

BUTCHERS HILL

JANUARY 2014



**HEATHER GORIUS,
BHA PRESIDENT**

I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends. Our Holiday Potluck was a great success: 60 neighbors enjoyed great food and ambiance on a snowy evening.

The January Butchers Hill general meeting on January 8th 2014, should be an interesting one. We will be joined by Steve Robinson, from the Parking Authority of Baltimore City. He will present the process and regulations relating to residential permit parking. This will be an informational meeting only. Also, we will be voting on the slate of officers (see top page 3) for the 2014 Executive Committee. In order to vote, you must have paid your dues for 2014. The treasurer will be collecting dues at the meeting, or you can pay on our website at www.butchershill.org.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as our neighborhood association's president for the past two years. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with all of you. I look forward to supporting the executive committee in the future—and to seeing all of you at neighborhood events.

Happy New Year,

Heather Gorius
BHA President

CARING ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE

Once a year we make a request for all neighbors living in Butchers Hill to be active participants—both in action and financially—in the neighborhood association. If you read these newsletters you know that last year we had several fundraisers, including two Flea Markets and a House Tour. The funds we raise from these events are used to support the association itself, as well as other local non-profit organizations.

The activities that the association undertakes are to make the neighborhood a better place to live. This past year we continued working on the website (www.butchershill.org), started a Facebook page, and have a Twitter feed (@BHASocialMedia). The Streetscape committee helped to beautify the neighborhood through tree-planting and cleanup events. The Land Use committee assisted neighbors and worked with local developers to minimize the impact of new building projects. We sponsored the Shop & Schmooze and also provided opportunities to meet and greet neighbors through two Stoop Sitting and two Potluck events.

Each year the Executive committee sets aside money in the budget to support other local nonprofit organizations. In 2013 we donated money to Friends of Patterson Park, Banner Neighborhoods, Casa de la Maryland, Community Law Center, Audubon-MD, SECDC, Baltimore Tree Trust, Daily Bread, Neighborhood Design Center, Creative Alliance, and St. Andrew's, the centrally located church where we hold our monthly meetings and Holiday Potluck.

Please be sure to pay your dues in 2014 so that we can continue our activities. They are \$10 a person and \$6 for seniors. You can pay on our website, through the mail (see form on page 4), or in person at a General Meeting.

More importantly, please consider volunteering for one of the events if you haven't done so already. We can always use an extra pair of hands—and it is a good way to meet neighbors! Happy 2014!

Beth Braun, BHA Treasurer



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7 Streetscape	8 BHA General Meeting COP	9 Executive	10	11
12	13 Land Use	14 Book Club	15 Crime Prevention	16	17 Card Club Newsletter Deadline	18
19	20 MLK, Jr. Day Flea Market	21	22 COP	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Chinese New Year Begins	

SAVE THE DATE:

May 10th & Sept. 20th BH Flea Markets: Join this fun committee on Jan. 20th to help plan the FM's success.

BH COMMITTEES & CHAIRS:

NEXT MEETING:

BOOK CLUB	Anne Puckett <i>anne_puckett@hotmail.com</i> 410-675-8765	Tues., Jan. 14th, 7:30PM - The book to be discussed: "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini
BUTCHERS HILL CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP)	Evan Helfrich <i>ubik14@netscape.net</i> 410-342-2148	Meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 7:30PM, at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St.
CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Jan. 15th, 7PM 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Heather Gorius <i>hgorius@mtb.com</i>	Thur., Jan. 9th, 7PM 119 S. Washington St.
FLEA MARKET	Ray Hoffman <i>rayhoffman@aol.com</i>	Mon., Jan. 20th, 7PM 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Jan. 13th, 7PM - Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrewcrummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., Jan. 7th, 7PM - 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE

Sat., Jan. 20th, Noon - Steps off at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Eutaw Street, proceeds South on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and disbands at Baltimore Street. The annual parade honors the immeasurable contributions of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Chinese New Year is generally celebrated for a week, and begins Jan. 31st, 2014, the Year of the Horse. Chinese tradition says those born in the Year of the Horse are generally popular, smart and strong.

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

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING: Wed., Jan. 8th - Guest speaker from Parking Authority will present the process and regulations for Residential Permit Parking and members will elect 2014 Executive Committee:

President: *Chris Glick*

V. President: *Beth Braun*

V. President: *Tom Crandall*

Rec. Secretary: *Tori Simms*

Cor. Secretary: *Greg Hinchliffe*

Treasurer: *Jared Barnhart*

Parliamentarian: *Carol Richman*

Member-at-large: *Emily Augustine*

Member-at-large: *Don Renaud*

Member-at-large: *Tony Vitello*

LET'S "TALK TRASH"

Keeping Rats Out & Our Entrances Welcoming

First – What's Required: Property Maintenance Code of Baltimore City, Section 306.7:

Placement for collection. Storage collection:

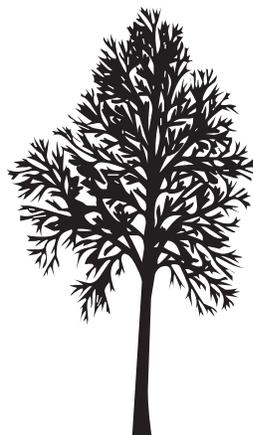
1. Should be placed out for collection no later than 6AM the day of collection,
2. May not be placed out on any sidewalk or along an alley earlier than 6PM the evening before the day of collection
3. If placed on a sidewalk or along an alley, must be returned to the premises no later than 6AM on the day after collection. For more information visit: www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/CityCharterCodes.aspx select Building Fire and Related Codes on the drop down menu, and it will open up as a PDF document. It is in Part VII, which is the Property Maintenance Code.

