

BUTCHERS HILL

FEBRUARY 2019



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I am so happy to be the president of the Butchers Hill Association again. For those of you that know me, this will be old news; but for those of you that I haven't met yet, you should know that I am pretty passionate about Butchers Hill, especially making sure that it remains the great neighborhood that I know it is. I believe that to do this, it takes all of us: old neighbors and new neighbors; "mature" people and young adults

and children; people that are retired, working, students; people that come to meetings and/or volunteer for events and/or donate to the association. It takes all of us, working together, to keep our neighborhood friendly, clean, fun, and as safe as possible.

One hot topic this year is transportation. Some of you are aware of the Complete Street legislation that was passed in December. But what does it mean for us? Will the plan that DOT is working on affect our streets? How can we best accommodate pedestrians, mass transit, bike riders, scooter riders, and cars in Butchers Hill? We'll talk about that at the general meeting on Feb. 6.

Our new executive committee includes a mix of some that served in the past and some new voices. I'm looking forward to working with them to determine what events we schedule, what fundraising activities we plan, and what our priorities are for the year ahead. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say we need to hear from you. Please come to the February general meeting and let us know your thoughts about the neighborhood. If you aren't able to attend, you are welcome to email your suggestions to me at butchershillpresident@gmail.com.

Take care of
yourselves
and each other,

Beth



COMMUNITY GARDENERS OF BUTCHERS HILL

Sun., Feb. 17 ~ 10:00am

Workshop: Learn the Whys, Hows, and Whens of Pruning
Learn by doing at this outdoor workshop Sun., Feb. 17, 10am-12pm (rain/snow date Sun., Feb. 24, 10am-12pm). For beginners and beyond, we will use trees and shrubs in our greened alleys and at selected residents' property, as well as selected street trees to learn and practice the art of pruning. Tools and some gloves will be provided, but bring your own if you have them as learning about the various tools and how to use them will be part of the experience. Meet at the unit block S Madeira St. RSVP to Betsy Wadsworth at bmorewads2211@gmail.com.

LIGHTS ON THE STREET (LOTS) UPDATE

The goal of making all of Butchers Hill's streets brighter and safer during nighttime hours is getting closer! Since last month's newsletter the following blocks have begun the conversion or have expressed an interest in the LOTS program: 2100 E. Fairmount Ave., unit block N. Duncan St., 2000 block E. Baltimore St., and 100 block S. Madeira St.

Blocks converting at least 65% of residential exterior fixtures to LED bulbs and automatic dusk-to-dawn function look dramatically different than blocks with manually controlled incandescent or CFL bulbs. Be part of the safety change, contact the Streetscape Committee's Andrew Crummey, at andrew.crummey@gmail.com, or Chris Venuti, at chrisjvenuti@gmail.com. This program is partially subsidized by the Butchers Hill Association.

Betsy Wadsworth, Streetscape Committee Co-chair



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February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4 Garden Tour Committee Meeting	5 Streetscape Committee Meeting	6 BHA General Meeting	7	8	9
10	11 Land Use Committee Mtg.	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 March newsletter deadline	16
7	18 President's Day gov't holiday	19	20 Crime Prevention Committee Meeting	21 Washington's Birthday	22	23 Birdwatching
24	25	26 Flea Market Committee Meeting	27	28	29	30

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION Carolyn Boitnott
c.boitnott@verizon.net
 410-522-4991
 Wed., Feb. 20, 7:00pm
 2105 E. Baltimore St.
 Meets on the third Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE Beth Braun
butchershillpresident@gmail.com
 TBD

FLEA MARKET Heather Gorius
butchershillfleaemarket@gmail.com
 Tues., Feb., 26, 7:00 p.m.
 Meets on the fourth Tues. at the white house.

GARDEN TOUR Trish White
mrshophoop@hotmail.com
 240-593-3712
 Mon., Feb. 4, 7:00pm
 2200 E Lombard St.
 Meets on the first Monday.

HOUSE TOUR Pat Phoebus
phoebu1115@aol.com
 410-327-1610
 Wed., March 13, 7:00pm
 200 S. Chester St.
 No February meeting.

