

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2016

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2016, and ending , 20

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association		D Employer identification number 52-1945861
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite PO Box 38315		E Telephone number 410-276-5154
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Baltimore MD 21231-8315		F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____ **H** Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ www.upperfellspoint.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 13103

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	9439
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	3204
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	-0-
	4 Investment income	4	-0-
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	-0-
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	-0-
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	-0-
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	460
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ -0- of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	-0-	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	230	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	230	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	-0-	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	-0-	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	-0-	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	-0-	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	12873	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	650
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	-0-
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	-0-
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	-0-
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	-0-
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3775
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	13789
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	18214	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(5341)
	19 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)	19	9224
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	-0-
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	3883

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22	Cash, savings, and investments	9224	22	3884
23	Land and buildings	-0-	23	-0-
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	-0-	24	-0-
25	Total assets	9224	25	3884
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	-0-	26	-0-
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	9224	27	3884

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Community organization

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28	<u>Beautification (see Schedule O)</u> ----- ----- (Grants \$ <u>-0-</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	6076
29	<u>Crime (see Schedule O)</u> ----- ----- (Grants \$ <u>-0-</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	5989
30	<u>Newsletter (see Schedule O)</u> ----- ----- (Grants \$ <u>-0-</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	3465
31	<u>Other program services (describe in Schedule O)</u> (Grants \$ <u>650</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	2432
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	17962

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated--see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<u>Kurt Schiller, President and Director</u>	4	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>Liz Bement, Vice President and Director</u>	2	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>Maureen Gershberg, Secretary and Director</u>	2	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>Gary Schroder, Treasurer and Director</u>	2	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>Mike Sheehan, Parliamentarian and Director</u>	1	-0-	-0-	-0-

Part 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		
35c	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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a <u> </u> -0-		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b <u> </u>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a <u> </u>		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b <u> </u>		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ <u> </u> -0- ; section 4912 ▶ <u> </u> -0- ; section 4955 ▶ <u> </u> -0-		
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	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, 4955, and 4958 ▶ <u> </u> -0-		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ <u> </u> -0-		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <u> </u> Maryland		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u> </u> Gary Schroder Telephone no. ▶ <u> </u> 410-276-5154 Located at ▶ <u> </u> PO Box 38315, Baltimore MD ZIP + 4 ▶ <u> </u> 21231-8315		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ <u> </u> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	42b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ <u> </u>	42c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 ▶ 43 <u> </u>		<input type="checkbox"/>
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)	45b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 **46** Yes No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

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** Yes No

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E **48** Yes No

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? **49a** Yes No

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? **49b** Yes No

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, enter "None."

(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 ▶ _____

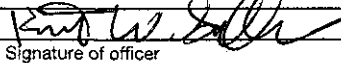
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here  Signature of officer 1-29-17
Date
 Kurt Schiller, President
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2016

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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.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association	Employer identification number 52-1945861
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 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 research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33¹/₃% 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 33¹/₃% 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.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 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 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - 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 1–10 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						

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	6805	4818	7847	9014	9439	37923
2 Tax revenues levied for the 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 furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	6805	4818	7847	9014	9439	37923
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						4128
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						33795

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	6805	4818	7847	9014	9439	37923
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	4	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	4
9 Net income from unrelated business 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						37927
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	17141
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	89.11 %
15 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99.99 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2016. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. 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 stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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.

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Name of the Organization

Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association

Employer identification number

52-1945861

Part I, Line 15 –

Program Service: 3607

Management: 168

Part I, Line 16 –

Program Service: 13706

Management: 83

Fundraising: -0-

Expense Summary:

99 % Program Services Expenses (line 32), \$ 17962.

1 % Management Expenses (line 13, line 15-Management printing & postal, line 16-Management general), \$ 251.

0 % Fundraising Expenses (line 16-Fundraising), \$ -0-.

Part III, Line 28 – Beautification

In 2016, the Association conducted a Plant Something Day at our community garden and provided free plants, pots, and supplies to the public. We designed, purchased, and installed 35 new "Upper Fells Point" street signs to replace old faded signs throughout the neighborhood, and funded and refurbished the city sidewalk in front of our community garden. We matched funding for our neighbors on the 100 block of South Chapel Street to replace and upgrade their decorative street lighting.

Our newsletter and website provided information promoting the City single-stream curbside recycling, trash code enforcement, hazardous waste disposal drop-off dates and locations, Christmas tree collection and mulching, and leaf cleanup and collection to avoid storm sewer blockages. We provided information about the City's new trash can program (each residence received a free City-owned wheeled trash cart in 2016) and notified neighbors that these trash carts may not be stored on the sidewalk with notices in the newsletter and flyers provided by the Association and placed on all trash cans in violation. We also notified neighbors about the possibility of citations by the Department of Housing.

The Association also arranged with the City's Department of Public Works to place a dumpster in the neighborhood four times during 2016 to allow for neighbors to discard larger items not regularly collected in the hopes of reducing illegal dumping. Volunteers collected dumped items from the neighborhood streets and metal items collected were recycled.

