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**GENERAL MEETING:**

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

**APRIL 12, 2011****6:30-8:00****26 N. FULTON AVE**BON SECOURS COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
CENTER

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**AGENDA**

- Sunflower Mountain on Carey St;  
Ed Miller, Civic Works
- What else we are working on.
- What else should we be doing?  
Come and tell us what you want!
- Neighborhood Walks
- Facebook Page
- Trash Talk

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**WASTE PICKUP****RECYCLING: TUESDAYS**When a holiday falls on Tuesday, pickup  
will be the previous Saturday**TRASH: THURSDAYS**When a holiday falls on Thursday, pickup  
will be the following Saturday

# Hello Franklin Square

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## It's Spring- and we have good news

As you may remember, our first project at the vacant lot that the community association has adopted is to plant sunflowers on the north end. 220 Sunflowers at 220 North Carey Street (aka Sunflower Mountain) has been fully funded by the Parks and People Foundation! We were awarded a \$1000 grant and expect to receive the first check in the next couple days. Then we can order materials, finalize the planting day schedule and let you know how you can get involved with the project .

And more good news for The Blank Lot—we have been selected to continue to the second round of consideration for the Baltimore Community Foundation Mobilization Grant for \$5000. The committee that worked on this grant proposal met with representatives from the Baltimore Community Foundation on Friday March 25th at the lot to further explain our plans and our goals. It's a huge success just getting this far and we are all excited. We are hopeful that we receive the grant for this project, which is scheduled to start in June. As we told BCF last Friday even if they don't fund it, the project will go forward—it just might take a little longer.

As the weather warms, we will be resuming our monthly walks, visiting our neighbors to introduce the community association. We will be asking, why are you here? We want to know what you think is great about Franklin Square and what could be better. We would love to have company on these walks. If you are interested, get in touch with Scott Kashnow.

Speaking of walks, the Friends of West Baltimore Parks is planning its inaugural event for the 23rd of April. This group is dedicated to preserving our historic squares by using them for fun things. The first one will be a parade and party. Come on out on the 23rd and join us in celebrating Franklin Square.

These are just a couple of the things we are working on to make Franklin Square a better place to live, work, and play. Come to the meeting to hear about the rest.



*Soil, rough shredded mulch, and granite provided by Baltimore City to Franklin Square Community Association through Civic Works*

- **Middle Branch Park Clean Up** with WS263 and Parks & People. Help clean up the park and the water by foot and canoe on **April 2nd**. email [ScottKashnow@Gmail.com](mailto:ScottKashnow@Gmail.com) for more info.
- **Free Tax Preparation:** Sponsored by the Baltimore CASH Campaign and the United Way of Central Maryland. Call 410-234-8008 or visit [www.bmorefreetaxes.org](http://www.bmorefreetaxes.org)
- **Friends of West Baltimore Parks** will hold an event open to everyone **April 23rd**. To get involved or be included, contact Eli Pousson at [pousson@baltimoreheritage.org](mailto:pousson@baltimoreheritage.org)
- **Walking Tour of Franklin Square.** Baltimore Heritage / Parks & People **May 14**. contact Eli Pousson at [pousson@baltimoreheritage.org](mailto:pousson@baltimoreheritage.org)
- **Roots Fest is coming to West Baltimore!** a festival of empowerment and arts. **June 22-26, 2011**  
[www.rootsfest2011.org](http://www.rootsfest2011.org)      [www.alternateroots.org](http://www.alternateroots.org)
- **Maryland School Assessment in March.** See how your school is doing.  
<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/testing/msa/>
- **OROSW Crime and Grime Meeting.** Fourth Thursday of the month 6-8 PM; Bon Secours 26 N Fulton. Place and follow up on complaints, discuss the 311 system, city officials are available at the meeting. Contact Bon Secours front desk for more information: 410-362-3629
- **St. Luke's is seeking mentors for the after-school program.** Contact Helen Keith 410-523-6272.
- **SOWEBO Festival is coming! Sunday May 29th.**
- **Red Line Station update.** This spring, the MTA will hold a series of public workshops to present the current status of the Red Line, as well as the progress of the Station Area Advisory Committees (SAACs). Check the website for dates and locations. <http://www.baltimoreredline.com/>

## Why are you here?

The community association wants to be sure that we are working towards addressing the correct issues for the greater community. We are here to serve the whole community and we need to know what you think. What are your concerns and what are you happy with? Please answer the following questions for us and either bring your answers to our April meeting, email us at [FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com](mailto:FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com) or call us. Let us know how we are doing and what you want to see us do differently.

**What makes you proud of your neighborhood?**

**Why did you choose to move here?**

**Why do you choose to stay here?**

**What would you like to see stay the same?**

**What would you like to see change?**

**Do you have any ideas for future projects that you think would make Franklin Square a better place to live, work, and play?**

## On to the world wide web!

Franklin Square Community Association has a new email address:

[FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com](mailto:FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com)

The Gmail account not only centralizes and simplifies communication for our officers but it provides one location for all our contact information and enables us to use Google docs to centralize our data storage. We will be able to locate things like a 311 follow-up sheet here. This will enable your officers to better manage data and allow us to focus on the important work of making our neighborhood a better place.

We will discuss developing a Facebook page for the Franklin Square Community at our next meeting. Stop on by and share your opinion.



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