

UNION SQUARE

news and notes from around the neighborhood

SOWEBO LANDMARK 5K RACE/WALK | IVAN LESHINSKY

A couple of hundred participants starting out from the BioPark on a 5K race and healthy walk through southwest Baltimore is what a small group of your neighbors have in mind for sometime next September or October. There is also a kid's race around Union Square Park being discussed. Planning and organizing this event will take the better part of a year and require 35-50 volunteers but it should be well worth the effort. The event would be a fundraiser for the Union Square Association and two pre-selected non-profits, an opportunity to call attention to the neighborhoods, a good youth development activity and an occasion to promote exercise and a healthy life style.

Promoted as a celebration of *History, Healthy Living and Community* or with some other memorable tag line, a number of different routes will be proposed that meander between landmarks and historic sites such as the Hollins Market, B&O Museum, Carroll Park, Mount Claire Mansion and end with a celebration in Union Square Park.

The next planning meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, June 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Library at 1401 Hollins Street. All are welcome and if you would like to be part of the organizing or race day volunteer corps please contact me at ivanl@ccyd.org or **443-386-0651** and feel free to pass this information along to others who may be interested.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND SUMMER PROJECTS

It's the time of the year when activity really picks up on outdoor projects. That means it's also the peak time of the year to be aware of the need to protect or improve the historic look of the neighborhood. Almost all exterior projects on the buildings require a CHAP Notice to Proceed, and many require building permits. As a general rule, painting requires only a CHAP Notice to Proceed. Any sort of exterior construction beyond that requires a building permit. Landscaping and minor repairs such as replacement of a broken pane of glass can generally be done without a permit or Notice to Proceed. Contact Fran Rahl at **443-883-6047** or either David Cochran at **240-997-5257** for issues west of Carey Street or Betsey Waters at **443-622-5930** for issues east of Carey.



NO MEETING: JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST

The Association meetings are adjourned for the summer months. Look for the next meeting to be held in September.

SOWEBO POSTER AUCTION | JUNE 27, 2010

Once again, the brave artists of Baltimore have brought their talents to one of our city's most unique art shows and auctions. For 25 years, Sowebo Arts, Inc. has made decorative bordered posters available to the art community. Artists donate them with their original art on them so they can be auctioned off. The 2010 poster collection offers diverse content and materials, everyone is bound to find something appealing. Many of the posters are available for viewing at soweboarts.org

This year's auction will be held on Sunday, June 27: University of Maryland Biotech Park Building 2, located at 801 W. Baltimore Street. Proceeds benefit Sowebo Arts, Inc.

From 2:00 to 4:00 pm, enjoy live music as you preview the work of Baltimore's artist community. Beer, wine and lite fare are available for a small fee. The auction, hosted by radio personality Sam Gallant, begins at 4:00 p.m. Please bring cash or checks, credit cards will not be accepted.

CLAY POTS | A PLACE TO GROW

Join us for our first in a series of art exhibits featuring emerging artists. In June we will feature Kafi D'Ambrosi's photography exhibit titled Body Politic, Habitat & Phenomenon.

Opening reception: Friday, June 4, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
1635 W. Pratt Street | 410.233.1133

Drop in to view the exhibit during our coffeehouse hours:
Thursday evening 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Friday morning 9:00 am - 12 noon
Saturday morning 9:00 am - 12 noon

For more information about what's going on at Clay Pots, visit us on the web at anewfaithcommunity.tripod.com