

BUTCHERS HILL

JANUARY 2017



GREG HINCHLIFFE
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

At the Butchers Hill Association meeting on January 4, we will elect the Executive Committee for 2017. These are the generous folks who contribute their time and energy to help make Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood the great place it is. The slate of candidates includes some holdovers from 2016 and some new names. Unless the Russians do some really serious hacking, I will be

turning over the presidency to Andrew Crummey, who I am confident will do a terrific job.

As I prepare for the transition (where did I put the keys to the BHA helicopter?), I wish to extend heartfelt thanks to all those who helped me muddle through my tenure as BHA president: the current Executive Committee, the members of BHA, and all the neighbors who make this such a great community.

And it does take all of us. Unlike those out in the 'burbs, living in relative isolation on their half-acre lots, we are required by our very proximity to be more cooperative and community-minded. Whether the issue is parking, trash, noise, pets, whatever, I am frequently impressed at the way we can work together to work things out.

Not that all of our dealings involve problems and conflict. We just had an amazing Winter Potluck, where we shared food, drink, music and conversation, just as we did at the Summer Picnic, the Stoop-sits, the Shop and Schmooze, the various block parties and smaller get-togethers throughout the year. These events, along with our day-to-day interactions, are the glue that holds our beautiful community together,

and help us deal with any problems that do arise.

Thank you all, and have a great 2017. See you 'round the 'hood.

Greg Hinchliffe



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WHY THE BHA MATTERS

According to the dictionary, an association is "a group of people or organizations joined together for a purpose." As Greg notes in his letter, it is the combined efforts of many that make this a great neighborhood.

We are each individually capable of advocating for ourselves, beautifying our street, improving the neighborhood, but we are much stronger at these things if we work together. Also, active members determine the direction and priorities of the association—so the more neighbors that are involved, the more representative our activities will be.

If you live in the neighborhood and aren't already active in the association, please consider joining us. We know that not everyone can attend Wednesday night monthly meetings; if you want to be an active member of the association, please reach out via email to the president, any committee chair, or me via bhanewsletter@gmail.com. If you prefer to communicate by phone, call me at 240-353-6333. There are lots of ways to be involved and lots of work to be done. Come join the association—and be part of keeping Butchers Hill the wonderful neighborhood that it is.

Beth Braun
Butchers Hill Association Treasurer



NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED

Help is needed for the monthly delivery of this newsletter to two blocks of Patterson Park Ave. Be the first to get the newsletter each month, and then deliver to each neighbor in one or both of the unit & 100 blocks of South Patterson Park Ave. Contact Sandy at 410-371-8346 or email sjs2201@verizon.net, if you are able to volunteer for this role.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	2 Government Holiday	3 Streetscape Committee Meeting	4 BHA General Meeting	5	6	7
8	9 Land Use Committee Meeting	10	11	12	13 Feb. newsletter deadline Restaurant Week	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade	17	18 Crime Prevention Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Birdwatching
29	30	31				

2017 Save the Dates
 April - Spring Cleanup
 May 13 - Spring Flea Market
 July - Summer Potluck
 August - Teachers' Breakfast
 September 16 - Fall Flea Market
 October - Shop & Schmooze
 December - Holiday Potluck

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Jan. 18, 7:00pm 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>	TBD 2124 E. Lombard St.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cvtel.net</i> Dee Lundelis <i>deelun@verizon.net</i>	No scheduled meeting in January.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Jan. 9, 7:00pm Meet in the white house in Patterson Park
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., Jan. 3, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

NEW CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

First District:
 Zeke Cohen (*zeke.cohen@baltimorecity.gov*)
 Office: 410-396-4821
 Constituent Services: *joshua.thomson@baltimorecity.gov*

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

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.

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.
 Waste paint and car batteries - wait for monthly household hazardous waste days to begin in April. Latex paint can be left to dry and be put in the regular trash.
 Usable paint - recycle at donation centers like Habitat for Humanity, Loading Dock, or Second Chance.
 Tires (without rims) - take to one of the city's convenience centers, or put up to four tires out for bulk trash. Call 311 to arrange.
 Automobile parts - take to a commercial junkyard.
 For information on citizen convenience centers, go to <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off>.

JANUARY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., January 4, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.

Agenda for January meeting:

- Election of 2017 BHA Executive Committee
- Butchers Hill Society Kitchen & Wine Lounge
- Commodore John Rodgers Reading Partners
- Commodore John Rodgers Hungry Harvest

JANUARY MEETING

The 2016 Nominating Committee will present the following slate for the 2017 Butchers Hill Association Executive Committee:

- President: Andrew Crummey
- First Vice President: Doug Gorius
- Second Vice President: Dave Phoebus
- Treasurer: Beth Braun
- Recording Secretary: Brenna Toney
- Corresponding Secretary: Emily Thompson
- Parliamentarian: Ann Wolfe
- Member at Large: Dan Kiselik
- Member at Large: Peter Snider
- Member at Large: Ingrid Wilson

All members in good standing will be eligible to vote. New member and renewal dues can be paid at the meeting, on the website (www.butchershill.org), or by mail to 27 S. Patterson Park Ave, Baltimore, MD 21231.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

In the last two weeks before Christmas and Chanukah, it is estimated that the average household increases its waste by 25 percent. Check out DPW's website at publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/news/press-releases/2016-12-13-recycling-and-mulching-make-holidays-greener-watch-your-waste-and for ways to reduce your holiday footprint, including how to discard of your tree. DPW offers tree mulching from 9am-2pm, Mon.-Sat., during the entire month of Jan. (except city holidays) at Southwest Citizens' Convenience Center, 701 Reedbird Ave. Alternatively, curbside tree collection occurs throughout January. Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash (not recycle) collection day at the same location as their trash.

