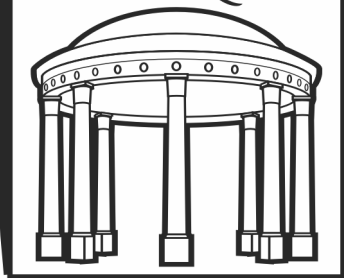


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Christmas Cookie Tour 21 a Success!

Thank you to the volunteers and homeowners who participated in the 21st Annual Christmas Cookie tour. It is our big fundraiser and one of our best marketing tools.

Union Square looks its best when decorated for the holidays. This year was no exception. Houses were breath-taking 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. Of course, there would not have been a tour without the hard work of those who opened their homes. Each participant cleaned, decorated, and then baked hundreds of cookies for our visitors.

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 visitors 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 as well.

It's never too soon to begin planning for next year's tour. So start thinking about adding your own home in 2007, or other ways you might participate. Come to the Association meetings or check with Association officers to volunteer your efforts in this worthy cause.

We also thank the other local organizations who play a major role in the success of this event. The **Friends of the H. L. Mencken House** opened that historic home on the day of the tour. The **Baltimore City Police Southern District** provided security. The **Southwest Baltimore Charter School** presented information detailing their efforts. 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.

Also, please support the sponsors who purchased ads in the program.

Every year, visitors note the wonderful and joyful sense of community and involvement they see as people and groups join together in this effort. Thank you, everyone!

Union Square Association Annual Meeting & Election of Officers and Directors

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

7:00 PM • 1401 Hollins St.

Message from the Nominating/Elections Committee...

2007 USA Elections

There is no General Meeting for January. Instead of the regular General Meeting, the Annual Meeting is solely for the purpose of electing Union Square Association Officers and Board Members. If you would like to be considered for nomination, call 410.428.7549, e-mail nominations@union-square, or make arrangements to be nominated at the meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome and encouraged!

Only members are eligible to vote. For details, see the by-laws at: <http://www.union-square.us/us-bylaws.html>

Candidates running for one position may choose to run for another position if not elected to the original position.

We 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, January 17th.

Thank You: 2006 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 2006: the Officers and Directors of the Union Square Association Board. 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, the neighborhood socials, 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 deeply.

Our special neighborhood now needs special people - it's time to choose officers to direct our continued success in 2007. In short, the Union Square Association needs YOU!

To new residents: we need your fresh perspective. To long-time residents: your experience and familiarity are urgently needed. And, to those who've previously served: please consider returning to help again - you already know how much we need you!

With family, career, hobbies, and the work of maintaining our beautiful old homes, we face many demands on our time. As you read this, please consider your neighbors who face the same demands, yet unselfishly give time and energy to the betterment of everyone in the community. The more each contributes, the lesser the burden on all.

Thanks, WJZ!

As we celebrate the success of the 2006 Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour, we give a special "Thank You" to WJZ. Their promotion brought us visitors who, otherwise, never would have known about us and our annual event.

