

BUTCHERS HILL

DECEMBER 2017



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 express my gratitude 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. Recognizing that each one of those events took a group of neighbors organizing/volunteering to bring it to fruition, we should all be grateful.

I want to highlight an opportunity for our neighbors to support one of the most important resources in our community, Commodore John Rodgers. The school lost its playground just a few weeks before the start of the school year, leaving over nine hundred students without a playground. I am impressed and encouraged that the school took this tragedy and decided that their response was to build not only a new playground but one that is significantly larger, more accessible and fitting for a great school. They have a very large fundraising goal ahead of them. I believe that as neighbors who value this school, we need to match their boldness and step up and contribute what we can to help them achieve their vision. Please keep an eye out over the next few months for fundraising events and their online donation drive.

Enjoy the holidays,
Andrew

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Sun., Dec. 10 ~ 5pm

Each year the Butchers Hill Association organizes a holiday potluck instead of our December business meeting. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome! We will gather on Sun., Dec. 10, at the St. Andrew Church hall at Lombard & Chester, at 5pm (earlier than in past years). BHA will provide turkey, ham, and beverages. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. There will be a kids' play area staffed by two babysitters. If you would like to contribute to help offset the cost of this, please contact Beth Braun at bethabraun@yahoo.com, or use the gratitude section of the *Giving page on the BHA website*.

This year Carolyn Boitnott will have old BHA House Tour posters and booklet covers suitable for framing available for sale. There will also be matted old photos of the neighborhood from the 1980's available.

Please make plans to join us at this fun event!

LIGHTS ON THE STREET

Daylight savings time is upon us, and that means many of us are coming home in the dark. While the sun may not be out as late, it doesn't mean we have to be completely in the dark. The BHA Streetscape Committee has undertaken an initiative called **Lights on the Street** to promote safe, effective lighting block-by-block by encouraging residents to keep their exterior lights on from dusk until dawn.

Lights on the Street is currently being implemented in the 100 block of N. Collington Ave. and will continue to be promoted block-by-block and street-by-street. There are many ways to get involved in this effort, such as stringing lights from tree-to-tree as a lighted archway or from house-to-house as found in alleys. Every resident is can choose from three options to suit their needs and budget. It's even possible to have a new light installed in a house that may not have one. What a difference a light makes!

If you would like to have your block be the next **Lights on the Street** project, please contact the Streetscape Committee (see page 2), and someone will be in touch to help walk you through a fun, safety-oriented, and creative way to light the night!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Train Garden grand opening	2 Dumpster - 100 block S. Collington PPPCS Fun Run
3 Pagoda Lighting Merry Mart	4	5 Lighted Boat Parade Green Leaders Climate Expo	6	7 Monument Lighting	8	9 Dollar Days (thru 12/10)
10 BHA Holiday Potluck - 5:00pm	11 Land Use Com. Meeting	12 Hanukkah (thru 12/20)	13	14 Executive Committee Meeting	15 November newsletter deadline	16 Bird Watching Walk
17	18	19	20 Crime Prevention Com. Meeting	21 Winter Solstice	22	23
24	25 Christmas - gov't offices closed	26 Kwanzaa (thru 1/1/18)	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Dec. 20, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Andrew Crummey <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., December 14, 7:00pm 113 S. Chester St. Meets on the second Thurs.
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	No meeting in December.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus <i>phoebu1115@aol.com</i> 410-327-1610	No meeting in December.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Dec. 11, 7:00pm Meets on the second Mon. in the white house in Patterson Park.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth <i>bwads2211@verizon.net</i> Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	No meeting in December.

WINTER REMINDERS:

Ice Melt: Be sure to read labels carefully to find a product safe for pets and plants. Spread de-icer thinly and evenly over pavement before the ice forms.

Snow Removal: Occupants must remove snow from the public footpath in front of, or next to, their house within three hours after snow has stopped falling or by 11am.

HOMEMADE COOKIES, YUM!

