
GENERAL MEETING:

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 8, 2012**6:30-8:30****26 N. FULTON AVE**

BON SECOURS COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

AGENDA

- No meeting in December - enjoy the Holidays!

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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Annual Report

As we wrap up the year, we like to reflect just a moment. How are we doing?

Sunflower Village

A PNC Bank Transformative Art Project



We are continuing to make great progress as a community. We have made huge strides this year on the Sunflower Village project, completing 2 murals, setting the 3 posts, and creating the flags that will be hung in the spring. We raised a couple dollars, held multiple events just for the fun of it and the Mayor came to visit us in June.

See the back of the newsletter for a detailed listing of accomplishments of 2012 and please join us in 2013 when we reconvene for our January meeting.

Enjoy the Holidays!

The Baltimore Energy Challenge is Coming to Franklin Square!

You'll be seeing some new faces at the next Franklin Square Community Association meeting in January!

The Baltimore Energy Challenge (BEC) will be in attendance to help educate community members on easy ways to reduce their energy consumption and lower their BGE bills. BEC was established under the Baltimore Office for Sustainability and is a non-profit under the umbrella of Civic Works.

We hope to be working in Franklin Square Elementary/Middle in the coming months to help educate the students on energy conservation and sustainability. At the same time, we will be increasing outreach efforts to the surrounding community. Be sure to bring your BGE bills to the January meeting.

We will be handing out Energy Savers' Kits for anyone who takes a personal pledge to reduce consumption!

Request an email copy FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com

Our 2012 Accomplishments - We did this together!

Continued Great Communication

- ◆ Hello Franklin Square (our newsletter) delivered to homes and emails each month informing residents and building relationships.
- ◆ Maintained facebook.com/franklinsquarecommunity

Improved the Environment in our Neighborhood

- ◆ We received 4 grants totaling \$30K and maintained our partnership with Civic Works to continue our work on Sunflower Village and Franklin Square Park.
 - ◆ We completed 2 murals, set 3 twenty foot posts, expanded the sunflower berm, created a picnic space in the back of the lot, and maintained the gardens receiving two awards:
- ◆ Outstanding Neighborhood Greening Grant Project 2012 awarded by Parks and People Foundation and
- ◆ Best Ornamental Community Garden 2012 awarded by Baltimore City Master Gardeners of the University of Maryland Extension
- ◆ We continued the park keeper program with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks for Franklin Square Park. This year he split his time between Franklin Square and Union Square.
- ◆ We decorated Franklin Square Park for the holidays with wreaths made by members of the community, mostly youth.

Had Fun

- ◆ We helped plan and participated in multiple festivals and events throughout the year including:
 - ◆ Franklin Scare! - With support from the Parks and People Foundation we repeated last years success, carving pumpkins and creating crafts. The kids had a great time and the adults had fun too!
 - ◆ Sunflower Celebration: a celebration of sunflowers and friendship.
 - ◆ Docs in the Park: a healthy day in the park for kids.
 - ◆ The Franklin Square Family Fun Festival
 - ◆ The SoWeBo Festival
 - ◆ Hollins Harvest Festival
 - ◆ We assisted the Southwest Baltimore Running + Walking Club with their monthly run/ walk and the planning of the SoWeBo 5K .

And Developed Partnerships

- ◆ We established our new partnership with the Can Collective (Emily CD, Jessie Unterhalter, and Katey Truhn) the fantastic artists helping us with Sunflower Village and hopefully future projects.
- ◆ We continued our partnerships with Franklin Square Elementary/ Middle, St Lukes Church and the Boys and Girls Club.
- ◆ The Department of Public Works Recycling Division helped us to plant sunflowers in several tree pits and on the Carey St lot.
- ◆ P Flannigan and Sons helped us to dig some of the holes at Sunflower Village.
- ◆ We continued our relationship with Bon Secours, holding many of our meetings in their building and working with the Clean and Green team.
- ◆ We continued our partnership with the Friends of West Baltimore Squares, an advocacy and activities group. This group is focused on using our squares and other green spaces for positive and productive uses. Some of the activities include:
 - ◆ Neighborhood tours
 - ◆ Events in the squares
 - ◆ Creating an effective web presence and emailed newsletter
- ◆ Together we hosted Docs in the Park
- ◆ We have begun two new fantastic partnerships this year:
 - ◆ The Southwest Partnership—We are formally partnering with other southwest communities to address our common issues and strengthen our voice. This will be a huge improvement as we move forward with the planning process that we have begun. We expect to be able to affect major change in a short time frame working together.
 - ◆ The Lots of Art Committee—We will build on the success of Sunflower Village and projects in our partner neighborhoods to establish multiple lots of art and host events together.
- ◆ We continued our partnership with Parks & People Foundation and the Watershed 263 Council.
- ◆ And we continue to hold the City accountable for maintaining services in our neighborhood, covering graffiti, cleaning streets and alleys, and removing fallen trees.

Thank you to all of our partners and sponsors, we could not do this without you!

Be a part of next years accomplishments by coming to a meeting or working on a committee.



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