January 2016

Dear Neighbors,

Well, this is my last letter for this space. It’s been a very quick couple of years. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as president of the Butchers Hill Association. Thank you to the executive committee and all the committee chairs for their hard work and commitment to the neighborhood.

At the general meeting on January 6, we will have an election for the new executive committee. All current (dues-paid) members can vote. Perhaps more controversial will be a presentation by representatives from DPW on the upcoming trashcan program. Several neighbors have already expressed skepticism and disapproval of the plan. I hope everyone comes to (respectfully) hear about it and express his or her opinion. I expect it will be an interesting discussion.

I would like to leave you with a couple of thoughts. One, we live in a charming neighborhood with the potential for being even more attractive than it is. That change will take the combined efforts of everyone. We all need to pick up trash, keep our trash cans out of sight, make sure our front yards and tree pits are well maintained, and dispose of our pets’ waste appropriately. Everyone has to do his or her part, or the problem areas encourage others to slack off, which then encourages others to do the same. So please do your part to make the neighborhood a little more beautiful every day.

And, two, the neighborhood is only as strong as its individuals are active. That could mean active in association activities, active in having positive relationships with one’s neighbors, active in making the neighborhood a more beautiful place, or active with regard to communicating information to other neighbors. If you aren’t already active, I encourage you to make this a resolution for 2016.

The key is really just being engaged. I believe that the association is important—that working together we can accomplish so much more than working as individuals. For example, in the thirty-plus years since the BHA was founded, we have built the friendly, safe, clean, green neighborhood that we have today. Much of the neighborhood-improvement work has been done through our standing committees—Crime Prevention (including COP), Land Use, Streetscape. And we have been able to do many things thanks to our fundraising-related committees: Flea Market, House Tour and Garden Tour. Of course, members paying dues (only $10 per year per person) helps also. Not only do we host a number of events for the neighborhood, we help support two local K-8 schools and a number of other local nonprofit organizations. Our Newsletter and Community Initiatives committees bring the document you are reading right now to you every month.

Speaking of standing committees, Kathy Hackett has been the chair of the Community Initiatives committee (previously the Membership committee) for at least the past ten years. She has decided to step down from that position, so we are looking for a new chair. If you would consider volunteering and want to know more about it, please call me at 240-353-6333 or email me at bethabraun@yahoo.com.

Over the years, the association has also been instrumental in affecting change on a larger scale—in Patterson Park (especially saving the Pagoda), and throughout the city by working with our elected officials on zoning, traffic, infrastructure, and other issues.

Please help make Butchers Hill the best neighborhood that it can be. Be engaged, join a committee, be active in the association, pay your dues.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the BHA president. Take care of yourselves and each other, Beth

Beth Braun
BHA President
**SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
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3 | Call 311 by 6pm to request pick up of up to five bags of leaves. | 4 | Last official bagged leaf pickup day | 5 | Streetscape Meeting | 6 | BHA General Meeting | 7 | 1 New Year’s Day (no pickup) | 8 | Birdwatching | 9 |
10 | 11 | Land Use Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Feb. newsletter deadline | 16 |
17 | 18 | MLK Day | 19 | 20 | Crime Prevention Com. Meeting | 21 | 22 | PPCS Bingo | 23 |
24/31 | 25 | Flea Market Meeting | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | End of Christmas tree pickup | 30 | Birdwatching |

**BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS**

**CRIME PREVENTION**
Carolyn Boitnott  
c.boitnott@verizon.net  
410-522-4991  
Wed., January 20, 7pm  
2105 E. Baltimore St.  
Meets on the third Wed. of the month

**EXECUTIVE**
Beth Braun  
butchershillpresident@gmail.com  
TBD

**FLEA MARKET**
Emily Augustine  
Adam Bradbury  
emily.augustine@gmail.com  
Mon., January 25, 8pm  
2124 E. Lombard St.

**HOUSE TOUR**
Sue Noonan  
suenoon@cavtel.net  
Dee Lundell's  
deelundellus@gmail.com  
No meeting in January.

**LAND USE**
Virgil Bartram  
Virgil@ArchUV.com  
410-327-4964  
Mon., January 11, 7pm  
Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park

**STREETSCAPE**
Andrew Crummey  
anrew.crummey@gmail.com  
Tues., January 5, 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 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.

**Save the Date - 2016**
April - 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

**NO DUMPSTER UNTIL APRIL!**
Here’s what to do until then:
Bulk trash pickup: call 311.
Building materials: take to Quarantine Road Sanitary Landfill. Limited amount per week allowed.
Wet paint and batteries: wait for household hazardous waste days to begin monthly in April.
Paint: recycle at donation centers like Habitat for Humanity, Loading Dock, or Second Chance (or open paint cans, let them dry out, put in regular trash).
Tires (without rims): take to one of the city’s convenience centers, or up to four tires may be put out for bulk trash.
Automobile parts: take to a commercial junkyard.
For information on visiting Citizen Convenience Centers: www.baltimorecity.gov.

For a new neighbor packet or more information about Baltimore’s Friendliest Neighborhood, visit www.ButchersHill.org.
January Butchers Hill Association General Meeting: Wed., Jan. 6, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Sts., enter on Lombard St.
- Election of the 2016 BHA Executive Committee
- Department of Public Works - municipal trash cans
- Health Department - sugar-sweetened beverage legislation

January Meeting Agenda

We have three important items on the agenda for the BHA meeting on January 6.

