

# BUTCHERS HILL

JANUARY 2018



ANDREW CRUMMEY  
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,  
Happy New Year! I hope everyone's holidays have been enjoyable and meaningful.

As we start the new year, we will be electing our new executive board in our January general meeting. As our association begins to lay out our 2018 agenda, now is a great opportunity for new and long-time members who want to get involved to join

us for our monthly meetings or join one of our many committees.

As winter sets in, a few reminders:

1. Fall leaves make clearing snow and ice damming worse. The sooner the leaves are swept, the better.
2. Please shovel the snow in front of your home. If you're able, be kind and do your neighbor's as well.
3. Everyone tends to hibernate in cold weather; stay engaged with your neighbors.
4. You don't get to reserve a parking spot before it snows, and you don't get to reserve it after. Keep your chairs in your house.
5. The best places to be if you're snowed in are at a local bar with your neighbors or sledding at the Pagoda in the park.
6. We promise to keep the heat on at our general and committee meetings; join us if you get a chill.

Enjoy the New Year,  
Andrew Crummey



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

According to the bylaws of the Butchers Hill Association, "All officers and members at large shall be individuals who reside in Butchers Hill, are members in good standing of the Association and shall be elected annually by the membership at its meeting in January by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present at the meeting." Each fall a nominating committee is elected to put together a slate of officers. The below slate of officers will be presented on Wednesday, January 3, at the BHA general meeting. Nominations from the floor are also allowed. A voting member is as resident of Butchers Hill that has paid his or her dues (see **BHA Dues** below) for that calendar year.

President - Andrew Crummey

Vice President - Beth Braun

Vice President - Dave Phoebus

Treasurer - John Marsiglia

Corresponding Secretary - Matt Thompson

Recording Secretary - Amy Sheinin

Parliamentarian - Doug Gorius

Member at Large - Brianna McNamara

Member at Large - Dan Kiselik

Member at Large - Dani Sossaman

## BHA DUES

You can pay your association dues online at [butchershill.org](http://butchershill.org) (click on Join BHA!) or bring the form on page 4 of the newsletter along with cash, check, or credit card to any general meeting, including the January meeting. You can also mail the form and a check to BHA; 27 S. Patterson Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21231. Dues are \$10 per person per year; \$6 for seniors. Dues are assessed per calendar year, so unless you paid in late December (or have paid for multiple years in advance), you have not yet paid your 2018 dues.

Dues are important as they are used to supplement the revenue from our fundraising activities and help pay for such things as the newsletter, greening and other street beautification activities, etc.

# January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day (holiday)	2 <b>Streetscape Committee Meeting</b>	3 <b>BHA General Meeting</b>	4	5	6
7	8 <b>Land Use Committee Meeting</b>	9	10	11 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (holiday)	16	17 <b>Crime Prevention Com. Meeting</b>	18	19 February newsletter deadline	20
21	22 <b>Flea Market Committee Meeting</b>	23	24	25	26	27 Bird Watching Walk
28	29	30	31			

**SAVE THE DATE**

April - 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

## BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Jan. 17, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wednesday.
EXECUTIVE	Andrew Crummey <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., Jan. 11, 7:00pm 113 S. Chester St. Meets on the second Thursday.
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Mon., Jan. 22, 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 in January.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Jan. 8, 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., Jan. 2, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. 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.

**Parking During Snow Emergencies**

Snow emergency routes in Butchers Hill: Pratt, Lombard, Baltimore, & Washington Sts. and Patterson 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 imminent, it is advisable to look for parking on non-emergency streets as soon as possible. If Phase 2 is called and 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 snow plows can do their job.

Phase 3: Only emergency vehicles may drive on city streets.

## **JANUARY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., Jan. 3, 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.**

\* Election of 2018 BHA Executive Committee

\* Styrofoam discussion

### **FUNDRAISING**

In addition to paying dues, we ask our neighbors that are able to provide additional financial support to our association. If you would like to support BHA programs, 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 BHA, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave. Thank you to those that helped provide this additional financial support in 2017.

You can express your thanks and congratulations to specific neighbors by recognizing their good deeds and accomplishments in our newsletter with a tax deductible gratitude donation to the Butchers Hill Association.

### **BURGLARY INTELLIGENCE**

The Baltimore Police Department, Southeast Division, has provided a list of tips to deter prospective burglaries:

- \* Replace your current outside lighting w/LED bulbs. They're brighter and more energy efficient.
- \* Install motion detection flood lighting, if possible. When activated, criminals are less likely to remain in the area.
- \* Never leave window A/C units unattended on first floor areas. They're easily removed and grant access to prospective criminals.
- \* Check that your household windows and doors are locked and secured, always.
- \* Never leave valuables (i.e., laptops, cellphones, wallets/purses, tablets) close to windows where the items can be seen and the windows can be broken to steal them.
- \* Never leave keys hanging in areas where they're easily accessible. Almost every vehicle has automatic alarm/start, so criminals can locate your vehicle easily.
- \* Install cameras in areas where faces can be captured. Overhead cameras only catch tops of individuals unless they look up.
- \* Always lock and secure your vehicles. Make a habit of arming your vehicle alarms before bed, every night.
- \* Check into doorbell cameras/cost/installation. When doorbell is activated, video begins recording of anyone in front of your residence. Thieves often ring doorbells to see who is home before burglarizing the location.
- \* Lowest level windows/doors are the most easily accessible. Make sure your basement/first floor windows & doors are the most secure for your household. Consider block windows and/or solid steel doors for the basements.



