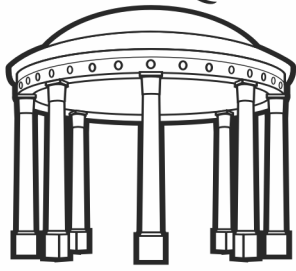


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Message from the President

By **Christopher Taylor**
President Union Square Association

Greetings!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that attended the last meeting and made it such a success. We had a great turnout, and we received a positive response to the agenda we put forth as a new board. The areas we discussed and plan to focus on include: **Block Captains, Marketing Committee, Development Committee, Operation Aware, Merchant's Association, Crime and Grime, and the charter school.** We still need your talents and energy to help make these committees a success. Please come to the meetings, or contact me directly, if you are interested in participating. To me, the most positive development of last month's meeting was that we were presented with a potentially divisive issue - i.e. the wood windows - that although did get contentious, all parties stayed respectful and positive. By the end of the discussion, we all came away with a common consensus - that we have more in common than what divides us. The fact that we all choose to live in this neighborhood, that we love this neighborhood is very evident in the passionate viewpoints we take on certain issues. This is something that I will work very hard to support, rather than discourage. This is the passion that we must harness to make our neighborhood one of the best in the city. It does not matter that we disagree; it is more about how we choose to disagree. If we can stay positive and work together to find common ground - no matter how far apart our views are - we can create the neighborhood we all envision. In this spirit, I implore you to promote Union Square - speak positively and don't allow people to undermine our neighborhood. This is the place we call home. This is where we seek solace at the end of a long day. I am asking each of you to think about this. Think about what that means to you. Do we want to

spend our days distrustful and weary of our neighbors? Or do we want to feel at peace and welcomed by those who surround us? I have had many positive interactions in this neighborhood. Whenever I go on vacation, someone is always there to water my garden. When my front window was broken, my neighbor replaced it before I even returned home. Sitting in my garden, I have gotten to know so many people who stop to comment on the flowers and to discuss their lives. I borrowed a neighbor's chair and sat with Megan to watch a movie in the square and sipped a glass of wine under the stars. This is Union Square and I, for one, am proud to live here.

Union Square Association General Meeting

Wednesday, March 1, 2006
7:00 PM · 1401 Hollins St.

Agenda

Guest Speaker:

Sergeant Dale Thompson discussing sanitation, including criminal citations for violations.

Topics:

The primary focus of the meeting will be the direction and future of development goals and plans for Union Square.

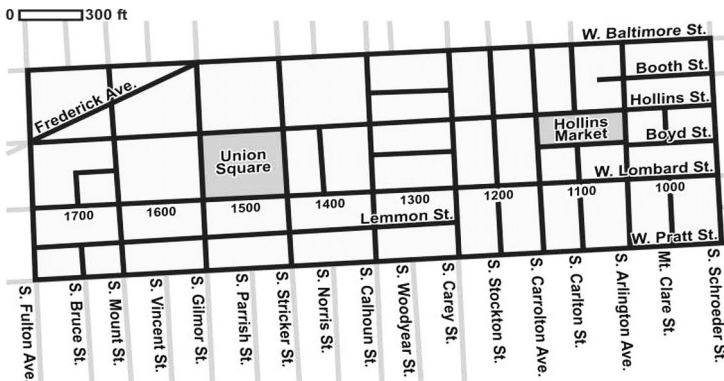
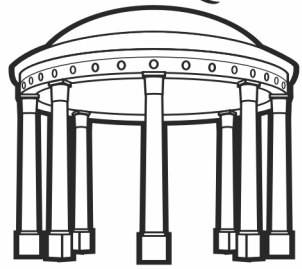
As time permits, there may also be discussion of Block Captains, the Marketing Committee, Zoning issues, Operation Aware, the Southwest Baltimore Charter School, Crime and Grime, Historic Preservation, the Monthly Social, or the possible return of the Garden Tour - or any topic of interest to attendees at the meeting.

Spring Fever Happy Hour

*The Union Square Monthly
Social returns for 2006!*

*Mark your calendars for
Friday, March 3, 2006, from
7 to 10 PM, at the home of
Tonya Osborne at 1420
Hollins Street. There will be
drinks, lite fare, and a live DJ.
RSVPs are appreciated but not
required to 410.340.3015.*

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Neighbors Corner

By Christopher Taylor

The Union Square Association would like to recognize the accomplishments of one of our neighbors **Miss Larnell Custis Butler**. Miss Butler is a former art teacher and art consultant. She was the first black female to receive a full art scholarship from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia. Presently, she is an artist, poet, and writer of editorial letters and essays. In the Winter 2006 issue of "Passager" literary magazine, Ms. Butler's drawings are on the front and back covers. Four of her poems and four of her drawings are inside the literary magazine on pages 38 to 41. To obtain a copy of "Passager Magazine" please contact them directly at 410.837.6022. Her editorial letters have been published in Newsweek Magazine, The Baltimore Sun, The City Paper, The Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper and many other national and local publications. Also, Ms. Butler provided, at her own expense, several drawings that were used as door prizes at the Union Square Association General Meetings last year. The board would like to congratulate Ms. Butler! You are a great asset to our neighborhood!

To submit a brief biography of accomplishments or to nominate a neighbor, email tayfour@msn.com or put it in my mail slot at 1533 W. Lombard. We will pick one person a month who will be published and will receive a 50.00 gift card to the restaurant of their choice in Baltimore. Call with any questions 443.415.0554

Call for Union Square Block Captains!

We still need coverage in several blocks of the neighborhood.

If interested in helping, please contact Tonya Osborne at 410.340.3015.

Trash Schedule

No holidays affect collections in March, so it's the usual Monday and Thursday collections: Mon., 6, 13, 20 and 27; and Thurs., 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.