

# BUTCHERS HILL

NOVEMBER 2016



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BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

If you ever bother to read this part of the monthly newsletter, you are familiar with me rattling on about what a great neighborhood we have in Butchers Hill. One of the aspects that make the community so attractive is the houses themselves. The house-by-house development pattern of 100-150 years ago resulted in a rich variety of sizes, shapes, and styles; and we are blessed to live among some really beautiful structures.

And that is just from the outside. Last month, on the annual House Tour, we had the chance to see the insides of nine of these homes, and to appreciate that the physical beauty of Butchers Hill is w-a-a-a-y more than skin deep. There were architectural fittings and features which would be almost impossible to duplicate in new construction; there were spectacular furnishings, awesome artwork, and clever living arrangements. Even as a veteran of many of these tours, I was blown away.

And the most impressive feature of all was the generosity of all of these homeowners in opening their houses to be tromped through by the ooh-ing and ahh-ing crowds. This tour is a major fundraiser for the Butchers Hill Association, and we had a high turnout this year, providing lots of funds for our good works. (Perhaps a life-size oil painting of the BHA President? No? Well, ok, then, maybe support for our neighborhood schools or something.)

Thanks to the organizers: Sue Noonan, Dee Lundelius, and Pat Phoebus, to all the volunteers who helped with the program and the logistics, and most of all to the homeowners who put their spectacular houses on the tour.

I can't wait until next year's tour!

Greg Hinchliffe



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## FOURTH ANNUAL SHOP & SCHMOOZE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS Wed., Nov. 9, 7-9pm

Fabulous and affordable artwork for sale—wood, metal, paper, ceramics, wool, paintings, photos, prints, jewelry, and drawings. 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 in the St. Andrew church hall. Enjoy beverages and goodies provided by the artists and BHA. Bring your friends!

Our stellar line-up includes: Jo Van Wely, EJ Braida, Jenn Parnell, Kristen Lohman, Monica Broere, Mark Supik, Megin Diamond, Maxine Taylor, Kirsrtien Lapointe, Nancy Newman, Martha Simons, Halsey Frost, Ron Russell, Diane Johnson, Kini Collins, Jude Asher, Cathy Evans, Sally Hopkins, Laura Vernon Russell, Spoticus Photography, Mary Opasik, Beth Braun, and Diane Sanlorenzo.

Visit our Shop & Schmooze Facebook page to see sneak peeks of the work:  
[facebook.com/events/1195314060510229](https://facebook.com/events/1195314060510229)

## HOLIDAY POTLUCK Sun., Dec. 11, 6:00pm

Every year, the Butchers Hill Association organizes a holiday potluck in place of a December business meeting. Everyone in Butchers Hill is welcome! It will start at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 11, in the St. Andrew church hall at Lombard & Chester. The Association will provide turkey (and maybe ham) and beverages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. There will be a kids' play area staffed by a Wondersitter. Please join us to ring in the holiday season!

*Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood!*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <b>Streetscape Com. Meeting</b>	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time ends (clocks fall back)	7	8 Election Day (Holiday)	9 <b>Shop &amp; Schmooze</b>	10	11 <b>Dec. newsletter deadline</b> Veterans' Day	12 Trash/Recycling make up day
13	14 <b>Land Use Com. Meeting</b>	15	16 <b>Crime Prevention Mtg.</b>	17 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving (Holiday)	25	26 Birdwatching Trash/Recycling make up day
27 Highlandtown Train Garden opens (Nov. 26 & 27)	28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Three Holidays = No Pickup</b></p> <p>Nov. 8: Election Day Nov. 11: Veterans' Day Nov. 24: Thanksgiving</p> <p>Make Up Pickups: Sat., Nov. 12 Sat., Nov. 26</p> </div>		

## BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	Wed., Nov. 16, 7pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Greg Hinchcliffe <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thurs., Nov. 17, 6:30pm Patterson Park White House
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	No scheduled meeting in November.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Dee Lundelis <i>deelun@verizon.net</i>	No scheduled meeting in November.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Nov. 14, 7pm Patterson Park White House
STREETSCAPE	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., Nov. 1, 7pm 120 S. Chester St.

If you have requested a swap for your large, city-owned trashcan for the smaller one, we have learned that DPW is out of them until sometime next year. Please remove your trashcan from the front of your house until we announce that they have them back in stock. At that time, you should place another 311 call to swap.

### 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.

## Save the Date - 2016

November 9 - Shop & Schmooze  
December 11 - Holiday Potluck

### Leaves & Yard Debris

The city will be collecting up to five bags of leaves on your regular trash day. Up to twenty bags of leaves may be picked up on Mondays through Jan. 2, 2017, by calling 311 before 6pm on Sunday night. You may schedule multiple pickups.

