennials.
- * Prune shrubs and small trees to contain growth and to promote fullness.
- * Check outdoor furniture, and cover or remove as appropriate. Remove items on roof decks that could blow around in winter storms.
- * Stock up on eco-friendly snow/ice melt.
- * Find/check your snow shovel and windshield scraper/brush tool.
- * Clear storm drains and inlets of snow and ice to allow snowmelt to flow away, preventing flooding.
- * Identify which streets are designated "Snow Emergency Routes" so you are prepared during a Phase Two snow emergency as no parking will be allowed on those streets.
- * After a snowfall the City of Baltimore requires all residents, renters, and owner/occupiers to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice; fines apply for non-compliance.

More information can be found at
snow.baltimorecity.gov/

~ Brought to you by the Streetscape Committee ~

DECEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: No business meeting this month.

Holiday Potluck, December 6, 6-8pm: Everyone welcome; turkey, ham, and beverages provided; bring a dish to share; more information on page 1.

NOMINATED SLATE FOR 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The January BHA general meeting will include the election for our 2016 executive committee. Thank you to the nominating committee for your work to put together the proposed slate:

President: Greg Hinchliffe
1st Vice President: Doug Gorius
2nd Vice President: Peter Sowa
Treasurer: Beth Braun
Corresponding Secretary: Teresa Groesch
Recording Secretary: Brenna Toney
Parliamentarian: Janel Olds
Member at Large: Tom Crandall
Member at Large: Bill Jones
Member at Large: Ann Wolfe

Remember, you must be an active (dues paid for 2016) member of the association to vote.



FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

YOU put the heart in the park! Thanks to our Friends, in 2015 we reinstalled the cannons, stabilized the pagoda decks, held seven amazing concerts, mulched hundreds of trees, created fairy and dinosaur gardens, and much more! We can't do it without you! Is your membership up to date? Log on to pattersonpark.com to join or renew today!

AUDUBON OF MARYLAND

Urban Bird Watching Walks - Dec 11 & 19, 8-9am, meet at Lombard St. fountain.

For information, call 410-558-2473 or email ppaudubon@gmail.com.



FOR SALE

Restored Victorian Rococo camel-back sofa; tall gilt-framed mirror. Also, Knabe upright piano, needs tuning. Free to good home. Call 410-276-0192.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Winter Recess ~ December 24 - January 3
Schools reopen on January 4

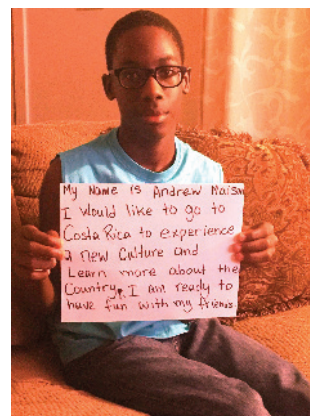
Commodore John Rodgers -

You can support Commodore John Rodgers on the first Thursday of every month by going to Chick-fil-A! If you go to the Chick-fil-A at Canton Crossing and mention Commodore between 4 and 8pm, 20 percent of the proceeds will go to the school's attendance initiatives.

CJR is always looking for volunteer support! If you have any interest or ideas for ways you can help the school, please contact Mike Glenwick at glenwick@thecjrschool.org.

Patterson Park Public Charter School -

Patterson Park Public Charter School will be holding its 4th annual Fun Run 5K in Patterson Park on Dec. 5. The day will be packed with various activities, including a 5K (strollers and dogs welcome!), 1-mile fun run, beer garden, and homebrew tasting! Find the course route, registration information, and race-day information at PPPCS.org. This is a fundraiser to enable our students who are learning Spanish to travel to Costa Rica. Andrew says: "I am really excited about this trip... it would be an amazing opportunity and experience for me to visit Costa Rica to learn and experience new things, most of all to compare the work and class schedules of the 8th graders in Costa Rica!"



DECEMBER EVENTS IN HIGHLANDTOWN...

Holiday Kick-Off

Fri. Dec 4, 5pm - tree lighting, music, train garden & family-friendly merriment. At 7pm (adults only) Merry Mixer bar & restaurant stroll, Eastern & Conkling.

Highlandtown Train Garden

Dec 5-Jan 3 - weekends only until Dec. 19, then daily through Jan. 3 (except Fri., Dec. 25), 520 S. Conkling St. in Engine House 41. Information and hours at www.highlandtowntraingarden.com.

Sunday Shopping Spectacular! (all Sun., Dec. 6)

11am-5pm - Merry Mart at the Creative Alliance, 3134 Eastern Ave.

6-9pm - Y-Art Gallery Party, 3402 Gough St.

Highlandtown Gallery, 246 S. Conkling St.

Southeast Anchor Library Events

Tue., Dec. 8, 10:30am - Sing Along with the Larks

Wed. Dec 16, 4:30pm - *The Polar Express*

Wed. Dec 23, 5:30pm - *Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas)*

Sat. Dec. 26, 2pm - *A Christmas Story*

Sat. Dec.19, 2:30pm - Baltimore's own Rafael Alvarez's 8th Annual Literary Extravaganza, fiction, poetry, art & tasty treats devoted to the traditional Baltimore favorite: deviled eggs.



BALTIMORELINK

As many people are aware, Governor Hogan recently announced a new transit plan for Baltimore that includes a redesign of the local and express bus systems. There are several changes that would impact our neighborhood:

Lime Route: will run along the west side of Patterson Park

Blue Route: will run along Baltimore St.

Navy Route: (not in Butchers Hill) will run along Fleet St. close to the south side of Patterson Park

There are more public meetings scheduled throughout December, and the comment period ends Dec. 23. Please go to <http://mta.maryland.gov/baltimorelink> for much more information.



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 "Application" or "Renew." 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.

... AND AROUND BALTIMORE

Lighting the Washington Monument & Fireworks

Thur., Dec. 3, 5:30pm - watch as the Washington Monument is set aglow, followed by a spectacular fireworks display and laser show. Warm up at the Walters Art Gallery Free Family Festival (5-8pm) with entertainment and cookies. Get your picture taken with Waltee, the museum's mascot.

Dollar or Less Days

Dec. 5 & 6 - participating attractions will open their doors offering free or \$1 admission. Check out attractions at www.godowntownbaltimore.com.

22nd Night of 100 Elvises

Sat., Dec. 5 - Lithuanian Hall, 851 Hollins St., www.nightof100elvises.com.

42nd Mayor's Christmas Parade

Sun., Dec. 6, 1pm - Falls Rd. to 34th St. to Chestnut Ave. Mummers of Philadelphia, steam calliope, one hundred Harley Davidson motorcycles, and much more. Information at mayorchristmasparade.com.

Union Square Christmas Cookie House Tour

Sun. Dec. 13, noon-5pm - 1401 Hollins St. Details at union-square.us/cookiehouse.

TubaChristmas

Sat., Dec. 19, 3:30pm - Christmas concert performed by tuba and euphonium players in the Inner Harbor. If you've never been to this free concert, you have been missing something wonderful. Details and the history of the concerts can be found at www.tubachristmas.com.

New Year's Eve Spectacular

Dec. 31 - fireworks at midnight, watch from your rooftop (isn't this why people have rooftop decks?) or enjoy live entertainment at the Inner Harbor. More information available at bop.org.

Ice Skating at the Inner Harbor

The ice skating rink will have extended hours from Dec. 26 through Jan. 2. For more information, go to innerharboricerink.org.

