

BUTCHERS HILL

SEPTEMBER 2015



BETH BRAUN
BHA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

It's that time of the year when the neighborhood association needs lots of volunteers to make two of our annual events successful. In the articles on this page you will see whom to contact if you want to volunteer for the flea market and for the house tour (as a sitter). If you are new to the neighborhood, I really encourage you to give two to three hours to one or

both of these events. They are a great way to meet other neighbors, they are both really fun events, and you would be supporting the neighborhood association—and indirectly a number of local nonprofits, including the two local schools that we support. In fact, even if you are not new—come volunteer for all the same reasons!

The meeting this month is another stoop meeting. We are going to have five “stoops” this time. Four are in front of houses as usual, and we will also have a gathering in Castle St. Park. Come join in on our discussion about the proposed new seating area in the park that Life of Reilly would be able to use for outdoor tables. See the section at the top of page 3 for the addresses for the other stoops.

A quick note about the stormwater bump outs--we will be holding a weed-training session this month. If you are interested in attending, please email me at butchershillpresident@gmail.com or call me at 240-353-6333. I would like to ask that whoever is “helping out” by using a weed whacker in the bump outs, please stop. I understand you are trying to help, but it is killing the plants that are intended to be there.

Take care of yourselves and each other, Beth



BHA FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR *Sat., Sept. 12*

The Flea Market and Craft Fair means food, live music, trips up the Pagoda, family fun, clothes for every shape and size, toys, sporting equipment, pottery, antiques, art, furniture, and treasures galore. Come shop with 150+ vendors. An ATM is available for those unexpected finds.

Clean out those mystery boxes in your basement or in the back of your closet and bring donations to the Butchers Hill booth from 7 to 10am at the Lombard St. entrance. All proceeds go to our two neighborhood schools.

One hundred percent of the time and effort to put on this event is donated by our neighbors. Likewise, all proceeds go to supporting local non-profits that affect our quality of life. Come and join the fun. We are looking for setup help from 6-8am, assistance at the food and BHA booths 8-10am, 10am-noon, or noon-2pm, and cleanup from 2:30-4:30pm. We feed volunteers! Pick your time and come support the best neighborhood in Baltimore: Butchers Hill. If you can volunteer, contact Tori at torisimms.bha@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERING WITH LOTS OF PERKS **HOUSE SITTING FOR THE HOUSE TOUR** *Sun., Oct. 11, noon-5pm*

For only two and a half hours of house sitting, you get a free ticket to the house tour PLUS you are invited to the all-volunteer thank-you party that evening with the usual great food and drinks. Couples and friends can sign up to ‘sit’ in the same house. If you are interested, contact Pat at Phoebu1115@aol.com or by phone at 410-327-1610, as soon as possible.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Streetscape Committee Meeting	2 BHA General Meeting - STOOPS	3	4 HHW Collection 9 am-7 pm, Sisson St.	5 HHW Collection 9am-7 pm, Sisson St.
6	7 Labor Day Holiday	8	9 COP	10 House Tour Committee Meeting	11 Birdwatching	12 * BH Flea Market & Craft Fair in Patterson Park
13 *	14 * Land Use Meeting	15	16 Crime Prevention Com. Meeting	17 Executive Committee Meeting	18 Oct. newsletter deadline	19
20	21	22	23 * COP Autumnal Equinox	24 Art opening at Salt	25 Baltimore Book Festival (thru 9/27)	26 Birdwatching
27 Moonlight Pagoda Tour du Port	28	29	30			
*Other events in September: Sept. 12 & 13 Ukrainian Festival, 11am-7pm, Linwood Ave. entrance to Patterson Park			Sept. 14: Rosh Hashanah Sept. 23: Yom Kippur		And look forward to in October: Free Fall Baltimore: Begins Oct. 1 - hundreds of free activities all around Baltimore. Plan your free fun now. For more information, visit freefallbaltimore.org .	

