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For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20

Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .

Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)

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Net Assets

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Pa	rt II Balance Sheets (see the instructions f	or Part II)				
	Check if the organization used Schedule	O to respond to an	ny question in this	Part II		🗆
	All and a second se			(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	* * * * * * * *		9745	22	9224
23	Land and buildings		[	-0-		-0-
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		[	-0-	24	-0-
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Part	art V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the							
	instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this	Part '	V					
			Yes	No				
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33		~				
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed							
	copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the							
	change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34		$\checkmark$				
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business							
	activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a		$\checkmark$				
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b						
С	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice,							
	reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c		$\checkmark$				
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets							
	during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		$\checkmark$				
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions  37a -0-			,				
b	Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?	37b		✓				
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee <b>or</b> were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a		1				
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ь 39	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		11					
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9							
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities							
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:	- 10	1.1					
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b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958							
	excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year							
	that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		✓_				
С	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed							
	on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912,	1.1						
	4955, and 4958							
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization $\ldots$							
е	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter	$T = \frac{1}{2}$						
	transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		1				
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed Maryland							
42a	The organization's books are in care of ► Nicole Creech Telephone no. ►							
		21231	-8315					
b	Located at ► PO Box 38315, Baltimore MD At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over		Yes	No				
	a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		$\checkmark$				
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ►							
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and							
	Financial Accounts (FBAR).	1.1						
С	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?	42c		✓				
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here							
	and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	• •						
			Yes	No				
<b>4</b> 4a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be			i E				
	completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a		$\checkmark$				
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be							
	completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b		1				
С	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		$\checkmark$				
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an							
		44d						
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		1				
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the							
	meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	AEL		1				
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		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition		
	to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	5	$\checkmark$
Part	A Section 501(c)(3) organizations only		
	All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables	for lir	les
	50 and 51.		

	Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI			
			Yes	
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		1
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		$\checkmark$
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		$\checkmark$
h	If "Ves " was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

50	Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors,	trustees and key
	employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, er	

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None.				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ►

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None.			
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d	Total number of other independent contractors each receiving	over \$100,000 ►	
52	Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All se completed Schedule A		
	penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompan rrect, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all info		

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May the IRS	discuss this return with the pro-	eparer shown above? See instructio	ns	🕨	Yes No	

## SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

# Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.



Name of the Organization

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association

Employer identification number

52-1945861

Part I, Line 15 – Program Service: 4050 Management: -0-

Part I, Line 16 –

Program Service: 8570 Management: 8 Fundraising:. -0-

# **Expense Summary:**

- 100 % Program Services Expenses (line 32), \$12669.
  - 0% Management Expenses (line 13, line 15-Management printing & postal, line 16-Management general), \$8.
  - 0 % Fundraising Expenses (line 16-Fundraising), \$-0-.

# Part III, Line 28 – Newsletter

Our newsletter is delivered to each residence and place of business as possible in the entire neighborhood, regardless of membership, to communicate information regarding the Association, neighborhood issues, the neighborhood public school, neighborhood businesses and social activities, citywide interests and social activities, voter registration and elections, and government taxes, regulations, and resources. We provide contact information for all five UFPIA officers, eleven UFPIA committees, our city council members and council president, mayor's liaison, and state assembly members. In 2015, a public awareness event regarding human trafficking in Maryland and a Football Cookout in Federal Hill to benefit the Johns Hopkins Motor Control Lab and the E-NABLING 3-D prosthetic limb printing program was promoted in the newsletter. Information was provided on the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods' door-to-door survey of residents' concerns, the impact of the 2015 Baltimore riots and the impact on local businesses (several of which were looted or damaged and all lost business), and a free wills and advance medical directives workshop offered by the City Orphans' Court. 20 local businesses were supported and the Fell's Point farmers' market, the Baltimore farmers' market under the JFX, and the Butcher's Hill flea market in Patterson Park were promoted in the newsletter. We promoted area and city activities such as the "Absolutely Febulous" discounts at restaurants, hotels, attractions, and museums, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum during Black History month, America's largest free arts festival "ArtScape", Fell's Point Fun Festival, Baltimore Running Festival (marathon), Doors Open Baltimore tours of historic buildings, the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race, the Can Company's Trick or Treat, Halloween Night in Fell's Point and at Patterson Park, Bea Gaddy's "Thanks For Giving" campaign, the Olde Tyme Christmas in Fell's Point and the Annual Parade of Lighted Boats, the Tuba Christmas Concert at the inner harbor, and New Year's Eve at the Inner Harbor. An average of 1200 four-page newsletters, with inserts as needed, were composed by two members and distributed monthly from January through November by an average of 19 volunteers, requiring a total of over 600 volunteer hours per year, and printed by a business in the neighborhood.