Leaves - plant 'em, love 'em, water 'em, and benefit from their cool greenness. Leaves are the price; just pick 'em up a little at a time. Turn it into a relaxing, out-in-the fresh-air activity. Make leaf cleanup in your block a social event, sharing tools & libations the evening before trash pickup. Keeping leaves off the sidewalk makes it safer. Getting leaves out of the street and gutter so they don't become frozen muck makes parking easier. Note to gardeners: leaves make great (free) mulch for your compost, gardens, and planter boxes. Mulch helps trees and plants survive the coldest winters.

The mechanical street sweepers are employed to remove the oil slick from the roads that otherwise would pollute the harbor. The sweepers can do a more effective job if the leaves and litter are out of the way. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to remove the leaves and litter.

**NOVEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: No General Meeting. Instead join us for Shop & Schmooze - November 9, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St. (more information on page 1)**

## **FABULOUS HOUSE TOUR**

This was perhaps the most successful Butchers Hill house tour ever. There were more people than programs, which seldom happens. Everyone had a good time. It is you, our Butchers Hill community that did it. The gracious homeowners opened their homes "and they came." There is no possibility that the wonderful people involved can be properly thanked—there were just too many of them. If you have any suggestions, comments or would like to join the house tour committee, contact us at our listing on page 2.

Incidentally, the raffle for Sarah Water's original painting of a Butchers Hill roof top view, which was on the house tour booklet and poster, was eventually won by Bill Miltenberger.

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY**

In October, we gathered to show our appreciation for all of the volunteers that had participated in Butchers Hill events this year. Thank you to the following local businesses for donating door prizes: Broadway Liquors, Canèla, Life of Reilly, Salt, Tarbas Greek Kitchen, Verde, and Water for Chocolate. Please show your support to the businesses that support our neighborhood.

## **FALL TREE PLANTING A SUCCESS**

The Streetscape committee is passionate about continuing the "Greening of Butchers Hill" as well as cleanups and dumpsters. When Butchers Hill received a last minute city-donation of trees, the committee jumped into action. On Oct. 15, six of your neighbors planted nine more trees on Baltimore and Chester Streets. Thank you to homeowners who agreed to water these new additions to our breathable air and cooler, quieter streets. If you have ideas about how to continue the improvement of our environment, join us at our meeting Tues., Nov. 1, 7pm at 120 S. Chester St. Refreshments served.

## **HELP WANTED**

Volunteer needed to deliver the Butchers Hill newsletter once a month to the unit block and the 100 block of South Patterson Park Ave. You may do one or both blocks, and will be the first to receive the newsletter each month. Please help keep our community informed. Please contact Sandy at 410-558-0149 or [sjs2201@verizon.net](mailto:sjs2201@verizon.net).

## **NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS**

### **Commodore John Rodgers (100 N. Chester St.)**

- CJR on the radio - go to [www.thecjrschool.org/news](http://www.thecjrschool.org/news) for a link to a WYPR program about federal turnaround-school funding with a focus on CJR.
- As a Living Classrooms school, CJR supports students and their families via some notable partnerships: Higher Achievement mentors and enriches fifth & sixth graders, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland offers a six-week program for kindergarten & first graders, One More One Less mentors second & third graders, and Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health Family League supports the needs of students' families.
- On Nov. 3, 3:30-7:30, Chick-fil-A will donate 20% of your purchase to CJR (if you let them know you want them to); also continue to bring in those Box Tops on products you use or use the Box Top app.

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

- Join us for Bingo on Fri., Nov. 18. Doors open at 6pm; games begin at 7pm.
- Dec. 3, 5th Annual Patterson Park 5K and Fun Run, to help raise funds for our students to travel to Costa Rica to practice their Spanish skills. The day will be packed with various activities, including a 5K (strollers and dogs welcome), one-mile fun run, beer garden, and homebrew tasting! Find the course route, registration and race-day information at [www.pppcs.org](http://www.pppcs.org).



## **CRIME PREVENTION NEWS**

Castle Street Park safety efforts: following a crime prevention meeting of a number of residents who live around the Castle Street Park, there have been two work parties to limb up trees and clean alleys and overgrowth. Future plans include more camera surveillance and improved lighting. We hope to form an ongoing group of residents who will keep up with this work. Thanks to the following for their work party help: Matt, Mathew, Jessica, Michelle, RC, Margie, Teri, Connie, Jeff, and Charles.

All residents of the neighborhood are encouraged to register their security cameras with Baltimore CitiWatch Community Partnership. This will assist the police in following up on any crime that may occur near your property. For more information or to register, contact [citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov](http://citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov).

