

BUTCHERS HILL

FEBRUARY 2016



GREG HINCHCLIFFE
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as the president of the Butchers Hill Association. As a long-time resident (since 1998), I have watched our neighborhood grow and improve, and I am excited to contribute to continuing that process.

The coming years hold many changes for our community. We will see retail and residential development within Butchers Hill and on our borders, growth and renovation at Commodore John Rogers Elementary/Middle School, the implementation of the Patterson Park Master Plan, a new zoning code, and major changes to public transportation. Other issues are ongoing, seemingly eternal: parking, quality of life, and crime. While some of these issues may be beyond the scope of what the Butchers Hill Association, or any community association, can reasonably expect to change, my goal is to ensure that Butchers Hill remains the friendliest and most livable neighborhood in the city. Listening to one another and working together, we can make our community a better place.

Joining me on the executive committee is a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers, some veterans and some new. The committee includes Doug Gorius, Peter Sowa, Beth Braun, Brenna Toney, Teresa Groesh, Janel Olds, Ann Wolfe, Bill Jones, and Tom Crandall. We look forward to working with our neighbors 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! I can be reached at butchershillpresident@gmail.com.

Greg Hinchcliffe



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NEW CITY-WIDE TRASH CAN PROGRAM *Smaller Trash Can Option*

Baltimore City DPW will be giving every address a new, city-owned trash can beginning this month. These cans should reduce wind scattering, animal intrusion, and collector injuries. Each can will have a 'chip' installed to link it to a particular address. This will help identify lost/stolen cans, and (word to the wise) enable the city to cite people who leave their trash cans out, but in front of other people's houses. Each can will come with an insert reminding residents how to use and care for the cans, which remain with the property but belong to the city.

To address the concerns of communities whose trash is mainly front-collected, DPW is offering a 35-gallon trash can to properties that are "part of block-long row houses that have front collection and no exterior storage space." Requests for a smaller can must be made to 311 by Feb. 19. The 65-gallon can is 25.9 inches wide; the 35-gallon can is 22.8 inches wide.

Specific information about the program can be found on their fact sheets which have been posted on our website at www.butchershill.org. (Click on more>> on the right side of the screen.)

Representatives from DPW will be at the February meeting to answer questions and address concerns about the program. If your door (or sally port gate) is less than 22.8 inches wide, so even the smaller container will not fit, please come to the meeting to inform them. If you can't come to the meeting, but need to report a potential problem with the new trash cans, you can email bethabraun@yahoo.com.

Delivery is expected to start in the latter part of February and take five or six months. Residents will be notified by a door tag about ten days before delivery. Updated delivery schedules will be posted on DPW's website at publicworks.baltimorecity.gov.

Bottom line: If you want one of the smaller cans, call 311 and order it by February 19.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Streetscape Com Meeting Groundhog Day	3 BHA General Meeting	4	5	6
7	8 Land Use Meeting Lunar New Year	9	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12 Mar newsletter deadline Birdwatching	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day (city holiday)	16	17 Crime Prevention Com. Meeting	18	19 American Craft Council show (thru 2/21)	20
21	22 Flea Market Meeting Washington B-day	23	24	25	26	27 Birdwatching
28	29	<i>The Department of public works mails a free calendar to every household listing all government holidays and changes to trash/recycling pickup. If you didn't get one yet, call 311 to request one.</i>				

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., February 17, 7pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Greg Hinchcliffe <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	TBD
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Mon., February 22, 8pm 2124 E. Lombard St.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Dee Lundelis <i>deelundelius@gmail.com</i>	No meeting in February.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., February 15, 7pm Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., February 2, 7pm 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

Dumpster Dates 2016

April 16 ~ June 11 ~ August 6 ~ October 1 ~ December 3

FOG CAUSES SEWER BACKUPS?

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 fat-, oil-, & grease- (or FOG) laden wastewater congeals in pipes catching debris and creating sewage backups into laundry, kitchen, and bathroom fixtures. 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 they can be put out with the regular garbage.

Save the Date - 2016

April 16 - Spring Cleanup
May 14 - Spring Flea Market
July - Summer Potluck
August - Teachers' Breakfast
September 10 - Fall Flea Market
October 9 - House Tour
November - Shop & Schmooze
December - Holiday Potluck

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.

For a new neighbor packet or more information about Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood, visit www.ButchersHill.org.

FEBRUARY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., Feb. 3, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Sts., enter on Lombard St.

~Department of Public Works - municipal trash cans
~ Sean Guy, Water for Chocolate - Valentine treats!

PLEASE HELP GREEN BUTCHERS HILL

If you know of any tree that was damaged during the BGE gas line installation or a tree pit with a stump that needs removal, please notify the Streetscape Committee via the email listed on page 2 or by coming to their meeting. In addition to scheduling dumpsters and leading cleanups, in 2016 the committee will continue to promote tree planting and curb-greening. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped and those that volunteer to help with future projects.

PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES

There are multiple levels of snow emergencies. When a Phase 1 snow emergency is declared, vehicles on the road must have snow or all-weather radial tires or chains. During a Phase 2 snow emergency, there is no parking on streets designated by Snow Emergency Route signs (Baltimore St., Lombard St., Pratt St. and Patterson Park Ave.). If you can't find a space, call 311 to find out where the city has designated parking for our area. Vehicles parked on snow emergency routes will be ticketed and towed so snowplows can clear the snow. And during Phase 3 snow emergencies, only emergency vehicles may drive on city streets.