BUTCHERS HILL COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP)	Evan Helfrich <i>ubik14@netscape.net</i> 410-342-2148	Meets 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., September 16, 7pm 2105 E. Baltimore St. Meets on the third Wed. of the month
EXECUTIVE	Beth Braun <i>butchershillpresident@gmail.com</i>	Thurs., September 17, 7pm TBA; 240-353-6333
FLEA MARKET	Ray Hofmann <i>rayhofmann@aol.com</i>	Only if necessary, Mon., Sept. 7, 7:30pm 2124 E Lombard St.
LAND USE	Virgil Bartram <i>Virgil@ArchUV.com</i> 410-327-4964	Mon., September 14, 7pm - Meeting at the White House in Patterson Park
STREETScape	Andrew Crummey <i>andrew.crummey@gmail.com</i>	Tues., September 1, 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 Lundelis <i>deelundelius@gmail.com</i>	Thurs., September 10, 7pm 2029 E. Pratt St.

2015 SAVE THE DATES:

Sept. 12 – Fall BHA Flea Market

Oct. 3 – Fall Cleanup & Dumpster

Oct. 11 – BHA House Tour

Nov 11. – Art Night: Shop & Schmooze

Dec. 6 – Holiday Potluck



Baltimore Book Festival

Sept. 25-27, 11am-7pm, Inner Harbor - the mid-Atlantic's premier celebration of the literary art features more than 200 celebrity and local authors, readings, workshops, children's activities, panel discussions, cookbook demonstrations, more than 100 exhibitors and booksellers, live music, food, and more. For schedule of events go to baltimorebookfestival.org.

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.

For a new neighbor packet or more information about Baltimore's Friendliest Neighborhood, visit www.ButchersHill.org.

SEPTEMBER BUTCHERS HILL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Wed., September 2

We won't be meeting at the church this month. Instead, join us at any or all of the following locations for a less formal gathering with refreshments. We will also be electing our nominating committee.

2123 E Lombard St. 2216 E Baltimore St. 19 S Castle St. 2036 E Pratt St.
and Castle St. Park (enter beside Life of Reilly's on Fairmount Ave.)

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

Moonlight Pagoda Party:

Sun. Sept. 27, 7-9pm on PagodaHill. This great party is a thank-you event for being a member of the Friends at the \$100 or higher annual level. That level is expected to increase next year. Join now at <http://pattersonpark.com/get-involved/become-a-member/> for the best party in the park.

Mueveton Health and Fitness Expo:

Sat., Sept. 19. A fun day filled with great healthy activities for the whole family with a free 5K starting at 9am. For more info email at Katie@pattersonpark.com.

Help Clean Up Patterson Park:

Lake Team--remove trash from in and around the lake, Sat. Sept. 5, 8am.

Pagoda Team-- sweep steps, weed gardens, edge walkways, Sun. Sept. 13, 10am.

Tree Team-- weed and mulch trees, Sat. Sept. 26, 9am.

If you can't join a team, but want to help--TAKE 5!

Anytime you are in Patterson Park, take 5 minutes to pull some weeds, edge a walkway, or pick up trash.

Every little bit helps! For more info, questions or suggestions email, volunteer@pattersonpark.com.

Master Plan Survey:

This is your last chance to give your opinion on the proposed Patterson Park Master Plan via a short. online survey. Go to surveymonkey.com/r/pattersonparkmasterplan to take the survey and, once you are finished, see other peoples' results.



ALL ABOARD!

Calling all model train engineers: Join one of Highlandtown's biggest holiday traditions, the Highlandtown Train Garden. Help create new exhibits, run the trains, and meet lots of wonderful people. Come aboard by contacting Joe Manfre at 410-342-5395 or by email at joesocst@aol.com or Terry Maillar at etmaillar@comcast.net. Even those without train experience, but to willing to learn and have fun, are welcomed to join.

BUTCHERS HILL HOUSE TOUR

Sun., Oct. 11, noon-5pm

Spread the word: ten beautiful and unique homes, compact to spacious in size, are on this self-guided tour. Two of the homes will be featured in the "Dream Homes" section of the *Baltimore Sun*. Tickets are \$12 in advance, available from the House Tour page on our website at butchershill.org (look on the right side under Events) or \$15 on the day of the tour at the white house in Patterson Park. Babysitting for children under ten years old is available with Wondersitter sitters. More information and rates are available via a link from the house tour page. The deadline for babysitting reservations and payment is Thursday, October 8.

SHOP & SCHMOOZE

Wed., Nov. 11, noon-5pm

Calling all artists! Butchers Hill's annual celebration of local art is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 11. Local artists interested in selling or showing your work that evening, please send an email to both Kini Collins (kinicollins@gmail.com) and EJ Braida (ejbraida@gmail.com), the co-chairs of the event, by Sept. 1. Set up will begin at 5pm, the shopping and schmoozing will take place 7-9pm, and load out will begin at 9pm. Artists are asked to pay \$10 to participate, and to bring cheese or crackers (or other nosh). The neighborhood association will provide beverages, some food, and music.

ART IN BUTCHERS HILL

Opening: Thur., Sept. 24, 5-7pm

Check out the work of Butchers Hill artist Cheryl Atkins at Salt (E. Pratt & S. Collington). Her photographs will be on display and for sale through September and October. Profits will be donated to the BHA and earmarked for education.

Cheryl will have a special at the opening for any Butchers Hill residents that are interested in arranging for her to photograph their house or garden.



NEWS FROM OUR TWO K-8 SCHOOLS

Commodore John Rodgers –

Commodore is looking forward to the first day of school on August 31 and the Back to School Night for parents on September 3. Our renovated library is almost finished; there will be a grand opening on September 24.

Patterson Park Public Charter School –

Sat., Sept. 19, 1-4 pm in Patterson Park. Commemorate ten years of whole-child education at PPPCS's 10th Anniversary Community Celebration. Student presentations and performances, live music, fun activities for children of all ages, partner showcase, food, time capsule presentation, raffle, and much more. www.facebook.com/PattersonParkPCS

The CJR School & PPP Charter staff...

wish to thank the Butchers Hill community for hosting the annual kick-off breakfast! It was delicious and lots of fun.

AUDUBON OF MARYLAND

Audubon's Habitat Team

Sat., Sept. 5, 9-10:30am - Volunteers needed in Patterson Park. All ages welcome! Meet at the wetland garden, uphill & northwest of the boat lake in Patterson Park.

Build bird habitat in Audubon's native plant gardens. We need volunteers to make sure they remain healthy habitats for the park's birds and butterflies. Weed, mulch, and/or plant while spending time outdoors with friends, family, and Audubon. We'll sign community service hours for helpful students. For directions or questions: ppaudubon@gmail.com or 410-558-2473.

Walking Tour of Bird-Friendly Gardens

Sat., Sept. 12, 9-11am - Discover how bird-friendly gardens take many shapes and sizes in the city! Visit flowering habitats, a vacant lot converted to a garden, colorful home container gardens, and schoolyard habitats, including the famous canoe garden! We will lead you through Audubon's diverse and unique spaces designed to feed birds and butterflies. Registration is limited and required (in advance) at ppaudubon@gmail.com or 410-558-2473. \$5 suggested donation per person.

AN ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD

A team of neighbors has been busy working to eliminate the storage of trash and recycling containers in front of residences in Butchers Hill. After surveying the neighborhood in May, we delivered ninety letters to properties explaining Baltimore City's sanitation code 306.7 for trash/recycle containers. Within a week, more than half of the houses had complied and moved their containers. The addresses of those that hadn't were communicated to our contact in Housing Enforcement. A follow-up survey later in the summer found some of the original survey group still out of compliance and thirty new violators of the code. We are currently delivering letters to these households. Once these people have had a chance to move their containers, the addresses of those that don't comply will be escalated to the city.

We thank all of you who care about our neighborhood's appearance, and hope that this will become a trend throughout the city. If you would like to help us monitor the neighborhood, email butchershillpresident@gmail.com. Watch for updates in future newsletters. Next project: weed-free tree pits!

CHECK IT OUT – GREENING IN BUTCHERS HILL

The unit block of N. Collington and 100 block of S. Chester are greener due to the simple removal of concrete between the sidewalk and the curb to filter sidewalk runoff, giving tree roots better soil and water access and more greenery. Would you like your block to be next? Come to a Streetscape Committee meeting and join in planning the future of you space. See calendar for Streetscape Committee meeting information.

BIKE MARYLAND'S TOUR DU PORT

Sept. 27 - Four different routes are described in detail at tourduport.org. Fully supported ride out of Canton Waterfront Park with 100% of proceeds for pro-bicycle advocacy, education, and infrastructure initiatives across Maryland. Registration includes lunch and other benefits.



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.