



# UNION SQUARE ASSOCIATION BALTIMORE



**33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL**

## Historic Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour



1401 Hollins Street, Baltimore, MD 21223  
 Sunday Dec. 9th 2018 12pm- 4pm

<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$25</b>
Individual	Per 4 or more	Day of Event

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### Cover photo from Union Square Families' B&O Railroad Museum Event

### Southwest Partnership: November 2018 Khandra Sears

Hello neighbors! The last few weeks have seen us working to forge new relationships and reset some old ones. The taskforce working to address the complicated issues around homelessness and addiction affecting those in our neighborhoods had its first meeting on October 15. Led by Hollins Market resident and UMB's representative to the SWP board of directors, Ashley Valis, the meeting had community engagement, medical, social work and law enforcement professionals in attendance. Two of the main points coming out of the meeting are the lack of information sharing between the agencies already working on the problem and the lack of information available to the community to better advocate for the resources we need.

In working on old relationships, we hosted a reception for the B&O Railroad Museum's new executive director, Kris Hoellen. This was an opportunity for her to meet SWP residents and board members and for us to share our vision with her. We are encouraged by the response from Mrs. Hoellen and Francis Smyth, the chair of the B & O's board, and hope that there is greater cohesion between our plan for our neighborhoods and the museum's plan for its development.

Moving forward with plans for our neighborhoods and in particular our plans to reduce the vacancies in them, the Housing Committee has been working with the city for several months to give us priority on properties on the tax sale list that are in SWP neighborhoods. We have been working with the neighborhood associations to identify potential developers who are committed to quickly renovating the properties and getting them occupied. The Housing Committee is also sponsoring a workshop titled "Tenants and Landlords - Rights and Responsibilities". The workshop will be presented by the St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center and held on November 29, 2018, 7:00- 9:00pm at the Southwest Baltimore Charter School, 1300 Herkimer Street, Baltimore, MD 21223. A team of attorneys from St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center will help clarify the rights and obligations of both landlords and tenants. By understanding the relevant laws and procedures, landlords and tenants will be better able to communicate effectively and avoid conflict. After the session, attorneys will be available to provide free advice and one on one consultations. Please share this information with tenants and landlords on your block.

If you have any questions or comments about SWP activities contact me at [president@swpbal.org](mailto:president@swpbal.org).

### November 5 Meeting Agenda:

- Business of the month: Lumpy Baroch Produce of Hollins Market
- Police Update
- Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance - Scott Kashnow
- Events
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Updates
- New Business

7pm, Enoch Pratt #2 Library Building, 1401 Hollins Street

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## Union Square Family Corner

Erin & Mark Moyer and Lucy Housseini

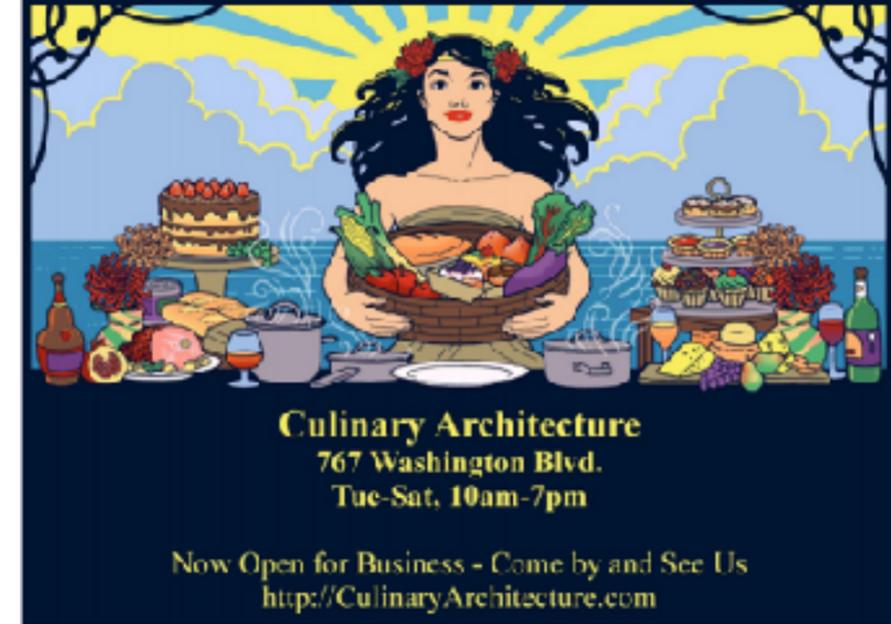
Hi Families! Thanks to everyone who came out to our October Bingo event! What a fun afternoon! We are excited to announce our December event is a Gingerbread House making and decorating contest! Anyone is welcome to enter and we will display in the Moyer's house during the Cookie Tour. They will be judged during the touring and prizes will be awarded for top under 16 entry and top adult entry! Look for details on Nextdoor and the Union Square Facebook pages!