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Name of the Organization	Employer identification number
Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association	52-1945861

#### Part III, Line 29 – Crime

We work closely and discreetly with the police and State's Attorney to prevent criminal activity in our neighborhood, conduct monthly Citizen On Patrol neighborhood walks with police officers, and participate in the Southeastern District Police Community Relations Council. During 2015, the "COP Walk" format changed from noting violations to a monthly cleanup, without a police officer, focusing on a different, single block each month and going door-to-door to engage neighbors. Dusk-to-dawn CFLs for porch lights and recycling bins purchased by the Association were distributed free of charge to neighbors regardless of membership. In 2015, we conducted a National Night Out festival for crime and drug abuse prevention for the public and included food vendors, self-defense demonstrations and instruction, real City fire engine with firefighters, children's activities with prizes, door prizes, free massages, face painting, and therapy dogs. Our Association is supporting and working with a neighbor in installing alley gates on Portugal Street between Griffin Court and Regester Street. The Association will obtain and pay for City permits and Knox boxes. We provided half the cost for LED string lighting of the 100 block of South Chapel Street. A public Facebook page and Twitter account, UFPcrime, are maintained by the Crime Committee and a private email address, crime@upperfellspoint.org, is available for neighbors to anonymously relay information through our Association to the Commander of the Southeastern Police District. Public safety and crime deterrence information is communicated through our newsletter, website, and at meetings. Seven Association members contribute a total of over 300 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

#### Part III, Line 30 - Beautification

In 2015, 23 Association volunteers participated in a Beautification Day conducted with a City-wide Cleanup. 19 storm drains were painted to indicate that they drain into the Chesapeake Bay and four-gallon planters were decorated and supplied free of charge for neighbors to use on our streetscape. A picnic was held afterwards at our community garden after trash was picked up in the area blocks. Separate "Beautification Days" were ended since monthly cleanups, targeting a different block each month, were integrated into the Crime Committee's "COP Walks" and the City's street sweeping program has begun. Heavy paper waste bags are distributed throughout the year to neighbors free of charge for cleanup of leaves and litter. Our newsletter publishes information for City curbside trash and recyclables collection, as well as for Christmas tree collection & mulching, hazardous waste drop-off dates and locations, code enforcement, and the City's mechanical street sweeping program. We promoted the City single-stream curbside recycling and provided information on discount optional recycling bins. A committee worked on increasing recycling participation by local businesses and informed businesses that they may have up to three recycling pickups per week. An appeal was published in the newsletter to avoid disposable bottled water and to use refillable bottles. We provided information on the City's new trash can program where each residence will receive a free wheeled trash cart. The Association's art project on the 200 block of South Durham Street in tribute to former resident Billie Holiday with 5 murals (some several stories tall), a large unique mosaic, and 11 painted screens was featured in the publication "A Lasting Legacy: Baltimore's African-American History Passport". A celebration of Billie Holiday's 100th birthday included free birthday cake and guided tours of the art block "Lady Day Way" and a block party where the street was closed and food, live Billie Holiday music performed by Rhonda Robinson's Quartet, and games for children were provided with over 300 people attending. City dumpsters were arranged for and placed in the neighborhood four times during 2015, in our care, for all neighbors to discard larger items not regularly collected and avoid illegal dumping. Metal items are recycled and nearby streets are cleaned up at the time. Our neighborhood canopy is expanded and maintained by planting, caring for, and pruning of City street trees and shrubs as requested by our neighbors or encouraged by us. The Association assists in removing concrete for new trees and enlarging tree openings since the traditional size is not healthy for the tree. The Friends of Patterson Park and the Audubon Center at the park have our support and their numerous events and activities are featured in our newsletter including the Kinetic Sculpture Race, Audubon's Urban Bird Watching Walk, Fluid Movement's Annual Water Ballet, vinyasa yoga by Charm City Yoga, The Great Halloween Lantern Parade and Festival: Electric!, and had an Association picnic at a free evening concert. Our members and our Land Use Committee participated in the development of Patterson Park's Master Plan by attending regular meetings. The results of a survey of neighbors regarding the park were reported and a final draft and final plans were presented in 2015. Four Association members contribute a total of over 175 volunteer hours to this effort each year, in addition to many other volunteers and their contributions of time at events.

