
GENERAL MEETING:

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MAY 8, 2012**6:30-8:00****26 N. FULTON AVE**

BON SECOURS COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

AGENDA

- Clean Community Contest
 - PNC Transformative Art Project
 - SW Partnership Update
 - SoWeBo Festival | kids programs
 - Deborah Harris, PAC Insurance
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COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The City provides dumpsters, bags & brooms
Call Edith to schedule one on your block

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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Hoping is better than Coping

On April 12th some of the leaders of the Southwest Partnership met with Congressman Cummings. As you remember the Southwest Partnership was organized to address the common issues of the neighborhoods of Southwest Baltimore. It is exciting to have so many neighborhoods working together. Over the course of the last couple months we have discussed our common bonds with Union Square, Hollins Roundhouse, Pigtown, Barre Circle, Ridgleys Delight, Mount Clare, Camden Crossing, and others. We are learning from each other and supporting one another.

At the end of the very successful meeting, our Congressman shared a speech with us. One of the main points in his speech is that we need to start hoping not just coping. We have dealt with many of our problems by coping for many years and after years of coping we are in the same boat, or worse. We need to change this. We need to start hoping. We need to look at things and see what they can be and then figure out how to get there.

This weekend in Franklin Square we are celebrating the end of our second season working on the Blank Lot, 220 N Carey St, and the beginning of a transition to Sunflower Village. So far we have raised \$26K for this transformation and have countless hours from volunteers both inside and outside the neighborhood. We are dreaming and we are being successful.

We have a vision for our neighborhood we see it as a wonderful, diverse, vibrant, safe, healthy, beautiful place where residents and especially families thrive. We know that in order to establish this vision we must repopulate the vacant houses. We must attract new residents and support the needs of the existing residents. And we must do this with the very limited resources that we have. We don't have much money but we do have the energy of some very dedicated people and they are making a huge difference. There are three things that each of us can do.

First, dream, believe that we will have the most fantastic neighborhood. With great neighbors working together it is possible.

The second is be that neighbor. Be the person that you would like to live next door to. Model the behavior that you want to see everyone else doing. People will follow your lead. Don't forget to smile while you are doing it.

And third join the community association. Joining the Association is only \$10 per year. That is a great value when you think about all the positive work that is being done in the neighborhood. Far more important than the money is your opinion and energy. Bring us your thoughts and ideas. We want to hear them and we want to know you! We are neighbors.

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



Franklin Square is doing an art project.

As one of the three winners of the PNC Transformative Art Project, Franklin Square Community Association has been awarded \$20,000 to complete Sunflower Village. This is an extension of the Blank Lot on Carey Street project and a fantastic opportunity for our neighborhood. This is a neighborhood project so please get in touch if you want to be involved. There are many volunteer positions available. From passing out fliers, to making phone calls, from asking for donations, to doing the shopping and from planting seeds, to watering the sunflowers. We need everyone's help. We also need people to take pictures of it all. So if you want to be involved get in touch with Scott Kashnow 410-566-2415 or FranklinSquareCommunity@Gmail.com and watch the progress on the project on facebook.com/FranklinSquareCommunity

Part of this project will be a contest that will run from July 1st to October 1st with a **top prize of \$100**. We will be planting sunflowers on the lot and throughout the neighborhood. Come **take a picture with the sunflowers** and be entered into the contest. We will post the pictures on [facebook.com/FranklinSquareCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinSquareCommunity) and www.westbaltimoresquares.org/

Zumba at the Club | Franklin Square Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, 215 N Calhoun.

Thursday evenings starting March 1st, 2012 6:30-7:30pm

\$7/ Class | \$15/ 3 Classes | \$30/ 6 Classes

Sowebo Running & Walking Club monthly group walk/run at Carroll Park | First Saturday of the month at 10am

All are welcome - meet in the playground area at James and Bayard Streets. FREE!

Buy Into Baltimore West | Saturday May 12 | Live Baltimore will be hosting events | www.livebaltimore.com or Email volunteer@livebaltimore.com

Bike to Work Day | Friday May 18 | There will be a pit stop in Carroll Park with refreshments from 7:30am-9am. There are

pitstops all over the city! www.baltometro.org/commuter-options/bike-to-work-day

Tot Lot Planting | Saturday, May 19 | Ms. Edith Nelson will be having her annual Tot Lot Planting event. This is a great kid-friendly event, where the little ones can help out! Join them at 9 am, at the intersection of Carroll St & Archer St

Pigtown Food For Thought Hike 4 Health Social | Saturday May 26, 10AM | meet at Carroll park golf course and hike the Gwynns Falls Trail: 1.3 miles to Leon Day Park, have lunch and then hike back. Bring a back pack, water, bag lunch, TP, bug spray, comfy shoes, and business cards (this is a networking event). Rain date Sat June 9. Contact Na'eemah for more info. 410-625-0775x125 or nzakia@paulsplaceoutreach.org

Sowebo Arts & Music Festival | Sunday, May 27, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm | All around Hollins Market. www.soweboarts.org/festival.html

National Trails Day Bike Tour | Saturday, June 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm | Baltimore Heritage will organize a history-focused bike tour of West Baltimore parks and historic sites.

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

Franklin Square Community Association | ...because you don't just live in your house...



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