

BUTCHERS HILL

NOVEMBER 2014



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our neighborhood clean up on Saturday, October 18th. I know we are all just a little prouder of our neighborhood when it is litter free and well kept. Here are three ways that we can work together to keep it clean.

The first is helping with the Blue Water bump outs. These are the three new rain collection green areas in our neighborhood. When, in 2012, we voted to accept the blue alley and the bump outs, we agreed to a basic level of maintenance for them that includes picking up trash on a regular basis. We are looking for volunteers to help with this by “adopting” a bump out. You can do this as a person, as a family, as a group of friends, whatever works. We are looking for a six-month commitment. If you are willing to help out and adopt one of the three, please email me at butchershillpresident@gmail.com or call me at 240-353-6333.

The second is trashcans. I assume that not everyone is aware that it is illegal to store trashcans in the front of your house. I know it’s inconvenient to carry them through the house every week to get them to the front for pickup, but keeping them in the front makes the neighborhood look—well, trashy. If you are elderly, disabled, or for some reason can’t move your trashcan yourself, please contact me and we will work out something that will get your trash picked up and keep the neighborhood attractive at the same time.

And the third, and easiest for everyone, is just to pick up trash. Spend a few minutes each day and pick up in front of your house.

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TRASH/RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES:

No Trash/Recycling on these November dates:
4th, 11th, 27th (Thanksgiving)
Makeup Collection on Saturdays: 8th, 15th & 29th
See Calendar on Page 2.

SHOP AND SCHMOOZE 2 IS HERE!

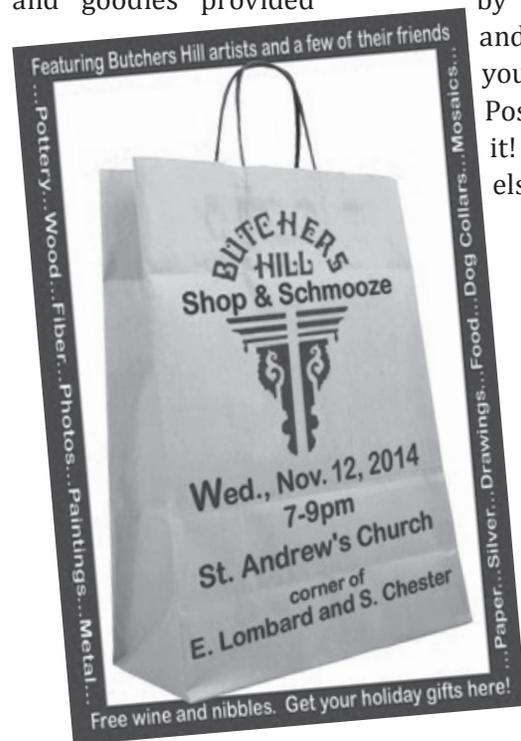
Wed., Nov. 12th 7-9PM

Get set for another rollicking good time!

Over 20 area artists, some old standards and some new faces, will be selling art made from wood, metal, paper, ceramics, wool... paintings, photos, prints, drawings, and, of course, Girl Scout Cookies. Our friendly guitar playing fire marshal, Michael Friedman, will be here again to serenade you while you ‘shop and schmooze’. Beverages, cheese/crackers and goodies provided

by the artists and BHA. Tell your friends! Post it! Tweet it! Whatever-else it!

Hope to see you there.
-EJ and Kini



Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	PLEASE NOTE: Three holidays this month, NO trash/recycle pickup, makeup following Sat. **					1 Audubon Native Plants in PP
2 Daylight Savings, Fall Back	3	4 Election Day - VOTE! **NO Trash/Recycle Pickup Streetscape	5	6 Executive, 7PM, TBA	7	8 **Trash/Recycle Makeup Collection
9	10 Land Use	11 Veterans Day **NO Trash/Recycle Pickup	12 SHOP & SCHMOOZE 2 7-9PM COP	13	14 Audubon Bird Watching NL Deadline	15 **Trash/Recycle Makeup Collection
16	17	18	19 Crime Prevention	20 Card Club	21	22
23	24	25	26 COP	27 Thanksgiving **No Trash/Recycle Pickup	28	29 **Trash/Recycle Makeup Collection Audubon Bird Watching
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LAST 2014 SAVE THE DATE:

Sun., Dec. 7th: Holiday Potluck

SOCIAL CLUBS

Book Club - Tues., Nov. 11th at 7:30PM - The book to be discussed is "The Infatuations" by Javier Marias.