We will elect the new Executive Committee. The nominating committee has presented the following slate:

- President: Greg Hinchliffe
- 1st Vice President: Doug Gorius
- 2nd Vice President: Peter Sowa
- Treasurer: Beth Braun
- Corresponding Secretary: Teresa Groesch
- Recording Secretary: Brenna Toney
- Parliamentarian: Janel Olds
- Member at Large: Tom Crandall
- Member at Large: Bill Jones
- Member at Large: Ann Wolfe

As many people are aware, Baltimore City Department of Public Works has announced a new program to provide municipal trash cans to every household address in the city. A pilot program was conducted in Belair-Edison and Greater Mondawmin in 2015. Based on a reduction in Rat Rubout service calls, a reduction in mixed refuse tonnage, and an increase in the recycling rate, the pilot was deemed a success. Representatives will be at the BHA meeting to inform us of the schedule for the rollout, the size of the trashcans being provided, and other relevant information. If you move your trashcan through a narrow alleyway or sally port, or through your house/doorway, please come to the meeting with those measurements to ensure that the new trashcans will fit.

The Baltimore City Health Department is presenting a bill to the City Council that would require warning labels in food retail establishments and sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) advertisements on the health risks of consuming SSBS. A spokesperson from the health department will be talking about the proposed bill, as well as the public education campaign regarding the dangers of SSBS.

News from our Two K-8 Schools

Commodore John Rodgers –
Would you like to know more about what is going on at the Commodore John Rodgers School? Like our new Facebook page by searching for “The Commodore John Rodgers School” on Facebook or going to www.facebook.com/thecjrschool. It’s the page with the yellow “100%” pennant, not the one with the school building, so make sure to “like” the right one!

Patterson Park Public Charter School –
Patterson Park Public Charter School thanks everyone that participated in the Patterson Park 5K, Fun Run, Homebrew Contest, and Beer Garden! We raised $16,000 to fund student scholarships for our trip to Costa Rica. Please join us for bingo on Fri., Jan. 22, 6pm, $550 cash prizes.

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

This occurs on regular trash collection days through Jan 29. All tinsel & ornaments must be removed. If you wish to contribute to (and/or get) tree mulch, go to 701 Reedbird Ave. Convenience Center every Fri. or Sat. in January. Residents and community groups are encouraged to bring bags/containers and tools to collect free mulch, while supplies last.

For newsletter questions, comments and submissions, email the editor - bhanewsletter@gmail.com.
AUDUBON OF MARYLAND

Award-winning film, *The Messenger* - Jan. 7, 7:30pm, Creative Alliance, 3134 Eastern Ave., member price for mentioning “Audubon”: $7 adv, $9 at door.

Data collection on urban bird species - Jan. 18, 8-10am, led by teen expert for grades 6-12, service hours for student scientists, meet at Patterson Park fountain at Lombard St.

Tiny Tots - What Does It Mean to Be Wild? - Jan. 29, 10:30-11:30am, ages 2-5, meet at Boat Lake. $5 per child with an adult.

Urban Bird Watching Walks - Jan. 8 & 30, 8-9am, all ages welcome, meet at Patterson Park fountain at Lombard.

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

ICE SKATING IN PATTERSON PARK

Dominic “Mimi” DiPietro Family Skating Center - Admission $4, skate rental $2, new “Learn to Skate” classes will begin in February. For information concerning hours, birthday party packages, or private rentals call 410-396-9392, or visit http://pattersonpark.com/places-in-the-park/ice-skating-rink/.

INDOOR SWIMMING

Chick Webb Recreation Center & Memorial Pool - 623 Eden St. This historic building was built in 1947, and named after the well-known musician and drummer Chick Webb—who grew up in east Baltimore. The pool was added to the center in 1949. $20/person per month. Open Mon. - Fri. 10am-7pm, Sat. 10am-5pm. Special programming is held Mon. - Fri. 10-11am and Mon. - Thur. 2-6pm, but the rest of the schedule is for water aerobics, homeschool lessons, Mommy & Me, swim lessons, and lap lanes. Call 410-396-3838 for more information on programs and the schedule. Free parking is available in lot at N Central Ave. and E Monument St.

JANUARY EVENTS

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade
Jan. 18, noon-2pm, starts at MLK Boulevard & Eutaw St., proceeds south on MLK to Baltimore St. Bands, dance squads, equestrian and color guard groups, and floats will celebrate America’s civil rights leader.

Winter Restaurant Week Returns

Walters Art Gallery (Free)
Jan. 9, 11am-4pm, Islamic Arts Family Festival - dancers, storytellers, and musicians. All ages welcome.

Jan. 14, 4-6pm, Teacher Happy Hour

Jan. 16, 7-10pm, Rye Rocks at the Walters: A Drinks Party! Rye whisky launched the Walters family fortune. Enjoy inventive cocktails, hearty artisan fare, and beer. Creative cocktail attire encouraged!

Baltimore Museum of Industry
Jan. 7, 6-8pm, author & expert Frank Romano will sign & discuss his book: History of the Linotype Company. Free

Jan. 24, 2-3pm, author Kate Livie will discuss the history of the oysters in the Chesapeake from colonial times to present and sign her book, Chesapeake Oysters: the Bay’s Foundation and Future. Free with museum admission.

Inner Harbor Pandora Ice Rink
Jan. 10, noon-2pm, Pajama Skate, come dressed in your warmest, funniest, wackiest holiday pajamas for a chance to win a gift certificate from the Rusty Scupper.

Jan. 17, noon-2pm, Character Skate, skating with The Next Ice Age & various characters

Jan. 11 (rain date: Jan. 13), 6-8pm, SkateFest Benefiting Special Olympics Maryland, $5 donation for admission and skate rental. Additional donations are welcome. All proceeds go to Special Olympics of Maryland.

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.