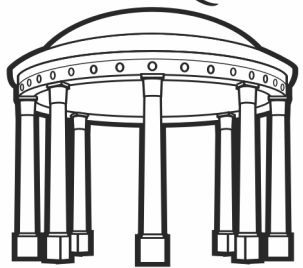


Union Square



Union Square Association Annual Meeting & Elections

Wednesday, January 19, 2005 7:00 pm • 1401 Hollins St.

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, e-mail nominations@union-square, call 410.428.7549, or make arrangements to be nominated at the meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome & encouraged!

Only members are eligible to vote. For more information, see the by-laws at:

<http://www.union-square.us/us-bylaws.html>

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Help Wanted!

Over the past few years, Union Square has seen enormous improvements. Property values are at record highs and potential home-buyers are on waiting lists to join our special community. With each new resident, new ideas and enthusiasm are added to our diverse talent pool.

Our special neighborhood now needs special people - it's time to choose officers to direct our continued success in 2005. 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 *all* 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. Remember, the more each contributes, the lesser the burden on all of us.

The Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Director of Historic Preservation. Please email "nominations@union-square.us" or call 410.428.7549. You can make a difference!

Holiday Cookie Tour Success!

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

Union Square always looks its best when decorated for the holidays. This year was no exception. Houses were breathtaking in their finery. More than 2 dozen homes were part of the tour and many more were beautifully appointed, adding to the overall festive atmosphere.

Mild temperatures helped make this one of our most successful tours - financially and otherwise. Over 400 visitors shared in this special event. Perhaps best of all, there were

quite a few prospective homebuyers among our guests.

Many are "regulars" who look forward to this annual event. For others, this was their first exposure to our special community. Our guests included people from other city neighborhoods, the suburbs, and out-of-towners from Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and elsewhere.

It's never too soon to start planning for next year's tour. Everyone is encouraged to start thinking about adding their home in 2005, or other ways they might participate.

Come to the Association meetings or check with Association officers to volunteer your efforts in this worthy cause.

We thank: THE BALTIMORE SUN

As we celebrate the success of the 2004 Union Square Holiday Cookie Tour, we give a special "Thank You" to *The Baltimore Sun*. There is no way we could have afforded the promotion they donated to our event - that exposure brought

visitors who, otherwise, never would have known about us. The generous gift of advertising made the single largest impact on our turnout. We are deeply grateful to *The Baltimore Sun* and look forward to their continued support.

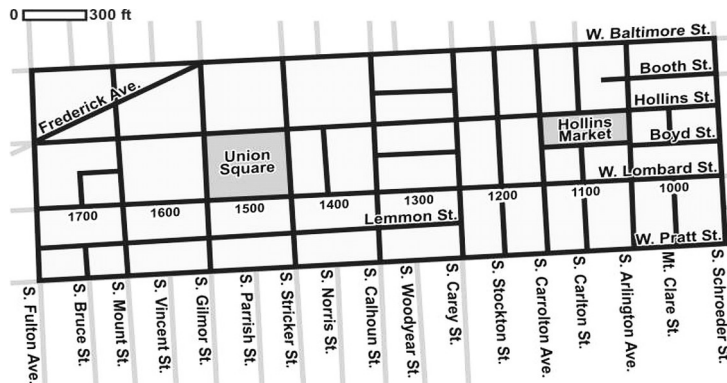
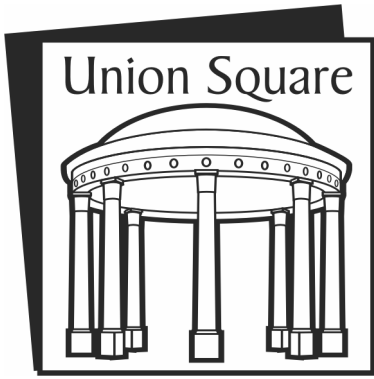
Thanks again: 2004 Officers

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 2004: Greg Grass, President; Tonya Osborne, Esq., Vice President; Phyllis VanMeerhaeghe, Treas-

urer; Barbara Heckman-Sauer, Recording Secretary; Chris Everett, Corresponding Secretary; Richard Pickens, Director of Historic Preservation; and At-Large Directors, Cynthia Pointdexter and B.J. Schaen-Cazar.

The residents of Union Square appreciate your time and efforts on behalf of the neighborhood.