Card Club - NOTE DATE CHANGE: Thurs., Nov. 20th at 7PM - Second floor at Life of Reilly Pub, 2032 E. Fairmount Ave.

BH COMMITTEES & CHAIRS:

NEXT MEETING:

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.
CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Nov. 19th, 7PM 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thurs., Nov. 6th, 7PM - TBD
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Nov. 10th, 7PM - Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrewcrummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., Nov. 4th, 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

NO GENERAL MEETING: See you at Shop & Schmooze 2 on Wed., Nov. 12th 7-9PM at St. Andrew church hall, 2100 block Lombard St. entrance.

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When you walk through the neighborhood, take a bag with you and pick up a couple of pieces of trash as you go. If you know there is a trouble spot, grab some neighbors and together spend thirty minutes and clean it up. If there is a trashy area on the street or in some public area, call 311 or use the 311 app to report it.

If you have other ideas, please email them to me or share them with your neighbors. One suggestion that Megin Diamond is promoting is Take 5. Her suggestion is that every time you walk through Patterson Park you pluck 5 weeds, pick up 5 pieces of litter, or take 5 minutes to do anything that helps the park environment.

Our Streetscape committee does a great job of keeping our neighborhood attractive and clean. Let's each do our part of the bigger effort to make Butchers Hill the friendliest and cleanest neighborhood in Baltimore.

Take care of yourselves and each other,

-Beth Braun
President

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING

Pick-up after your pet and put your pet's poop in your trash can, not your neighbor's! Yes, it is stinky, but you are responsible, so double bag, triple bag, whatever you need to do to contain the mess in your trash. Your pet is worth the trouble. Just do the right thing, be the person your pet thinks you are!

SPECTACULAR DAY:

10 Trees Planted, Dumpster & Cleanup!

What amazing neighbors we have! Braving the trials of moving around the neighborhood during the Marathons, willing workers dug pits, planted 10' trees with substantial root balls and mulched ten trees on six different streets. **Other volunteers swept and hauled debris** - bringing it to the dumpster - which didn't arrive until 12:30PM, so all the items brought to the dumpster location had to be loaded by the teams that worked so hard already! Appetizers and libations well earned at Reilly's afterward! Please plan to come out for the next planting or cleanup and **join** these fabulous people. Many thanks from The Streetscape Committee!

TREES & LEAVES

A Love/Hate Relationship

Trees – plant 'em, love 'em, water 'em, and benefit from their cool greenness. Leaves are the price – don't be a hater – just get 'em up a little at a time – making it a relaxing, out in the fresh air activity.

Keeping leaves off the sidewalk makes it safer. Getting leaves out of the gutter and into clear or marked collection bags for trash day pickup reaps big rewards: gutters are clear for parking and pollution is kept out of our Chesapeake waterway AND it doesn't turn to muck that becomes frozen, taking up parking space and then thaws into an ugly cleanup - sooner or later.

Up to 5 bags of leaves per address may be put out each trash pickup. Join in with your neighbors to make it a weekly, day before trash pick-up, social event as soon as you get home from work, sharing tools and bags. You'll feel better about yourself & your neighborhood AND sleep better.

Note to gardeners: leaves make a great (free) mulch to help your plants (and trees) over-winter.

Bags of leaves may also be taken to the Northwest Citizens Convenience Center: 2840 Sisson St. Mon.-Sat. 9AM-5PM, except holidays (incl. the three this month).

HOMEMADE PIEROGI & COOKIE SALE

Email orders in advance for great gifts & Yum! The Sisterhood of St. Andrew church, at Chester & Lombard, will be selling their homemade goodies. You can order by email: kokojaz@comcast.net.

