

## GENERAL MEETING:

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

**MAY 10, 2011**

**6:30-8:00**

**26 N. FULTON AVE**

BON SECOURS COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
CENTER

## AGENDA

- Franklin Scare!
- Planting Schedule
- Donated Signs
- Web site, facebook, brochure
- Planting Schedule
- Festival Staffing
- Neighborhood Walks
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## 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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## Friends of West Baltimore Squares

Franklin Square joined Friends of West Baltimore Squares for their inaugural event this past weekend. We celebrated the birthdays of Franklin Square and LaFayette Square with a balloon walk, cake, and a celebration in the park. Everyone had a great time. We are looking forward to partnering with Friends of West Baltimore Squares and having many more events in our neighborhood parks. If you have any ideas or want to be involved, contact Scott or Eli



*Johns Hopkins speaks to neighbors from Franklin Square and Union Square travelling towards LaFayette Square for cake*



and be sure to check out the website at [www.westbaltimoresquares.org](http://www.westbaltimoresquares.org). There is a page just for Franklin Square but we need to supply the content. Feel free to submit ideas and photos to [FrankinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com](mailto:FrankinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com)

## Franklin Scare!

Thanks to Birchie Whitman for successfully winning another grant for the community association - Franklin Square was awarded a grant by the Office of Promotion and Arts to hold Franklin Scare! in October. This will be a free Halloween-themed event with pumpkin-carving and scarecrow-building in the park. Send an email to [franklinsquarecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:franklinsquarecommunity@gmail.com) to reserve your pumpkin now!

## Planting Schedule

The Blank Lot on Carey St is coming to life! We held our first planting day on April 30th when we planted 17 trees. We will plant Sunflower Mountain in early May and continue to have monthly planting days throughout the summer to keep the sunflowers blooming. See the schedule below – all are welcome to join us every third Saturday through the summer and fall at 220 North Carey St from 10AM-12 Noon. We are looking for our next project so if you have any vacant lots near you that you want to see renovated let us know. Email [FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com](mailto:FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com) or bring your ideas to our next meeting.

**This newsletter is delivered to your door monthly by your neighbors. Hand delivery is sometimes unreliable. Save us some walking and guarantee delivery by email. Send your email address to [FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com](mailto:FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com)**

- **Walking Tour of Franklin Square.** Baltimore Heritage / Parks & People **May 14 10AM-12Noon.** contact Eli Pousson at pousson@baltimoreheritage.org
- **Friends of West Baltimore Squares Social in Franklin Square.** Join Baltimore Heritage / Parks & People/ & Franklin Square Community Association for a social gathering after the walking tour **May 14 12Noon - 1PM.** contact Eli Pousson at pousson@baltimoreheritage.org
- **Union Square Sidewalk Sale and Birthday Celebration.** Community sidewalk sale on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 8 am to 12.
- **Celebrate Union Square's 165th birthday!** Following the sidewalk sale in Union Square on May 14. Birthday Celebration in the park will follow from 1-2PM.
- **26th Annual SOWEBO Festival at Hollins Market is coming! Sunday May 29th. Noon-8PM** <http://www.soweboarts.org/festival.html>
- **Roots Fest is coming to West Baltimore!** a festival of empowerment and arts. **June 22-26, 2011** [www.rootsfest2011.org](http://www.rootsfest2011.org) [www.alternateroots.org](http://www.alternateroots.org)
- **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
- **Red Line Station update.** This spring, the MTA will hold a series of public workshops to present the current status of the Red Line, as well as the progress of the Station Area Advisory Committees (SAACs). Check the website for dates and locations. <http://www.baltimoreredline.com/>
- Check out the neighborhood calendar for more events at [http://www.westbaltimoresquares.org/?page\\_id=9](http://www.westbaltimoresquares.org/?page_id=9)

## Tree Planting on Carey St

On April 30th we held our first community planting day at the Blank Lot on Carey St. Thank you to everyone that turned out for the work day. Thank you also to Civic Works for helping us with the lot. Gigi from Civic Works told me this



is the best turn out we have ever had. Thanks also to Chris for feeding everyone. Good job Franklin Square! It's going to be hard to do better next time but we are looking forward to the challenge.

### Thank you

We are very grateful to all that have lent us a hand. We want to extend a special thank you to the following list of folks who have gone above and beyond to assist us.

Piper Booher and Brian Rowe of Strasburg Group [www.StrasburgGroup.com](http://www.StrasburgGroup.com) (443) 835-0763 for advising FSCA on matters of strategy, management, and communication.

Ed Miller, Gigi, Civic Works and all the volunteers that helped out.

Eli Pouson of Baltimore Heritage for his organizing and encouragement.

Andrea Leahy for providing signs for the walk.

Howard Kashnow for the cake.



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