

# BUTCHERS HILL

## FEBRUARY 2014

Thank you for electing me to serve as the President of the Butchers Hill Association. I volunteered because I care about protecting and enhancing the wonderful amenities Butchers Hill offers. Having lived in Chicago and been fascinated with cities all my life, moving to Baltimore was exciting. However, the experience was not quite what I expected - even after watching *The Wire*. What surprised me were the tight knit neighborhoods and residents who truly care about one another and the safety and cleanliness of their neighborhood. Yet, as we all know, much remains to be done to improve the overall quality-of-life throughout Baltimore.

While many of the larger issues are beyond the scope of what the Butchers Hill Association alone can reasonably expect to change, my goal is to ensure that Butchers Hill remains the friendliest, most proactive and engaging neighborhood in which to live, dine, work and worship. While we are not all going to agree on solutions, my hope is that everyone will be open to listening to one another and working together to make the community a better place.

Joining me this year on the Executive Committee is a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers, both long-time and new. The committee includes Beth Braun, Tom Crandall, Jared Barnhart, Tori Simms, Greg Hinchliffe, Carol Richman, Don Renaud, Tony Vitello, and Emily Augustine. We look forward to working with our committees and residents to continue the legacy of Butchers Hill as Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let any of us know!



- Chris Glick  
President

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2014?

The Butchers Hill Association sponsors a variety of activities and events each year. Many of these wouldn't be possible without volunteers providing their time and energy. If you haven't participated before I would encourage you to consider doing so this year. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and add value to our neighborhood through sweat equity.

Our 2014 events include: 2 Flea Market and Craft Fairs (May and Sept.), a Summer Picnic (July 11th), the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in Patterson Park (late Aug.), the House Tour (Oct.) and our Holiday Potluck (Dec.).



Our June and Sept. Stoop-Sitting meetings need volunteer stoops and hosts.

NEW this year is the formation of the Parking Committee to address long-term parking issues in Butchers Hill. Tony Vitello will liaison from the Executive Committee, but we need a CHAIR to set dates and location for meetings. Email: [ctophg28@gmail.com](mailto:ctophg28@gmail.com) if you are interested in chairing or participating in the Parking Committee.

To volunteer in 2014 contact: Chris Glick: 443-514-4604, Sandy: 410-558-0149 or become a part of one of the committees listed on page 2. All committees are open at any time. Most meet monthly, in a social setting, to plan events or address issues. Committee chairs will welcome your participation. Butchers Hill WANTS YOU!! Find the BHA activity/committee to activate your passion and play your unique part. Contribute your time, energies, talents and creativity to Pay It Forward!

- Chris Glick

*Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!*

## FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Groundhog Day Chinese New Year Festival	3	4 Streetscape	5 General Meeting	6	7	8
9	10 Land Use	11 Executive Book Club	12 COP	13 Newsletter Deadline	14 Valentine's Day Baltimore Restaurant Week Begins	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19 Crime Prevention	20	21 Card Club	22
23	24 Flea Market	25	26 COP	27	28	

### 2014 SAVE THE DATES:

April: Spring Cleanup

May 10th: Flea Market

June: Stoop Sitting

July 11th: Potluck Picnic

Sept.: Stoop Sitting

Sept. 20th: Flea Market

Oct. 11th: Fall Cleanup

Oct. 12th: House Tour

Nov.: Art Night

Dec. 7th: Holiday Potluck

### CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

**Sun. Feb. 2nd, Noon-3PM** at the Walters Art Museum. FREE! Good luck & fortune for those who join in traditional Chinese performances honoring the year of the Horse. Those born under this sign are energetic, hard working and quick-witted.

### WINTER RESTAURANT WEEK

**Feb. 14th-23rd** - Enjoy special three-course prix fixe dinner menus for \$30 and \$20. Some restaurants will offer two-course lunch menus. For more information visit: [BaltimoreRestaurantWeek.com](http://BaltimoreRestaurantWeek.com).