LAND USE Virgil Bartram
Virgil@ArchUV.com
 410-327-4964
 Mon., Feb., 11, 7:00 p.m.
 Meets on the second Mon. in the white house in Patterson Park.

STREETSCAPE Betsy Wadsworth
bmorewads2211@gmail.com
 Andrew Crummey
andrew.crummey@gmail.com
 Tue., Feb. 5, 7:00 p.m.
 Usually meets on the first Tuesday.

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.

CITY RECYCLING DEFINED

There are two new ways to learn more about recycling in Baltimore City.

First, now there's an app for that. The Recycle Coach app is free and available at solutions.recyclecoach.com. Download it to learn what is recyclable in Baltimore, to set reminders when to recycle and when to take out the trash, and to take a quiz on your recycling knowledge.

Also a twenty-four page booklet, "Baltimore City Clean Guide", is available at <https://bit.ly/2CMMWbY>.

FYI, two commonly recycled items that are **not** recyclable are red Solo cups (Styrofoam plastic) and combination mail envelopes (bubble wrap glued to the inside).

SAVE THE DATES - 2019

Spring Flea Market - May 11
 BHA Garden Tour - June 9
 Fall Flea Market - September 15
 BHA House Tour - October

DUMPSTER DATES - 2019

June 8 - unit block S Collington
 August 3 - unit block N. Collington
 September 28 - 100 block S. Chester
 November 23- 100 block S. Collington

FEBRUARY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING - Wed., Feb. 6, 7:00 p.m.

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

*** Transportation Issues / Complete Streets**

COMPLETE STREETS

"Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users. Those include people of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether they are travelling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders." (US DOT website: <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/health/complete-streets>)

Late last year Mayor Pugh signed "complete streets" legislation that was sponsored by Councilman Ryan Dorsey. We will have speakers at our February general meeting that will speak to the legislation, how it could affect our neighborhood, how we can advocate for a safer neighborhood, etc. Please join us there to learn more about this topic that will impact all of us.

CAMERAS AND CRIME

Last year in Butchers Hill, two crimes were solved (by arrest) due to the help of our neighbors' private security cameras. The Butchers Hill Crime Prevention Committee is working on an initiative to increase camera coverage and map the locations of cameras currently installed by our residents. We are encouraging those with security cameras to do two things. First, if you haven't already, please report your camera to the city's Citiwatch Community Partnership program; it is easy and can be done online at citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov. Second, help in the effort to make our neighborhood safer by letting our Crime Prevention Committee chairperson, Carolyn Boitnott, know if you have a security camera installed at your house. We do not need a camera on every house, but gathering this information will be beneficial to identify the gaps in our coverage and to close them. The Crime Prevention Committee is also working with nearby neighborhoods to improve camera coverage. Carolyn Boitnott, c.boitnott@verizon.net, 410-522-4991

BALTIMORE DAY IN ANNAPOLIS

Feb. 4, 6-8pm, Mayor Catherine Pugh, members of city agencies, and a state delegation will be visiting Annapolis. Citizens are invited to join the delegation whose members will be available to discuss funding and local legislative efforts for the 2019 session. Transportation will be provided from various points in the city, including the Canton Waterfront Park. Buses will leave at 4:45 pm and return at 8:45 pm. RSVP by Feb., 1 at mayor.eventrsvp@baltimore.gov or baltodayannapolis.eventbrite.com.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

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

Tiny Tots - Winter Birds! - ages 2-5, Feb. 22, 10:30-11:30am in Patterson Park at the boat lake. Please register in advance.

All Ages Bird Watching - 8-9:30am, Feb. 23, meet at the fountain at the Lombard St. and Patterson Park Ave. entrance. In Druid Hill Park, Feb. 16, meet at 3001 East Drive. Email or call to borrow binoculars.

"I Bird, I Vote!" Conservation Summit - Sat., Mar. 2, Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, a diverse roster of speakers will address how bird lovers can be advocates on the local and national levels. Advanced registration required.

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 Fri., 1-3:30pm, except Fri., Feb. 15, just inside CJR's entrance. Email glenwick@thecjrschool.org 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.)