Pierogies are either sauerkraut or potato/cheese filled; they freeze beautifully and cost only \$7 per dozen. Deadline for placing orders: **Nov. 8th**, for pickup Nov. 16th, 11:30-Noon at the church hall.

Cookies are prepackaged in ½ lb. & 1 lb. boxes and cost \$8 per pound. Deadline for placing orders: **Dec. 1st**, for pickup Dec. 14th, 11:30-noon at the church hall.

SUPPORT THE FACILITY THAT SUPPORTS US

St. Andrew is where the Butchers Hill Association holds our meetings, Shop & Schmooze, Holiday Potluck & other events in their church hall. Please support their fund raisers when you can.

TRIPPING OVER CRACKED SIDEWALKS?

Begin today and report those dangerous sidewalks: call 311 or go online: www.Baltimorecity.gov. Keep your report number and check on resolution. Follow up again if necessary. Many complaints will generate a list for next spring/summer.

HELP MAKE THE PATTERSON PARK MASTER PLAN BETTER!

Volunteer to Give the Seasonal Face-to-Face Survey to Those in the Park!

As part of updating the Patterson Park Master Plan, Rec & Parks has hired University of MD Professor Sidney Brower and his graduate assistant Yijing to conduct a survey of those who use the park. The research team is calling for volunteers to help administer a questionnaire to find out how residents feel about the park and would like to see it improved.

To set up a time for a 20 min. training session, contact Yijing at giuliahe0130@gmail.com, whose office hours at the white house are: Mon. 8AM-6:30PM, Fri. 8AM-4PM and Sun. 10AM-6PM.

CRIME PREVENTION REPORT & TIMELY ADVICE FOR SAFETY

During October we had over 10 car break-ins or car window smashings, late at night and in three areas of the neighborhood. As we approach the holiday season, street crime tends to increase.

- Report any suspicious activity
- Practice 3 second surveillance: look up and down the street whenever you are by a window or outside for any reason
- Watch out for neighbors' property and be alert to mail or package theft
- Avoid carrying a purse
- Do not text or talk on your cell phone while walking

Please report any crime or suspicious activity to **911** and remember officers are deployed based on currently reported criminal activity.

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.

STOLEN GATOR BAGS!?

No, the Streetscape Committee has collected the bags they put on trees to store over the winter. Plastic Gator Bags will freeze & crack, becoming useless. If you thoughtfully put one on a tree, please take it inside until spring.

AUDUBON ADVENTURES

In Patterson Park

Info: 410-558-2473, ppaudubon@gmail.com

Sat., Nov. 1st 9-10:30AM – Last chance in 2014 to learn/help the native plants garden by the boat lake.

Fri., Nov. 14th & Sat., Nov. 29th 8-9AM – Fall migration bird watching. (Meet at the fountain; contact us to borrow binoculars.)

MUSEUMS

Fun For All Ages During Cold Weather

Walters Art Gallery – Always free admission.

Nov. 6th Tour: Food in Art with Chef Cindy Wolf & staff;
Nov. 7th, Peabody Court Music Series, composer John Belkot;
Nov. 9th Lecture: Secret life of Belle da Costa Greene, from prejudice to privilege. Much more for all ages: www.thewalters.org/events/.

Baltimore Museum of Art – Always free admission.

Nov. 23rd, 10AM-5PM, celebrate the newly reopened historic entrance with demonstrations (silver engraving, needlepoint, stained glass, a free personalized hand-cut paper silhouette, live music and cake). Much more for all ages: www.artbma.org for more info.

American Visionary Art Museum – \$\$ or join for the cost of a couple of visits, www.avam.org, Free Entry Nov. 29th 10AM-5PM, to the museum & BAZAART (over 50 artists' works for sale to benefit AVAM).

The Baltimore Museum of Industry – \$\$ or join for the cost of a couple of visits, www.thebmi.org. Free: BMI Farmers Market on Saturdays thru Nov. 29th, crafts and activities for preschoolers on Tuesdays, New Exhibit: Baltimore Shops: Department stores that were a part of downtown. Beer tasting Dec. 4th 6-10PM.