

# BUTCHERS HILL

FEBRUARY 2018



ANDREW CRUMMEY  
BHA PRESIDENT

Neighbors,

I hope everyone has thawed out from the long cold spell and has had an opportunity to get back outside.

As 2018 kicks into full swing, it is a great time to engage or re-engage with the the various committees and events that we have planned throughout the year. We'll take the opportunity

at our February general meeting, to have the committee chairpersons give a quick overview of their respective committees for those who are interested in participating.

Help Wanted: After fifteen years of service, Joe Rehak is passing the torch of chairperson of the biennial neighborhood Garden Tour. This event is a great opportunity for our neighbors to showcase their oases in the city. If you are interested in organizing this great event, then please email [butchershillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com).

Please remember to renew your annual Butchers Hill membership and dues for the new year. While you are signing up online, please consider becoming a sustaining member or to make a one-time donation above and beyond the membership dues to help support the many events and projects that your neighbors carryout each year.

Stay warm,  
Andrew



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## GARDEN TOUR WITH ART ALONG THE WAY

Typically every other year, usually in June, the Butchers Hill Association holds a garden tour. Ten of our neighbors volunteer to open their garden space; the committee organizes a tour book, advertises the tour, and sells tickets; and a great time is had by all. And the last couple of tours we have added art-along-the-way, introducing local artists and their art to the tour-goers. Since we didn't have a tour last year, we have a tentative plan to have one this year. All we need is a committee chair, a committee (we already have some people), and volunteers to have their gardens on the tour. As Andrew's letter mentions, our long-tenured chairperson has decided to let someone else have the fun of chairing this ever-popular event. If you are interested in being involved in any capacity, please email [butchershillpresident@gmail.com](mailto:butchershillpresident@gmail.com).

## JOIN IN ON DUMPSTER FUN!

The Streetscape Committee is seeking volunteers willing to learn how to monitor the dumpsters that the city provides to Butchers Hill five time each year. This vital service could be lost if we do not have monitors. We normally request annual placement in the unit block north & 100 block south Chester St., the unit & 100 block South Collington Ave., and the 2100 block E. Fairmount Ave. If you live in one of those blocks, this could be an easy and fun gift you give our neighborhood. Contact Sandy at [sjs2201@verizon.net](mailto:sjs2201@verizon.net) or 410-558-0149 if you are interested.

## GRATITUDE TRIBUTE DONATIONS

In January we had an anonymous gratitude donation for all the volunteers that worked all year long in 2017 on behalf of the Butchers Hill neighborhood.

## PARKING TICKETS

Be forewarned: Parking tickets (\$250!) are now being given out for parking in a bus stop, bus or bike lane. The fines increased last fall, but the new amount is now in the system for use by parking monitors.

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# February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6 <b>Streetscape Committee Meeting</b>	7 <b>BHA General Meeting</b>	8 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	9	10
11	12 <b>Land Use Com. Meeting</b> Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16 Feb. newsletter deadline Chinese New Year	17
18	19 President's Day East. Orthodox Lent begins	20	21 <b>Crime Prevention Com. Meeting</b>	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 Bird Watching Walk
25	26 <b>Flea Market Com. Meeting</b>	27	28 Purim begins at sundown			

## BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Feb. 21, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Andrew Crummey <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., Feb. 8, 7:00pm 113 S. Chester St. Meets on the second Thursday.
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Mon., Feb 26, 8:00pm 2124 E. Lombard St. Meets on the fourth Monday.
HOUSE TOUR	Pat Phoebus <i>phoebu1115@aol.com</i> 410-327-1610	No meeting until March.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Feb. 12, 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>	Tue., Feb. 6, 7:00pm <b>Location Change:</b> <b>122 S. Chester St.</b> Meets on the first Tue.

### 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.



It is never too early to plan...

### The 2018 Dumpster Dates:

April 21  
May 26  
August 4  
October 13  
December 1

### SAVE THE DATE

April 21 - Mayor's Cleanup & First Dumpster  
May 12 - Spring Flea Market  
June - Garden Tour  
July - Summer Potluck  
September 15 - Fall Flea Market  
October 14 - BHA House Tour  
November - Shop & Schmooze  
December - Holiday Potluck

**FEBRUARY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.**

Baltimore policing at the neighborhood level ~ committee chairs present their committees

### FUNDRAISING

Help support our neighborhood! There are a number of ways to do so. Please pay your dues—and also consider an additional donation. If you would like to support BHA programs, including our support of two local PreK-8 schools, Friends of Patterson Park, and other local nonprofits, you can sign up at [www.butchershill.org/giving](http://www.butchershill.org/giving) for either a one-time or recurring/sustaining donation. Or you can send a check to Butchers Hill Association, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.

### COMMUNITY GARDENERS GROUP

With a good start last fall, here are some thoughts for 2018. The focus of CGG is to inspire “green thumbs” and to provide green knowledge and skills to gain a cadre of enthusiastic and confident neighbors interested in greening their own plots, pots, and window boxes; helping to maintain Butchers Hill's green spaces; and serving as street-tree stewards—all while having fun.

Sat., April 7, 1:00pm, Baltimore Museum of Art. Blue Water Baltimore will present a free interactive session exploring how rainwater moves over landscape. Visualize the best ways to harvest rainwater and learn about innovative, green technologies you can use at home or in our community. Watch Butchers Hill next-door.com and Butchers Hill Blocks on Facebook for more information and other events. Contact Betsy Wadsworth at [bmoredads2211@gmail.com](mailto:bmoredads2211@gmail.com) to learn more about the Community Gardeners Group.