#### Part III, Line 31 -

### Education & Youth: Expenses 2235 (Grants -0-)

Each year, the Association promotes the kids' Southeast Baseball League that plays in Patterson Park and the Patterson Park public swimming pool in the newsletter. The Association has maintained a voluntary partnership with Wolfe Street Academy since 2002. This neighborhood public charter K-5 elementary school has nearly 200 students and has been at its location since 1852. One of the missions of the committee is for community members who do not have children attending the school to be more invested in the school and its students. We meet monthly during the school year with the School Family Council to address issues and set goals. In 2015, Wolfe Street Academy won a National Award of Excellence, in part due to its demonstrated strength of their community partnership and the engagement of the community and was also on National Public Radio. Association members held monthly volunteer work sessions to create a library for the school by purchasing encyclopedias and laptops, cataloguing and labeling over 2000 books by age appropriateness, and installing new shelves. Volunteers will staff the library 5-10 hours per week. "Wolfest" is held every May to provide an opportunity for the students, parents, staff, and neighbors to enjoy a street festival. The street alongside the school is closed, the students and parents clean the street, and tables are set up with arts & crafts and food. The students conduct a talent show with music and dance, and a booth is set up for "Pie the Principal". The Association hosts a table and collects donated books for prizes. Every November, a clothing drive is conducted at our neighborhood public school where community members contribute and assist with the donations including sorting and distributing donations. We maintained our "Some Day I Will" erasable outdoor message board on the Gough Street wall for spontaneous expressions of hope. Our 13th annual Teacher Wish List public drive was conducted where over fifty neighbors donated, directly to the neighborhood public school, over \$2500 in educational materials requested by the teachers, and a reception was hosted at an Association member's home for all donors and teachers to deliver the gifts. Four Association members contribute a total of over 175 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

## Social: Expenses 753 (Grants -0-)

In 2015, a Progressive Dinner, consisting of three courses of drinks and appetizers served at 7 different donating hosts' homes in the neighborhood, was enjoyed by neighbors and friends who also donated to our efforts. The Fell's Point Corner Theatre, on the 200 block of South Ann Street, has our support and their productions are advertised in our newsletter. Seven area dinner outings were organized at Henninger's Tavern, Darbar, Cockey's Restaurant & Bar, and Restaurante El Salvador, followed by attending a performance at the Fell's Point Corner Theatre. We also conducted two Happy Hours with neighboring community groups at neighborhood establishments, one with Douglass Place at Tele Mares with over 30 people attending and another with the Canton Community Association at Johnny Rad's. Over 80 people attended an Association Bingo party held at Restaurante El Salvador with donated "regifts" as prizes and raised over \$1000 for the neighborhood public elementary school library project. A Film Night was provided free for the public by the Association on the 1800 block of East Pratt Street parking lot and featured "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and "Spookley The Square Pumpkin". The kids-friendly event had costume contests with prizes and goodie bags. Five Association members contribute a total of over 150 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

# Community Garden: Expenses 496 (Grants -0-)

The Association began maintaining three vacant lots at 1825-27-29 East Pratt Street totaling 4600 square feet as a community garden in 1987. Our garden has 17 plots for 20 gardeners, with a city water line, and green space used for community events. Free compost is provided for the gardeners. In 2015, the gardeners attended the Baltimore Green Space dinner where a gardener was honored for her contributions. They also participated in the Charm City Farm & Garden contest sponsored by the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners. Our overall community garden received an award for beautifying the neighborhood by planting an additional tree and replacing the City sidewalk in front of the garden with a pervious mosaic sidewalk. Three of our gardeners won awards for the best butternut squash, peppers, Brussels sprouts, cherry tomatoes, green and edamame beans, singlecultivar herbs, and single-cultivar flowers. We continued to maintain the garden by refurbishing the central walkway. Several flower pots were donated to the garden and a flower pot sale was held to raise monies to help offset the cost of materials for the refurbished walkway. The garden property is protected as a permanent green space by the Baltimore Green Space land trust and was purchased from the City with funds provided by our Association. Our Association is the Baltimore Green Space Partner Organization and our Community Garden Committee Co-Chair is the Baltimore Green Space Site Manager for this property. In addition to maintaining their individual garden plots, three of our gardeners ensure the walkways are clear of any snow or ice during the winter months and all of our gardeners spend a total of 10 hours per month from April through October to maintain the overall garden space by watering and weeding plants, cutting the grass, taking out the trash, etc. 22 Association members contribute a total of nearly 1500 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