SNOW SHOVELING *Yes, you are responsible*

Anyone living in and/or owning a property is to clear the footpath of snow. TIP: sweep or shovel steps and sidewalks early while it is easier and clear from the building to the curb, since melting snow freezes into a sheet of ice.

ICE MELT

Many ice melts will burn your lawn and can also irritate the pads of pets' feet. If your dog or cat eats a small amount of the product, it can irritate the stomach. Ingestion of large amounts of ice melt can alter the electrolyte balance in a pet's system, causing lethargy, weakness, and even seizures. In severe cases, it can be fatal.

Ice melts can also irritate your pet's paws. The pads will get quite dry in the winter and even crack. Clean your dog's or cat's paws after coming in from outside when exposure to ice melts was possible. You can use a damp cloth or a product designed to clean animals' feet.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Patterson Park Public Charter School -

Patterson Park Public Charter School is now accepting lottery applications for the 2016-2017 school year. The application deadline is 5pm on Friday, February 12. Download an application and learn more about PPPCS at www.pppcs.org.

Melanie in third grade & Samantha in second grade each earned gold medals by reading 100 books or chapters for Mrs. Murphy's class. Congratulations to Melanie and Samantha for all their hard work and dedication.



Commodore John Rodgers -

Volunteers can email Mr. Glenwick at glenwick@thecjrshcool.org to become a part of the Walking School Bus program that pairs elementary students with an adult so they can get to school safely by 7:10am or to help out in any other way.

Fifth graders appreciate West African masks using oil pastels on black paper with the organization assisting the arts program at CJR, Art with a Heart.





VALENTINE'S DAY

Enjoy Valentine's Day in Butchers Hill -

Salt Tavern: 2127 E. Pratt St., 410-276-5480, reservations recommended.

The Life of Reilly Irish Pub & Restaurant: 2031 E. Fairmount Ave., 410-327-6425.

AUDUBON OF MARYLAND

Great Backyard Bird Count - Feb. 12-15

Urban Bird Watching Walks - Feb. 12 & 27, 8-9am, all ages welcome, meet at Patterson Park fountain at Lombard.

Tiny Tots - I Dig Worms - Fri., Feb. 19, 10:30-11:30am, ages 2-5 with an adult, meet at Boat Lake. \$5 per child suggested donation.

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

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Free at the Baltimore Museum of Art -

Feb. 7-May 8 - *Gifts of Art* is the first major exhibition since the renovation completion. It emphasizes connections between more than 200 works, many on view for the first time, in nearly every area of the museum.

Family Sundays, 2-5pm - hands-on, art-making workshops in response to works on view in the renovated studio & education center on the first floor.

Free at the Walters Museum of Art -

Feb. 5, noon-1pm & Feb. 27, 11am-noon - concerts by Peabody Prep musicians.

Feb. 7, noon-3pm - Chinese New Year celebration with traditional Chinese performances and art activities.

Feb 21 & 28, 1-2pm - walk-in tours.

Feb 28 - new exhibit: *Madame de Pompadour, Patron & Printmaker*, from the royal mistress of King Louis XV's collection & creations.

Feb 21, 9-11am - Sensory Morning: self-guided tours through hands-on stations including tactile, visual, and interpretive materials that are designed for those with sensory processing disorder.

Visit thewalters.org/events for more information.

ANTI VALENTINE'S DAY

Fri., Feb. 12, 8pm - The Life of Reilly Irish Pub & Restaurant, date auction and celebration of single life, charity auction to benefit BARCS, drink specials and DJ.

CUPID'S STUPID!
COME CELEBRATE THE SINGLE LIFE AT THE LIFE!
ANTI VALENTINE'S DAY DATE AUCTION
Friday, Feb. 12th @8:00pm

The Life of Reilly Pub and Restaurant is sponsoring a charity auction Friday, February 12th starting at 8:00PM to benefit BARCS. Eligible ladies and gents will be auctioned off for a date that evening and 100% of the auction money will go to our charity of choice, The Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter.

Ladies first drink is free
\$4 Glasses of Wine
\$8 BOH Pitchers
\$5 Fireball and Jameson shots
\$2 Jell-O Shots
Prize giveaways all evening
New Amsterdam
Vodka samples

Hosted by DJ Chuck Kelly

2031 East Fairmount Ave
Baltimore MD 21231
410-327-6425
manager@thelifeofreilly.com

Want to participate in the auction? Contact Kelly at manager@thelifeofreilly.com

AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL SHOW

Feb. 19-21, Fri. 10am-8pm Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, Tickets: \$16 one-day pass, \$36 three-day pass (\$2 less on advance tickets), or free for American Craft Council members & children 12 and under. Special pricing Friday: \$5 after 5pm.

More than 650 artists from across the country are to participate in the American Craft Council's juried, flagship show. Emerging artists are designated by a pink and black Hip Pop logo and will be showing their works, from elegant to cutting edge. It's not just about shopping! Features this year: professional stylists will show how handmade pieces fit in your wardrobe, home décor designers will discuss room vignettes inspired by crafts, and Let's Make Inspiration Stations are fun for the whole family. Additional information can be found at shows.craftcouncil.org/baltimore.

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! 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/deliver to BHA, 27 S Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.