

UNION SQUARE NEWS

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FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Hello, Neighbors:

As many of you already know, our President, Greg Grass, recently accepted a job outside of the area. Greg sold his home (in two weeks!!!), and very shortly will be relocating to a community closer to his new job. On behalf of the entire USA board, I want to take this opportunity to thank Greg for his tireless efforts to improve the quality of life in Union Square. Among other things, Greg has been instrumental in obtaining additional trees to line our streets and substantial grant funds to beautify the Square. We wish him every success in his future endeavors!

Although we will miss Greg, his departure presents a perfect segue into talking about the upcoming elections for the USA board. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee, which will be elected at this month's meeting. Volunteers also are needed to run for the board positions, which include President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Historic Preservation, and two At-Large Directors. We anticipate that several of the people currently filling these positions will

not seek re-election. We hope all residents (both old and new) will consider volunteering.

The election will take place at the annual meeting on January 5, 2005. Only valid members may vote. To qualify as a valid member, you must pay dues (\$5 or \$3 for senior citizens) and attend at least one regular meeting before the annual meeting.

Happy Holidays!

Tonya M. Osborne, Esq.

UNION SQUARE ASSOCIATION

☞ GENERAL MEETING ☞

**WED., 12/1, 7 PM
1401 HOLLINS ST.**

AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- ELECTIONS/NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- HOLIDAY COOKIE TOUR
- SOUTHWEST VISIONS PARTNERSHIP
- **PLUS: A DOOR PRIZE!**

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE PROMOTION!

By Phyllis VanMeerhaeghe

ATTENTION New Residents (and Old Residents, as well)

Three prizes will be given for the three best decorated houses, exterior only. Participating homes do NOT need to be part of the tour.

The Cookie Tour is Sunday, December 12th and our community will be hosting visitors from around the region. The Union Square Association encourages all residents to spruce up their properties. With company

coming, we want our neighborhood to look its best.

Winners will be chosen on the day of the tour by a representative from the mayor's office.

Prizes will include gift certificates from local businesses including restaurants, galleries, and artists.

This is your opportunity to have fun and get creative with lights, ornaments, wreaths, greenery, or whatever expresses your holiday spirit!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with decorating the park and Pratt Library #2 – The Neighborhood Design Center (NDC), 1401 Hollins Street – (where tickets will be sold) on the day before the tour.

For more information, or to get involved, please call 410.566.4403 and leave a message with your name, address and telephone number. Someone on the Tour Committee will get back to you! •

GOOD REASONS TO ATTEND THE MEETING!

The Union Square Association General Meeting at 7 PM on December 1st is our last meeting for 2004. Elections for new officers are on January 5th – to be eligible to vote, you must have attended at least one meeting in 2004.

Become part of the Nominating Committee and identify candidates for the election. Make a difference in the future direction of the Association! *AND...*

There will be a door prize at the end of the meeting – you must be present to win.

REAL ESTATE

\$1,210,687 BA5084551	1120 W Pratt Commercial
\$399,900 BA5098945	1504 Hollins 5BR/2BA
\$250,000 BA5090532	1428 Hollins 4BR/2BA
\$250,000 BA5102206	1312 Hollins 5BR/2.5BA
\$220,000 BA5035092	1712 W Lombard
\$199,786 BA4866786	1301 W Lombard 4BR/2.5BA
\$189,000 BA5083420	47 S Arlington 4BR/2BA
\$175,000 BA4942923	1032 Hollins 2BR/1BA
\$175,000 BA5102204	1036 Hollins 3BR/2.5BA
\$175,000 BA5102205	1038 Hollins 4BR/2BA
\$99,000 BA5084549	1120 W Pratt 2BR/2.5BA
\$98,500 BA4833118	1111 W Lombard 3BR/1BA
\$84,900 BA5087720	1735 W Pratt 3BR/1BA
\$75,000 BA5079821	1317 W Lombard 6BR/4BA
\$69,900 BA4964833	32 S Carrollton 4BR/1BA
\$69,900 BA4964722	30 S Carrollton 4BR/1BA
\$69,900 BA5002628	109 S Carey 3BR/2BA
\$45,500 BA5065173	122 S Carey 2BR/1BA
\$26,000 BA5071823	1629 W Pratt 2BR/1BA
\$6,000 ea BA4809637-230-145	1002-04-06 Boyd 3 lots

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.**

TRASH COLLECTION

December schedule:
No recycling on the 24th
(Christmas Eve). Other-
wise, usual Monday and
Thursday collections.

Mondays, December 7,
14, 21, 28 and Thursdays,
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE CHARTER SCHOOL!

Southwest Baltimore Charter School was granted a charter by the Baltimore City Public School System on November 9.

One of three new groups selected to be open a school in September 2005, Southwest Baltimore Charter School is poised to make a major impact on the Union Square neighborhood. With an innovative curriculum and a commitment to the Southwest Baltimore community, the school will be the perfect option for parents who want their children to get an excellent education within the free public school system. And, for residents of Southwest Baltimore, it will be close to home!

Southwest Baltimore Charter School will open next fall with two classes each of Pre-K, K, and First Grade.

If you are interested in learning more about the school, visit the web site www.sbcs.union-square.us or please contact Erika Brockman at 410-945-7664.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY CHANUKAH, AND KWANZAA GREETINGS!

The Holiday Cookie Tour December 12

Union Square celebrates the season with it's 19th Annual Holiday Cookie Tour from noon until 5 PM on Sunday, December 12th. Tickets are \$15 and available on the day of the tour at 1401 Hollins Street. Tell your friends!

The Holiday Festival of Trains Through January 2

The Holiday Festival of Trains is the B&O Railroad Museum's most popular special event comprising one of the largest assortments of operating toy train layouts in the region.

JOYOUS SEASON'S BEST FROM THE UNION SQUARE ASSOCIATION!