### Part III, Line 31 (continued) -

#### General: Expenses 93 (Grants -0-)

Altogether, our members contributed over 4000 volunteer hours in 2015, in addition to many other volunteers and their contributions of time. All activities of the Association are open to and benefit the public, and are publicly funded. In 2015, our members supported, with the largest team of 25 participants, in the Resolution Run benefit for Earl's Place for homeless men held in Patterson Park on New Year's Day, recruited volunteers and collected gloves, hats, scarves, and first aid kits for City Council Member Kraft's "Point-In-Time" homeless census in January, participated in the "March for the Animals" which raised over \$400,000 for the Maryland SPCA, worked with neighbors to help a local business recover after a major fire, and promoted the Bea Gaddy "Thanks for Giving" campaign with a meeting speaker, information in the newsletter, and volunteers to help unload trucks.

We are recognized as an essential link between neighborhood residents and the City by our Councilmembers. Our group is an active voting member of the Southeastern District Police Community Relations Council and the Fell's Point Task Force. In addition to the City government, we work with, support, and cooperate with our neighboring community groups, including Butcher's Hill, Douglass Place, Fell's Crossing, Fell's Point, Fell's Prospect, Patterson Park, Perkins Homes, and Washington Hill. We also support and work with other local groups including, Baltimore American Indian Center 113 South Broadway, Fell's Point Corner Theatre 251 South Ann Street, Fell's Point Development Corporation 1730 Bank Street, Friends of Patterson Park 27 South Patterson Park Avenue, Julie Community Center 100 South Washington Street, Wolfe Street Academy 245 South Wolfe Street, and the Patterson Park Planning Committee.

Everyone is welcome to meet with us at our Association meetings at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of every month except December in the Wolfe Street Academy at Wolfe and Gough Streets. An average of 30 neighbors were there each month in 2015 plus our City Councilmembers or their representatives. At the January meeting, we conducted an annual brainstorm to get input from the members for the year's agenda. Speakers during the year, in addition to many other presentations made during new business, included:

- Amy Hewat, representative of World Relief
- Suzanne Bailey, representative of The Women's Law Center of Maryland
- Mark Gaither, Principal of Wolfe Street Academy
- Jim Kraft, City Councilmember
- Brooke Lierman, Maryland House Delegate
- Nan Nawrocki, representative of Sail Baltimore
- Joshua Neiman and Ernst Valery, developers of the Saint Michael's complex on Lombard Street
- Maria Gabriela Aldana, representative of the Creative Alliance
- Cynthia Brooks, representative of Bea Gaddy Family Centers
- Marty Bement, representative of the Fell's Point Task Force

and, especially, our neighbors who told us what they think !

# join us - see what's going on and let us know

# Website: Expenses 86 (Grants -0-)

In addition to the newsletter, our Association's website www.upperfellspoint.org enhances communications with our neighbors and fully discloses our regulations and financials. In addition to a blog section for notices, committees have pages, a photo gallery has images from our many events, an events calendar is included, and current and past newsletters can be viewed. @UFPIAnews on Facebook provides information and important notices to area residents. Our PayPal account can accept payments online for membership dues, donations and events, as well as newsletter ad payments from our sponsors. Three Association members contribute a total of over 125 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

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Name of the Organization	Employer identification number	
Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association	52-1945861	

#### Other Program Service Accomplishments: Expenses -0- (Grants -0-)

Land Use: Zoning requests and appeals are closely watched. In 2015, we voted to support consolidation of 108, 110, and 112 South Chapel Street into a single residence, a variance for a rear extension of 119 South Chapel Street with addition of parking, a restaurant at 1841 East Lombard Street in obtaining a liquor license with restricted hours (the Association polled nearby residents before approval), and a zoning change from residential to B3 with a memorandum of understanding for the Saint Michael's development on the 1900 block of East Lombard Street. A request by Spirits Tavern at 1901 Bank Street to convert from a 6-day to a 7-day license was contested and the Association voted for mediation. Since mediation was unsuccessful, the Association polled the nearby residents who approved it, and then the Association also approved it. The City's proposed new zoning code has been contested for allowing high-rises in the middle of the historic Fell's Point area. The Association approved a proposal to overlay a Citizens' Housing and Planning height limit of 40' for the area. We voted "no objection" to an expansion to two bedrooms at 220 South Chapel Street. Also discussed was a request by Honey's Lounge at 1722 Gough Street for interior walls to facilitate package goods sales, and a review and possible updating of our "Land Use and Development" Position Statement. Notice was provided about a City plan to redevelop Perkins Homes and that Lombard Hardware, a longtime neighborhood business, is leaving their property. We supported a survey by a college student neighbor regarding the housing market in our area. An Association member contributes a total of over 50 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