BALTIMORELINK PUBLIC MEETINGS

MTA will be conducting public meetings to present the proposed BaltimoreLink bus plan, which has been revised as a result of the previous public comment period. One of the meetings will be held on Thur., Jan. 5, from 5-7pm at the SE Anchor library. For more information on the revised plan, as well as times and locations of the other public meetings, see the document posted on the BHA website at www.bha.org.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Commodore John Rodgers (100 N. Chester St.)

Commodore is very excited to announce that, beginning on Fri., Jan. 6 (and every Friday thereafter), we will be partnering with Hungry Harvest to offer discounted bags of produce to families of students and to members of the community. All are welcome to purchase bags of produce for \$7 from 1:30-5:30pm. Produce will be sold immediately outside the school or directly inside the front entrance (depending on weather).

Be on the lookout for Commodore's Little Free Library opening in January. The library will be located immediately outside our campus and will be available for both school and community use. Please support the library with donations of books and do your best to care for it as your own. The little library will be located on Chester Street, in front of the school.

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

PPPCS thanks BHA for the very generous gift to the school this year! We're using the gift to help pay for our ice skating program. PPPCS goes ice skating in the park for gym class during December. Thanks for making it possible!

PPPCS is currently accepting applications for next year, and our Open House is coming up on January 29! Please visit our website at www.pppcs.org for more info.

Join us for bingo to benefit the school on Fri., Feb. 3, at 2726 E. Baltimore St. Doors open at 6 pm; games begin at 7pm. \$10 to play, includes three bingo cards. Three extra cards for \$5. Cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100! The following will be available for the event: \$1 bingo daubers, 50/50 raffle tickets, pizza, beer, wine, soft drinks, and dessert. Must be 18 to play/enter and 21 to drink.

BROADWAY MARKET DISCUSSION

Those interested in a discussion regarding the revitalization of the Broadway Market and corridor in Fells Point is invited to an open dialog to be held Sat., Jan. 7, from 10am-12pm, at The Inn at Henderson's Wharf, 1000 Fell St. Hosted by BCT Architects, the discussion will include design considerations, as well as "big picture" planning.

PATTERSON PARK

Sign up with Friends of Patterson Park by emailing friends@pattersonpark.com to get free weekly emails about all that is happening in the park.

Ice Skating at Dominic "Mimi" Dipietro Family Skating Center - admission \$5, skate rental \$3; new "Learn to Skate" classes will begin on February 18 and 19. Hours: Mon. & Wed. noon-2pm, Fri. 7-9pm, Sat. 3-5pm & 7-9pm, and Sun. 3-5pm. For information concerning hours, birthday party packages, and private rentals, call 410-396-9392 or email ron.greensfelder@baltimorecity.gov.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

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

Tiny Tots - Awesome Osprey! - Fri., Jan. 27, 10:30-11:30am at the boat lake, ages 2-5 with an adult, suggested donation \$5 per child, register in advance. Explore the osprey's secret habitats in Patterson Park.

Guided Bird-Watching Walks - Sat., Jan. 28, 8-9:30am. All ages welcome. Meet at fountain near Lombard St. If you need to borrow binoculars, send us an email.

Volunteer - email for details how you can help birds and the environment while passing on new information to future generations.

Kudos - to Erin Reed, education manager, for being selected from the entire National Audubon Society education network as the Educator of the Year!

ST. MICHAELS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

According to Josh E. Neiman of Hybrid Development Group, renovation of the four buildings formerly comprising the historic St Michaels Church compound is set to begin by next summer. There will be thirty-seven total apartments in the parish hall facing Baltimore St., the rectory on Wolfe St. and the girls' school on Lombard St. A new parking facility will be constructed in between the buildings. The church sanctuary itself has been re-zoned commercial. The developer hopes to get a brew pub located there, but does not have an operator at this time. A tenant and use for the sanctuary is yet to be determined.

BUTCHERS HILL RESTAURANTS

We now have three distinctive restaurants within the Butchers Hill boundaries:

Life of Reilly's Irish Pub [www.thelifeofreilly.com/] at 2031 E. Fairmount Ave. has served us for over twenty years (originally as Simon's Pub).

Salt Tavern [www.salttavern.com] at 2127 E. Pratt St. recently celebrated their ten-year anniversary.

And now open, Butchers Hill Society Kitchen & Wine Lounge at 32 N. Chester St. [[see Facebook page](#)], and the Kitchen Market Deli downstairs serving take-out cuisine including pies baked by Butchers Hill neighbor, Shevon Kaintuck [www.bmoretasteful.com].

And speaking of restaurants, Fri., Jan. 13 through Sun., Jan. 22 is Baltimore Restaurant Week. Special three-course prix fixe dinner menus for \$30 - \$35, some restaurants will offer two-course lunch menus for \$15 - \$18. Participating restaurants and menus can be found at baltimorerestaurantweek.com.

MORE ACTIVITIES

Highlandtown Train Garden - Jan. 1-3, 11am-5pm, in the fire station at the 500 block of Conkling St., including replicas of local landmarks, several train sets, and all four seasons.

17th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade - Mon., Jan. 16, 12-2 pm. Starting at MLK Blvd. and Eutaw St., and proceeding south down MLK towards Baltimore St. Go to www.promotionandarts.org/events-festivals/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-parade for more information.

Chinese New Year Celebration - Sun., Jan. 29, 11am-4pm, at the Walters Art Museum. Celebrate the Year of the Rooster with art activities and traditional lunar new year performances featuring a lion dance troupe as well as other dance groups.

Indoor Swimming at the Chick Webb Recreation Center & Memorial Pool - 623 Eden St., swim for \$20/person each month. Open Mon.-Fri. 10am-7pm, and Sat. 10am-5pm. 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 on Dunbar School lot.

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.