

**GENERAL MEETING:  
2ND TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH (IN  
RECESS FOR DECEMBER)  
6:30-8:00**

**26 N. FULTON AVE**  
BON SECOURS COMMUNITY  
SUPPORT CENTER—PLEASE JOIN  
US IN JANUARY!

#### **AGENDA**

- Eat, Drink, Party, Smile, Laugh,  
Talk, Enjoy, Visit with Family

#### **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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 12/11/10 Baltimore Reads Holiday  
11AM - Fair—Story time, children's  
3PM books give away, & gifts at  
kid friendly prices  
[www.baltimorereads.org](http://www.baltimorereads.org) or  
call 410-752-3595
- 12/12/10 Mayor's Holiday Open  
1PM – House  
4PM [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov)
- 12/13/10 Hollins Roundhouse Meet-  
7PM ing (2nd Monday)
- 12/16/10 Baltimore Heritage Tours  
5:30PM— Evergreen House  
6:30PM [www.baltimoreheritage.org](http://www.baltimoreheritage.org)  
[/2010/12/behind-the-scenes-  
-holiday-tours  
-of-homewood-evergreen/](http://www.baltimoreheritage.org/2010/12/behind-the-scenes-holiday-tours-of-homewood-evergreen/)

# Hello Franklin Square

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## Happy Holidays

It's been a busy year and we have made some real progress. Some of the highlights have been adopting and cleaning the lot on Carey Street, developing the Franklin Square newsletter, and growing vegetables in the community garden. It's almost unbelievable but the sea container that has been at the corner of Saratoga and Calhoun for the last 20 years is gone.



We have all spent considerable time supporting our community and our labor has paid off with new members and the renewed involvement of former members. The best part of all the hard work is meeting neighbors and making new friends.

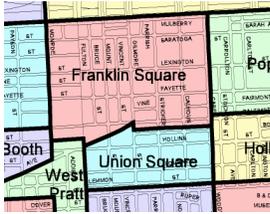
Change is coming to our neighborhood and we all need to decide if we are going to actively shape the change or allow the change to shape us. In the new year The Franklin Square Community Association will continue to shape the future of our neighborhood. Feel free to get involved. Come to a meeting, get in touch with one of the directors, join a committee, or just come out for a volunteer day.

There is still much to do but first we celebrate. We will forgo the general meeting in December to visit with our families. Bring your smiles and some friends when we meet again on January 11th.

## Good Neighbor of the Month: Meredith Powell

Meredith lives in the 1500 block of Penrose Avenue where on any given day you can see Meredith outside sweeping, cleaning, and picking up trash along Penrose, Gilmor and on Greater Harvest's lot. He sweeps up and removes leaves and he also makes sure that the trash can in the middle of Penrose Ave. is emptied and supplied with trash bags. He's a good neighbor and he cares about his community. The neighbors really appreciate you.

Thanks Meredith!



## Franklin Square Community Association

PO Box 4424  
Baltimore, MD 21223

Visit the Free Store on Baltimore Street between Calhoun and Stricker most Saturdays from 10-3 until December 18th.

Bon Secours is currently offering job readiness programs, financial management education, and tax help, in addition to diabetes, heart care, nutrition, & healthy pregnancy education. Stop by 26 N Fulton Avenue for a schedule, or call 410-362-3629.

# Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour

The Union Square neighborhood invites you to our 25th Annual Christmas Cookie Tour. The park and the homes will all be decorated to celebrate the season. We offer you a special afternoon of melt in your mouth cookies, and an opportunity to tour 20+ homes that run the gamut of style from country to contemporary, with eclectic coexistence as a common rule.

Please join us in celebrating the season with this wonderful event. Sunday, December 12 from Noon to 5 pm. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at 1401 Hollins St on the day of the tour.



Franklin Square Sign



## Vacant Lot Management: Yvette Williams, 410-558-4508

Yvette Williams, a graduate student at UMBC, will be holding a focus group discussion to understand perspectives from residents about different ways in which vacant lots are managed or not managed in areas in or near your neighborhood.

A focus group is a group discussion where four (4) to five (5) persons are invited to join in the discussion. The group will be asked questions about management activities such as mowing, trash pickup, gardening, as well as other things they have seen or know about taking place at vacant lots.

Participation in a focus is voluntary, and your responses will be anonymous. Reports of the focus group discussions will not identify anyone by name. Ms. Williams will study the discussions to help identify resources and assistance that may be useful for your neighborhood.

If you would like to participate, please contact Ms. Williams at 410-558-4508 or [ywill1@umbc.edu](mailto:ywill1@umbc.edu). She will provide information on the date, time and place for the focus group discussion.

Thank you for your participation!

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