



Bring a friend meeting!

When you come out to this month's meeting, bring a friend who isn't yet a member! Please remember, the size of our association membership directly correlates with our ability to affect positive outcomes with the city concerning our neighborhood.

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Important Dates:

- Next General Meeting
Wednesday, May 6th at
7pm, 1401 Hollins St.,
Baltimore, MD 21223

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Vote

Union Square has the technology to send alerts, notifications, updates, via text message. Would you like to stay connected?

[] Yes or [] No

Presidents Letter

By Chris Taylor

We have had a lot of positive things happening in the neighborhood lately that I'd like to share with you. First of all, last month's clean-up was a great success. We had an impressive turnout of neighbors for the event. After a quick bagel and coffee start to our morning, we began to clean and ready the park for spring. The mayor and several city officials met us in the park and she was so impressed with the trash can initiative that she helped us deliver all the stenciled trash cans up and down Lemmon Street, greeting and speaking to residents as we went along. This was a great moment for Union Square and I thank all of you that were a part of it.

Since the beginning of our trash initiative, we have given away or sold close to 100 trash cans in our area with a stenciled logo and attached lid. I have seen improvement on all blocks of our target area, Lemmon Street, and I look forward to seeing more positive change throughout the neighborhood. However, we still have a long way to go. We are working closely with the city to correct our trash problem and they have begun to fine people who are not complying with the city trash policy. Please take this seriously, as many residents have already come to me and asked me to help them get their fines removed. Remember that all trash needs to be in a trash can with a lid and only placed out right before or on the morning of trash days. If you know of someone who needs a trash can, or if you are in need, see the section of the newsletter about sponsoring someone for a trash can.

I want to thank Dave Cochran in particular for all his hard work on this initiative. When Dave first joined the board this January, he brought up the idea of the trash can stenciling and since then, he has worked relentlessly on his own time to make this happen. We have spent numerous hours delivering trash cans, screwing on lids, and spray painting the logos. I appreciate all his efforts, along with everyone else that donates his/her time to helping to improve our community.

Spring Planting!

Congratulations to the block winners of the new planters! The 1400 and 1700 blocks of Hollins had the most members in the association last year. Because they won the contest, we are ready to purchase the new planters for this spring planting season! Thank you to both blocks for your commitment and involvement in the association.

Sponsor Someone for a Trash Can

Due to the initial success of the first round of trash cans, we would like to continue providing trash cans around the neighborhood. **Here's how you can help:** Sponsor a trash can for someone else. Donate \$13 to the association and we will stencil the trash can and donate it to someone in need. You can select the person/house that you would like to see receive the trash can or just donate the money and we can decide for you. Either way, this donation will be a big help in our efforts to clean up the neighborhood. Email taylfour@msn.com for more details.

Agenda for May 6th meeting

By Chris Taylor

- 7:10-7:30 Budget report from our treasurer Ivan Leshinsky
- 7:30-7:45 Presentation by Tonya Osbourne about Union Square's donation to *Young Audiences of Maryland*
- 7:45-8:00 Presentation by Mark Strand about a youth basketball donation—**this is a voting issue**
- 8:00-8:20 Jason Bass to present information about our new website
- 8:20-8:30 SoWeBo presentation by Cari Knowles and Patricia Dane
- 8:30-8:50 Discussion and update on status of our park renovation
- 8:50-9:00 New business to include: next Movie in the Park, trash can initiative, planter winners, exercise in the park, etc.

Union Square Running Group

In addition to the Saturday mornings in the park, we would like to start a Union Square Running Group. It's great to have a neighborhood where people are out walking and running and it's always nice to run with friends! We would like to see if anyone is interested in starting a running group on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 5:30am. We plan to meet in the park and then make a loop down to the harbor and back, creating a route of between 3 and 4 miles. If you are interested in getting some exercise before work and having some neighbors to motivate you, let us know. Contact Katy at kheadman@washcaps.com for more information or to sign up. We would like to start soon!

Exercise in the Park

Workout in the Park with personal trainer for \$10.00

We are excited to bring personal trainer Sherri Pickens to Union Square. Group personal training with kettlebells start and run for all Saturdays in May. Sessions will begin at 10am and we will meet in the park. This is a great way to get fit for the summer with friendly neighborhood encouragement, group camaraderie and an amazing professional trainer. Both sexes are encouraged to participate. The class will last one hour and cost \$10.00, but do not let the money stop you or your neighbors from participating! Come out if you are interested! Our goal is to create a healthier, fitter neighborhood.

Email Sylva Lin for more information at sylva.lin@gmail.com

SoWeBo Festival Info

24th Annual SoWeBo Fest Invites All to B'More Bohemian
May 24, 2009 (Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend)
Noon – 9 p.m.
Historic Hollins Market
www.sowebofest.com

Take a trip 'southwest of ordinary' to this year's Sowebohemian Arts and Music Festival. This FREE event, which draws thousands each year, transforms the historic Hollins Market neighborhood into a bustling bazaar, complete with a street café, performance artists and busking musicians.

With over 20 bands and musicians on three stages, dozens of artisan and food vendors, street art fashion parade and puppet shows for kids of all ages, and of course, the famous Sowebo Arts poster exhibition, there is something here for everyone.

Want to be apart of this years festival?
Email Patricia Dane patriciadane@comcast.net for volunteer opportunities!

SOWEBO Poster Show & Art Auction. Call for art NOW.
Blank posters at Zellas, School 33, Creative Alliance & Minas`

Poster exhibit/art show at the Festival, 5/24/09

Poster art auction, Sunday, June 7, 2009 - preview - 2pm, auction - 4pm @ the BioPark Building II

Movies in the Park

The next Movie in the Park night is scheduled for Friday, May 22nd, starting at 7:45pm. This month we will show *KungFu Panda*. Please come out ahead of time with blankets, chairs, food and drinks and meet and spend time with your neighbors. Even though the movie doesn't start until 7:45, we encourage you to come out as early as possible to enjoy the park and make new friends.

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