
GENERAL MEETING:

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

AGENDA

- ROOTS FEST 2011;
Ashley Milburn
- Hidden Streams; Ashley Milburn
- Sunflower Mountain on Carey St;
Ed Miller, Civic Works
- Art Project: Vine and Gilmore;
Bryant Smith, Ian Cox
- WS263: Middle Branch Cleanup
- Dr. John Bullock (410) 953-9575
www.bullockforcouncil.com
- Trash Talk

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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Trash Talk- Let's have a clean neighborhood

Rats eat trash. They also live under it. Rats are a hazard to the health of everyone in the neighborhood; they carry disease and they stink and they are ugly. But it is not possible to get rid of them until the trash is cleaned up. They breed faster than they can be killed. Most rats live for 12-18 months however, two rats can produce 30 mature rats each year. The only way to eliminate the rats is to eliminate their food. The really cool thing is that if rats don't have anything else to eat, they will eat their own young – basically eliminating themselves.

Last month in our neighborhood there was a fire which burned a fence and the back of a couple houses. It started as a trash fire in the alley. It's disappointing that it takes something like this to draw our full attention to the problem, but the good news is that we can do something about it in the future.



Rats will eat their own young if there is not enough food.

No one should have to live with trash around. The City should pick it up in a timely manner and the community has made substantial progress during the last two weeks with the City to enable that. We all need to do our part also. Let's make it easy for the City to do the right thing by putting our trash out the way they ask us to: in a trash can with a tight-fitting lid and in the right location. Not all addresses have alley pickup, you may be required to put your trash out front. Get more information at:

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/PublicWorks.aspx>

We will also need to remind the City when they don't get it right. We will need to use the 311 system for missed trash pickups and for dumping issues. Please remember to record the confirmation number, and email or call Demetrius Mallisham from the Mayors Office of Neighborhoods [(410) 396-4735 or Demetrius.Mallisham@baltimorecity.gov] if it is not picked up in a timely manner. Bring any outstanding complaints to the attention of Edith or Scott. You must have a 311 ticket number first.

The community association can also get dumpsters from the City for cleanup days once a quarter and we can place them throughout the community as needed.

We all deserve to live in a safe, healthy, and beautiful place. Help us make Franklin Square that place.

- **Free Tax Preparation:** Sponsored by the Baltimore CASH Campaign and the United Way of Central Maryland. Call 410-234-8008 or visit bmorefreetaxes.org
- **Roots Fest is coming to West Baltimore!** a festival of empowerment and arts. June 22-26, 2011
<http://rootsfest2011.org> <http://alternateroots.org>
- **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. Come to the FSCA meeting or email ScottKashnow@Gmail.com for more info.
- **Friends of West Baltimore Parks** will hold an event open to everyone before the end of April. To get involved or be included, contact Eli Pousson pousson@baltimoreheritage.org
- **St. Luke's is seeking mentors for the after-school program.** Contact Helen Keith 410-523-6272.
- **Walking Tour of Franklin Square.** Baltimore Heritage / Parks & People May 14. contact Eli Pousson pousson@baltimoreheritage.org
- **Bon Secours. Mini-Medical:** FREE classes March 21st, 28th, 4th, & 11th 6-8PM contact Joe Ann Murphy (410) 362-3454 or Sarah Wilson (410) 362-3485 *****REGISTRATION REQUIRED*****
- **Maryland School Assessment in March.** <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

Follow these rules for a cleaner neighborhood:

WASTE

- ☑ Use durable trash **cans** with **tight fitting lids**
- ☑ Placing trash in bags for collection is illegal and feeds rats
- ☑ No more than 3 (32 gal) cans per address
- ☑ Place **cans** between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. the evening before collection
- ☑ Don't block alleys and sidewalks with your cans
- ☑ Never pile bags on the corner of your block or end of your alley
- ☑ Keep your sidewalks, gutters and alleys trash free
- ☑ Violations can cost you as much as \$500 per citation

RECYCLING

- ☑ Use clearly marked containers, cardboard boxes or paperbags
- ☑ All recyclables can be mixed in the same container
- ☑ We'll collect as much as you can recycle - no limit!
- ☑ Place bins for collection between 6 p.m and 6 a.m. the evening before collection
- ☑ No plastic bags please - return to your grocer for recycling
- ☑ Shredded paper can be placed in a paper bag to keep it contained
- ☑ Soiled food containers belong in your waste can - not with your recycling

Sowebo Landmark 5K

After listening to a presentation from Ivan Leshinsky, Hollins Street neighbor and Race Director for the Sowebo Landmark 5K Race/Walk, Kids Fun Run and Health Fair, more than a dozen Franklin Square members signed on to participate. The events are planned for Sunday, 10/2/11 and hope to draw up to 500 people for the race and related activities which will take place in Union Square Park. The goal of the events is to call attention to childhood obesity which has become a serious local and national health issue, take action to tackle the problem, tap into local resources to empower youth to be active, encourage children and families to eat well and lead healthy lives. The planning committee meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at the Library at 1401 Hollins Street at 7:00 PM and all are welcome. For more information go to www.sowebolandmark.org or register on-line at www.active.com.



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