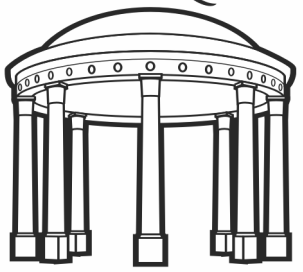


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Union Square



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## Message from the President

By **Christopher Taylor**  
President Union Square Association

Greetings! To all of you who couldn't make the last meeting, my name is Christopher Taylor and I was elected to be the new president of the Union Square Association. At the meeting, there was a lot of positive energy directed toward moving forward in our neighborhood. With this in mind, it is my goal to create a professionally run organization that welcomes all members of the community. Before we move ahead, it is important that we recognize the contributions of the previous board - in particular, **Albert Reed**. He led this neighborhood through a difficult period and spent a lot of his personal time bettering Union Square. We should all thank him for his hard work, and I hope he continues to stay involved. I would also like to recognize the vital role that small businesses will play in the revitalization of our neighborhood. We are fortunate to have several new establishments, such as *Something Fishee, In the Garden, Rosie's, The Bistro* and others. Please know that you have the full support of the board and we would like to help in any way we can. In keeping with the spirit of renewal, I would like to personally apologize to anyone who has ever felt unwelcome or unappreciated at our General Meetings. It is my hope that you will bring your valuable skills and knowledge back to the table and help us create a more inclusive environment. Please feel free to call me and let me know how I can address any concerns you may have (410-566-7306). I think it is time for us not to let our past define our future. Many opportunities lie ahead and only by coming together can we create the neighborhood that we all want. I look forward to serving as your president throughout the year and encourage you to come out to the General Meetings. The board is excited to share its agenda, ideas and goals for the upcoming year and we hope that you can find something that sparks your interest and motivates you to get involved. I am privileged to be surrounded by a great mixture of new and old board members and we will work very hard to fulfill our promise to move the community forward.

## Union Square Association General Meeting **RESCHEDULED!**

Wednesday, February 8, 2006  
7:00 PM · 1401 Hollins St.

### Agenda

#### Block Captains

Discuss assigned duties and confirm existing volunteers, plus recruit new participants

#### Marketing Committee

Discuss the garden & cookie tours, open houses, park events, updated brochures

#### Zoning and Development

Discuss streamlining the zoning process, promotion of positive development in the district.

#### Merchant's Association

Discuss support and development of positive business interests in our community.

#### Operation AWARE

Discuss community mapping and trends that impact the area.

#### Southwest Baltimore Charter School

Discuss plans and efforts involving this neighborhood asset.

#### Crime & Grime

Discuss coordination with Police programs; plan clean-ups and sanitation issues.

#### New Business

#### Adjournment

## Union Square Association 2006 Board and Officers

The 2006 Officers & Board were elected at the Association Annual Meeting in January:

President

**Christopher Taylor**

Vice-President

**Tonya M. Osborne, Esq.**

Treasurer

**Diane Asher**

Recording Secretary

**Hope Williams**

Corresponding Secretary

**Christian B. Everett**

Director of Historic Preservation

**Richard Pickens**

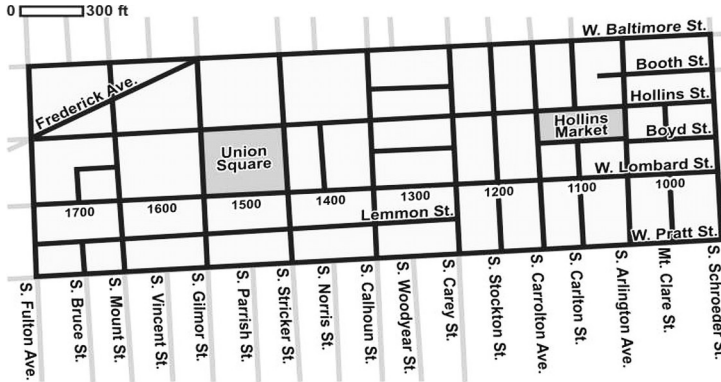
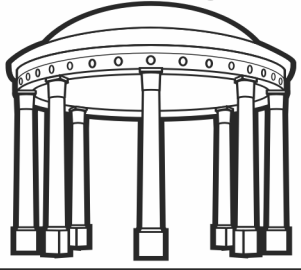
At-Large Director

**Damon R. Clark**

At-Large Director

**Michael David Miller**

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## CHAP Report

By Richard Pickens

### Old Windows / New Windows

In these monthly reports, it often seems all that is discussed are windows! Here is why, briefly:

All properties in the Union Square area are part of a local, state and federal historic district. This distinction is quite significant. On the local level, the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, CHAP, monitors the compliance to the historical standards. The exterior of any house is the first impression. The CHAP regulations require wooden windows that historically match the house. Because vinyl windows can not and do not match, they are not allowed. If a home has vinyl windows, they are in violation of the Baltimore City's codes. Whenever a property is going to have exterior or interior work done, a Building Permit is required. This building permit process triggers a visit to the CHAP offices to review the historical aspects of the proposed work. No one should avoid this. Fines for illegal and inappropriate work have doubled.

The historic designation of a property offers tax benefits and adds to the property's value. It is important to protect the area from improper and illegal work. It actually affects you, too. Please call **311** anytime you see work that doesn't seem right.

On a similar note, CHAP is working with the property owners at 110 and 112 South Mount St. to correct their improper vinyl window installations.

### Trash Schedule

No collections on February 13 (Lincoln's Birthday) and 20 (President's Day) - otherwise, the usual Monday and Thursday collections: Mon., 6 and 27; and Thurs., 2, 9, 16 and 23.

## Committees!

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maintain the rich history of the community.

In addition to the Standing Committees, there are other committees that have formed over the years which, depending on interest, may form again in 2006. This isn't a comprehensive listing because the Association always welcomes new efforts when members wish to focus their efforts and work in new directions.

In no particular order, committees include: **Public Safety** and **Sanitation**, two halves of the Crime & Grime quality-of-life effort; **Housing**, monitors housing stock and works with City agencies to correct code violations; **Cookie Tour**, coordinates this signature event for Union Square; **Garden Tour**, the "Secret Gardens of Union Square" was an event that showcased our neighborhood - the tour has been on hiatus for the past few years but could return to promoting urban life in general and our community in particular; and **Youth**, plans activities to benefit the young people of Union Square.

Again, this is only a partial listing. Other ideas are encouraged and welcomed. Come to the General Meeting and share your own ideas and passions. By getting involved, you can really shape the direction and future of Union Square.

### Special Cookie Tour "Thank You!"

Each year, **Ron and Betty Brown** of Hollins St. invite their friends from the Free State Corvette Club to the Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour.

The club always makes a generous donation to the Association. This thank you is long overdue.