The following family-family events are going on in our backyard:

- Polar Express tickets on sale now for the November event at the B & O Train Museum.
- Sowebo Mom's Happy Hour is the last Thursday of the month at Zella's
- Mt. Clare Mansion Colonial Christmas Celebration is Saturday December 8th.
- Dollar Days is December 8 and 9 and allows you to see many Baltimore attractions including favorites such as the top of the World Trade Center and Christmas Village for \$1!

## Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour Marks 33 Years and 325,000 Cookies!

Union Square, Baltimore -- You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, We're telling you why! It's the 33rd annual Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour and Union Square is set to celebrate, big time! After serving more than 325,000 mouthwatering cookies, they will kick off the traditional jubilee on Friday, December 7th at 7pm with the Union Square Park Christmas Tree Lighting and welcome. The Cookie Tour will be held on December 9th from 12noon until 4:00pm and starts at 1401 Hollins Street. With little tin horns and little toy drums, the Union Square Association welcomes you our community jubilee. He's making a list and checking it twice as this year, organizers plan to recruit an unprecedented 20+ remarkable homes within the historic neighborhood to host the event with the best homemade cookies, brownies, candies and libations ever. To add to the holiday magic, they will have a commemorative poster and ornament available for purchase at the door. Event co-chair and committee member, Kristen Johnson and Donnell Nance, say the community is excited. "Yes, it's a lot work, but everyone gets involved," said Ms. Johnson. "It's such a fun way to celebrate the holidays and support the neighborhood Association's projects," Mr. Nance. The famous Union Square Christmas Cookie Tour began in 1985. Over the years it has raised thousands of dollars for the Union Square community. Annually, households greet more than 500 visitors each season. Visitors are attracted from all over the Washington Baltimore region and beyond. The Union Square Association takes on many community challenges. Proceeds from the Union Square Association Christmas Cookie Tour support the Association's upkeep of the Union Square Park, cleanup campaigns, the Bloom Your Block campaign, the Lots of Art Initiative, the Sunday Sounds in the Park music series, the one on the Third movie series, and representation of the neighborhood in city issues. Ticket information: \$18 in advance \$15 in advance for groups of 4 or more \$25 day of the event (door) Tickets available at: <http://unionsquareassociation.org/event/33rd-annual-union-square-cookie-tour/>. For more information contact: 443-850-9756 or [cookietour@unionsquareassociation.org](mailto:cookietour@unionsquareassociation.org)



### Upcoming Events

- 11/3: Union Square Annual Progressive Dinner
- 11/17: SoWeBrew (see below)
- 11/29: Tenants and Landlords - Rights and Responsibilities Workshop - Southwest Charter School, 1300 Herkimer St, 7pm
- 12/9: 33rd Annual Christmas Cookie Tour



Saturday, Nov. 17 • 2 - 5 pm • 8 N. Calhoun Street

The first home brewing festival is fast approaching and so far we have 6 neighbors hopping up their best brew. If you'd like to enter your own brew (doesn't have to be beer) please contact Khandra at [vicepresident@unionsquareassociation.org](mailto:vicepresident@unionsquareassociation.org).

Tickets are \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door (before 2:30 and by charge only)

Tickets at <https://sowebrew-unionsquare.eventbrite.com>

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