

BUTCHERS HILL

MARCH 2015



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BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Can you feel it? Spring is right around the corner! Plans for the Spring Flea Market & Craft Fair and the Butchers Hill Garden Tour are underway. (Volunteer opportunities abound!) I think for many of us, the rebirth that comes with spring triggers a desire to start fresh — to clean for the new beginnings. My hope is that this will trigger a neighborhood-wide desire to make Butchers Hill

shine. We will have a neighborhood clean up in April, but in the meantime we can each make sure that our home and our block is as clean and neat as possible. There are many people that are still storing their trash cans in the front of their house. Not only is this illegal, but it really diminishes the beauty of our neighborhood. I know that it is a hassle to carry your trash and recycling through or around your house, but as long as it is also illegal to put it out in bags, that's what needs to happen. There will be people from Baltimore City Department of Public Works coming to our March meeting to talk about a variety of topics, starting with street sweeping. I would imagine that we could have a lively conversation with them around the topic of trash as well. If you have a disability or any reason that you are unable to store your trash can away from the front of your house, please contact me at butchershillpresident@gmail.com or 240-353-6333 so that we can work on a solution for you.

If you have other suggestions for how we can clean up the neighborhood, please send me an email or give me a call. I would love to hear from you. In the meantime, let's all rejoice in the knowledge that winter is almost over; and, while we might have doubted it on those really cold days, spring is going to come again.

Take care of yourselves
and each other,
-Beth Braun
President



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SPRING MEANS TIME TO GATHER YOUR "CONTRIBUTIONS"!

Sat., April 25: Spring Cleanup & First Dumpster

No large appliances or automotive parts, but just about everything else can go into the walk-in dumpster that will be at Chester & Fairmount that morning only. Volunteer to clean up your block and/or help with greening improvements, and get stormwater credit—then join in the cookout.

Sat., May 9: Got 'fleas' for the Spring Butchers Hill Flea Market & Craft Fair?

As a registered non-profit, BHA has tax receipts available for donations to the Butchers Hill booth. Items may be dropped off at the drive-up spot at the Lombard St. entrance to Patterson Park from 7-10am on the day of the flea market.

Consider volunteering to assist at the flea market. Three specific helpers are urgently needed: two food booth leaders for the September 12 flea market (to be trained at the May flea market) and a poster distributor for local businesses two weeks prior to the events. To volunteer, contact Ray at 410-960-1809, or by email at RayHofmann@aol.com. To register for a \$30 space at the flea market go to butchershill.org beginning April 1. Spaces sell out quickly.

Sun., June 7: Butchers Hill Garden Tour & Art Along the Way

Is your garden, art, or business ad on your mind? Showcase your "little piece of heaven," art work, or business with an ad (premium color ads available inside front and two back covers) in the tour booklet. Many people keep their booklet after the tour because it is so attractive and full of information of interest to those who love gardens, art, and historic neighborhoods.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Meteorological Spring	2	3 Streetscape	4 BHA Meeting	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time (Lose an hour)	9 Land Use	10	11 COP	12	13 NL Deadline Bird Watching	14 **Recycle Bin SALE - 701 Reedbird Ave.
15 St. Patrick's Day Parade	16	17 Executive	18 Crime Prevention	19	20 First Day Of Spring	21
22	23 Flea Market	24 Patterson Park Master Plan Meeting	25 COP	26	27	28 Bird Watching
29	30	31	**Baltimore residents can purchase the large round yellow bins for \$7 (regularly \$12) and receive a free "I (heart) Recycling" sticker, and lids for \$3. Smaller rectangular yellow 18-gallon bins: \$4 (regularly \$5).			

2015 SAVE THE DATES:

April 25 – Spring Cleanup & Dumpster

May 9 – Spring BHA Flea Market

June 7 – Garden Tour & Art Along the Way

July 10 - Potluck Picnic

Aug. – Teachers Breakfast

Sept. 12 – Fall BHA Flea Market

Oct. 3 – Fall Cleanup & Dumpster

Oct. 11 – BHA House Tour

Nov. – Art Night: Shop & Schmooze

Dec. 6 – Holiday Potluck

SPRING FLING

Maxine Taylor and Kini Collins are on the planning committee for Spring Fling, Amazing Grace's annual community celebration. Join us in helping our northern neighbors welcome the change of seasons. **Sat., April 11, Noon - 4pm.** If you are not familiar with Amazing Grace, check out this video: vimeo.com/74964754. If you want to volunteer, contact kinicollins@gmail.com.

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NEXT MEETING:

Meeting 2nd & 4th Wed. of the month, 7:30pm, at the intersection of Patterson Park Ave. and Lombard St.

Wed., March 18, 7pm - 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month

Tues., March 17, 7pm - TBD

Mon., March 23, 7pm - 232 S. Patterson Park Ave.

Mon., March 9, 7pm - Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park

Tues., March 3, 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 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

MARCH BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., March 4 at St. Andrew Church hall, Lombard & Chester Sts., enter on Lombard St. A Baltimore City Department of Public Works representative will discuss street sweeping and other sanitation topics.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PATTERSON PARK MASTER PLAN

Tues., March 24, 7-9pm - Patterson Park Public Charter School, Baltimore St. & Lakewood Ave. A joint presentation by Mahan Rykiel and the steering committee of the progress made so far with the re-write of the Patterson Park Master Plan. There will be an opportunity after the presentation to provide input, as well as participate in some small group discussions.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - PARADE AND/OR PUB?

60th Annual Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sun., March 15, 2pm - The parade begins at the Washington Monument at Charles & Monument Streets, continuing south to Pratt St. & Market Place. The event celebrates Irish culture, music, and dance and is preceded by a 5K run that begins at 1:15pm along the same route.

