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UNION SQUARE NEWS

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Message from the President

By **Christopher Taylor**
 President Union Square Association

Greetings!
 With the start of spring, there has been a lot activity in the neighborhood and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of the individuals that have dedicated their time and effort to improving Union Square.

First, thank you to **Richard, Tonya, Shannon and Megan** who helped out with the Spring Clean-up. Despite the rain, we spent time cleaning up the park, Lemmon Street, and Booth Street.

I also want to congratulate **Damon Clark**, our partner **Marsha Powell**, Principal of Steuart Hill Academic Academy, and the 16 energetic youths from our neighborhood, who showed up on a rainy Sunday for Chess in the Park. They learned life skills, had fun, ate pizza, and started to develop the necessary skills to play chess. This event will continue every Sunday from 12-2 pm at 1401 Hollins St. If you need further information about this program, please contact Damon Clark at (410) 945-6336.

Finally, I would like to applaud the efforts of the Development Committee, Hollins Market Association, our facilitators led by **Stacy Freed** and the people who took their time to show up to the April 5th Development meeting at the Learning Bank.

We had a very successful turnout. There were 87 people who came, shared their ideas, listened to others and helped us create a vision for moving forward.

We are currently compiling this information and hope to have a flyer out to everyone soon which summarizes the data we collected.

Also, we will provide a complete copy of the data

Union Square Association

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 2006
 7:00 PM · 1401 Hollins St.

which will be available at your respective community association by June.

Look for another meeting in the fall as we attempt to make sure everyone's view points and ideas are incorporated into our neighborhood development guidelines.

This meeting symbolized more than just an interest in the development of our neighborhood. The fact that two neighborhoods were able to work together without animosity and ill-will, that 87 people were together in one room and were able to express their

ideas without any conflict shows that there is room for different viewpoints and ways of life in Union Square/Hollins Market.

I hope we can use the spirit of goodwill that we all created that night to help us solve the challenges that arise from living in a rapidly developing neighborhood.

It is up to us. We might not be able to control every action that affects our neighborhood, but we can control how we interact with each other.

Congratulations on taking that first step.

Agenda

7:00 - 7:15
 Introduce new meeting protocol

7:15 - 7:45
 Baltimore Jubilee will present on free assistance with Historic Tax Credits

7:45 - 8:00
 Ericka Brockman will present on yard sale to support the Southwest Baltimore Charter School

8:00 - 8:30
 Budget Report (Diane Asher) & Questions

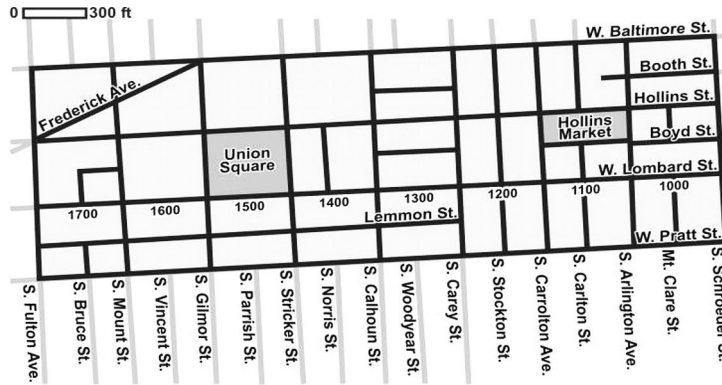
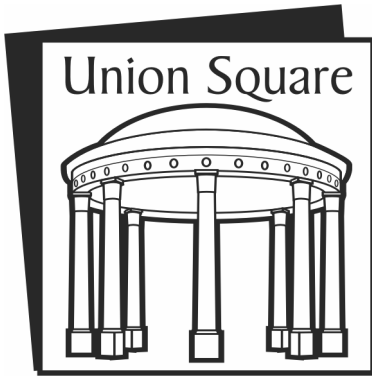
8:30 - 8:45
 Open discussion of possible installation of Bluelight Cameras in our neighborhood

8:45 - 9:00
 New Business
 (Announce May Social and need for volunteers for Home Buying Fair on May 13)

Request for Volunteers

Note from Christopher Taylor:
 I would like to make a Request for Volunteers for May 13, 2006 to help us promote Union Square at the Home Buying Fair and Neighborhood Tours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact me at 443-415-0554.



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CHAP News

By **Richard Pickens**
Director of Historic Preservation

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the large Development Meeting on April 5th. The neighborhood's attendance was noteworthy. The session's results will be an immense help with the comprehensive review of the Union Square's and Hollins Roundhouse's development concerns.

The Development Committee has met twice since the large meeting. We are continuing to meet on Thursday evenings at the "old" Enoch Pratt Free Library. Please join us and help us continue our work on this project.

Now that Spring has arrived, the urge to fix and renovate homes is increasing. As a reminder, the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, CHAP, codes apply to all exterior work. Everyone who does any exterior work is required to obtain both Building Permits and CHAP approval. This is a historic neighborhood. The permit process is designed to protect the value, integrity and uniqueness of all our neighborhood buildings. It can be dangerous to consider this a "scoff" law. A violator can be fined, sent to housing court and potentially forced to remove the improper work.

The city inspectors do routinely patrol the area, and citizens can report improper work. Doing the right thing benefits everyone. If you are uncertain about a situation do not hesitate to contact CHAP or me.

SBCS News

By **Erika Brockman**, Executive Director
Southwest Baltimore Charter School

Southwest Baltimore Charter School board meetings, are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at 26 N. Fulton Street at the Bon Secours Community Center.

Also, the USA/SBCS Yard Sale will be May 20 from 8:00 - 12:00 in the square.

Sowebo Arts

By **Scotty Stevenson**
Sowebo Arts, Inc.

The Sowebo Arts & Music Festival is Sunday, May 28th.

Sowebo Arts Festival Salon Show Call For Art

Our fanatically non-juried, un-vetted, "not for the faint of heart" Art Show wants your paintings, sculptures, photographs, mixed media.

Surprise us! This show hangs in our new gallery and we have new instructions this year. If your work is 4 feet or less for it's longest dimension you may enter up to 2 pieces. If longer than 4 feet you may enter 1 piece. The work must be ready to hang; wires, hooks, etc... If you have a large work or work with special needs it would be helpful to talk with us ahead of time. We are very flexible.

We also are looking for art show volunteers as always.

Trash Schedule

No pickup on May 29 (Memorial Day), otherwise it's the usual Monday and Thursday collections: Mon., 1, 8, 15 and 22; and Thurs., 4, 11, 18, and 25.