

UNION SQUARE NEWS

June 2004

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors:

We've recently had a number of successes to celebrate!

- We have applied for two greening grants for the area and expect to hear positive results next month. One grant is for more street trees from the Parks and People Foundation, and the other is for the second phase of new plantings on Union Square, from the Baltimore Community Foundation. The new plantings you see on the Lombard and Gilmore sides of the square were the results of a grant from BCF in 2002, and a lot of work by area residents.

- For our next community meeting on June 2, we'll have guest speakers from the police districts to discuss plans to reduce crime.

- Over 200 people came to visit our neighborhood on May 8 as part of the Buying into Baltimore fair.

- We're planning to install new planters on the corners of Lombard and Gilmore and Lombard and Stricker, as well as at 1401 Hollins.

- The Sowebo Arts Organization will be holding its annual music and art festival on May 30. Union Square volunteers will man the beer booth, with tips benefiting our association. So join us and remember to attend the next community meeting.

Best,

Greg Grass

SECOND ANNUAL TAG SALE

First, it's cicadas in the park. Now it's fleas.

That's because on June 5 from 9 am to 2 pm, Union Square will host its second annual Tag Sale.

For those of you who didn't participate, last year's sale was a big money maker for local residents looking to clean out their garages and clear out their knickknacks.

To participate, just drop off your \$10 check (made payable to Erika Brockman) at 31 S. Stricker St. The donation will help pay for advertising and promotion. All other proceeds will go to benefit the Southwest Baltimore Charter School Inc.

If you do not wish to participate in the Tag Sale, please consider donating a few choice items to the

Junktiques Table. All proceeds from this table will also go to benefit the charter school.

Tag Sale
June 5
9 am - 3 pm
Union Square Park
Buy. Sell. Browse.

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., 6/2, 7 PM 1401 HOLLINS ST.

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

TOPIC: INCREASING SAFETY AND REDUCING CRIME. OFFICERS FROM AREA POLICE DISTRICTS WILL SHARE THEIR PLANS FOR WORKING WITH US TOWARD THIS GOAL.

HOMES FOR SALE

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| 109 S. Stricker BA4831433 | \$225,000 3BR/2BA |
| 33 S. Calhoun BA4827406 | \$179,900 3BR/2.5BA |
| 1428 Hollins BA4841400 | \$149,000 4BR/2BA |
| 1237 Hollins BA4834860 | \$139,900 139,900 |
| 1016 Hollins BA4842768 | \$124,101 3BR/1.5BA |
| 1709 W. Lombard BA4650030 | \$ 94,999 4BR/4BA |
| 1837 Frederick BA4755737 | \$ 69,900 6BR/2BA |
| 1128 W. Pratt BA4591821 | \$ 65,000 2BR/1BA |
| 343 S. Stricker BA4752237 | \$ 59,900 3BR/1BA |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 30 - SoWeBo Arts Festival
- May 31 - Memorial Day
- June 5 - Tag Sale

TRASH COLLECTION

The June trash schedule is: No holidays affect this month's schedule so it's the usual Monday and Thursday collections.

Mon., June 7, 14, 21, 28 and Thurs., June 3, 10, 17, 24.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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| Emergency911 | Distressed neighborhood unit 410-396-2499 |
| Nonemergency311 | Warrant squad410-396-2499 |
| District telephone410-396-2499 | Domestic violence unit . . .410-354-9371 |
| Shift commanders410-396-2499 | Drug enforcement unit . . .410-354-2540 |
| Command investigations . . .410-396-2499 | Major crimes unit410-354-2504 |
| Tactical operations410-396-2499 | Comstat unit410-354-3430 |
| Community relations unit . .410-354-5169 | Operation relentless410-354-3430 |
| Traffic enforcement410-354-5169 | Juvenile problems410-333-6865 |

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

TRASHING BALTIMORE IS A CRIME

Sanitation Enforcement was established in 1997 to crack down on violations of Baltimore's sanitation laws.

HOW?

Citations are issued by Sanitation Enforcement Officers. Citations can be issued to property and business owners, tenants and anyone else who violates Baltimore's sanitation laws.

Citations are also issued by special enforcement officers from the departments of Health,

Housing and Community Development (HCD), Police and Fire.

VIOLATIONS AND FINE AMOUNTS

Fines can range from \$25 to \$500. Examples include having high grass and weeds, putting trash out on the wrong day, having no trash cans, littering, having abandoned vehicles and leaving dog feces on your property.

— Source: Baltimore City Department of Public Works

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.

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SQUARE.US**