#### BH COMMITTEES & CHAIRS:

#### NEXT MEETING:

<b>BOOK CLUB</b>	Anne Puckett <a href="mailto:anne_puckett@hotmail.com">anne_puckett@hotmail.com</a> 410-675-8765	Tues., Feb. 11th, 7:30PM - The book to be discussed is, "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak
<b>BUTCHERS HILL CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP)</b>	Evan Helfrich <a href="mailto:ubik14@netscape.net">ubik14@netscape.net</a> 410-342-2148	Meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 7:30PM, at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St.
<b>CRIME PREVENTION</b>	Carolyn Boitnott <a href="mailto:c.boitnott@verizon.net">c.boitnott@verizon.net</a> 410-522-4991	Wed., Feb. 19th, 7PM 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	Chris Glick <a href="mailto:ctophg@gmail.com">ctophg@gmail.com</a>	Tues., Feb. 11th, 7PM 119 S. Washington St.
<b>FLEA MARKET</b>	Ray Hoffman <a href="mailto:rayhoffman@aol.com">rayhoffman@aol.com</a>	Mon., Feb. 24th, 7PM 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.
<b>LAND USE</b>	Virgil Bartram <a href="mailto:Virgil@ArchUV.com">Virgil@ArchUV.com</a> 410-327-4964	Mon., Feb. 10th, 7PM - Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
<b>STREETSCAPE</b>	Andrew Crummey <a href="mailto:andrewcrummey@gmail.com">andrewcrummey@gmail.com</a>	Tues., Feb. 4th, 7PM - 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

### 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

For a new neighbor packet or more information about Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood, visit [www.ButchersHill.org](http://www.ButchersHill.org)

**BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., Feb. 5th, 7PM** - St. Andrew church hall, Lombard Street entrance, Lombard & Chester Sts. Guest speaker from the National Audubon Society Patterson Park Center, Susie Creamer will talk about a workshop related to building a wildlife habitat at your home. We already have at least one registered wildlife habitat in Butchers Hill and spring migration is coming soon. The Forrest City Science + Technology Group will discuss the developments occurring north of the Johns Hopkins campus. If you have ever wanted to know what was going on "up there," now is your chance to find out.

## **AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL SHOW & BUTCHERS HILL CONNECTION**

**Feb. 21st-23rd** - The Craft Show at the Convention Center features 650 of the top contemporary jewelry, clothing, furniture, and home décor artists from across the country. Fri., Feb. 21st: 10AM - 8PM (after 5PM special \$5 admission); Sat., Feb. 22st: 10AM - 6PM; Sun., Feb. 23rd: 11AM - 5PM.

**Wed., Feb. 19th, 7-9PM** - Again this year, Butchers Hillers, Mark & Nancy Supik will host Jerry & Deborah Kermode, woodturners from California, in town for the American Craft Council Show, and hold a Bowl Turning Demo & Tour of Mark Supik & Co.'s workshop. Neighbors are invited to join them from 7-9PM when Mark will lead a brief tour of their woodturning shop and Jerry turn a bowl and tell some jokes.

There will be refreshments and door prizes. 1 N. Haven St., plenty of parking available on the street & behind the shop, \$10 donation suggested (but not required), 410-732-8414 or [mark@marksupikco.com](mailto:mark@marksupikco.com) for more info.

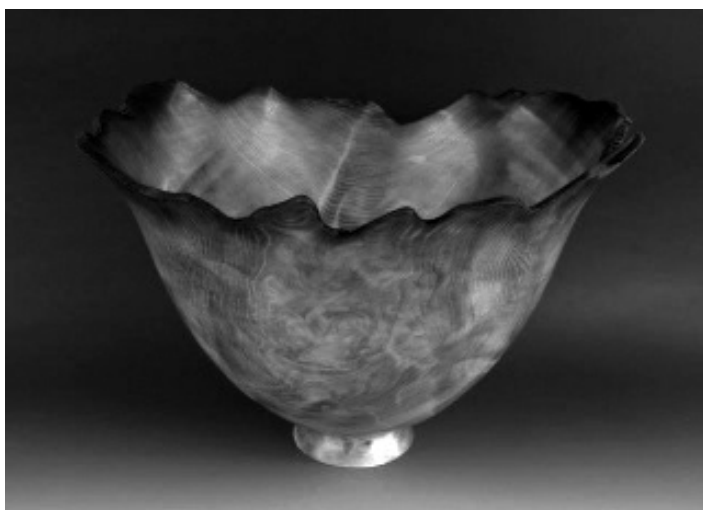


Photo: a turned bowl by Jerry, sent in by Nancy

## **NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS**

**Commodore John Rodgers** - Construction has begun on the conversion of the former recreation center, which is a part of the school building, into a new early childhood center, expected to open September 2014. More info on the program next month.

