

BUTCHERS HILL

FEBRUARY 2017



ANDREW CRUMMEY
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as the president of the Butchers Hill Association. My family and I have been residents since 2010 and have been truly fortunate to be a part of "Baltimore's friendliest neighborhood."

As we begin 2017, its time for the annual "call to arms" for volunteers. As with all successful associations, we rely on the power of volunteerism and engagement of our members/residents. Your neighbors are already working hard and lending their talents to improve the quality of life in Butchers Hill. Each standing committee could use more help in planning and carrying out their activities. Look through the list and find one that fits your passion. Another way to get involved is to volunteer for a few hours for one of our major fundraisers like the house tour and/or the flea market. These large events are what fund our streetscape improvements and annual neighborhood events. Of course, the simplest step you can take is to become a member of the association for \$10 per person for an annual membership and \$6 for seniors. You can pay online at Butchershill.org or by mail (see bottom of page 4.)

Finally, 2017 promises to be an active year with a new mayor, city council, and zoning code. BHA stands ready to advocate for our neighborhood and ensure that the progress made by over thirty years of active neighbors' engagement continues.

Andrew CrummeY



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WINTER IS HERE!



PARKING IN 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 during Phase 3.



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, clearing from the building to the curb, since melting snow freezes into a sheet of ice, making walking dangerous.



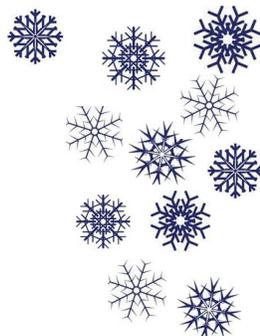
CHOOSE ICE MELT CAREFULLY

Many ice melts 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.



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, and fats, oils, & grease (FOG) laden wastewater congeals in pipes catching debris, leading to 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 trash collection day.



Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 BHA General Meeting	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 PPPCS - Family Service Day
5	6	7 Streetscape Committee Meeting	8	9 Executive Committee Meeting	10 March newsletter deadline	11
12	13 Land Use Committee Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15 Crime Prevention Meeting	16 CJR - Early Childhood Info Session	17 Great Backyard Bird Count	18
19	20 Presidents' Day (gov't holiday)	21	22	23	24 American Craft Council Show (thru 2/26)	25 Birdwatching
26	27 Flea Market Committee Meeting	28				

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Feb. 15, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Andrew Crummey <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., Feb. 9, 7:00pm 113 S. Chester St.
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Mon., Feb. 27, 8:00pm 2124 E. Lombard St.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cvtel.net</i>	No scheduled meeting in February.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Feb. 13, 7:00pm Meet in the white house in Patterson Park.
STREETScape	Betsy Wadsworth <i>bwads2211@verizon.net</i> Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., Feb. 7, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our neighborhood? Join us!

2017 Dumpster Dates

April 29
June 3
August 12
October 7
December 2

2017 Save the Dates

April 29 - Spring Cleanup
May 13 - Spring Flea Market
July - Summer Potluck
August - Teachers' Breakfast
September 16 - Fall Flea Market
October - 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.

NEW CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

First District:
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Thirteenth District:
Shannon Sneed (*shannon.sneed@baltimorecity.gov*)
Office: 410-396-4829
Chief-of-Staff: *gabriel.stuart-sikowitz@baltimorecity.gov*

FEBRUARY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., February 1, 7:00 pm
at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.

Agenda for February meeting:

- Meet the new executive committee
- Committe presentations
- Old Line Spirits

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February general meeting will be a time to talk about the neighborhood association. The 2017 executive committee will introduce themselves; the committee chairs will describe their committees and share their goals for the year; and there will be an opportunity for questions/answers and an open discussion about the association.

And to help along the conversation, Old Line Spirits, distillers of whiskey and rum (and local residents) will be doing a tasting at the meeting.

FREE DPW CALENDAR

The Baltimore City 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 receive one yet, call 311 to request one.

PLANNING AHEAD

There is not a community dumpster scheduled to be in the neighborhood until April, but the Northeast Citizen's Convenience Center on Sisson Street accepts drop off of household debris and recycles, including durable plastic items (old trash cans, milk crates, etc), paper, metal, e-cycles (tv, computer, electronics), and styrofoam (must have #6 stamp, they provide clear plastic bags). Proof of a Baltimore City address is required.

CITIWATCH

Do you have an external security camera? The CitiWatch Community Partnership is a voluntary registry that will provide the Baltimore City police with additional "eyes on the street." Neighbors with video cameras can sign up; and if a crime occurs nearby, the police will request the camera footage if they believe it will be useful in the apprehension or prosecution of a suspected criminal. Neither the city nor the police will have access to your camera.

