

BUTCHERS HILL

NOVEMBER 2015



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Fall is here; the year is winding down. We only have two more big Butchers Hill events in 2015: Shop and Schmooze (see article to the right) and our annual holiday potluck. The potluck is going to be Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 pm and will take the place of our regular Dec. meeting. The holiday potluck is open to everyone in Butchers Hill. I'll bring a turkey and Craig Thomson will bring a ham; the BHA will supply beverages;

and we ask everyone else to bring something to share with your neighbors—a salad, side dish, or dessert. If you can help set up or clean up, see the box on Page 2.

Speaking of fall, please be sure that your gutters and storm drains are free of leaves and other debris so that winter rain and snow don't cause flooding. You can put up to five (clear or marked) bags of leaves out for your regular trash pickup. More details about this to the right.

A special thank you to the following businesses that supported the BHA thank-you party for all of this year's volunteers by donating gift certificates to be given away as door prizes:

- Foreman Wolf (Bin 604)
- Alma Cocina Latina
- Life of Reilly
- Salt
- Water for Chocolate

Thanks to Kathy Hackett for her help with the BHA merchandise.

Take care of yourselves and each other, Beth



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SHOP AND SCHMOOZE WITH NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS!

Wed., Nov. 11, 7-9pm

St. Andrew Church - Lombard & Chester

Fabulous and affordable artwork for sale—wood, metal, paper, ceramics, wool, paintings, photos, prints, drawings—all made by SE Baltimore artists. You can't buy any more local than this! Our friendly, guitar-playing fire marshal, Michael Friedman, will be on hand to serenade you while you shop just steps from your front door. Enjoy beverages, cheese/crackers, and goodies provided by the artists and BHA. Bring your friends!

Our stellar line-up includes Jo Van Wely, Michelle Sun, Jenn Parnell, Rox Rehak, Kristen Lohman, Monica Broere, Mark Supik, Megin Diamond, Maxine Taylor, Kirsrtten and Rosy LaPointe, Nancy Newman, Martha Simons, Halsey Frost, Ron Russell, Diane Johnson, Ellen Reich, Cinder Hypki, Kini Collins, and EJ Braida. There will be a weaving demo by Beth Braun. And, of course, Girl Scouts selling those amazing cookies.



LEAVES AND OTHER YARD WASTE

The Department of Public Works Bureau of Solid Waste will be collecting bagged leaves every Monday through January 4, 2016. If you have more than five bags in any single week, and want to take advantage of this offer, call 311 before 6:00pm on Sunday night (any week before January 3) and they will pick up the bags (up to twenty of them) the next day, Monday. The bags still need to be clear or labeled.

Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Clocks Fall Back)	2	3 Streetscape Committee Meeting	4 No BHA General Meeting	5	6	7 Audubon Habitat Garden
8	9 Land Use Mtg	10	11 Shop & Schmooze (Art Night)	12	13 Dec. newsletter deadline Birdwatching	14 Make up trash/ recycling pickup
15	16	17	18 Crime Prevention Com. Meeting	19 Executive Committee Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING No trash/ recycling pickup	27	28 Make up trash/ recycling pickup Birdwatching
29	30					

***Other events in November:**

Nov. 11: Veterans' Day; city holiday; no trash/recycling pickup

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., November 18, 7pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thurs., November 19, 7pm TBA; 240-353-6333
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., November 9, 7pm - Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
STREETScape	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., November 3, 7pm - 120 S. Chester St. Interested in affecting positive changes in our BH neighborhood? Join us!
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Dee Lundelius <i>deelundelius@gmail.com</i>	No more meetings until next year!

TIMELY ADVICE FOR SAFETY

As we approach the holiday season, street crime tends to increase. Please be alert to your surroundings and:

- Practice three-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.

Report any crime or suspicious activity to 911.

Remember: officers are deployed based on recently reported criminal activity.

Turn on your outside lights every night.

Consider installing an automatic outdoor light bulb. They are available at most hardware stores and various sites online,

2015 SAVE THE DATES:

Dec. 6 – Holiday Potluck

If you would like to volunteer,

contact Greg at

greghinch@aol.com

Set up: 4:30-6:00pm

Clean up: 8:00-9:00 pm

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.

NOVEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., Nov. 11 at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Sts., enter on Lombard St. No business meeting.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL ARTISTS AT THE ANNUAL SHOP & SCHMOOZE, 7-9pm, Handmade items for your home or unique gifts. Refreshments provided.

WONDERFUL HOUSE TOUR 2015

What a spectacular tour! The weather was perfect, the homeowners were all smiling, and "they came." Special kudos to: the ten generous homeowners; Patty, the program architect; Howie, the house photographer; Martha, house tour poster photographer; Barry, selling ads; Beth, distributor of the plants and markers; Pat, housesitter organizer; Bill Cassidy, our balloon man; Sandy, Sue, Dee, and Pat at the sales table; forty-six faithful housesitter volunteers; and the house tour committee. All of this was followed by the fabulous party for all of the BHA volunteers this year. Most of all thanks to all of you who came, cleaned up around your house, and supported this event. We hope everyone enjoyed it.

Sue Noonan and Dee Lundelius (House Tour co-chairs)



NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Patterson Park Public Charter School –

PPPCS thanks the BHA for the annual charitable gift the Association gives the school. We have used the gift to support our robotics program. PPPCS is hosting a robotics tournament on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9am-1:30pm. Residents are invited to attend. This is also a great volunteer opportunity, so if you'd like to get involved, please contact Ashia Moultrie at AMoultrie@pppcs.org or 410-558-1230, ext. 327.