### **NEWS FROM THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Disposal of decoration-free, formerly live holiday trees & free mulch** - 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. Residents are encouraged to bring containers & tools to collect the free mulch while supplies last. Alternatively, curbside tree collection occurs throughout January. Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash (not recycling) collection day at the same location as their trash.

**Recycling News** - Baltimore has a new e-cycling vendor CyclePoint from SourceAmerica, creating sustainable jobs for people with significant disabilities while conserving resources, saving landfill space, and helping the environment.

- \* Bows, ribbons, Christmas ornaments, and metallic and glittery wrapping paper are not recyclable.
- \* Old, broken, or unwanted electrical appliances, including televisions, computers, monitors, and cell phones, can now be e-cycled at any drop off location. Go to [publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services](http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services) for the complete list.
- \* Styrofoam packaging can only be recycled by dropping off at DPW's Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center, 2840 Sisson Street.

### **GRATITUDE TRIBUTE DONATIONS**

From Beth Braun: in gratitude to **Annette, Alexis, and Ann** for your unrelenting effort to rid our neighborhood of trash cans and recycling bins stored in the front of people's houses. Our work, in partnership with the city, brought the total down to just four or five in our neighborhood at last count.

### **THE GRIME/CRIME CONNECTION**

Just a reminder that there is an accepted connection between the cleanliness of a neighborhood and the occurrence of crime there. Search for information on the "broken-window theory" to learn more about the connection. That doesn't mean that a spotless neighborhood would guarantee a crime-free neighborhood, but keeping our streets clean, neat, weed-free, litter-free, and trash can free is one factor within our control.

To receive this newsline via email or for newsletter questions, comments, and submissions,  
email the editor - [bhanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bhanewsletter@gmail.com).

## PATTERSON PARK EVENTS

Be "in the know." Get free weekly emails letting you know what is happening in the park, sign up with the Friends of Patterson Park by emailing [friends@pattersonpark.com](mailto:friends@pattersonpark.com).

**Ice Stating at the Dominic "Mimi" Dipietro Family Skating Center** - admission \$5, skate rental \$3. Hours: Mon. & Wed. noon-2pm, Fri. 7-9pm, Sat. 3-5pm & 7-9pm, and Sun. 3-5pm. For information about hours, birthday party packages, and private rentals, call 410-396-9392 or email [ron.greensfelder@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:ron.greensfelder@baltimorecity.gov).

## 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).

**Bird Explorers with Audubon & Living Classrooms** - Jan. 15 (no school day), 9am-noon, service learning hours & free lunch. Be a student scientist on MLK Day collecting data. Meet at the fountain at the Lombard St. entrance.

**Tiny Tots - A Chimney Swift Adventure!** - Fri., Jan. 26, 10:30-11:30am, reg. required, \$5 donation per child.

**Urban Bird-Watching Walks** - Sat. Jan. 27, 8-9:30am, meet at Lombard St. entrance near the fountain. Also Jan. 20 in Druid Hill Park.

## MAXGALLERY

Invitational to Hamilton Gallery members to exhibit at MAXgallery.

East by Northeast: Community Connections; show runs from Jan. 11-27; reception Jan. 13, 2-5pm; 126 N. Madeira St. 21231. Gallery hours: Thurs.-Sat., 2-6pm or by appointment, call 410-804-7459.

## OTHER JANUARY EVENTS

**18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade** - Mon., Jan. 15, noon-2pm, starting at MLK Blvd. and Eutaw St., and proceeding south down MLK towards Baltimore St. Go to <http://www.promotionandarts.org/events-festivals/18th-annual-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-parade> for more information.

**Indoor Swimming at the Chick Webb Recreation Center & Memorial Pool** - 623 Eden St., swim for \$20/ person each month or \$2 per session. 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. Free parking on Dunbar School lot.

## NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

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

PPPCS is partnering with Wright State of Mind to bring you a Meet & Greet autograph signing by Orioles' players: Michael Wright, Trey Mancini, and Kevin Gausman on Jan. 28, at 1pm at PPPCS. Admission is \$5. There will be raffles and snacks for purchase. All proceeds will benefit both non-profits.

Pre-K and K Visiting Days: Jan. 25 & March 15, 9am. Prospective families are invited to see classrooms, meet teachers, and learn more about PPPCS.

The Baltimore City School Board recently renewed the PPPCS charter for another five years! That is the longest possible renewal and recognizes the excellent work happening at the school.

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

We have been very grateful to the Butchers Hill community for their support of our new playground fund thus far and are still accepting donations at <https://www.strongcitybaltimore.org/donations/commodore>.

Our food pantry will be open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, January 11 and January 25, from 8-11am.

Are you an early-bird? Help students get to school safely. The Walking School Bus begins at 7am and ends no later than 7:45. If you are able to help or have questions, please email Mike Glenwick at [glenwick@thecjrschool.org](mailto:glenwick@thecjrschool.org).



## PROTECT YOUR PIPES

Know where the water shutoff valve is in your building. Keep bottled water on hand. When day-time temperatures remain below 25 degrees for more than a day or two, water pipes located close to an unheated exterior wall can freeze and break, leaking water continuously, unless a heat source is brought to the site or a thin stream of water (from both hot & cold faucets) is allowed to flow. Increased water bills are cheaper than flood repair. If the pipe becomes frozen, use a blow dryer to gently warm the pipes. Warming too quickly can break a joint open. NOTE: Unheated vacant property may have frozen pipes and cause flooding to adjoining property. Be alert to sounds of running water and report it to 311. Call 911 if water is impacting your property.



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? \_\_\_\_\_

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