

# UNION SQUARE NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbor:

If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, you're invited to join with your neighbors and find out how you can get involved!

Here are just a few of the topics under discussion:

- **Cookie Tour** Planning! This event is soon upon us. Come to the association meeting to volunteer and/or open your home for our major annual fundraiser and neighborhood marketing promotion.
- The **Southwest Baltimore Charter School** application is in the works. Contact Erika Brockman for information: 410-945-7664.
- The **Mencken House** needs of sprucing up. Neighbors are already involved but more help would be welcomed. For information, or to help out, call Phil Hildebrandt at 410-566-6933.
- **Receivership Agreements** now pending to promote renovations in the 1300 block of Lombard St.
- **Park Planting Day** is Saturday, October 9th from 9 AM to noon. Contact Greg Grass 410-362-0268.
- **Tree Planting Project** – Parks & People on Thursday, October 21 at 9 AM. Contact Frank Rodgers 410-448-5663 x119.

See you at the meeting! Bring your own ideas and topics, too.

Best, Greg Grass

## UNION SQUARE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING WED., 10/6, 7 PM 1401 HOLLINS ST.

AGENDA INCLUDES:

- THE COOKIE TOUR
- SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE CHARTER SCHOOL
- MENCKEN HOUSE
- LEGAL ACTION (RECEIVERSHIP AGREEMENTS)
- PARK PLANTING DAY
- TREE PLANTING PROJECT

## SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE CHARTER SCHOOL

Visit our new website: <http://sbcs.union-square.us>

By Erika Brockman

### The Mission

*Southwest Baltimore Charter School (SBSC) is dedicated to developing eager learners and critical thinkers who are committed to personal success and the success of their communities. With a focus on developing social, human, and financial capital in our classrooms and in our broader neighborhood, SBSC will prepare students to compete, succeed and contribute as young adults.*

Opportunity is commonly held to be the birthright of every American citizen. Despite our best intentions, however, many children in this country are not adequately prepared to "get a piece of the pie." Inelegant as that phrase may be, it encapsulates the endemic lack of access in many communities. In Southwest Baltimore, specifically, many children lack access to an excellent education,

to a broad support system, and to financial stability. SBSC seeks to fulfill the mission of American public education to provide each American child with the skills necessary to obtain a piece of the pie. We seek to break down the barriers to access in our community and to expand opportunity.

Through engaging, rigorous curriculum and enrichment informed by the principles of capital development, SBSC will raise students' aspirations and their abilities to attain them. Our hope is that our students will become members of society who not only get a piece of the pie, but who share the pie with others in their communities.

SBSC will give students the tools, instruction, and support needed to succeed in the classroom as well as in the community. Indeed, we will:

- meet the Maryland Content Standards and federal stan-

dards through the Adequate Yearly Progress component of No Child Left Behind;

- participate in the Maryland School Assessment Program;
- comply fully with Maryland's Voluntary State Curriculum; and
- do regular parent/child evaluations.

These assessments and benchmarks are important to the SBSC's accountability and success.

Because we believe that academic success in the classroom is integrally linked to life and opportunities outside the classroom, our school must be the intersection at which a child's academic, family and community lives come together to create a learning environment that is challenging, supportive and meaningful. We will give our students the human, social, and financial capital that ultimately enables them to get a piece of the pie.

## REAL ESTATE

\$299,995 1522 Hollins  
BA5055326 1BR/1BA

\$220,000 1712 W Lombard  
BA5035092

\$159,000 1515 W Pratt  
BA4925554 3BR/1.5BA

\$139,900 1031 Hollins  
BA4896548 2BR/1BA

\$105,000 11 S Carey  
BA4911630 3BR/2BA

\$99,900 109 S Carey  
BA5002648 3BR/2BA

\$98,500 1111 W Lombard  
BA4833118 3BR/1BA

\$69,900 30 S Carrollton  
BA4964722 4BR/1BA

\$67,000 112 S Schroeder  
BA5051237 3BR/1BA

\$59,900 1511 W Baltimore  
BA4961808 6BR/1BA

\$59,500 1719 Lemmon  
BA4816343 3BR/1BA

\$52,500 1701 Cole  
BA4927704 3BR/1BA

## TRASH COLLECTION

The October schedule:  
There are no collections  
on the 11th (Columbus  
Day). Otherwise, usual  
Monday and Thursday  
collections.