Support St. Andrew Church (where we hold our BHA meetings) at their annual Christmas cookie sale, Dec. 10, 11:30am-1pm, sponsored by the Sisterhood of St. Andrew Orthodox Church. Cookies make great gifts!

LAST DUMPSTER

The last dumpster until
April 2018 will be Sat., Dec. 2,
on the 100 block of S. Collington.

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 GENERAL MEETING: Sun., Dec. 10, 5:00 p.m.
St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.

No business meeting - Holiday Potluck instead! (see front page)

2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SLATE

The nominating committee will present the following slate of officers for nomination at the January BHA general meeting on January 3, 2018:

President - Andrew Crummey

Vice President - Beth Braun

Vice President - Dave Phoebus

Treasurer - John Marsiglia

Corresponding Secretary - Matt Thompson

Recording Secretary - Amy Sheinin

Parliamentarian - Doug Gorius

Member at Large - Brianna McNamara

Member at Large - Dan Kiselik

Member at Large - Dani Sossaman

THE RAIN GARDEN SIGNS REVEALED!

(SEE PICTURE ON PAGE 4)

Please stop by for a look at the new bilingual signs at all three gardens that explain: how a rain garden works, why native plantings are important, and who is responsible for garden upkeep and maintenance. There are also colorful pictures identifying the native perennials and grasses. The characteristics of each plant were evaluated to ensure they have strong roots to anchor soil, they can thrive either in the moist soil at the stormwater entry point or in the dryer soil at the upper edges, they offer flower nectar for both pollinators and birds, and they provide seeds for birds. The leaves and stems of the plants also provide food and shelter for insects, and the root systems absorb stormwater and filter pollutants before it enters our harbor and the Chesapeake Bay. Importantly, these gardens also help our neighborhood and the City of Baltimore meet stormwater runoff reduction and pollution control levels mandated by the State of Maryland. The Butchers Hill Association thanks the Chesapeake Bay Trust for its generous grant that made the signs possible.



The gardens are located at E. Lombard St. & S. Chester St., E. Baltimore St. & N. Collington Ave., and E. Fairmount Ave. & N. Chester St.

If you are interested in joining the trained volunteers who weed, prune, and care for these useful gardens, email butchers.hill@yahoo.com. Your participation will be appreciated!

GRATITUDE TRIBUTE DONATIONS

From Pat Phoebus: in gratitude to **Sue Noonan** for **twenty-two (22!) years** of chairing the house tour committee. A job well done.

Now you can express your thanks and congratulations to neighbors by recognizing their good deeds and accomplishments in our newsletter with a tax deductible donation to the Butchers Hill Association.

FUNDRAISING FOR BUTCHERS HILL

Our fundraising efforts in the neighborhood are ongoing. If you would like to support BHA programs, you can sign up at www.butchershill.org/giving or send a check to BHA, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave. If you already are a one-time or sustaining donor, thank you for your support of the neighborhood.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Commodore John Rodgers (100 N. Chester St.)

CJR Food Pantry is open from 8-11am, the 1st & 3rd Thursdays - the 7th and 21st (different weeks this month) from 8-11am. Bring your own bag.

Fundraising for our new playground began with a great kickoff event on November 18 at Canela. We are excited to launch our online fundraising campaign at www.strongcitybaltimore.org/commodore. Checks can be made out to Strong City Baltimore with "Commodore" in the memo. For more information on our new playground or on donating in general, please email glenwick@thecjrschool.org.

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

Sat., Dec 2, Patterson Park 5K, Fun Run, and Homebrew Contest. Run, brew, drink, and fundraise for one of your local schools. All proceeds from the event benefit PPPCS's extensive field trip programming, including a service-learning trip to Mexico!

Sat., Dec. 9, 1-4pm, Youth Engagement Holiday Party in our cafeteria. This free event will feature photos with Santa, crafts and cookie decorating, games, and a holiday bazaar.

Dec. 15, Jan. 25 & March 15, Prospective Family Visiting Days will be held at 9am to see classrooms, meet teachers, and learn more.