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!

PATTERSON PARK AUDUBON CENTER ***Info: 410-558-2473, ppaudubon@gmail.com***

Bird Watching: March 13 & 28, 8-9am - Meet at the Lombard St. entrance to Patterson Park by the fountain. RSVP if you need to borrow binoculars.

Free Wildlife Gardening Workshops

Receive resources and practical tips for using native plants to attract birds, butterflies, and beneficial wildlife to your garden.

- **March 4, 6-8pm**, The Chasseur restaurant, 3328 Foster Ave;
- **March 7, 1-3pm**, Southeast Anchor Library, 3601 Eastern Ave.
- **March 11, 5:30-7:30pm**, Enoch Pratt Library, 5108 Roland Park Ave.

Tiny Tots craft, game, story: March 20 & 28, 10:30-11:30am - Meet at the picnic tables, NE shore of the boat lake in Patterson Park. Ages 3-5, suggested donation \$5 per child, please register in advance with Audubon.

WANTED: PHOTOGRAPHY

Do you walk around Patterson Park taking pictures of the scenery, animals, or buildings? Do you have some amazing shots of row homes or fun details around the neighborhood? Or how about the Inner Harbor or Fells Point? How would you like to see your photos featured in the newsletter? We want them!

Please email photos to: butchershillpresident@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name, and the name/permission of any recognizable person, so we can give credit! Pictures from our reoccurring events each year would be especially useful since we can pair them with the new articles.

BALTIMORE CONTEMPORARY PRINT FAIR

March 28 & 29, noon-6pm - Voted "Best Art Sale" by Baltimore Magazine, admission free to members of the Baltimore Museum of Art and students or teachers with valid I.D. or only \$10 (\$15 for both days). Learn from printers, gallerists, and BMA curators about collecting print art. Proceeds support BMA's collection. For more information call 443-573-1789 or visit artbma.org/friends.

March 3, 8pm - Dario Robleto, artist, will present how Hubble Space Telescope imagery influenced his work which is featured at the BMA exhibit: Front Room, through March 29 at the Space Telescope Science Institute, 3700 San Martin Drive, free.

NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

March 28-April 13 - The cherry trees should be in bloom at the Tidal Basin in Washington, DC, the Welcome Center and Performance Stage are open to the public free of charge. This annual tradition began with the gift of 600 trees to the United States from Japan in 1912. Events include the Blossom Kite Festival on March 28, where kite enthusiasts compete & show off their kite flying skills on the National Mall; fireworks on April 4; and the parade and Sakur Matsui - Japanese Street Festival on April 11. More information can be found at nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/2015-programming-announced

DO YOU TRAVEL BY MTA BUS?

Information related to recent service changes to local routes (Fayette, Fleet & Boston Street) can be found at mta.maryland.gov/servicechanges.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR ARTISTS, WRITERS, & PERFORMERS

Thur., March 19, 6:15-7:30pm, BOPA offices, 10 E. Baltimore St. - Open call to learn submission process for art pieces and proposals to become a part of the New Day Campaign to launch later in the year. This is an arts-based initiative to challenge stigma associated with behavioral health issues. Multiple exhibitions and events will illuminate stories promoting compassion, empathy, and understanding to make the world a more healing place. RSVP to peter@bruunstudios.com is not required, but preferred.

TWO WAYS OF REFERRING TO SEASONAL CHANGES:

METEOROLOGICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL

Meteorological spring begins on March 1 and runs through April and May, lasting until May 31. Meteorologists divide the year into four seasons, three months each, for the purpose of forecasting and comparing seasonal and monthly statistics.

Astronomical spring begins March 20 and runs until June 21. It is the 23.5-degree tilt of the Earth's axis in relation to its orbit around the sun that determines both the two equinoxes (spring and fall) and the two solstices (summer and winter) each year. Equinox, from the Latin meaning "equal night," is so named because on that day we have twelve hours of day and twelve hours of night. Solstice from the Latin solstitium (sol=sun and stitium=to stop) is when the sun's rays are perpendicular and strongest in relation to the equator, seeming to stop. It then returns the other way, creating the longest day at summer solstice in June and the longest night at winter solstice in December.

DON'T LET THE WIND "RECYCLE"...



...your recyclables all over the neighborhood. Put a tight lid on the container (see info re \$3 lid on calendar page). Alternatively, you could put some of the heavy stuff in the bottom so the can won't blow over and put some heavy stuff on top to weigh down the contents. You could also put your container with other recycling so the group remains standing or cover it by taping a paper bag over it. Consider before you leave it on the street—will it blow over or will my recycling blow out? Thanks for thinking ahead.

LEASH LAWS & SECURITY CAMERAS

SE Police: Major Garrity wants neighborhoods around Patterson Park to know that police have begun issuing citations for dog owners who have their dogs off leash. Also he is urging residents to report to 911 any suspicious behavior, these reports have been helpful in prevention and arrests.

There is a new city wide effort, CitiWatch Community Partnership, to gather information from citizens who have private surveillance systems. This is a voluntary registry that will ease police access to video evidence when a crime occurs. The registry contains basic info about the location, type, and owner of a camera. Residents will only be contacted if the police believe their camera footage can be useful in the apprehension or prosecution of a suspected criminal. Registration can be done on line at citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov.

THE POOP IS DISGUSTING

The buildup of large piles is getting really bad around tree wells and in alleys. (Nobody sees it, or smells it, or steps in it there, right?!) We all know better than to leave our dog's poop for someone else to have to clean up. Be fair to your neighbors and keep the neighborhood clean. Please pick up your dog's poop.

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 S Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231.