## VOTING

**Be Informed** - Tue., Nov. 8, is Election Day. Early voting in Maryland started on Oct. 27. There are a number of bond issues, charter amendments, and a constitutional amendment on the ballot as well as national and city offices to be filled. See [www.elections.state.md.us/](http://www.elections.state.md.us/) or <http://planning.baltimorecity.gov/bond-issue-questions> for the city's descriptions of the bond issues.

## PATTERSON PARK

**Pagoda Lighting** - Sun., Dec. 4, be there to see our beloved Pagoda become our favorite winter beacon on the hill. Email [friends@pattersonpark.com](mailto:friends@pattersonpark.com) to find out how to be a part of the fun and get regular updates.

**Free Community Yoga Classes** - Saturdays through Dec. 17, 10-11am, Living Classrooms Patterson Park Center. No registration is required, yoga mats available, and kids welcome; call 410-878-0563 for more information.

## AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

To participate in Patterson Park Audubon Center events, RSVP at 410-558-2473 or [PPAudubon@gmail.com](mailto:PPAudubon@gmail.com).

**Habitat Team** - Sat., Nov. 5, 9-10:30am. Meet at the native plant garden near the boat lake.

**Tiny Tots** - Fri., Nov. 11, 10:30-11:30am meet at the picnic tables at the boat lake. Kids make a craft, play a game, and read story on the theme. Registration required.

**Guided Bird-Watching Walks** - Sat., Nov. 26, 8-9:30. All ages welcome. Meet at fountain near Lombard St. If you need to borrow binoculars, drop us an email.

## HIGHLANDTOWN TRAIN GARDEN

Kids of all ages will want to see the Highlandtown Train Garden as it celebrates its eighth year in the fire station across from the library at Eastern Ave. & Conkling St. This year it opens on Sat., Nov. 26 & 27, 11am-5pm. Volunteers are needed to keep the garden open to the public the two following weekends (Dec. 3 & 4 and 10 & 11, as well as from Dec. 17-31 (except Dec. 25). Local schools will be invited to visit. Those little eyes really light up when the trains start to run. To be a part of the magic, give a couple of hours of your time. Contact Joe at 410-458-9029. He will accommodate your schedule.

## OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Charm City Fringe Fest** - Nov. 3-13, at venues across Baltimore. Ten days of theatre, comedy, puppetry, dance, music and art. For events & tickets, go to [charmcityfringe.ticketleap.com](http://charmcityfringe.ticketleap.com).

**Greek Festival at the Cathedral of the Annunciation**, Nov. 4-6, free admission and parking. Live music, dance demonstrations & lessons, historic & cultural displays, and food. 24 W Preston St.

**St. Leo's Ravioli & Spaghetti Dinner**, Nov. 8, noon-6pm, the ravioli (handmade by volunteers) runs rampant in St. Leo's annual ravioli and spaghetti dinner. Adult eat-in dinners are \$12. Children's eat-in dinners are \$6. Carry-out dinners \$12.50. For more information, [saintleorcc.com/events/ravioli-spaghetti-dinner](http://saintleorcc.com/events/ravioli-spaghetti-dinner).

**Maryland Irish Festival**, Nov. 11-13, Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. Children under 17 & active military w/ ID are free. Information at [irishfestival.com](http://irishfestival.com).

**Festival of Trees**, Nov. 25-27, to benefit Kennedy-Krieger Institute. You'll think you're at the North Pole after you step into this land of fairy tale forests, gingerbread towns, train gardens, and craft vendors. Located at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. Visit [festivaloftrees.kennedykrieger.org](http://festivaloftrees.kennedykrieger.org).

**#smallbusinessSaturday**, Sat., Nov. 26, the event that encourages us all to shop at our local, small businesses. Their success is our community's success. Baltimore is the fourth-best city for small businesses, per citybizlist. Check out [mdbiznews.commerce.maryland.gov](http://mdbiznews.commerce.maryland.gov).

## Museums - fun for all ages

American Visionary Art Museum: [www.avam.org](http://www.avam.org)

Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum: [www.baberuthmuseum.org](http://www.baberuthmuseum.org)

Baltimore Museum of Art: [www.artbma.org](http://www.artbma.org)

Baltimore Museum of Industry: [www.thebmi.org](http://www.thebmi.org)

B&O Railroad Museum: [www.borail.org](http://www.borail.org)

Geppi's Entertainment Museum: [www.geppismuseum.com](http://www.geppismuseum.com)

Great Blacks in Wax Museum: [www.greatblacksinwax.org](http://www.greatblacksinwax.org)

Reginald F. Lewis Museum: [www.lewismuseum.org](http://www.lewismuseum.org)

Walters Art Gallery: [www.thewalters.org](http://www.thewalters.org)

To receive monthly newsletters via email contact: [bhamember@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.