

BUTCHERS HILL

MARCH 2014



CHRIS GLICK
BHA PRESIDENT

It's official, Punxsutawney Phil has predicted another six weeks of winter! Living in Baltimore the last couple of months feels like being in the movie Groundhog Day. Only instead of living the same day over and over again, we have been living the same weather over and over again - ice, rain, wind, and snow.

The urge to fiercely guard the parking spots we worked so hard to shovel out is strong. As are the grumbings about property owners who struggle to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Acrimonious complaints are heard up and down our streets and alleys. So it's a good thing that Valentine's Day also falls within the month of February.

This year the golden rule of treating others as one would like to be treated is especially apropos. Now is a good time to reflect on our better nature and help each other get through the remainder of winter. Instead of cussing one another out let's place the blame squarely on the culprit responsible, Punxsutawney Phil, and keep Butchers Hill Baltimore's friendliest neighborhood.

We have a great line up of speakers for our next general meeting on March 5th. Relay Foods, a local online sustainable food company, will be attending to talk about the service and the products they offer. Additionally, several individuals running for elected office this election year will be attending to introduce themselves and hear from neighborhood residents. Maybe one of these individuals will have a solution to this terrible weather we

have been having. You wouldn't want to miss that, would you?

-Chris Glick
President



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MARCH 5TH BHA GENERAL MEETING MEMBERS VOTE ON 2014 BUDGET

Only members current on their dues may vote. See membership form bottom of page 4 for details. Go to www.butchershill.org to pay by credit. Cash or check accepted at the meeting.

WEEKLY STREET SWEEPING COMING TO ALL BUTCHERS HILL IN APRIL

PUBLIC HEARING to discuss details **Thur., March 20th, 6-7PM** - Southeast Anchor Library in Highlandtown, 3601 Eastern Ave.

The City of Baltimore Department of Public Work is extending the street sweeping program citywide. This new plan will allow for street sweeping at least once a month in every neighborhood. Those located in the Central District will receive weekly mechanical street sweeping. The DPW's Central District includes Butchers Hill. The Southeast District, which begins below Pratt St. will have monthly sweeps, with the odd sides of the streets serviced on the 1st Wednesdays and the even sides on the 2nd Wednesdays. Maps and additional details are available on the DPW website: publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Bureaus/SolidWaste/CitywideMechanicalStreetSweeping.aspx.

SPRING MEANS – GET READY FOR APRIL 26TH MAYOR'S SPRING CLEANUP

The Streetscape Committee has been working with the Departments of Solid Waste & Rec & Parks and a new solar-powered, compacting trash can has been placed in Castle Street Park. Additionally, Butchers Hill will again participate in the Mayor's Spring Cleanup with a dumpster and morning COMMUNITY CLEANUP of sidewalk/street/gutter cleaning & party. Be prepared to join in the fun, April 26th. More info to come in the April BHA Newsletter.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Streetscape Mardi Gras	5 General Meeting Ash Wednesday	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings, Spring Forward	10 Land Use	11 Book Club	12 COP	13 Executive	14 Newsletter Deadline	15
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23	24 Flea Market	25	26 COP	27	28	29
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2014 SAVE THE DATES:

April 26th: Spring Cleanup	Sept. 20th: Flea Market
May 10th: Flea Market	Oct. 11th: Fall Cleanup
June: Stoop Sitting	Oct. 12th: House Tour
July 11th: Potluck Picnic	Nov.: Art Night
Sept.: Stoop Sitting	Dec. 7th: Holiday Potluck

BH COMMITTEES & CHAIRS: NEXT MEETING:

