
GENERAL MEETING:

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 12, 2012**6:30-8:30****26 N. FULTON AVE**

BON SECOURS COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

AGENDA

- City Schools Ten year plan
 - Cailin
 - Baltimore Energy Challenge
 - Support schools/ year book ad?
 - CEASE Survey
 - Sunflower Celebration date
 - Mount Street
 - Next project?
 - Dumpsters
 - Baltimore Bike Party
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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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Looking toward a bright future

Sunflower Village

A PNC Bank Transformative Art Project



This is a very exciting time. Never before have the neighborhoods of Southwest banded together to enact the real change that is currently underway.

We have not only engaged ourselves and our neighbors but many partners including the City, University of Maryland, Bon Secours and many other nonprofit agencies across the City.

There have been huge changes in the last few months. Good changes! We have a grocery store; the housing market is starting to recover, bringing the economy with it; the City has developed a ten year plan to renovate

or replace all the schools in the district (now we need to help get it paid for); and the Franklin Square project Sunflower Village was featured on the TV show "The List".

The Works will be open by the end of the month, look to our south and you'll see Union Square park has recently been renovated. There are smaller play space renovations that will begin shortly in Carroll Park and the B&O Park in Hollins Market. The Baltimore Family Bike Party is coming to our neighborhood in February (weather permitting) and the SouthWest Baltimore Running and Walking Club will be holding a field day, similar to Docs in the Park, in the Spring. Franklin Square Elementary Middle has a new Community Coordinator provided by Parks and People, and there is Zumba at the Boys and Girls Club.

The time to steer this change is now! Be sure to come to the meeting to hear more details about all the great stuff going on and get your ideas in the mix. What do you want to see happen? Where is the next vacant lot you want restored? Or park renovated?

See you Tuesday, Bring your ideas!

Request an email copy FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com

Transform Baltimore Announcement:

There will be a rally in Annapolis at 6 pm on February 25th in order to get the funding we need to transform Baltimore's school buildings into safe, healthy 21st century learning environments for our children. The Baltimore Education Coalition will provide free buses to take people down to Annapolis. If people can fill half a bus (20-25 people), they can share with another institution nearby. If they can fill a full bus, we'll send them one. If there are smaller groups, like 5-10, we will coordinate to get them on with a nearly full bus nearby. You can learn more about this issue at <http://www.transformbaltimore.org/> and <http://becforourkids.org/>.

Free Tax Preparation Sites Now Open City-Wide

Now in its 12th year offering free tax services, the Baltimore CASH - Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope - Campaign is operating 15 tax preparation sites (13 sites in Baltimore City) this tax season where highly trained IRS certified volunteers will prepare and electronically file (e-file) taxes for FREE for eligible taxpayers. People are urged to go on-line www.bmorefreetaxes.org or call 410-234-8008 now to set up appointments.

Baltimore Family Bike Party

The Baltimore Family Bike Party is a safe and fun ride for kids and families. Our rides are short and comfortable for young children on two-wheeled bikes (sorry no training wheels) or adults with children in trailers or bike seats.

Saturday, February 16, 9:30am – 11:30am the ride will start from James McHenry Elementary School playground, Hollins Street between Poppleton and Shroeder. We will end the ride at the B&O Railroad museum and go in to warm up. The museum is offering half-price admission this month to celebrate the museum's recovery from a major roof collapse ten years ago.

The Baltimore Energy Challenge is Coming to Franklin Square!

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

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