Second – The Execution: Fact of life – trash dealt with correctly keeps our community clean, green and safe. Proper trash disposal keeps rats and disease at bay and the entrances to our homes welcoming. There is evidence that trashy looking neighborhoods experience more crime since it indicates a lack of mutual concern – no one cares what happens on the street, no community unity. Finally, YOUR TRASH BELONGS IN YOUR CAN and since Sanitation workers pull trash bags from cans by hand, smaller bags fall to the bottom fouling the can, so please put small bags into large bags.

TIPS: Reduce trash = RECYCLE and by using boxes or paper bags (**no plastic bags or bubble wrap in recycling**) nothing is left to store. If it is a small amount of trash many neighbors SHARE a can and the responsibility of putting it in or out. Keep a contractor-type BAG for the purpose of wrapping the can as it is carried IN AND OUT. WIPE the outside of the can with a disposable wipe before bringing it in. PET OWNERS be sure poop bags go into large trash bags within a trash container – anywhere else it fouls the can & attracts rats. Small changes made by many people create a place of value to all. We live wall-to-wall and need everyone's cooperation. We have great neighbors! Let's all be respectful of our neighbors and the community we're building together. THANK YOU. Streetscape Committee

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BH TREES

Butchers Hill & Middle East neighborhoods will be part of a pilot program to show that Baltimore can save money by pruning street trees before they become part of costly storm cleanup. 486 trees will be pruned to encourage strong structural framework and 17 dead trees removed. These trees are tagged and at a later date a "No Parking" sign will be put up, but if there are vehicles parked the tree cannot be pruned. Please note trees that are tagged, do not park there when requested and give the committee feed-back concerning the process and outcome - email: sjs2201@verizon.net or call 410-558-0149. One neighbor has already commented on feeling safer with the trees pruned. We are working to have an increased and healthy tree canopy in Butchers Hill. Thanks for watering street trees near you in dry weather.



LEAF & TREE COLLECTION & MULCH MORE

Leaf & Christmas tree collection, put out with regular trash, will end Jan. 31st. Set your tree out with your other trash, devoid of all tinsel and ornaments. Mulch your Christmas tree, or get mulch: Every Saturday in January, 9AM-2PM at 701 Reedbird Ave. Citizens may take trees to be mulched and bring their own bags or containers to scoop mulch to take home. Community groups are encouraged to bag up free mulch for community trees and gardens while supplies last.

❄️ **SNOW:** ❄️
INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW

Shoveling walks: Snowfall that results in an accumulation of snow on the ground: every person using or occupying a structure, having charge of any church or public building, owner of any unoccupied structure or unimproved lot situated on any paved street, lane or alley **MUST** remove and clear away, or cause to be removed, the snow from the foot pavement within 3 hours after the snow has stopped falling; or if the snow stopped between 3PM and 6AM then it must be removed by 11AM, in such a way as not to obstruct the passage of water in the gutters and to keep the gutters and pavements free from ice. **PENALTIES:** a misdemeanor subject to a fine per offense.

Parking during snow emergency phases 1, 2 or 3:

Snow emergency routes in Butchers Hill: Baltimore, Lombard, Pratt & Washington Streets and Patt. Park Ave.

Stay alert as to which snow emergency phase Baltimore City is calling for:

PHASE 1 – Vehicles must have snow or all-weather-radial tires or chains.

PHASE 2 – NO PARKING on streets with SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE signs. If it looks like Phase 2 might be eminent, it is advisable to look for parking on a non-emergency route street as soon as possible. If Phase 2 is called and you cannot 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 snow plows can do their job.

PHASE 3 – ONLY EMERGENCY VEHICLES may drive on city streets.



**MAYOR & MTA WANT
YOUR OPINION:**

The “Balanced Budget” initiative allows residents to give the Baltimore City Administration meaningful feedback on their priorities for budget allocation. Visit www.baltimorecit.gov/balancedbudget to use an online application that allows you to try your hand at balancing Baltimore’s budget. The MTA offers the “Bus Network Improvement Project” to focus on the quality of their bus service. Visit mtamaryland.mindmixer.com to join the online discussion of ideas, questions and get previews of the latest findings, or call 410-454-1998 and leave a voicemail to share your comments, concerns and suggestions.

**STUDENT INTERNSHIP &
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Jan. 31st Deadline - Bank of America Student Leaders is accepting applications for the program to help students learn how nonprofits impact communities through two components: an eight-week paid internship with a nonprofit organization and a week-long, all-expense-paid Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. July 13-18th. For application visit www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders.

**HEATED CITY POOL
REOPENS NEAR JHU**

For \$20/person per month, the price can’t be beat! They have lap swim at various times M-S... early bird M/W/F 6-9AM, M-F 11AM-1PM and at various times each weekday evening and from 12-2PM on Saturday. The pool is closed on Sundays. They also offer water aerobics both mornings and evenings and learn to swim classes... check with Chick Webb pool office: 410-396-7505 for more info. Parking is free.

Photo taken by Teresa



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! Log on 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 South Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.