BOOK CLUB	Anne Puckett <i>anne_puckett@hotmail.com</i> 410-675-8765	Tues., March 11th at 7:30 PM - to discuss: "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt
BH CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP)	Evan Helfrich <i>ubik14@netscape.net</i> 410-342-2148	Meeting 2nd & 4th Wed. of the month, 7:30PM, at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St.
CARD CLUB	Beth Braun <i>bethabraun@yahoo.com</i>	Fri., March 14th, 7PM - Upstairs at Reilly's Pub, 2031 Fairmount Ave.
CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., March 19th, 7PM 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Chris Glick <i>ctophg@gmail.com</i>	Thurs., March 13th, 7PM 119 S. Washington St.
FLEA MARKET	Ray Hoffman <i>rayhoffman@aol.com</i>	Mon., March 24th, 7PM 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., March 10th, 7PM - Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park - Info on new SE Police Major
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrewcrummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., March 4th, 7PM - 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

59TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Sun., March 16th - www.irishparade.net for info and street closures. Marchers, bagpipe players & Irish dancers as well as the Shamrock 5K race at 1:15PM, immediately before the parade that steps off at 2PM going south on Charles St. from the Washington Monument then east on Pratt St. to President St.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN BUTCHERS HILL

You don't have to leave Butchers Hill to enjoy an authentic Irish Pub: **The Life of Reilly Irish Pub & Restaurant**, 2031 E. Fairmount Ave., 410-327-6425, where one can walk home after celebrating all things Irish!

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

For a new neighbor packet or more information about Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood, visit www.ButchersHill.org

BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., March 5th, 7PM - St. Andrew church hall, Lombard Street entrance, Lombard & Chester Sts. Members in good standing will VOTE on the BHA 2014 Budget and Relay Foods, an online market, will give an overview & offer discounts to those who sign up. Some candidates for election will present their platform & hear from residents about their concerns.

DUCKPINS - A BALTIMORE TRADITION

Walk-to fun at the Patterson Bowling Center, located in the 2200 block of Eastern Ave! With balls slightly larger than a softball, weighing 3.3 lbs., for those with small hands, bowling is easier and more fun. It opened in 1927, has 12 lanes and is the oldest operating duckpin bowling alley in the country. Although the true origin of duckpin bowling is in dispute, two Hall of Fame Baltimore Orioles, Hohn McGraw & Wilbert Robinson claim to have created the game at the turn of the 20th century at a bowling, billiards and pool hall they owned together in Baltimore. It has been a Baltimore tradition ever since.

SPRING FEVER?

After all the snow we have been getting here in Baltimore, we are ready for Spring and warm weather! Here are 3 Spring events to attend this Month:

1. Pennsylvania Garden Show

March 2nd, 10AM-8PM & March 3rd 10AM-5PM - York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, PA Adults: \$10, Children 12 & Under: FREE! mvgardens@live.com.

2. Wildlife Refuge System Birthday Bash

March 15th, 9AM - 3PM - Live animals, children's crafts and tram tours, at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Powder Mill Road between Route 197 & 295, Laurel, MD. For info, call: 301-497-5763.

3. National Cherry Blossom Festival

March 20th - April 13th - Beautiful blossoms on cherry trees at the Tidal Basin in Washington, DC. This annual tradition began with the gift of 600 trees to the United States from Japan in 1912. Events include: parade, concerts, fireworks and on March 29th at the Blossom Kite Festival, kite enthusiasts compete & show off their kite flying skills on the National Mall.



NEWS FROM CJR & PPPC SCHOOLS:

Commodore John Rodgers - The new early childhood center will involve three entities: the MD Dept. of Education's Judy Center will provide oversight to a Head Start program connected with the Y plus an Early Head Start program sponsored by Kennedy Krieger. Living Classrooms Foundation has secured funding for renovating the old Rec Center. They are continuing to seek additional funds to improve the outdoor space along Fairmount and Washington St. that supports the school and the early childhood center.

Patterson Park Public Charter School - Thanks Butchers Hill for supporting the Robotics Team and invites the community to attend both the competition (info on website: pppcrobotics.weebly.com) and the *Spring Into Art Exhibition & Sale*, showcasing student and local fine artists works, to benefit PPPCS arts programming on **Sat., April 5th, 6-9:30PM**. The \$45 VIP Reception ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, open bar, live music and entrance to art sale, auction & raffles - 6-7PM, the \$30 Opening Celebration ticket is for 7-9:30PM. 410-558-1230, ext. 393, or www.pppcs.org/spring-into-art.

