

# UNION SQUARE NEWS

Union Square Online: <http://www.union-square.us>

November 2004

## FROM THE ASSOCIATION

Hello Neighbors:

The hazy summer skies have yielded to the crisp, clear blue skies of autumn. Trees are ablaze in red, gold and orange. It's a beautiful time in the neighborhood.

The holiday season begins with Thanksgiving and rapidly moves on to Chanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

Union Square welcomes the holidays with lights, decorations and other symbols of the season. It's a special time where the neighborhood looks its very best.

The annual **Cookie Tour** – this year it is on **Sunday, December 12th** – is our time to welcome visitors and share the unique qualities of our historic homes combined with our joy in celebration.

This is our primary fundraiser and biggest marketing promotion. Success depends on the volunteer efforts of everyone. It's time to clean and decorate so visitors see us at our best. Other opportunities to participate include: open your home on the tour, help with promotion, or work on the day of the tour to help visitors. Please come to this month's meeting to see how you can help!

By the way, don't forget to vote on Tuesday! •

## UNION SQUARE ASSOCIATION

### ☞ GENERAL MEETING ☞

**WED., 11/3, 7 PM**  
**1401 HOLLINS ST.**

AGENDA INCLUDES:

- PLANNING THE BIG EVENT: THE COOKIE TOUR  
A CALL FOR IDEAS AND VOLUNTEERS
- GUEST SPEAKER: MARIO DISPENZA, ATTORNEY  
TOPIC: NUISANCE ACTIONS AGAINST PROBLEM PROPERTIES
- OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

## UNION SQUARE HOLIDAY COOKIE TOUR

*By Phyllis VanMeerhaeghe*

### ATTENTION New Residents (and Old Residents, as well)

The 2004 Union Square Holiday Cookie Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 12th. This is our biggest fundraiser. Helping with the tour is a great way to meet your neighbors while contributing to the community. Please call and help!

We need volunteers to help with the following -

- Your house (or *part* of your house) on the tour... some participants open their entire home while many open the first floor or only their foyer and living room.
  - Decorating the park and Pratt Library #2 – The Neighborhood Design Center (NDC), 1401 Hollins Street – (where tickets will be sold) on the day before the tour.
  - Decorating the exterior of your home (everyone).
  - Baking cookies.
  - Selling tickets on the day of the tour.
  - Distributing posters and flyers.....
- To get involved, please call 410 566-4403 and leave a message with your name, address and telephone number, and someone on the Tour Committee will get back to you! •

## B & O RAILROAD MUSEUM REOPENS!

SEE THE ROUNDHOUSE RESTORED TO ITS HISTORIC GLORY.  
(Hard Hat No Longer Required.)

**REOPENING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.**

Free Parking • Free Train Rides • Visit [www.borail.org](http://www.borail.org) for tickets  
901 West Pratt Street 410.752.2490

# REAL ESTATE

\$1,210,687 BA5084551	1120 W Pratt Commercial
\$220,000 BA5035092	1712 W Lombard
\$196,500 BA5078910	110 S Stricker 2BR/2.5BA
\$189,000 BA5083420	47 S Arlington 4BR/2BA
\$159,000 BA4925554	1515 W Pratt 3BR/1.5BA
\$147,000 BA4936955	1406 W Lombard 5BR/1.5BA
\$135,000 BA5074270	1219 Hollins 3BR/1.5BA
\$105,000 BA4911630	11 S Carey 3BR/2BA
\$99,900 BA5067654	123 S Carrollton 2BR/2BA
\$99,000 BA5084549	1120 W Pratt 2BR/2.5BA
\$98,500 BA4833118	1111 W Lombard 3BR/1BA
\$84,500 BA5002648	109 S Carey 3BR/2BA
\$75,000 BA5079821	1317 W Lombard 6BR/4BA
\$69,900 BA4964833	32 S Carrollton 4BR/1BA
\$69,900 BA4964722	30 S Carrollton 4BR/1BA
\$69,900 BA5077237	1207 W Lombard 3BR/2BA
\$45,500 BA5065173	122 S Carey 2BR/1BA
\$26,000 BA5071823	1629 W Pratt 2BR/1BA
\$6,000 ea BA4809637-230-145	1002-04-06 Boyd 3 lots

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency . . . . . 911	Distressed neighborhood unit 410-396-2499
Nonemergency . . . . . 311	Warrant squad . . . . . 410-396-2499
District telephone . . . . . 410-396-2499	Domestic violence unit . . 410-354-9371
Shift commanders . . . . . 410-396-2499	Drug enforcement unit . . 410-354-2540
Command investigations . . 410-396-2499	Major crimes unit . . . . . 410-354-2504
Tactical operations . . . . . 410-396-2499	Comstat unit . . . . . 410-354-3430
Community relations unit . 410-354-5169	Operation relentless . . . . 410-354-3430
Traffic enforcement . . . . . 410-354-5169	Juvenile problems . . . . . 410-333-6865

**PLEASE REPORT**

**ANYONE USING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL IN OUR PARK OR ON OUR STREETS TO THE POLICE.**

**LET'S KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE FOR OUR CHILDREN.**

## TRASH COLLECTION

November schedule:  
No collections on the 25th (Thanksgiving). Otherwise, usual Monday and Thursday collections.  
Mondays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Thursdays, November 4, 11, 18.

**VISIT UNION SQUARE ONLINE AT WWW.UNION-SQUARE.US**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- November 2 – All day **Don't forget to vote!**
- November 3 – 7:00 PM **Union Square Association General Meeting**  
1401 Hollins St.
- November 9 – 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM **“Get to Know Baltimore” Happy Hour - FREE!**  
Flanagan's Irish Pub  
7637 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD  
Washingtonians are invited to come mingle with Mayor O'Malley, Live Baltimore & many more Baltimore residents! Learn about living in Baltimore City – plus enjoy appetizers & drink specials! RSVP to this free event by November 8 at 410.637.3750.
- November 13 – 10 AM to 2 PM **Johns Hopkins University Recycling Event**  
Old Eastern High School  
Venable parking lot  
For more information call the Johns Hopkins Recycling office at 410.516.5592 or email: recycle@jhu.edu
- VITAL SIGNS 3 – Now Available!**  
Now you can see the progress Baltimore has made from 2000-2003! Vital Signs 3 is the 3rd in the annual series of reports on the Vital Signs – outcome indicators that “take the pulse” of Baltimore neighborhoods, measuring progress toward strong neighborhoods, good quality of life, and a thriving city over time. There are 40 Vital Signs organized into seven topic areas ranging from housing, sanitation, and safety to workforce, health, environment, and child well-being. You have seen some of these Vital Signs featured in the Baltimore Sun every Monday.  
Now you can see the impact your actions have on improving Baltimore, and continue to move these Vital Signs in the right direction! Here are some highlights!
- Mortgage foreclosures are down 21 percent since 2001
  - Over 15 percent more students scored in the highest range in the 3rd grade reading scores
  - Violent Crime decreased 24.3 percent between 2000 and the end of 2003
  - Teen birth rate decreased by 18.2 percent
  - Rate of people with vaccine preventable diseases (like Hepatitis A and B, flu, etc) decreased by almost 37 percent
  - Nearly 28 percent of the population ages 16 and over who are employed use another mode of transportation other than a car to get to work (including public transit, walking, etc)
  - Median days on the market fell 46 percent since 2000, from 52 days to 28 days – homes are selling faster than ever.
- Log on to [www.bnia.org](http://www.bnia.org) to get more information about how you can access Vital Signs 3 and more! The Vital Signs are brought to you by the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance