

BUTCHERS HILL

MAY 2016



GREG HINCHLIFFE
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Thanks to Erin Reed and Alexa White of the Patterson Park Audubon Center for an interesting presentation regarding our local feathered friends, and what we can do to help them thrive. What I learned was that if you want healthy native birds, you need healthy native bugs to feed them, and if you want healthy native bugs, you have to plant native plants. I'm inspired.

This month, in lieu of a general meeting, we will return to our popular practice of "stoop sitting". For those of you not in the know, your stoop is basically your front steps. In the days before air-conditioning, Baltimoreans would escape from the heat of their brick rowhouses, which had been baking all day in the sun, and sit out on their stoops instead to enjoy the cooler evening breezes. Naturally, with the whole neighborhood out on the stoops, much socializing and conversation took place. These days, we are more likely to stay inside, crank down the A/C, fire up the 60-inch HDTV, and never see our neighbors. That's ok, I suppose, but something important is lost--the interconnections among us which make an area into a neighborhood, and a neighborhood into a community. So in an effort to strengthen the bonds among us all, Butchers Hill sponsors a couple of stoop sittings each year, including this month. You may not need to escape the heat, but we are offering food and drink, and, most importantly, an opportunity to get to know the people who share Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood with you. Locations and other details are elsewhere in this newsletter. Enjoy!

Greg Hinchliffe



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BHA FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

Sat., May 14, 9am-3pm

150+ Vendors, Live Jazz, Fabulous Bargains!

Invite your friends to a free and fabulous day in Patterson Park: visit the Pagoda, get delicious food, chill out to smooth music, and find a great deal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Allow a poster in your window if you live on Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore St., or Pratt St. We need at least seven per street.

One-hour jobs: putting up banners and lawn signs around park, putting posters in store windows, and on Fri., May 13, numbering spaces in the afternoon, or putting up location numbers, traffic signs, and cones after 5pm.

At the flea market: morning and afternoon help needed in either the food booth or the BHA flea booth from 7am-3pm. Help doing general park cleanup from 2-4pm. We proudly leave the park better at the end of the day. To volunteer, contact Emily Augustine at emily.augustine@gmail.com or 516-662-2586.

Donations to the BHA flea booth will be welcomed between 7-9am at the booth or at the Lombard St. entrance. Students from the schools that receive the proceeds from the BHA flea table will be available to help unload. Tax receipts are available upon request.

Thanks in advance for doing what you can to make the flea market a success!



CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The House Tour committee is looking for neighborhood artists that would like to participate in and contribute to this year's event by providing the cover art for the poster and tour booklet. If you are interested or want more information me, please email Beth at bethabraun@yahoo.com or call 240-353-6333. We are grateful to all of the artists that have provided the artwork in the past, and hope to hear from those interested soon.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Streetscape Committee Meeting	4 BHA Stoop Sitting	5 Happy Hour w/ Upper Fells Point (see below)	6 ** Flower Mart (through 5/7)	7 ** Kinetic Sculpture Race
8 Mother's Day Fell's Point House Tour	9 Land Use Committee Meeting	10	11 House Tour Committee Meeting	12 Executive Committee Meeting	13 Birdwatching June newsletter deadline	14 BHA Flea Market Bike Day at BMI
15	16	17	18 Crime Prevention Com. Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Birdwatching
<p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY HOUR W/ UPPER FELS POINT The Upper Fells Point neighborhood has invited Butchers Hill residents to a neighborhood happy hour on Thurs., May 5, 6-9pm, at Tarbas Greek Kitchen, 1725 E. Lombard St. Hope to see you there!</p>				<p style="text-align: center;">** Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off May 6 & 7, 9am-5pm, 2840 Sisson St.</p>		

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., May 18, 7pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Greg Hinchcliffe <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., May 12, 6:30pm White House, Patterson Park
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	Date of wrap-up celebration TBD 2124 E. Lombard St.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Dee Lundelius <i>deelundelius@gmail.com</i>	Wed., May 11, 7pm 2029 E. Pratt St.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., May 9, 7pm Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., May 3, 7pm 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!

Save the Date - 2016

May 14 - Spring Flea Market
 July - Summer Potluck
 August - Teachers' Breakfast
 September 10 - Fall Flea Market
 October 9 - House Tour
 November - Shop & Schmooze
 December - Holiday Potluck

Dumpster Dates 2016
 June 11 ~ Aug. 6 ~ Oct. 1 ~ Dec. 3

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.

Stoop Sitting

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited. Come chat with neighbors--new and long-term. The hosts for the evening are:

2236 Lamley - Erin Reed & Tyler Miller

22 N. Collington - the Gibsons

110 S. Castle: Alexis Johns, Annette Rovito, & Ted Henry

113 S. Chester - David Toney and Brenna Swider Toney

MAY BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., May 4, 6:30-8:30pm

No business meeting this month, instead we will be gathering at the stoop's of four neighbors. Please join us at the stoop sittings at:

2236 Lamley ~ 22 N. Collington ~ 110 S. Castle ~ 113 S. Chester.

EVENTS IN PATTERSON PARK

Wine Tasting at Sunset - Thur., May 26, 6-9pm, \$55 in advance, \$60 at the door, support the Friends of Patterson Park and all the programs they run in the park, while enjoying wine and food provided by our fine local bar and restaurant establishments. This is their major fundraiser of the year. Eat, drink, and do good!

Volunteer Fun with Friends:

Sat., May 7, 8am - help clean the Boat Lake.

Sun., May 8, 10am - help spruce up the gardens and the Pagoda.

Sat., May 28, 9am - help weed & mulch trees.

For more info check out the Friends of Patterson Park's event calendar at pattersonpark.com.

Gardening and Volunteer Opportunities in Patterson Park - This is a call for volunteers to use an organized approach to help maintain the gardens in Patterson Park at the Friends of Patterson Park (the Friends) office (white house), fountain, and Pagoda.

The Pagoda Team cares for the flower gardens, cleans the Pagoda, and edges the walkways. The team meets on the second Sunday of each month at 10am, May through October.

Since last year there has been a small group, Weed Avengers of Patterson Park (WAPP), who also tend the gardens with the support of the Friends. The group's primary duty is to remove weeds, trash, and relocate plants from high-density areas to low-density areas. Toward the end of last season, it became apparent that new plants needed to be purchased. With the help of Herring Run Nursery, Audubon, and a landscape horticulturist, the group came up with a great selection of plants, moving in the direction of planting Mid-Atlantic native species, and the plants were purchased from Herring Run Nursery. Funding was provided by the Friends. WAPP meets every Thursday morning from mid-April until October from 9:00-11:00am, and welcomes any gardeners in Butchers Hill who would enjoy working to make Patterson Park even more beautiful. For more information about WAPP, please contact Carol Richman (mmmount3@verizon.net). For volunteer opportunities with the Friends, contact Lesley Gardiner (Lesley@pattersonpark.com).

NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Commodore John Rodgers -

Commodore has been in the news, and it's all good! Our students collected change for a Penny Drive with the Weinberg Foundation to pay their support forward and raise money for books to include in the next Baltimore Library Project. Nine schools participated this year to raise \$3,400, and CJR collected the most and won a special treat. The *Baltimore Sun* also showcased the success of Commodore's lacrosse program through the support of Coach Moe and Baltimore City Lacrosse & Leadership, one of our most valuable partners. Check out our Facebook page for more exciting news.

Patterson Park Public Charter School -

Kindergarten is looking for book donations to fill our Little Library (see below) at the front entrance of the building. If you have any gently used children's books, chapter books, or appropriate adult books that you would like to donate, please bring them to our library at 27 N. Lakewood.

See the picture below of Career Day held at PPPCS last month. If you'd like to come to a Career Day in the future, please email Ms. Brooks at YBrooks@pppcs.org.



AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

Maryland Native Plant Sale - Sat., May 14, selling native plants at the **BHA flea market**.

Habitat Team - Sat., May 7, 9-10:30am, help build bird habitat, meet at the wetland garden, uphill and northwest of the Boat Lake in Patterson Park.

Urban Bird Watching Walks - Fri., May 13 & Sat., May 28, 8-9:30am, all ages welcome, meet at Patterson Park fountain at Lombard St.

Tiny Tots - May Flowers! - Fri., May 13, 10:30-11:30am, ages 2-5 with an adult, meet at Boat Lake. \$5 per child suggested donation.

MAY EVENTS (ALMOST ALL OUTSIDE!)

AVAM's Kinetic Sculpture Race - Sat., May 7, free to watch along its path, including as it winds through Patterson Park between 1:30-3:30pm. Racers will be challenged at the mud pit and sand pit before powering their way up the Pagoda Hill. Cheer the racers on as they exit the park at Lombard St., and continue back to the American Visionary Arts Museum. See more information and routes at kineticbaltimore.com.

St. Andrew Orthodox Church Spring Flea Market - the annual Spring Flea Market will be held on Sat., May 21, from 9am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew Orthodox Church. In addition to flea market items, food and beverages will also be on sale and available to those patrons attending the flea market. If you would like to donate new or used household items (clean and in good working condition) or clothes (new or clean and gently used) for the flea market, you can drop them off in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 11:30am-1pm.

St. Andrew Orthodox Church Annual Golf Tournament - the 13th Annual St. Andrew Orthodox Church Golf Tournament will be held on Fri. afternoon, June 24, at The Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen, Maryland. Registration will begin at noon with a shotgun start at 1:30pm. Information to participate as a golfer or to sponsor the tournament can be found on the church website at standrew-baltimore.org/upcoming_events.html.

FlowerMart 2016 - May 6-7, rain or shine, 11am-8pm, continuous entertainment, contests and vendors featuring flowers, plants, and food (think candy-cane lemons and more) around the base of the Washington Monument (Charles & Monument Sts.) in Mount Vernon. More information at flowermartmd.org.

Fell's Point Historic Harbor House Tour - Sun., May 8, the tour includes perennial favorites such as the Robert Long House, the oldest surviving residence within the boundaries of old Baltimore City. Advance tickets are \$25. Online sales and advance pricing end at midnight, Sat., May 7. Tickets will be available at the Fell's Point Visitor Center on the day of the tour for \$30. For questions about the tour, contact Barb Cromwell at 443-847-8738 or see www.preservationsociety.com.

Baltimore Museum of Industry

Sat., May 7, opening day of BMI Farmers' Market, 9am-1pm, waterfront setting, free parking, family-friendly activities, fresh food, and ready-to-eat treats.

Sat., May 14, Bike Day, 10am-4pm, bring your bike for safety inspection, information, and tune-ups, presented by Bike Maryland & Race Pace Bicycles.

Sat., May 21, Big Truck Day, 9am-1pm, kids of all ages get to climb aboard fire engines, police cars, work trucks, and other DPW equipment. Includes games and activities, and will take place rain or shine.

Maryland Film Festival, May 4-8, get ready film buffs: Station North Arts District & MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art) are offering multiple settings to view cutting-edge, vintage, classic 3-D, and contemporary films as well as free discussion panels, the Tent Village, which will be free and open to the public, and more. All-access passes are \$375 and include priority seating, opening night gala and closing night events, and Filmmakers' Lounge in the Tent Village. Additional information at md-filmfest.com.



GATORS = GREENING

Filling the gator bag weekly insures success for a young tree. If you have a hose bib near a tree with a gator, please use the picture as a guide. The water drips slowly into the tree pit keeping the young roots moist and the tree nourished. Mulch helps keep the water from evaporating. Just a little attention gives us wonderful shade, cleans the air we breathe, cools and cleans our environment, and quiets street noise!



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.