This is one event in a suite of free collaborative programs between artist Phaan Howing and Blue Water Baltimore to be offered through August 2018. Go to [artBMA.org](http://artBMA.org) for more information on the series.



### NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

#### Commodore John Rodgers (100 N. Chester St.)

We are excited to announce that, based on the combination of online/offline donations and our \$75,000 in matching funds, we have reached our fundraising goal! We are thrilled for playground construction to begin soon. THANK YOU to all who made this possible!

Open House: PreK/K open house/info session will take place on Tues., Feb. 6., 9-10:30am. Please email [venuti@thecjrschool.org](mailto:venuti@thecjrschool.org) to RSVP for the event.

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

Feb. 2 is the last day PPPCS will be accepting Sept. 2018 school-year enrollment applications. For more information, email [pppcs.org](http://pppcs.org) - enrollment.

### 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 were only seven deaths attributed to the fire. 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 by the fire, but the area was almost completely rebuilt within three years.



### CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY (OR ANY DAY) CLOSE TO HOME

Salt Tavern, 2127 E. Pratt St., 410-276-5480, reservations suggested, [www.salttavern.com](http://www.salttavern.com)

Butchers Hill Society Kitchen & Wine Lounge, 32 N. Chester St., 443-453-9716, [www.butchershillsociety.com](http://www.butchershillsociety.com)

Water for Chocolate, 1841 E. Lombard Ave., 410-675-7778, [www.waterforchocolate.org](http://www.waterforchocolate.org)

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email the editor - [bhanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bhanewsletter@gmail.com).

## PATTERSON PARK

**Regarding the Defacement of the Star-Spangled Banner Memorial:** The Friends of Patterson Park is working with the appropriate city agencies, including Baltimore Recreation and Parks, to address the defacement of the children's statue near the Pagoda. The pavement in front of the statue has been power-washed, and BCRP has already met with a conservator and a representative from the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) to ensure that the cleaning will be handled in a way that is safe for the statue. In the meantime, the statue may be covered or fenced off to prevent further damage. Police are investigating this incident. For updates, please visit [pattersonpark.com/new-blog/2018/1/15/defacement-of-star-spangled-banner-memorial](http://pattersonpark.com/new-blog/2018/1/15/defacement-of-star-spangled-banner-memorial).

**Youth soccer and basketball,** Saturday mornings (Jan 20-Feb 17). Free, but registration required. Contact [katie@pattersonpark.com](mailto:katie@pattersonpark.com).

Virginia Baker Rec Center Programs: **Free Zumba,** Saturdays, 9:30-10:30am (Jan 20 - Feb 17) & Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm (ongoing). All levels welcome. Drop-ins encouraged! Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Living Classrooms **Saturday Morning Sports Club:** Football clinics, kickball, and rugby. Also **free yoga,** Tuesdays 6-7:00pm. No registration required. For more information, call 410-878-0563.

## OTHER FEBRUARY EVENTS

Chinese New Year, Feb 16, 4716 (Chinese lunar calendar) Come celebrate the Year of the Dog, at these free events:

The Walter's Art Museum, Sun. Feb. 18, 11am-4pm. Enjoy performances by the Baltimore Chinese School, the Johns Hopkins Lion Dance Troupe, and Korean dance groups Stepping Stones and Sang Hee Ju Traditional Dance Company.

Gallery Place Chinatown, Washington DC, Feb. 18, 2-5:30pm celebrates with a community-based parade at 7th & H St.

## AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

For more information about Patterson Park Audubon Center events, RSVP at 410-558-2473, or email [baltimore@audubon.org](mailto:baltimore@audubon.org).

**Tiny Tots - Dig Worms!** - Fri., Feb. 9, 10:30-11:30am, reg. required, \$5 donation per child.

**Urban Bird-Watching Walks** - Sat. Feb. 24, 8-9:30am, meet at Lombard St. entrance near the fountain. Also Jan. 20 in Druid Hill Park.

**Audubon's Winter Baltimore Birding Weekend** - Feb. 10-11, join Audubon for guided walks & boat rides to search for birds in the city. Bundle up and explore Baltimore's waterfront to discover what we miss when we winter indoors. This urban birding festival will consist of bird watching field trips entirely within the city limits. The purposes of this weekend's events are to provide guided experiences that connect people to the city's waterfront and green spaces; highlight the incredible wildlife diversity that can be discovered in our urban parks, wetlands, and ecological restoration sites; and have a fun time birding in and exploring the city. Check out the event website at [baltimorebirding.com](http://baltimorebirding.com).

## AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL SHOW

Feb. 23-25, 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 and 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! Meet the country's top emerging artists at the Hip Pop Emerging Artists' booths to see their contemporary pieces ranging from sophisticated to cutting-edge. View all artists at [craftcouncil.org](http://craftcouncil.org).

## FREE DPW CALENDAR

The annual calendar that lists the government holidays, DPW contact information, and trash/recycling pickup changes has been mailed to every household in the city. If you want one, but didn't receive yours yet, call 311 to request it.

To receive the monthly newsletter via email, contact [bhamember@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 to BHA, 27 S Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.