Commodore John Rodgers –

A group of service-minded, sixth-grade students at the Commodore John Rodgers School are planning a holiday food drive to benefit school families in need and the community at large from November 9 through November 20. The group's primary goal is to provide each family with a complete Thanksgiving meal, but their secondary goal is to supply families with food or food resources, such as grocery store gift cards, to support them beyond the holiday meal. Collection containers will be available in the main office of the school for donations between 8am-6pm.

REMEMBRANCES OF TONI FRANCFORT

Our dear friend, neighbor, and Butchers Hill advocate died of heart failure on September 23 at her home. There was a wonderful write-up of Toni's life in the *Baltimore Sun* on Sunday, October 11, 2015. Those of us who knew her and so appreciated everything she did for the community wanted to add a few additional thoughts about Toni's contributions.

The Baltimore City Fair: An annual event that highlighted the neighborhoods in Baltimore city. Each year Toni would work on the committee to decorate the BHA booth. We would do themes like Christmas in August, Victorian living room with wall papered panels, mantel places, and furniture; at other times, we would build marble steps to show stoop sitting. We won awards and got to talk about our neighborhood. We did this for many years until the City Fair ended its long tenure.

The 2000 block of East Baltimore Street: When HUD came with a proposal for vacant houses, Toni was instrumental in talking with HUD and being an advocate for BH. She was one of the first people to take an interest in Castle Street Park.

Streetscape Clean Ups: Toni was one of the many who showed up every month to help with alley and street clean up. She also participated in the Monday night gutter sweep. (This was done every week, spring through fall.) *continued on page 4*



AUDUBON OF MARYLAND

Patterson Park Habitat Gardening - Nov 7, 9am

Tiny Tots Safari Fall Adventure - Nov 7, 10:30-11:30am, registration required, \$5 donation suggested.

Urban Bird Watching Walks - Nov 13 & 28, 8-9am, meet at Lombard St. fountain.

For information or to register, call 410-558-2473 or email ppaudubon@gmail.com.

REMEMBRANCES OF TONI FRANCFORT (CONT.)

House Tour and Flea Market: Toni was involved in our annual fundraising events. This included many different activities, and anything else that needed doing.

BH concerts in Patterson Park: Toni helped raise money, develop sponsors, recruit performers, advertising and promoting the idea of taking back the park.

Pagoda: Toni was a docent and active participant in events that featured the Pagoda. One event was the brass ensembles of Baltimore and Budapest. Toni and her husband, Frankie, volunteered their home in order to host members of the Budapest ensemble during their stay in Baltimore.

SECO: Toni was involved with this organization for many years, working not only for the betterment of Butchers Hill, but for the greater Southeast community.

Additionally, Toni served on the board of Concerned Citizens for Butchers Hill in the 1990's during the time of its threatened financial collapse. Working with a volunteer lawyer and several housing non-profits, they helped maintain housing for thirty low-income families who lived in the 2000 block of E. Baltimore St.

Toni gave of her time and her heart for the neighborhood that she loved.

Contributed by Carolyn Boitnott, Pat Phoebus, Carol Richman

St Andrew Church Supports BHA

Now there are two ways to support them:

Fall Flea Market - Nov. 7, 9am-3pm, clothing, jewelry, and household items with homemade pierogis and other delicacies from their kitchen.

Order pierogis (sauerkraut or potato/cheese filling), \$7/dozen, made by the St. Andrew Sisterhood. They freeze beautifully. The deadline for placing orders is Nov. 15 to be picked up Nov. 22 between 11:30-12:30 at the church hall. And don't forget homemade cookies packaged in ½ lb. & 1 lb. boxes, \$8 per pound, for pickup Dec. 13 between 11-12:30. Email kokojaz@comcast.net to order.



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.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Greek Festival at the Cathedral of the Annunciation

Nov. 6-8, Fri. and Sat. 11am-11pm, Sun. noon-6pm. Free admission and parking. Live music, dance demonstrations & lessons, historic & cultural displays, and food. 24 W. Preston St.

Maryland Irish Festival

Nov. 6-8, MD State Fairgrounds in Timonium.

St. Leo's Ravioli & Spaghetti Dinner

Nov. 8, noon-6pm, the ravioli runs rampant in St. Leo's annual ravioli and spaghetti dinner, handmade by the volunteers. Don't miss this annual decades-old tradition! saintleorcc.com/events/ravioli-spaghetti-dinner

Adult Eat-In Dinners: \$12.00

Children's Eat-In Dinners \$6.00

Carry-Out Dinners \$12.50 (available at the Parish Hall, 227 S. Exeter St.)

Festival of Trees

Nov. 27-29, to benefit Kennedy-Krieger Institute. You'll think you're in the North Pole after you step into this land of fairy tale forests, gingerbread towns, train gardens, and craft vendors. Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. Visit the web site for a discount coupon festivaloftrees.kennedykrieger.org.

MUSEUMS - Fun for all ages

Walters Art Gallery – www.thewalters.org/events

Baltimore Museum of Art – www.artbma.org

American Visionary Art Museum – www.avam.org

The Baltimore Museum of Industry – www.thebmi.org

#smallbusinessSaturday

is encouraging us all to shop small businesses on Sat., Nov. 28.

Their success is your community's success.