

# BUTCHERS HILL

NOVEMBER 2017



ANDREW CRUMMEY  
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

October was a great month for our neighborhood with the unseasonably warm weather providing a perfect day for our annual house tour. The committee did an excellent job of curating a snapshot of the different types of housing that we have in our historic neighborhood. Thank you to all who pitched in for the tour and the volunteers throughout

the year that joined us for the volunteer appreciation celebration afterwards.

We will not have a general meeting in November; instead we are looking forward to our Shop and Schmooze event on the 15th, it is a great opportunity to shop local and support our many artists in the neighborhood.

I want to thank all of those who joined us for the very spirited discussion around street sweeping and dangerous intersections at our last general meeting. These issues affect many people in different ways, and its important to have a civil discussion with all of the information at hand. I would rather see spirited disagreements in a general meeting, than name calling on social media.

As the daylight hours shorten over the coming months, please remember to stay engaged with your neighbors and keep your eyes on the streets.

Enjoy the holidays

Andrew



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## SHOP & SCHMOOZE

Wed., Nov. 15, 7-9pm

The fifth annual Butchers Hill Shop and Schmooze Craft Market and Gift Buying Extravaganza is about to happen! Regulars know to show up early because one-of-a-kind gifts sell out quickly. More than twenty talented artists will offer a wide variety of wares. BHA provides live musical entertainment, free munchies, beverages, and lots of community schmoozing.

Come meet your neighbors and support your area artists—and tell your friends about it, too. It's free!

## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE UNVEILING OF...

Sat., Nov. 11, 3pm

...the new rain garden signs! Please join your neighbors and other invited guests at 3pm on Sat., Nov. 11 at the corner of E Fairmount and N Chester Streets (by Commodore John Rodgers School) for a celebration of our new rain garden signage. These bilingual signs identify the plants and explain how a rain garden works, why native plantings are important, and who is responsible for their upkeep and maintenance. This is a rain or shine event.

Thank you to the  
Chesapeake Bay Trust  
for their generous grant.



## HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Sun., Dec. 10 ~ 5pm

Every year, the Butchers Hill Association organizes a holiday potluck in place of our December business meeting. Everyone in Butchers Hill is welcome! It will start at 5pm (earlier than usual this year) on Sun., Dec. 10, at the St. Andrew church hall at Lombard & Chester Streets. The Association will provide turkey, ham, and beverages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. There will be a kids' play area staffed by one or two babysitters. If you would like to contribute to help offset the cost of this, please contact Beth Braun at [bethabraun@yahoo.com](mailto:bethabraun@yahoo.com) or use the gratitude section of the *Giving page on the BHA website*. Please join us to ring in the holiday season!

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# November 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 St. Andrew Flea Market (9am-2pm)
5 Daylight Savings Time ends "fall" back	6	7 <b>Streetscape Committee Meeting</b>	8	9 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	10	11 <b>Rain Garden Sign Unveiling</b> Veterans Day
12	13 <b>Land Use Com. Meeting</b>	14	15 <b>Shop &amp; Schmooze</b>	16	17 November newsletter deadline	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving (no trash/recycling pick up)	24	25 Bird Watching Trash/recycling make up day
26 Highlandtown Train Garden Opens (10/25)	27	28	29	30		

## BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CRIME PREVENTION	Carolyn Boitnott <i>c.boitnott@verizon.net</i> 410-522-4991	No meeting in November.
EXECUTIVE	Andrew Crummey <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thur., Nov. 9, 7:00pm 113 S. Chester St. Meets on the second Thurs.
FLEA MARKET	Emily Augustine Adam Bradbury <i>emily.augustine@gmail.com</i>	No meeting in November.
HOUSE TOUR	Sue Noonan <i>suenoon@cavtel.net</i> Pat Phoebus <i>phoebu1115@aol.com</i> 410-327-1610	No meeting in November.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., Nov. 13, 7:00pm Meets on the second Mon. in the white house in Patterson Park.
STREETSCAPE	Betsy Wadsworth <i>bwads2211@verizon.net</i> Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tue., Nov. 7, 7:00pm 2211 E. Lombard St. Meets on the first Tue.

### 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.

## 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SLATE

This year's nominating committee has been hard at work, and has already put together the slate of officers that they will nominate at the January BHA general meeting on January 3, 2018.