**Patterson Park Public Charter School** - Butchers Hill's contribution to the school will be used to help pay for supplies for the Robotics Team, which will also wear the Butchers Hill logo on their team tee-shirts.

## **AUDUBON ADVENTURES IN FEBRUARY With the Patterson Park Audubon Center**

### **Tiny Tots In Patterson Park**

**Fri., Feb. 14th, 10:30-11:30AM** - Ages: 2-5, dig worms! Learn how to wiggle like a little worm, make a craft, play a game, and read a story around a nature theme! Meet at the picnic tables by the Boat Lake \$5 suggested donation per child, with an adult. Please register in advance.

### **Audubon's Urban Bird Watching Walks**

**Fri., Feb. 14th & Sat., Feb. 22nd, 8:00-9:30AM** - All ages welcome! FREE! Meet at the fountain in Patterson Park, Audubon experts will lead us in search of feathered friends. If you would like to borrow binoculars, drop us an email or call, we have plenty to share!

To participate, please RSVP by calling 410-558-2473 or email [PPAudubon@gmail.com](mailto:PPAudubon@gmail.com).

## **ENJOY VALENTINE'S DAY CLOSE TO HOME IN BUTCHERS HILL**

**Salt Tavern:** 2127 E. Pratt St., 410-276-5480, open from Tuesday - Sunday for dinner at 5PM. Reservations recommended.

**The Life Of Reilly Irish Pub & Restaurant:** 2031 E. Fairmount Ave., 410-327-6425, open seven days a week, 11AM -2AM.

## CALL "211" FOR HELP

Like 911 & 311 - 211 is a free service to access confidential information and referral help with concerns: food, housing, health care, counseling and more. Alternate contacts: 1-800-492-0618 or [uwcm.org/main/get-help/2-1-1-maryland-hotline.html](http://uwcm.org/main/get-help/2-1-1-maryland-hotline.html).

## HISTORY OF THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

September 2014 Baltimore will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner written during the battle of Baltimore in 1814.

Here begins the backstory:

**THE WAR OF 1812** began in 1803 when the British started to impress American sailors to force them to work on British ships and ended in February 1815 when a Peace Treaty was ratified and President Madison declared the war over.

In January of 1806, as Secretary of State, James Madison delivered a report regarding British interference and impressments of American sailors aboard American vessels. June of 1807, off the coast of Norfolk, Virginia, the American ship Chesapeake was fired upon, boarded and sailors impressed - by the British ship Leopard - causing an international incident. In December of 1807 President Thomas Jefferson imposed an embargo on Great Britain that resulted in an economic disaster for American merchants and was discontinued in 1809. James Madison was inaugurated President in March of 1809.

In November 1811 a War Congress convened. The Battle of Tippecanoe, in present-day Indiana between Tecumseh's brother - allied with the British - and William Henry Harrison's army, is considered the first battle of the War of 1812. (You may remember Harrison as the first President to die in office after becoming ill from exposure as he gave an hour and forty-five minute inaugural speech in a snowstorm in 1841.)

## FOG IN THE SEWER?

Residents & restaurants have a role to play in keeping the sewer system operating properly. Even boiling water cools to 50 degrees in the underground sewage pipes where FOG - fats, oils & grease - LADEN WASTEWATER accumulates in pipes and creates sewage backups (usually into laundry, kitchen and bathroom fixtures - UGH!). Do not put cooking grease or oils down the drain or toilet. Use a can or other container to hold fats, and paper towels used to wipe it up, until it can be put out with the regular garbage pickup. This is a lesson best learned without the actual experience of sewage backing up into your home. 'Nuf said.



## MORE BALTIMORE HISTORY

The Great Baltimore Fire was on February 7th & 8th in 1904. The fire began in central Baltimore's business district, destroying over 1,500 buildings in 140 acres of downtown Baltimore, burning for over 30 hours. It is believed to have started by a cigarette in the basement of the Hurst building. The devastation prompted the creation of a national standard in fire-fighting equipment, including implementing the use of hose couplings. New building codes stressing fireproof materials. 35,000 people we left unemployed, but the area was almost completely rebuilt within 3 years.



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## 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](http://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.*