Mondays, October 4,  
18, 25 and Thursdays,  
October 7, 14, 21, 28.

**Household hazardous  
waste** drop-off at the  
Poly-Western High  
School: Coldspring Lane  
and Falls Road. Satur-  
day, October 30 from  
9 AM to 3 PM; Sunday,  
October 31 from 11 AM  
to 3 PM.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

|                               |              |                              |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |

### PLEASE REPORT

**ANYONE USING  
DRUGS OR  
ALCOHOL IN OUR  
PARK OR ON OUR  
STREETS  
TO THE POLICE.**

**LET'S KEEP OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
SAFE FOR OUR  
CHILDREN.**

## HALLOWEEN EVENT

A Halloween event for  
children is planned at  
the Black Cherry Puppet  
Theatre. For details, come  
to the Union Square  
Association General  
Meeting – or watch for  
more information at  
**Union Square Online**,  
the community web site  
([www.union-square.us](http://www.union-square.us)).

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 7 – 6:00 PM **Street Lighting Workshop**  
Garrison Middle School, 3910 Barrington Ave.  
Baltimore City Department of Transportation holds the Baltimore  
Urban Lighting Board Workshop. Transportation officials, Balti-  
more Police, Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, and Baltimore  
Urban Lighting Board will be on hand. Call 410-396-1686.  
[www.baltimorecity.gov/government/moon/images/BULBfiler.pdf](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/moon/images/BULBfiler.pdf)

October 9 – 6:00 AM to 10:30 AM **11th Annual Komen  
Maryland Race for the Cure**  
Starting from M&T Stadium  
Registration fee is \$40.00 (\$10.00 for kids under 10 years of  
age) on Race Day at M&T Bank Stadium in Lot C – 6:00 to 7:30  
AM – register and walk away with your t-shirt and race number.  
Contact: 410-938-8990 <http://racefortheuremaryland.kintera.org>

October 9 – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Fall 2004 Cleanup**  
Mayor Martin O'Malley's 10th city-wide cleanup initiated by his  
administration. Contact: Kurt L. Kocher 410-545-6541  
[www.baltimorecity.gov/government/dpw/press/040922.html](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/dpw/press/040922.html)

October 14 – 8:30AM to Noon **Forum: Sustaining Community  
Maryland Historical Society and Volunteer Involvement**  
201 West Monument Street  
Parks & People forum to share strategies for engaging volun-  
teers for long-term participation. Senator Verna Jones as key-  
note speaker. Topics include: experiences from other organiza-  
tions; what issues concern neighborhood residents; what moti-  
vates involvement; and what barriers prevent involvement.  
Forum includes refreshments. There is no charge to attend, but  
space is limited so pre-registration is required. For information or  
to pre-register, contact: Mary Cox, 410-448-5663 x107, email:  
[mary.cox@parksandpeople.org](mailto:mary.cox@parksandpeople.org)

October 20 – 6:45 PM **Ladder 49 Special Screening**  
Senator Theatre  
Join **Live Baltimore** at a special screening of Ladder 49 at the  
Senator Theatre. Includes private room, popcorn, pizza and  
drinks. Call 410-637-3750 for ticket info. [www.LiveBaltimore.com](http://www.LiveBaltimore.com)

October 23 – 9AM to 3PM **Operation Crime Watch**  
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, 1400 W. Cold Spring Lane  
Mayor Martin O'Malley & Police Commissioner Kevin Clark  
cordially invite you to the 2nd Annual Operation Crime Watch  
Conference "Step 2: Setting Up A Block Watch Program"  
[www.baltimorecity.gov/government/moon/images/ocw041023.jpg](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/moon/images/ocw041023.jpg)