**President - Andrew Crummey**

**Vice President - Beth Braun**

**Vice President - Dave Phoebus**

**Treasurer - John Marsiglia**

**Corresponding Secretary - Matt Thompson**

**Recording Secretary - Amy Sheinin**

**Parliamentarian - Doug Gorius**

**Member at Large - Brianna McNamara**

**Member at Large - Dan Kiselik**

**Member at Large - Dani Sossaman**

### 2017 Save the Dates

November 15 - Shop & Schmooze

December 2 - Dumpster at 100 block S. Collington

(last one until April 2018)

December 10 - Holiday Potluck (at 5:00pm this year)

### St. Andrew Fall Flea Market

Sat., Nov. 4, from 9am-2pm. Great bargains on household items, clothing, and jewelry. Support the church that supports the neighborhood!

**NOVEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., Nov. 15, at 7:00pm**  
St. Andrew Orthodox Church hall, Lombard & Chester Streets., enter on Lombard St.

**No business meeting - Shop & Schmooze instead! (see front page)**

## **A GLORIOUS HOUSE TOUR DAY!**

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the 2017 Butchers Hill House Tour: homeowners, house sitters, advertisers, HT committee, and patrons. The addition of the raffle for the original art by our neighbor Martha Simons led to a nice contribution as well. The support of the house tour, together with the flea market, allows our community to continue improvements to our neighborhood and the world around us. If you want to have your home on the tour next year contact us by April 2018. Note: Someone left their glasses at a home on the tour. Contact [sunoon@cavtel.net](mailto:sunoon@cavtel.net) or [phoebe1115@aol.com](mailto:phoebe1115@aol.com) if you know who they belong to.

## **FUNDRAISING FOR BUTCHERS HILL**

Our fundraising efforts in the neighborhood are ongoing. If you would like to support programs like the greening projects, you can sign up at [www.butchershill.org/giving](http://www.butchershill.org/giving) and donate using a monthly plan through a PayPal account, or make a one-time donation with a credit card or through PayPal. Checks will also be accepted (mail to BHA, 27 S. Patterson Park Ave. or bring to a general meeting). We hope you will sign up to be a monthly donor to help sustain our neighborhood programs throughout the year.

Once again thank you for going above and beyond to help make our neighborhood an even better place to live.

## **GRATITUDE TRIBUTE DONATIONS**

Now you can express your thanks and congratulations to neighbors by recognizing their good deeds and accomplishments in our newsletter with a tax deductible donation to the Butchers Hill Association.

From Dan & Alice Kiselik: in gratitude to **Martha Simons** - for Chalk Night and encouraging a love of art in our neighborhood children (and adults).

## **FALL LEAVES**

Your responsibility includes the street gutters and sidewalks. Up to five bags may be put out on your regular trash day through December. The bags should be labeled as "leaves" unless they are in a clear plastic bag. Make it fun! Turn bagging leaves into a relaxing, out-in-the-fresh-air activity; a social event on your block; get them out of the gutter before they become frozen muck to challenge your parking skills; use the leaves as mulch in tree wells, gardens and planters. Mechanical street sweepers can do a more effective job when leaves and litter are out of the way.

## **GREEN WITH ENVY**

As you walk down our streets and sidewalks have you seen the leaves changing on the trees? If so, you've probably also noticed the wide variety of colors painting the tree canopies. Fall, also known as the Autumn Equinox, which began nearly a month ago continues to inspire us with street-upon-street of colorful trees. Did you know Butchers Hill is one of Baltimore's only communities to have a complete list of its trees: species, condition, and size! Did you know there are currently 410 trees lining our streets and over half are in the Maple family! If you didn't know these facts before, now you do! Although, why might you ask, should I care?

A community which maintains an inventory of the trees lining its streets is a community which is better prepared when it comes time not only to plant new trees, but also in making decisions on which types of trees are planted. While the majority of BH's trees are in the Maple family, there are many other varieties of trees such as Zelkovas, Elms, Oaks, and a bevy of flowering trees like Pears, and Cherries, which inhabit our community.

When choosing to plant a new tree pit, replace a dead tree, or remove a diseased tree, our tree inventory allows us to make informed decisions to ensure we are maintaining a balance of species. We plant native trees whenever possible coupled with hardy varieties that can withstand tough city conditions. Although our Maples have continually performed well, we are also cognizant of the pitfalls of establishing a monoculture where blight could potentially do great harm. That is one of many reasons why it is important to maintain an up-to-date inventory of our trees. Another upside to maintaining an inventory is that it allows the Association, via the Streetscape Committee, to make informed decisions when appropriating its available resources whether through donations, grants, or other means.

The Streetscape Committee is a group of individuals who work to maintain our green spaces, consisting of rain gardens, two community parks, and tree-lined streets to name a few. These green spaces serve both form and function while also helping to encourage a well-balanced ecosystem. The committee is always encouraging new members and volunteers to join us in these efforts.