AUDUBON ADVENTURES IN FEBRUARY

With the Patterson Park Audubon Center

Bird Watching Walks

March 14th & 29th, 8-9:30AM - all ages FREE. Spring migration. To borrow binoculars email: ppaudubon@gmail.com, or call: 410-558-2473.

VOLUNTEER HELP - No experience needed. Assist with outdoor "classroom" experiences, the native habitat gardens or indoor behind-the-scene preparation - meet new people and know you are helping local birds and habitat - adults and students are welcome.

Photo from National Cherry Blossom Festivals Website: www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/

3 MONEY-MAKING/JOB IDEAS

1. YouthWorks Summer Jobs Program

City residents ages 14–21 can pre-register through March 14th. YouthWorks is also recruiting organizations to serve as worksites, and local employers to hire youth directly through the YouthWorks Hire One Youth campaign. YouthWorks summer jobs will begin June 23rd and end August 1st. For more information, visit youthworks.oedworks.com.

2. Visual & Performing Artists Needed For Artscape

The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts is seeking participants for the 33rd annual Artscape. Applications are now available for the Artists’ Market, arts organizations, opera, theatre, dance and classical music, and more. Deadlines for submissions and application fees vary. Artscape takes place July 18-20, on Mount Royal Ave. & North Charles St. For more info: 410-752-8632 or visit www.artscape.org.

3. Employ Baltimore

Baltimore City’s strategy to link residents to great paying jobs. Participants must have a high school diploma or GED and work experience. To learn more, visit one of Baltimore City’s full-service career centers (below) or neighborhood-based Community Job Hubs, go to www.oedworks.com, or call 410-396-3009.

One-Stop Career Centers: Eastside One-Stop Career Center: 3001 E. Madison Street, 410-396-9030 or Baltimore Works One-Stop Career Center: 1100 N. Eutaw Street, 410-767-2148.

“CELEBRATE BALTIMORE”

Presented by Handel Choir of Baltimore

March 1st, 8 - 9PM - Old St. Paul’s Church, 233 N. Charles St. Charm City’s rich ethnic heritage and its historical and cultural significance come to life at the landmark Old Saint Paul’s Church with classic choral literature, spirituals and jazz, plus a musical reconstruction of the Star Spangled Banner as it might have sounded in its earliest days, conducted by Arian Khaefi.

HISTORY OF THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Let’s get ready for the 200th Anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner and Battle of Baltimore Celebration in September with the Continuing Backstory:



In 1794, Congress authorized the construction of a series of coastal forts. Construction began on Fort McHenry, at the site of Fort Whetstone, in 1798 and by 1803 the masonry walls we view today were completed. The fort was named for James McHenry, our second Secretary of War.

In 1809, the U.S. Army organized its first light artillery unit at Fort McHenry. As we know, Fort McHenry played a pivotal role in the War of 1812, when during the 1814 Battle of Baltimore; Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry and penned a poem called the *Defiance of Fort McHenry* from a ship in the Baltimore Harbor. The poem was subsequently set to the tune a popular song and renamed The Star Spangled Banner.

The Navy first recognized the Star-Spangled Banner for official use in 1889, and by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. It was made the official national anthem in 1931 when President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution into law. (Source: National Park Service – Fort McHenry)

War of 1812, Events during 1812: June through August - riots break out in Baltimore protesting the war. July - The Canadian front, U.S. General William Hull makes three failed attempts to invade Canada. The British force the surrender of Fort Michilimackinac (in present-day Michigan). August – U.S. General Hull surrenders to British General Brock in Detroit. October – General Brock is killed at the Battle of Queenston Heights, Canada. *More to come next month...*



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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 S Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.