The Association worked with the Parks & People Foundation on a project to reduce storm water runoff and increase the tree canopy in the neighborhood by creating new or expanding 50 tree wells and planting 50 new trees. We provided funds for plantings in tree wells without trees. The head beekeeper from the Bee Friendly Apiary attended an Association meeting and our community garden's Honey Happy Hour to discuss how to make our neighborhood pollinator-friendly and free of agricultural chemicals and provided a list of bee-friendly trees and plants that the Association communicated to our neighbors. Volunteers became certified TreeBaltimore Tree Keepers and pruned numerous street trees in several areas of the neighborhood throughout the year.

The Friends of Patterson Park and the Audubon Center at the park have the Association's support and their numerous events and activities were featured in our newsletter including the Kinetic Sculpture Race, Fluid Movement's Annual Water Ballet, and The Great Halloween Lantern Parade and Festival: Electric. The Association organized a picnic at the free evening concert. An Association member won first place in the animal category of Patterson Park's Photo contest.

Four Association members lead these efforts and together with the help of over 20 different volunteers contributed over 300 volunteer hours to these beautification activities throughout 2016.

Name of the Organization Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association	Employer identification number 52-1945861
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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 neighborhood walks, and participate in the Southeastern District Police Community Relations Council.

During 2016, the neighborhood walks focused on a different, single block each month and went 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.

We conducted our annual National Night Out festival for crime prevention for the public and included free food and snow cones, self-defense demonstrations and instruction, a real City fire engine with firefighters, children's activities with prizes, a bounce house, door prizes, face painting, and therapy dogs. Out City Councilmembers and Black Girls Vote organization had tables at the festival. Our Association improves neighborhood physical safety conditions through gating of ancient public alleyways and adequate lighting. The Association helped a neighbor with permits and funding to install gates on a public nuisance alley on Portugal Street between Regester Street and Griffin Court.

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. We advised neighbors not to leave anything visible in their parked cars to avoid window breakage, to pay attention while walking and not be talking on a phone, download the Find My iPhone application, and, if assaulted or approached, observe the suspect's description and direction of escape. We also notified neighbors of fines for unleashed dogs in Patterson Park.

Seven Association members contribute a total of over 300 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

Part III, Line 30 – 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 (reduced to ten during 2016), our city council members and council president, mayor's liaison, and state assembly members.

In 2016, a benefit concert at our neighborhood's Fells Point Corner Theatre featuring Peruvian baritone Jose Sacin for our neighborhood's Julie Community Center that has assisted families, youth, and seniors for 40 years, and car wash fundraisers for MCVET which provides education and training to veterans was promoted in the newsletter. Information was provided about the new monthly water billing by the City and changes to the metering method, and two free shredding events. The Little Free Library street-side book exchange boxes in the neighborhood were featured and the historic January snowstorm was acknowledged with an article and photo. 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 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in downtown Baltimore; Black History month events; the Absolutely Fabulous discounts at restaurants, hotels, attractions, and museums; Light City Baltimore week of exhibits, entertainment, and light-art; Big Truck Day show with City fire, dump, trash, tow, and police trucks; Tour dem Parks bicycling event through the city; Bike Jam in Patterson Park; free fitness classes by Waterfront Wellness at the Inner Harbor; Delegate Lierman public picnic in Patterson Park; America's largest free arts festival, Artscape; Fell's Point Fun Festival; Doors Open Baltimore tours of historic buildings; Free Ball Baltimore city-wide art exhibits; Fleet Week and Air Show with US Navy ships and the Blue Angels in Baltimore harbor; Baltimore Running Festival (marathon) with over 24,000 participants; the Baltimore American Indian Center Pow-Wow; Highlandtown Train Garden; Pet Photos with Santa at Harbor East; the Olde Tyme Christmas in Fell's Point and the Annual Parade of Lighted Boats in the harbor; Julie Community Center Christmas Concert at Saint Patrick's church; and the Merry Tuba Christmas Concert 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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Part III, Line 31 –**Education & Youth:** Expenses 1200 (Grants 650)

Each year, the Association promotes the Patterson Park public swimming pool in the newsletter, and promoted and participated in 4th and 5th grade baseball and the Wolfe Street Academy Sports Day in Patterson Park. The Association has maintained a voluntary partnership with Wolfe Street Academy since 2002. This neighborhood public charter K-5 elementary school has nearly 250 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 2016, Association members helped create a library, which opened in March, and held volunteer work days throughout the year. Volunteers conduct a weekly Book Train with a cart, engineer's hats, and a train whistle to deliver books to the classrooms for students to borrow and take home. An Association member was named a Wolfe Street Academy Volunteer of the Year. The Committee, in collaboration with the Spanish Language Outreach Committee, held an Eat Play Say event where English and Spanish speakers were paired and played a conversation game. The Association paid for dinner for all attendees. 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 and 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 hosted a table and collected donated books for prizes, purchased and distributed free books on recycling and other topics and free reusable tote bags. This year's theme was trash reduction and the environment. We promoted and participated in a charrette regarding possible future replacement of the Wolfe Street Academy building and appealed to neighbors to oppose a City proposal to cut community school and after school program funding. We maintained our Some Day I Will erasable outdoor message board on the Gough Street wall for spontaneous expressions of hope. Our 14th annual Teacher Wish List public drive was conducted where 57 neighbors donated, directly to the neighborhood public school, about \$2500 in educational materials requested by the teachers. Over 50 donors and teachers attended a reception hosted at an Association member's home for all donors and teachers to deliver the gifts. Seven Association members contribute a total of about 500 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