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To learn more about Union Square, go to the web site.
Union Square Online is
<http://www.union-square.us>

Real Estate

- \$998,687..... 1120 W Pratt
BA5084551 Commercial
- \$399,900..... 1504 Hollins
BA5098945 5BR/2BA
- \$279,900..... 109 S Stricker
BA5111836 4BR/2BA
- \$250,000..... 1421 W Baltimore
BA5116322 Commercial
- \$250,000..... 1312 Hollins
BA5102206 5BR/2.5BA
- \$242,000..... 1428 Hollins
BA5090532 4BR/2BA
- \$235,000..... 1715 W Lombard
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- \$220,000..... 1712 W Lombard
BA5035092
- \$199,786..... 1301 W Lombard
BC4866786 4BR/2.5BA
- \$189,000..... 47 S Arlington
BA5083420 4BR/2BA
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- \$56,900 43 S Fulton
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- \$54,900 109 S Carey
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- \$26,000 1629 W Pratt
BA5071823 3BR/1BA
- \$15,000 1236 W Lombard
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- \$1,800 Rent..... 33 S Calhoun
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- \$1,295 Rent..... 1110 W Lombard
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- \$1,000 Rent..... 1520 W Pratt
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Face Lift!

Union Square Online is getting a new look! If you haven't visited in a while, you're in for a surprise. The site is brighter, cleaner, and it loads faster. This is the first overhaul since *Union Square Online* appeared December 9th, 2002. In the past 2 years, there have been over 21,000 hits. People from around the region and all over the world have left messages. Each week, dozens of emails ask about the neighborhood, available properties, and more.

If you've never visited the site, here's a few pages you'll find: History of Union Square, Maps & Driving Directions, the Photo Gallery, Association By-Laws, a Guestbook, the Sowebo Arts Festival, Community Events, Tax Credit Info, Schools & Churches, FREE Classified Ads, and *The Public Square*.

The Public Square is a witty, interactive forum where folks chat about the neighborhood, each other, politics, pop culture, home improvement tips, events in the park, and more. It's a place to express yourself and have some fun! Visitors have posted some informative, clever and surprising material. Go to: www.union-square.us and see for yourself.

Trash...

January Schedule: No pickup on the 17th (Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Otherwise, usual Monday and Thursday collections. Mondays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27.

More Cookie Tour Thanks!

This was our 19th year for the Holiday Cookie Tour - it is truly a community effort. Some volunteers clean and decorate the park and many residents make a special effort to dress up their properties to give the neighborhood it's special holiday look.

This year's Cookie Tour Committee consisted of Bill Adler, Debbie Adler, Rick Aronhalt, Chris Everett, Karen Fretz, Greg Grass, Ronny Nadiv, Tonya Osborne, Debra Rahl, Fran Rahl, Frank Travato, and Phyllis VanMeerhaeghe. Their efforts were supplemented by a host of volunteers who performed all the duties necessary for the success of the tour.

Of course, there wouldn't have been a tour without the hard work of those who opened their homes. Each of them cleaned and decorated - and then they baked hundreds of cookies for our visitors.

Included in the 2004 tour were the homes of: Sameerah S. Muhammad; Devlyn Fennell & John Clark; Ron and Betty Brown; Tonya M. Osborne, Esq.; Albert and Belinda Reed & Justin Gardner; Michael and LaRonica McPherson; Jim, Karen, and Katherine Fretz; David Naill, Karen Lemmert & Lillian and Ilan Naill; Anthony and Jana Prado; Ed Knowles & Carl Dahlstrom; Melvin L. and Ardebella Dean Fox; Diane Asher; Antonio and Jennifer Clinkscales; Leslie Dell; Cindi Ptak & Alesia Robinson; Brosenne, Brown and Jones; Lizette and Andre Shelton;

Catherine Zorc, Audra Agnelly & Susan Chamberlain; Daryl Napier; Amy Spatz; Debbie and Bill Adler; Debra and Francis Rahl; Frank Bandy & Bill White; and Sarah Whitaker & Jill Amerman.

Although the Cookie Tour is a Union Square Association event, we thank the other local organizations who play a major role in its success. *The Friends of the H. L. Mencken House* opened that historic home on the day of the tour. *Sowebo Arts, Inc.* hosted "The Sowebo Artist Market" at 100 S. Stricker St. as an added feature for our visitors. The *Baltimore City Police Southern District* provided security. The *Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, Inc.* displayed and sold charming holiday ornaments. The *Southwest Baltimore Charter School* presented information detailing their efforts. The award-winning neighborhood web site, *Union Square Online*, exhibited a series of posters detailing "The History of Union Square." In addition to their generous advertising support, *The Baltimore Sun* sent a representative and a kiosk. 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.

Our visitors commented about the wonderful sense of community and involvement they witnessed as all these people and groups joined together in this effort.

Thank you.