

UNION SQUARE NEWS

May 2004

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbor:

On April 17, Union Square participated in the Mayor's Citywide Cleanup with about 40 participants, including a large crew from Safe Haven Housing at 1727 Lombard Street. Our hat is off to their efforts, which made a big difference in the neighborhood! We took two trucks FULL of trash from the 1400-1600 blocks of Lemmon St., and from the 1500 block of Booth, as well as trash and plant debris from Union Square Park. Thanks also to Kelly, the city truck driver who helped us load all the trash, and came back for more. If your street did not get cleaned... it was because you didn't come out! So join us for the next cleanup, on Saturday, May 29th. See the dumpster schedule in this newsletter.

On May 8, we expect 200 visitors to our neighborhood, participants in the Live Baltimore "Buying Into Baltimore" home tour. Please do your part to make your block attractive, and be prepared to welcome some new neighbors!

There is a lot going on in our neighborhood, so please attend our next community meeting on Wednesday May 5, and be a part of this good energy!

Best,
Greg Grass

BIOTECH PARK SPARKS HOPE

Anyone who has driven down Baltimore Street can feel the energy in the air. What now looks like a large square of clay is really the groundwork for the University of Maryland's Biotech Park – and perhaps the foundation for the rebirth of a community.

The University of Maryland's Biotech Park promises hope for the renaissance of Baltimore's westside. The communities of Poppleton, Mt. Clare and

Union Square stand to benefit the most from the new facility which, when completed in 10 years, will include 8 buildings, two community parks and a bevy of security officers. What's more, the park promises to bring thousands of jobs, providing many opportunities for residents to work where they live.

University of Maryland is breaking ground in more ways than one. Not only will this institution be making medical breakthroughs right

in our back yard, but they are the second major land development (Montgomery Park is the other) to recently occur on this side of MLK Blvd.

What are the latest developments? What will this new venture do to raise property values in the neighborhood? How is the University of Maryland working to benefit the communities? Hear from University of Maryland at the next Union Square General Meeting on May 5 at 7pm at 1401 Hollins St.

2004 Sowebo Arts Festival

Call all your friends to come to the 2004 Sowebo Arts Festival, Sunday May 30 from 1 to 9 pm, surrounding Hollins Market. Visual arts, performance art, live bands on four stages, food and much more awaits you at this wonderful festival for the whole family.

Sowebo Arts is also calling for musicians, artists and more to make this year's event the best ever. For more information, visit www.soweboarts.org.

☞ GENERAL MEETING ☞ WED., 5/5, 7 PM 1401 HOLLINS ST.

ATTEND OUR UPCOMING MEETING AND FIND OUT ABOUT THE EXCITING THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

TOPIC: UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S BIOTECH PARK

HOMES FOR SALE

BA 4814587 3BR/2BA
906 W. Lombard \$165,000

BA4782317 3BR/2.5BA
1529 W. Fairmount \$98,500

BA4650030 4BR/4BA
1709 W. Lombard \$94,999

BA4755737 6BR/2BA
1837 Frederick \$69,900

BA4591821 2BR/1BA
1128 W. Pratt \$65,000

BA4752237 3BR/1BA
343 S. Stricker \$59,900

BA 4800696 3BR/1BA
1845 McHenry \$29,000

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8 - Live Baltimore
Buy into
Baltimore Tour

May 30 - SoWeBo Arts
Festival

May 31 - Memorial Day

TRASH COLLECTION

The May trash schedule is: No collections on the 31st (Memorial Day). Otherwise, usual Monday and Thursday collections.

Mon., May 3, 10, 17, 24
and Thurs., May 6, 13, 20, 27.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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| Emergency | 911 | Distressed neighborhood unit | 410-396-2499 |
| Nonemergency | 311 | Warrant squad | 410-396-2499 |
| District telephone | 410-396-2499 | Domestic violence unit .. | 410-354-9371 |
| Shift commanders | 410-396-2499 | Drug enforcement unit .. | 410-354-2540 |
| Command investigations .. | 410-396-2499 | Major crimes unit | 410-354-2504 |
| Tactical operations | 410-396-2499 | Comstat unit | 410-354-3430 |
| Community relations unit .. | 410-354-5169 | Operation relentless | 410-354-3430 |
| Traffic enforcement | 410-354-5169 | Juvenile problems | 410-333-6865 |

PITCH IN BIN PROGRAM

Baltimore City will be placing one dumpster each month through August. Residents may use them to throw away accumulated trash and debris, (except no appliances, building materials, tires or hazardous materials). We will also hold neighborhood cleanups on these dates:

- Saturday, May 29; dumpster will be placed at Hollins & Stricker Streets
- Thursday, June 10; dumpster will be placed at Gilmor & Lemmon Streets
- Saturday, July 31; dumpster will be placed at Hollins & Mount Streets
- Thursday, August 12; dumpster will be placed at Stricker & Pratt Streets

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ONLINE AT
WWW.UNION-
SQUARE.US**

LIVE BALTIMORE TOUR: MAY 8

On Saturday, May 8, Live Baltimore will be hosting its semi-annual "Buying Into Baltimore" Home-Buying Fair and Neighborhood Tour. Representatives from the Union Square public relations committee will be exhibiting at the fair and bus tours of potential home buyers will visit our neighborhood.

So what can you do to help make our neighborhood look spiffy for our guests? Pick up and plant. Add flower pots to

your front steps. Walk out to the back alley and pick up some trash. Separate those perennials and plant them in an empty tree well or take a stroll through the park and pick up some litter along the way.

Remember, this is an important opportunity to show off the beauty of our neighborhood to potential new neighbors. If we all give a little of our time, we can really turn our corner of the world into a showplace.

PLEASE REPORT...

**ANYONE USING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL
IN OUR PARK OR ON OUR STREETS
TO THE POLICE. THIS NEIGHBORHOOD
IS FOR OUR CHILDREN.**

LET'S KEEP IT SAFE.