
GENERAL MEETING:

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

APRIL 9, 2012

6:30-8:30

26 N. FULTON AVE

BON SECOURS COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER
TO ATTEND A MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

AGENDA

- Mayors Spring cleanup 4/20 9-12
 - Sunflower Village Completion & 212 Carey St
 - Sunflower Celebration
 - Mount Street
 - SouthWest Partnership Update
 - Dumpsters
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COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The City provides dumpsters, bags & brooms
Call Edith to schedule one on your block

Dumpsters scheduled:

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is \$10 per year
Call Edith to join or just come to a meeting

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



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Hello Franklin Square

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Anthony Batts, Baltimore's new police commissioner, spoke to a crowd gathered at Celebration Church on Monroe Street last week, saying that he did not put on his uniform to run down kids and lock them up – he put it on to show them that he cares about them - that somebody cares. A productive discussion ensued between community leaders and the police department, and Commissioner Batts went on to say that we all need to work together to help our kids avoid getting in trouble in the first place. Community members in attendance agreed with this goal and with the essential process of establishing communication between the police and the community. Trust needs to be rebuilt, and as Commissioner Batts said, it starts with the police department doing more listening - which was the real intent of the meeting.

The SouthWest Partnership has applied for funding to hire a consultant to help us develop an implementable plan for our neighborhoods. If awarded the funding, we will provide the consultant with the various plans that already exist for Southwest Baltimore (such as those created for ORSWO, the RedLine, and SouthWest Cares) to be compiled into one document that we can then review as a community. The SouthWest Partnership will host a design charrette (a big brainstorming workshop) so the community can offer feedback on the compiled document, verify that it is correct and move to an implementation phase. If our grant request is fully funded, we expect the design workshop will take place in June. We hope that everyone will participate, so that we can have the best possible outcome for our neighborhoods. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, we are moving forward with lots of great stuff (see the back of the newsletter for details). We are holding a huge cleanup on Baltimore Street on April 20th, and **free music and movie events** in our historic squares. Sunflower Village is almost complete (still need lots of help with replanting the sunflowers and keeping them watered...hint-hint). We have an addition to Sunflower Village coming, and we will be ready to review preliminary plans of our next Lots of Art project at Baltimore and Mount very soon.

Be sure to come to the meeting to get the latest updates on everything – see you there!

Request an email copy FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com

Friends of West Baltimore Squares - Spring Celebrations

April 12: Join us for a walking parade of the Historic Squares of West Baltimore, starting at Lafayette Square through Harlem Park and Union Square and end in Franklin Square for a family friendly movie. Dress in spring colors & bring whistles and other noisemakers! Open to the entire community!

Parade 6:30pm-7:30pm - meet at Lafayette Square at 6

Movie - around 8 depending on darkness

Bring your blankets and chairs. There will be popcorn.

Additional First Friday Movies will be held at:

May 10 - Lafayette Square

June 14 - Hollins Market

July 12 - Union Square

Music Mondays Happy Hours

April 22 - Hollins Market

May 27 - Franklin Square

June 24 - Union Square

Questions or Comments on the Friends of West Baltimore Squares events? Please contact:

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Activate Your Inner Citizen Spring University.

(This is great free training)

Ready to Plan a Block Party or Spring Cleaning? Join us on Saturday, April 13th for the annual AYIC Spring University. Nonprofit Experts and government officials will teach classes about writing dynamic newsletters, grant writing, learning about the new zoning code and the Liquor Store legislation, learning how to work with elected officials, how to run community meetings, learning how to engage youth, code enforcement, and much more! CPHA's Executive Director Mel Freeman, will give a short keynote presentation. 9am-12:45pm at Coppin State University, Health and Human Services Center. This is a free event. For details and to register, please visit <http://www.cphabaltimore.org/university/>

Southwest Cleanup - Mayors Spring Cleanup

On April 20th the neighborhoods of SouthWest will all work together to clean and beautify Baltimore St from MLK Blvd. to the Gwynns Falls. In addition to sweeping up we will plant trees and stencil storm drains. Meet at Baltimore and Mount at 8AM or come on down and lend a hand anytime during the morning. We will have a cookout at Baltimore and Mount for all volunteers around noon. Got questions? Call Edith or Scott.

Sunflower Village Extension

Civic Works will be helping us again to expand Sunflower Village. We have adopted 212 Carey St. Please join us April 25, 26, and 27 as we renovate the lot currently used for dumping into a beautiful sunflower garden. We will start at 9am each day. Stop by anytime. For more info call Edith or Scott.

SOWEBO Field Day in Franklin Square

May 18: A fun day for kids. There will be games and activities similar to the Docs in the Park event we did last year. Come and play in the park. From 10-2

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SOWEBO FESTIVAL

The almost famous Sowebo Festival will be May 26 from 12-8. <http://www.soweboarts.org/festival.html>

Sunflower Celebration

We will be celebrating Sunflowers and the completion of Sunflower Village on June 1st from 12-8. Stop by for entertainment and merriment and to say thank you to all those who have helped us create a beautiful space in our neighborhood. There are still slots for performers if you want to perform (must be family friendly).

For more info or to join the entertainment call Edith or Scott.



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