PATTERSON PARK EVENTS

Pagoda Lighting - Sun., Dec 3, 4:30-6:30pm, the Friends of Patterson Park are hosting their third annual Pagoda Lighting. Free hot chocolate, cookies, live music, Santa and more. Bring an unwrapped toy and/or new or gently-used coat to donate. More information at pattersonpark.com/pagoda-lighting-2017.

End of the year giving to the Friends of Patterson Park! Your membership keeps the Pagoda maintained and open to the public, supports free summer concerts, festivals, exercise and recreational opportunities and keeps 600+ volunteers maintaining the beauty and health of Patterson Park. Please join or renew your membership today: www.pattersonpark.com/donate.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

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

First Ever: Green Leaders Climate Expo - Dec. 5, 5:30-7:30pm, Linwood & Eastern Ave. Our middle school experts and climate organizations show how you can find climate actions to make a difference. Register by Fri., Dec. 1 to enjoy a free dinner before the program.

Tiny Tots - Animals in Winter! - Fri., Dec. 8, 10:30-11:30am, registration required, \$5 donation per child.

Urban Bird-Watching Walks - Sat. Dec. 16, 8-9:30am, meet at Lombard St. entrance near the fountain.

BH SOCIAL NIGHT: OLD LINE SPIRITS DISTILLERY

Dec. 17, 2-5pm, 200 Janney St. Get a tour of the distillery (owned by two Butchers Hill neighbors) and socialize in the tasting room. Beer, wine, and sodas are also available. Check out www.oldlinespirits.com for information about the distillery.

MAXGALLERY

Two December events: Fri., Dec. 1 - First Friday/Art Walk 5-9pm and Sat., Dec. 9 - Closing reception for Baltimore Sculptors Exhibition 2-5pm.

HIGHLANDTOWN TRAIN GARDEN

520 S. Conkling St. in the fire station. Grand opening, Fri., Dec. 1 at 6:30pm at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The train garden will then be open 11am-5pm, Dec. 2&3, 9&10, then Dec 16 through Jan. 1 (except Dec. 25). For more information, go to www.ihearthighlandtown.com. Free.

OTHER DECEMBER EVENTS

Merry Mart - Sun., Dec. 3, 11am-5pm, from noon-5pm there are free activities for the kids while you shop. Handmade crafts, clothing, handbags, accessories, ceramics, soaps, kids' toys, jewelry & great mixed media art. Go to creativealliance.org for details.

45th Mayor's Christmas Parade - Sun., Dec. 3, 1pm, starts at Cold Spring Lane & south on Falls Road, turning onto 36th St. Floats, bands, Harley Davidson motorcycles, calliope, Mummies of Philadelphia, and, of course, Santa. www.mayorschristmasparade.com

Olde Tyme Christmas - Sun. Dec. 3, 9am-7pm, breakfast with St. Nick at Cocina, live music & vendors on Broadway Square, eggnog contest, and Lighted Boat Parade at 6pm (visible from many BH decks). fellspointmainstreet.org.

Monument Lighting & Fireworks - Thurs., Dec. 7, 5-8pm. 600 block of Cathedral Street. Entertainment, food, holiday activities, beer garden, and kids corner. The Walters Art Gallery will be open and free to warm up. Go to promotionandarts.org for important traffic information.

Dollar (Or Less) Days - to discover all the Inner Harbor & local attractions offering free or \$1 admission for Dec. 9 & 10, go to godowntownbaltimore.org.

32nd Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour - Sun., Dec. 10. Tickets on sale the day of the tour at 1401 Hollins St., starting at 11:30am. Stroll through the National Register of Historic Places District of 19th century homes. See union-square.us for more information.

Tuba Christmas - Sat., Dec. 16, 3:30pm, Inner Harbor Amphitheatre. Free. In case of inclement weather, will move inside the Maryland Science Center.



Rain Garden Sign Unveiling

Betsy Wadsworth,
Beth Braun,
Andrew Crumme
(left to right)

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.