If you have a security camera and are interested in helping the police make our neighborhood safer, register via the form (and find answers to your questions) at citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Commodore John Rodgers (100 N. Chester St.)

Commodore will be holding an early childhood information session for current and interested families on Thur., Feb. 16, at 9:30am.

Every Friday from 1:30 until 5:30pm, Commodore will be hosting Hungry Harvest at the school. Hungry Harvest, LLC aims to create an efficient agricultural food system with zero waste by supplying gleaned and recovered produce that is inexpensive, healthy, and convenient to fight hunger in food deserts. Bags of produce will be sold just inside our main entrance on Chester Street for \$7. Everyone welcome!

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

PPPCS is currently accepting applications for next school year. Applications are due Fri., Feb. 10 at 5:00pm. Our enrollment lottery is Wed., Feb. 15 at 9:30am. Please visit our website at www.pppcs.org for more information.

Please join us for Family Service Day on Sat, Feb. 4, 10am-12pm in the cafeteria. Join us to create care packages for people experiencing homelessness. Please consider a gift to support our winter Care Package Creation Day. Please visit www.pppcs.org to learn more.

A PIECE OF BALTIMORE HISTORY

On February 7 & 8, 1904, the Great Baltimore Fire began in the central business district, destroying over 1,500 buildings in 140 acres of downtown and burning for over 30 hours. Amazingly, there was only a single death attributed to the fire. The cause was thought to be 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 and new building codes stressing fireproof materials. There were 35,000 people left unemployed, but the area was almost completely rebuilt within three years.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

To participate in Patterson Park Audubon Center events, RSVP at 410-558-2473 or email baltimore@audubon.org.

Tiny Tots - Egg-cellent Eggs! Fri., Feb. 17, 10:30-11:30am at the boat lake, ages 2-5 with an adult, suggested donation \$5 per child, register in advance.

Guided Bird-Watching Walks - Sat., Feb. 25, 8-9:30am, meet at fountain near Lombard St. If you need to borrow binoculars, send an email.

Great Backyard Bird Count - Fri., Feb. 17, 8-9:30am, no school this day! People all over the world participate in this great weekend of community science, documenting each bird species and submitting data using the eBird app. Real science right in your own backyard!

AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL SHOW

Feb. 24-26, Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 11am-5pm at the Baltimore Convention Center. Tickets are \$14 for a one-day pass, \$34 for a three-day pass, or free to American Craft Council members & children 12 and under. Special pricing Friday after 5pm is only \$5.

More than 650 artists from across the country are to participate in the American Craft Council's juried, flagship show. It's not just about shopping! Features this year are style tips how handmade pieces fit with your wardrobe and room vignettes, a "Let's Make" station for the whole family, plus twenty artisans exhibiting their work through a partnership with Craft Scotland. More information is available at craftcouncil.org.

APPLY NOW FOR YOUTHWORKS 2017

Youthworks is now accepting applications for participants (ages 14-21) and organizations (Baltimore City agencies, non-profits, and businesses) for Session 1: June 26 to July 28 and Session 2: July 10 to August 11. Applications are online at youthworks.oedworks.com. All worksite applications must be submitted by April 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. Email HireOneYOUTH@oedworks.com or visit www.baltimorecity.gov/hireoneyouth.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Baltimore Museum of Art - Sat. & Sun., 10am-5pm, Thur. 10am-8pm, Wed.&Fri. 10am-5pm. General admission is free. Go to baltimoremuseumofart.com for exhibit details.

Sundays, 2-5pm - free fun family activities.

Walters Art Museum - Wed.-Sun. 10am-5pm, Fri. 10am-9pm. General admission is free. More information at thewalters.org. Upcoming events:

Ferocious Beauty: Wrathful Deities from Tibet and Nepal, new exhibit through April 23. Free gallery talk - Feb. 2, 6-7pm. Registration required.

First Friday Free Concert, Feb. 3. 12-1pm. Kate Armine, trumpet.

Drop-in Art Activities - Sat. Feb. 4 & 26, free for the whole family.

Walk, Wonder, and Create - interactive and hands-on exploration tours for the whole family. Registration required. Free.

Make Night: Encaustic Painting - Thur. Feb 26, 6-9pm. Encaustic, or hot wax, painting is versatile and stood the test of time. Led by Christine Sajecki. Registration required.



CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY CLOSE TO HOME

Salt Tavern, 2127 E. Pratt St., 410-276-5480, reservations suggested, www.salttavern.com

Life of Reilly's Irish Pub, 2031 E. Fairmount Ave., 410-327-6425, www.thelifeofreilly.com/

Butchers Hill Society Kitchen & Wine Lounge, 32 N. Chester St., (443) 453-9716, see [Facebook page](#)



To receive monthly newsletters 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.