**Spanish Language Outreach:** Our Spanish-language community liaison helps our neighbors with translation, understand city regulations and resources, and participate in the community. In 2015, we prepared to publish the Newsletter in Spanish on the website. An Association member contributes a total of over 100 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

**Traffic & Parking:** In 2015, we discussed traffic control plans for Aliceanna Street, a gateway street to our neighborhood and notified neighbors that fines for double-parking near schools at drop-off or pick-up times have increased to \$250. We promoted public and green transportation by providing bicycling information, participated in the City Bicycle Master Plan open house, and provided information on the Charm City Circulator bus, standard MTA buses, "iRide Baltimore" web-based carpooling, and partnered with "ZIP Car" with member discounts. Pedestrian and bicyclist safety is continuously improved in the neighborhood by our Association. In 2015, we worked with City council member Kraft about speeding on Wolfe Street past our neighborhood school (the City Department of Transportation will conduct yet another study). The UFPIA President addressed this problem at the Mayor's open community meeting and Councilman Kraft has a proposal to make Wolfe Street one lane with a bicycle lane. Residents' requests for crosswalk lines and signals installed on South Ann Street. Improved parking is an ongoing focus of our efforts. Several unused bus stops, currently on nearly every block, were discussed. It was noticed that the new City zoning code has removed all parking restrictions from zoning ordinances. We notified neighbors that street sweeping parking restrictions on blocks undergoing utility construction have been suspended and the 1700 block of Bank Street will get reverse-angled parking. An Association member contributes a total of over 175 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

# **Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

## ► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	artment of the Treasury nal Revenue Service ► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.					
Name of the organization		Employer identificati	on number			
Upper Fell's Point Imp			945861			
Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.						
The organization is no	ot a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only or	ne box.)				
1 🗌 A church, co	nvention of churches, or association of churches described in section 17	0(b)(1)(A)(i).				
2 🗌 A school des	2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)					
3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).						
4 🗌 A medical re	search organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in s	section 170(b)(1)(A	(iii). Enter the			
hospital's na	me, citv, and state:					

- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 □ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
  - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.
  - **b Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.
  - c Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.
  - **d Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.
  - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f	Enter the number of supported organizations	
g	Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).	

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total			2			

 Part II
 Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Secti	ion A. Public Support							
Caler	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 🕨	(a) 2011	<b>(b)</b> 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total	
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3004	0005	1010	70.47	0014	25000	
2	Tax revenues levied for the	7204	6805	4818	7847	9014	35688	
2	organization's benefit and either paid							
	to or expended on its behalf	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
3	The value of services or facilities	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
0	furnished by a governmental unit to the							
	organization without charge	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3.	7204	6805	4818	7847	9014	35688	
5	The portion of total contributions by							
Ŭ	each person (other than a							
	governmental unit or publicly		1					
	supported organization) included on							
	line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount		e provinció de la composició de la compos			1		
	shown on line 11, column (f)						-0-	
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						35688	
	ion B. Total Support			( ) == ( )		() 00/5	(a	
	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 🕨	(a) 2011	<b>(b)</b> 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total	
7	Amounts from line 4	7204	6805	4818	7847	9014	35688	
8	Gross income from interest, dividends,							
	payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar							
	sources			0				
9	Net income from unrelated business	-0-	4	-0-	-0-	-0-	4	
5	activities, whether or not the business							
	is regularly carried on	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
10	Other income. Do not include gain or							
	loss from the sale of capital assets							
	(Explain in Part VI.)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						35692	
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc	. (see instructio	ons)			12	14930	
13	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the		i's first, secon	d, third, fourth	, or fifth tax y	ear as a sectio	n 501(c)(3)	
	organization, check this box and stop he						· · 🕨 🗋	
Secti	ion C. Computation of Public Support					r r		
14	Public support percentage for 2015 (line (		-			14	99.99 %	
15	Public support percentage from 2014 Sch					15	99.99 %	
16a	331/3% support test-2015. If the organi						·	
b	box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qua <b>33</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> % <b>support test</b> — <b>2014.</b> If the organization dua test			-				
U	check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organ	ization qualifie	s as a publicly	supported org	anization .		. 🕨 🗌	
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	10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported							
	organization						. 🕨 📋	
b	<b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b>							
	Explain in Part VI how the organization m							
	supported organization							
18	Private foundation. If the organization di							
	instructions							
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