

BUTCHERS HILL

MARCH 2017



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BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

At the March 1 meeting, our treasurer will be presenting the Butchers Hill Association budget for 2017. As expected, this budget contains the practical (newsletter printing fees and seed money for fundraising activities) but also the aspirational (money for streetscape improvements and crime reduction strategies). We have traditionally relied on our house/garden tours, flea market events, and

grant monies to provide the income to support these activities. However, in our 2017 budget, we are unable to fund the growing list of aspirational projects that have been proposed. Therefore, the executive committee believes it is time to add "another leg to the stool" and establish a direct fundraising campaign for projects that the neighbors decide are important to fund and implement. We will have a presentation at the March 1 meeting about the structure and goals of this fundraising campaign. One key component is neighbor feedback, via a survey, on projects you would like to see pursued in our neighborhood. Please join and share your ideas.

I also want to highlight the greatest asset this community has: the engagement and welcoming nature of our neighbors. The power of knowing and engaging with your neighbor pays dividends in happiness, crime reduction, and neighborhood vitality. Improving your community can be as simple as getting know your next door neighbors.

Andrew CrummeY



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BUTCHERS HILL FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR BHA PUTS THE FUN IN FUNDRAISER

Get ready to participate. Early vendor registration (only open to dues-paying BHA members) starts Mon., April 3, and then registration is open to the public on Fri., April 7. A 15'x15' space is \$35. Spaces are limited and usually sell out quickly.

Volunteers giving just two or three hours of their time make it happen, meet neighbors, and eat free. Email Emily at emily.augustine@gmail.com or call Adam at 443-326-8621 to be a part of the fun. The flea market raises funds for our community, local nonprofit organizations like the Friends of Patterson Park, Creative Alliance, and Banner Neighborhoods, as well as our two K-8 schools.

We need help with the following:

Mid-April - distribute posters

May 1-11 - hang banners, put posters in Patterson Park, shop for food, store perishable food items in your refrigerator or freezer and transport to the park, set up canopy in FOPP yard

May 12 - mark spaces in the park & set up traffic guidance cones

May 13 - 7-9am transport ice to park, help with setup of tables, canopies, food & flea booths, 9am-3pm help in two/three hour shifts at either the flea or food booths, and 2-4pm breakdown booths and cleanup.

Donations to the BHA flea booth are tax deductible; ask for a receipt when you drop off your items. Assistance unloading will be available when you bring your items to the reserved drop-off space at the Lombard St. entrance. All the proceeds from this booth go to support Commodore John Rodgers and Patterson Park Public Charter School.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 BHA General Meeting	2	3	4
5	6	7 Streetscape & House Tour Meetings	8	9 Executive Committee Meeting	10	11 Purim begins at sundown
12 Daylight savings time starts - spring forward	13 Land Use Committee Meeting	14	15 Crime Prevention Meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day April newsletter deadline	18
19	20 First day of spring	21	22	23	24	25 Birdwatching
26	27 Flea Market Committee Meeting	28	29	30	31	

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., March 15, 7:00pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Andrew Crummey <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., March 9, 7:00pm 113 S. Chester St.
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Mon., March 27, 8:00pm 2124 E. Lombard St.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Pat Phoebus <i>phoebu1115@aol.com</i> 410-327-1610	Tue., March 7, 7:00pm
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., March 13, 7:00pm Meet in the white house in Patterson Park.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth <i>bwads2211@verizon.net</i> Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tue., March 7, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our neighborhood? Join us!

2017 Save the Dates

April 29 - Mayor's Spring Cleanup
May 13 - Spring Flea Market
July - Summer Potluck
August - Teachers' Breakfast
September 16 - Fall Flea Market
October 8 - House Tour
November - Shop & Schmooze
December - Holiday Potluck

2017 Dumpster Dates

April 29
June 3
August 12
October 7
December 2

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.

MAYOR'S CITY CLEANUP
APRIL 29, 2017

Butchers Hill will be participating in the Mayor's City Cleanup this year. We will have a dumpster at the corner of Chester and Fairmount, a community cleanup, tree planting, and a cookout in Castle Street Park. More details in the April newsletter.

MARCH BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., March 1, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.

Agenda for March meeting:

- 2017 BHA budget vote
- Fundraising presentation and survey
- Baltimore Housing Roundtable's 20/20 Vision
- Water billing web portal

MARCH MEETING

The March general meeting will include a variety of topics. Beth Braun will present the proposed 2017 BHA budget for a vote. Related to the budget, Emily Thompson will give a presentation on some fundraising plans, including a survey of the neighbors to gauge their interests. Kini Collins will present on the Baltimore Housing Roundtable's 20/20 Vision, a plan to create permanently affordable housing in Baltimore. And our favorite DPW liaison, Linzy Jackson, will entertain us with the plans for the water billing web portal.

TALKING TRASH

Which do you prefer—the overflowing can that looks bad, smells worse, and provides a feast for rats and a breeding ground for germs -OR- the clean, well-maintained entrance to a house that tells you that the people who live there care about their home and their neighborhood? What's the difference between the two? It's the presence of a trash can in front of one house and the absence of a can at the other. Baltimore City code outlines the expectations about trash storage for all of us who live here, and those expectations include requiring that cans be stored inside a dwelling or within the property boundaries but **may not be kept on the front of the property**. That has been the law for years, and it hasn't changed with the new green cans we've been given. Violations of this code can lead to a \$50 fine for the first citation and escalating fines if the citation is ignored. It is also code that trash and recycling containers can not be put out in front of the house for pickup until 6:00 p.m. the evening before collection, and they must be removed from the front of the house by 6:00 a.m. the morning after collection. This is true whether you put your cans in front of your own house or in a communal area—but etiquette dictates you should be especially diligent if you put your trash out next to or in front of your neighbor's home.

