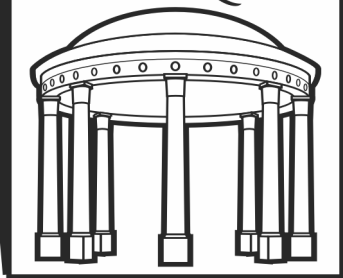


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January 2006

Christmas Cookie Tour 20 a Success!

Thank you to the volunteers and homeowners who participated in the 20th Annual Christmas Cookie tour. It is our big fundraiser and one of our best marketing tools.

Union Square always looks its best when decorated for the holidays. This year was no exception. Houses were breathtaking in their finery. More than a dozen homes were part of the tour and many more were beautifully appointed, adding to the overall festive atmosphere.

Mild temperatures helped make this one of our most successful tours - financially and otherwise. Several hundred visitors shared in this special event. Perhaps best of all, there were quite a few prospective homebuyers among our guests.

Many are "regulars" who look forward to this annual event. For others, this was their first exposure to our special community. Guests included people from other city neighborhoods, suburbs, and out-of-towners from Washington D.C. and elsewhere.

It's never too soon to start planning for next year's tour. Everyone is encouraged to start thinking about adding their home in 2006, or other ways they might participate.

Come to the Association meetings or check with Association officers to volunteer your efforts in this worthy cause.

Special Thanks to *The Baltimore Sun!*

As we celebrate the success of the 2005 Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour, we give a special "Thank You" to *The Baltimore Sun*. There is no way we could have afforded the promotion they donated to our event - that exposure brought visitors who, otherwise, never would have known about us. The generous gift of advertising made the single largest impact on our turnout. We are deeply grateful to *The Baltimore Sun* and look forward to their continued support.

Additional thanks to the local businesses who provided support with their advertising.

Union Square Association Annual Meeting & Election of Officers and Directors

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

7:00 PM • 1401 Hollins St.

Message from the Nominating/Elections Committee...

2006 Election Slate

By **Richard Pickens**, Chairman
Nominating/Elections Committee

The Nominating/Elections Committee met and a slate of candidates was formed. These community members came forward and expressed their interest in running for the respective positions.

Nominees for the Union Square Association Board 2006 term are:

President: **Chris Taylor**

Vice President: **Tonya Osborne, Esq.**

Treasurer: **Phyllis VanMeerhaeghe, Diane Asher**

Recording Secretary: **Hope Williams**

Corresponding Secretary: **Chris Everett**

Director of Historic Preservation: **Richard Pickens**

At-Large Directors (2): **Damon Clark, Horatio Kitwala, Linwood Ransom, Albert Reed.**

Candidates running for one position may choose to run for another position if not elected to the original position. In addition, at the Annual Meeting, nominations for positions are recognized from the floor.

I encourage all Union Square Association members to attend this Annual Meeting, and continue their participation in making this a dynamic and desirable community.

See you on Wednesday night, January 18th.

Thank You: 2005 Officers, Directors... and More!

With the beginning of the new year, our focus shifts to finding new officers and board members to volunteer their services to the Union Square Association.

This is also the time we look back and thank all those who worked so hard in 2005:

Albert Reed, President;

Chris Taylor, Vice President;

Phyllis VanMeerhaeghe,

Treasurer; **Belinda Reed**,

Recording Secretary; **Chris**

Everett, Corresponding Secretary;

Richard Pickens,

Director of Historic Preservation;