Throughout this past year, the Streetscape Committee has focused on ensuring our community streets continue to be lined with a variety of trees that will grow with our community and be enjoyed by neighbors and visitors alike for years to come. The committee continues to focus its efforts within Butchers Hill through a series of greening projects supported and implemented by all those who know us as 'Baltimore's Friendliest and Greenest Neighborhood'.

Chris Venuti

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## PATTERSON PARK EVENTS

**Patterson Park Brew Fest** - Sat., Nov. 4, 12-6pm, local brews, food trucks, live music, family-friendly. The Brewfest is a fundraiser to benefit Friends of Patterson Park. Tickets and more information at [PattersonParkBrewFest.com](http://PattersonParkBrewFest.com).

## AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

To participate in or for more information about Patterson Park Audubon Center events, RSVP at 410-558-2473, or email [baltimore@audubon.org](mailto:baltimore@audubon.org).

**Habitat Team** - Sat. Nov. 4, 9-10:30am, meet at the wetland garden, uphill from the Boat Lake.

**Teen Service & Learning Day**, Mon., Nov. 6, 9:30am-12:30pm. Meet at the fountain at the Lombard St. entrance, middle & high school students earn service learning hours. Free lunch provided.

**Tiny Tots - Fall Adventure!** - Fri., Nov. 10 10:30-11:30am, Register early, slots fill quickly, \$5 donation per child with an adult.

**Guided Bird-Watching Walks** - Sat. Nov. 25, 8-9:30am, meet at Lombard St. entrance near the fountain. To borrow binoculars, email or call contact information above.

## OTHER NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Charm City Fringe Fest** - Nov. 2-12, Cutting edge & quirky theater plus performing arts in the Bromo Arts District. More information and volunteer opportunities at [charmcityfringe.com](http://charmcityfringe.com).

**St. Leo's Ravioli & Spaghetti Dinner** - Sun., Nov. 8, noon-6pm, 227 S. Exeter St., Eat-in, \$12; Carry-out, \$12.50, Children: \$6. [saintleorcc.com](http://saintleorcc.com)

**Maryland Irish Festival** - Fri., Nov. 10, 6-11pm; Sat. Nov. 11, noon-11pm; Sun. Nov. 12, noon-6pm; at the Timonium Fairgrounds. [irishfestival.com](http://irishfestival.com)

**Festival of Trees** - Nov. 24-26, Fri. & Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 10am-6pm. Breakfast with Santa on Sun. 8-10am, special event ticket needed. [festivaloftrees.kennedykrieger.org](http://festivaloftrees.kennedykrieger.org)

**#smallbusinessSaturday** - Nov. 25, shop at any "main street" business and put your money back into your local community. Their success is our success!

## NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

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

Sat., Nov. 11, Open House for interested families. Learn more about the school's mission and vision, meet staff and students, and hear about our whole-child, thematic, hands-on curriculum.

Fri., Nov. 17, Bingo in our cafeteria! Doors open at 6pm and games start at 7pm. \$10 to play. Food, alcohol, and extra games available for purchase. Adults only!

Sat., Dec. 2, 5K FunRun in Patterson Park & Home-brew Contest. Run, brew, drink, and fundraise! All proceeds from the event benefit Patterson Park Public Charter School's extensive field trip programming, including a service-learning trip to Mexico!

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

CJR Food Pantry is open from 8-11am, the 2nd & 4th Thursdays (Nov. 8 & 22 this month). Bring your own bag.

Email Michael Glenwick [glenwick@thecjrschool.org](mailto:glenwick@thecjrschool.org), if you are interested in helping to unload or distribute food for the CJR pantry or Hungry Harvest, be a part of walking children to school as part of the Walking School Bus program, or be a CJR Reading Buddy. Let him know of any other ideas you might have to help out at the school.

## HIGHLANDTOWN TRAIN GARDEN

Absolutely unique & free! Kids of all ages must see the best "view" of our area as the train garden celebrates its ninth year in the fire station across from the library at Eastern Ave. & Conkling St. at 520 S. Conkling St. Visit from 11am to 5pm on Nov. 25 & 26, Dec. 2&3 and 9&10. And then Sat., Dec. 16 through Jan.1, it is open every day except Christmas Day. Volunteers are needed to keep the train garden open to the public. If interested contact Joe Manfre at [jmanfre@highlandtowntraingarden.com](mailto:jmanfre@highlandtowntraingarden.com). For more information visit [www.highlandtowntraingarden.com](http://www.highlandtowntraingarden.com) or their Facebook page.



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## 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.