It can be a problem to find where to store the cans or how to swap out a can for a size that better meets your needs. The Butchers Hill Association is working with the city and with residents to solve the problems and keep our neighborhood a pleasant place to live, decreasing crime and increasing property values for everyone. If you're having trouble complying with the ordinance, contact Beth Braun at bethbraun@yahoo.com. We can help figure out the best way to do your part to keep the neighborhood clean, attractive, and safe.

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

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

The Tot Lot is open at PPPCS on Sundays 3-5pm. Join in the fun for play and community time! Enter on Belnord Ave.

PPPCS will be a pick up site for the One Straw Farm CSA in 2017. Weekly pick up of fresh, local, home-grown, sustainable produce for twenty-four weeks from June to November. Early bird pricing ends in March. Learn more at onestrawfarm.com.

Join us for Bingo to benefit Patterson Park Public Charter School on Fri., March 31. Doors open at 6pm; games begin at 7pm. It is \$10 to play, which includes three bingo cards. You can get three extra cards for only \$5. Cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100! Must be 18 years old to play/enter and 21 to drink.

Commodore John Rodgers (100 N. Chester St.)

March 2 is Dr. Seuss Day and National Read Across America Day. Commodore will be participating in a variety of literacy activities. Interested volunteers can reach out to Mr. Glenwick (glenwick@thecjrschool.org) to read to a Dr. Seuss book to a class or be otherwise involved.

Commodore's food pantry is now open on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 8am until 12pm. Also, we continue to sell bags of fresh produce for \$7 every Friday afternoon from 1:30pm to 5pm.

On Wed., March 29, Commodore will be doing a fundraiser with Chipotle on Boston Street. From 2-9pm, 50% of the sales will go directly to Commodore if you mention to the cashier that you are there to support CJR. The money will go directly to fund our community school projects that address food access, attendance incentives, and after-school programs at our school.

SUMMER JOB APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 10 is the deadline for submitting your application for a summer job through the Mayor's Office of Employment. Go to youthworks.oedworks.com to apply online or call 410-545-1820.

AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

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

Tiny Tots - Hey, Bud! - Fri., March 17, 10:30-11:30am at the boat lake, ages 2-5 with an adult, suggested donation \$5 per child, register in advance.

Guided Bird-Watching Walks - Sat., March 25, 8-9:30am, meet at fountain near Lombard St. If you need to borrow binoculars, send an email.

Audubon Workshops for Adults - Advanced: Wed, March 29, 5:30-7:30pm, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Southeast Anchor Branch. We'll dive into bird-friendly garden design and maintenance. You'll learn the best methods to plan for a beautiful landscape and sustain your native garden while supporting beneficial wildlife. This workshop is intended for more advanced gardeners. Please register in advance.

The Intro to Bird-Friendly Gardening workshop for adults will be offered at three different libraries: Mon. April 3, 6-8pm, Towson Branch; Wed., April 5, 5:30-7:30pm, Roland Park Branch; and Mon. April 24, 5:30-7:30pm, Waverly Branch. Please register in advance.

ARTIST GRANT PROGRAMS

The Creative Baltimore Fund has two primary grant programs: the Mayor's Individual Artist Award - Project Support (PS) provides support for arts or cultural programs that promote public access and encourage the breadth of arts and/or cultural programming in our community; and General Operating Support (GOS) provides core support for established arts or cultural organizations that benefit the public and are artistically or culturally vibrant. For more information, including grant timeline, call 410-752-8632 or go to <https://www.promotionandarts.org/grants/creative-baltimore-fund>.

ART @ WORK IS HIRING

The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, Jubilee Arts, and 901 Arts seek artists, artist interns, and teen apprentices for the 2017 Art @ Work program. For questions about youth jobs, contact Kim Loper at kloper@promotionandarts.org. For questions about artist and artist intern jobs, contact Maggie Villegas at mvillegas@promotionandarts.org.

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

FOPP Volunteer Teams "Spring" into Action

Tree Team - March 25, 9am, the tree team will begin this year's mulching.

Boat Lake Team - April 1, 8am - the boat lake team "fishes" for trash.

Gardening and Pagoda Teams start shortly thereafter.

Join the team that will make you feel a part of keeping our precious Patterson Park the treasure we all enjoy. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lesley at volunteer@pattersonpark.com or call 410-276-3676.

CASTLE STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

Castle Street Park's Community Garden is now accepting new members for the 2017 growing season. The mission of the garden is to create an additional food source within the neighborhood, so plots are reserved for primarily growing fruits and vegetables versus flowers. Membership dues are \$10 per season. There are only a few open spots so it is expected that there will be a lottery in April. Please email Emily at castlestgarden@gmail.com if you would like to join.

LIGHT CITY BALTIMORE

Festival of Light, Music and Innovation - March 31-April 8. Launched in 2016, this international light festival features illuminated sculptures, projections, interactive technologies, performances, concerts and a children's area—all free to visit along the Inner Harbor. There will be with an ecosystem of ideas and learning during the day and lights, performances, and live music reimagining Baltimore at night.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - PARADE OR PUB?

Annual Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade - Sun., March 12, 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: where one can walk home after celebrating all things Irish!

To receive the monthly newsletter 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.