and At-Large Directors,

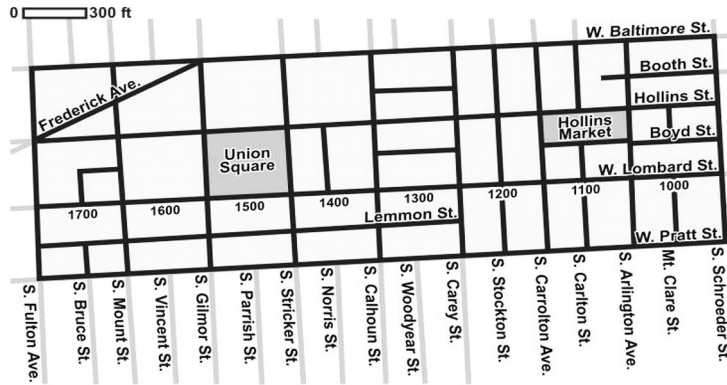
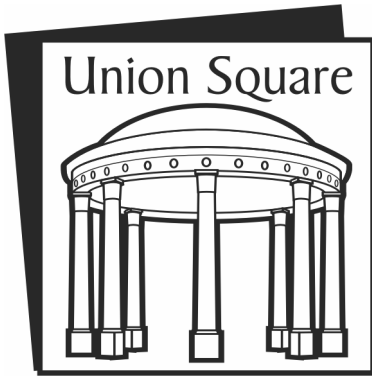
Barbara Heckman-Sauer

and **Tonya Osborne, Esq.**

The residents of Union Square appreciate your time and efforts on behalf of the neighborhood.

Additional thanks to all the other neighborhood volunteers who, throughout the year, stepped forward and helped with committee work, anti-crime walks, sanitation and park-cleaning activities, and other community events that improved the quality of life for all of us.

Union Square is a community of neighbors working and volunteering together - often unnamed, but their efforts are appreciated all the same.

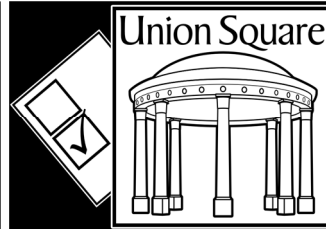


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Union Square Association

Annual Meeting

Election of Officers & Directors

7 PM Wednesday
January 18, 2006
1401 Hollins St.

Cookie Tour Thanks!

This was our 20th year for the Christmas Cookie Tour – a milestone year. It is truly a community effort. Some volunteers clean and decorate the park and many residents make a special effort to dress up their properties to give the neighborhood its special holiday look.

This year's Cookie Tour Committee consisted of **Bill Adler, Debbie Adler, Rick Aronhalt, Chris Everett, David Miller, Ronny Nadiv, Tonya Osborne, Esq., Fran Rahl, and Phyllis VanMeerhaeghe.** Their efforts were supplemented by a host of volunteers who performed all the duties necessary for the success of the tour.

Of course, there would not have been a tour without the hard work of those who opened their homes. Every one of them cleaned, decorated, and then they baked hundreds of cookies for our visitors.

Included in the 2005 tour were the homes of: **Ron and Betty Brown; Marc Greene & Michael Hosley, Tonya M. Osborne, Esq.; Albert and Belinda Reed & Justin Gardner; Ed Knowles & Carl Dahlstrom; Melvin L. and Ardebella Dean Fox; Diane Asher; Antonio and Jennifer Clinkscales; Christopher Taylor; William and Matthew Kisran; Leslie Dell; Daryl Napier; Amy Spatz; Debbie and Bill Adler; Betsy Nix & Andy Imparato; and Debra and Francis Rahl.**

Although the Cookie Tour is a Union Square Association event, we thank the other local organizations who play a major role in its success. The **Friends of the H. L. Mencken House** opened that historic home on the day of the tour. **Sowebo Arts, Inc.** hosted "The Sowebo Artist Market" at 100 S. Stricker St. as an added feature for our visitors. The **Baltimore City Police Southern District** provided security. The **Southwest Baltimore Charter School** presented information detailing their efforts. The award-winning neighborhood web site, **Union Square Online**, exhibited a series of posters detailing "The History of Union Square." In addition to their generous advertising support, **The Baltimore Sun** sent a representative and a kiosk. The **Neighborhood Design Center**, who support us all year, again offered us the space at their beautifully restored "Old No. 2" Branch of the Library.

Each year, visitors comment about the wonderful sense of community and involvement they see as people and groups join together in this effort. Thank you!

Trash Schedule

January Schedule: No pickup on the 2nd (New Year's Day) and the 16th (Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Otherwise, usual Monday and Thursday collections. Mondays: 9, 23, 30 and Thursdays: 5, 12, 19, 26.