Seeking coaches - for girl's middle school lacrosse team and for two elementary baseball teams for the spring season, March through May.

Kindergarten visiting - Mar. 21, 9am.

Career Day - April 11, volunteer to share information about your career experience with elementary and middle school students. Please contact Marisa Moschelle, family engagement coordinator, at MMoschelle@pppcs.org for coaching or career-sharing.

PPPCS is able to rent out its cafeteria for private and community events. Low rates are available for a four-hour span of time. It is perfect for kids birthdays, baby showers, and community meetings, while supporting a great school. Email LObara@pppcs.org for details.

To receive this newslines via email or for newsletter questions, comments, and submissions, email the editor - bhanewsletter@gmail.com.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Snow Shoveling...Yes, you are responsible. Anyone living in and/or owning a property is to clear the footpath of snow by 11am or up to three hours after snow stops falling. Pro tip: sweep or shovel steps and sidewalks early while it is easier, clearing from the building to the curb, since melting snow freezes into a sheet of ice, making walking dangerous.

Pet Owners: Choose ice melt carefully. Many ice melt products burn plants and irritate pets' paws. Clean your pet's paws after coming in from outside if exposure to ice melt was possible. Use a damp cloth or dunk each paw in clean water and dry. If a pet cleans their own paws, they may become sick.

CODE BLUE

Criteria: When temperatures, including wind chill, are expected to be 13°F or below; or when other conditions are deemed by the health commissioner to be severe enough to present a substantial threat to life or health.

Triggers: Private homeless shelters requested to extend hours and services; Homeless Service Outreach workers encourage homeless people to take shelter, provide education, and connect them to services; Salvation Army canteen provides hot drinks and other items to homeless individuals.

Southeast Community Action Partnership (CAP) Center: 3411 Bank St., 410-545-6518.

health.baltimorecity.gov/emergency-preparedness-response/code-blue

Please check on your neighbors during inclement weather.

FOG CAUSES SEWER BACKUPS

Residents and restaurants have a role to play in keeping the sewer system operating properly. Even boiling water cools in the underground sewage pipes, and fats, oils, and grease (FOG) laden wastewater congeals in pipes catching debris, leading to sewage backups. Do not put cooking grease or oils down the drain or toilet. Use a can or other container to hold fats and saturated paper towels until trash collection day.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Chinese New Year, Feb. 5, 4717 (on the Chinese lunar calendar); Year of the Pig. Enjoy free, family-friendly art activities and Lunar New Year performances of Chinese dragons in the galleries of the Walters Art Museum, Feb. 10, 11am-4pm. thewalters.org/event/lunar-new-year/

American Craft Council Show - Feb. 22 -24, Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 11am-5pm; \$14 one-day pass, \$34 three-day pass, or free to American Craft Council members and children 12 and under. Fri. after 5pm is \$5.

More than 550 artists will display their crafts. Meet and chat with top and emerging artisans from across the country. Local artists are also represented, and include Baltimore Area Turners; Baltimore Jewelry Center; and the Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore. craftcouncil.org/shows/acc/american-craft-show-baltimore

THEATERS

Everyman Theater - www.everymantheatre.org/
Everything is Wonderful

Theater Project - www.theatreproject.org/
The Mystery of Love and Sex

Baltimore Improv Group - www.bigimprov.org/
Different shows every night

Baltimore Center Stage - <https://www.centerstage.org/>
Fun Home

Fells Point Corner Theater - <http://www.fpct.org>
Sex with Strangers

YOUTHWORKS

The deadline is Feb. 1—apply now! Summer jobs for ages 14-21. Youthworks is now accepting applications for participants and organizations to provide summer jobs for youth 14-21 years old. Applications are online at youthworks.oedworks.com. All applications must be submitted by Feb. 1 for the first session.

The Hire One Youth program will assist employers who can cover the cost of wages to hire youth ages 16-21. Call Harriett Diles at 410-396-JOBS (5627) or by email at hdiles@oedworks.com. Visit www.baltimorecity.gov/hireoneyouth for more information.

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.