Community Garden: Expenses 559 (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 18 plots for 20 gardeners, with a city water line, and green space used for community events. Free compost is provided for the gardeners. In 2016, the gardeners attended the Baltimore Green Space annual supper for all gardeners protected under them and also attended the City of Baltimore Master Gardeners Supper, sponsored by the University of Maryland Extension. Our garden won second place for best overall vegetable garden. Six of our gardeners won awards for the best peppers, carrots, green beans, basil, and zinnia – and also for oxeye sunflowers. The gardeners also attended a garden workshop hosted by Baltimore Green Space followed by a Honey Happy Hour provided by the Association. We continued to maintain the Garden with replacement of outdated signage on the front wall of the garden and refurbishment of garden walkways. 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 clear the public sidewalk in front of the garden 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, for example. 22 Association members contribute a total of nearly 1500 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

Social: Expenses 398 (Grants -0-)

In 2016, Duckpin Bowling Night was provided free for the public where the entire 2nd floor of the historic Patterson Bowling Center was rented and participants brought snacks and beverages. Our annual Progressive Dinner, consisting of two courses and desserts served at 7 different donating hosts' homes in the neighborhood, was enjoyed by about 60 neighbors and friends who also donated to our efforts. This year had a tapas theme. 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 a member's home, Cockey's Restaurant and Bar, Asahi Sushi, 8 Ball Meatball, Darbar, Henninger's Tavern, and Restaurante El Salvador, followed by attending a performance at the Fell's Point Corner Theatre. We also conducted three Happy Hours with neighboring community groups at neighborhood establishments, one with all surrounding community associations at Henninger's Tavern, Butcher's Hill community association at Tarbas Greek Kitchen, and Washington Hill community association at El Salvador Restaurant (Douglass Place and Fell's North were also invited). Five Association members contribute a total of over 150 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

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Part III, Line 31 (continued) –**Spanish Language Outreach: Expenses 250 (Grants -0-)**

Our Spanish-language community liaison helps our neighbors with translation, understand city regulations and resources, and participate in the community. In 2016, a language learning program, Eat Play Say, was funded by the Association, we promoted Latinofest hosted by Education Based Latino Outreach celebrating Hispanic culture, art, and music in the newsletter, and published our Newsletter in Spanish on the website and FaceBook. An Association member contributes a total of over 100 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

General: Expenses 25 (Grants -0-)

Altogether, our over 100 Association members contributed over 4500 volunteer hours in 2016, 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 2016, our team of 23 members participated in the Resolution Run benefit for Earl's Place for homeless men held in Patterson Park on New Year's Day and supported the Bea Gaddy Centers' Thanksgiving Day luncheon for over 50,000 poor and homeless with canned goods, monetary donations, and volunteers to help unload trucks. Two officers of the Association attended a series of community service workshops conducted by the Community Law Center. A proposal to help fund the Fell's Point Corner Theatre with needed renovations was suspended until the theater's funding plan is finalized. Upper Fell's Point was rated a Five-Star neighborhood by LiveBaltimore.

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 North, 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 Main 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 over 30 neighbors were there each month in 2016 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:

- Laura Syron, Director of Julie Community Center
 - Linzy Jackson, representative from Department of Public Works
 - Derek Baumgardner, board member of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
 - Bill Castro, head beekeeper of Bee Friendly Apiary
 - Brooke Lierman, Maryland House Delegate
 - Anthony Hinkle, representative of Fell's Point Corner Theatre
 - Roxy Trudeau, representative Red Cross Community Readiness Center
 - Mark Gaither, Principal of Wolfe Street Academy
- and, especially, our neighbors who told us what they think !

join us – see what's going on and let us know

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Part III, Line 31 (continued) –**Other Program Service Accomplishments:** Expenses -0- (Grants -0-)

Land Use: Zoning requests and appeals are closely watched. In 2016, the redevelopment of the former Saint Patrick's Convent building at 1730-32 Bank Street was awarded a Historic Preservation award by Baltimore Heritage. 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 Citizens' Housing and Planning limit of 40' for the area – a limit of 45' has been approved by the City for areas east of Broadway. Application for outdoor tables and a liquor license for a restaurant at 1801 East Lombard Street was initially opposed due to incorrect and vague language of the application. After the Association polled nearby neighbors, the revised application was approved with a memorandum of understanding limiting the hours of operation and prohibiting live music. The Association voted to oppose an application for a curb cut at the former Lombard Hardware building at Pratt and Ann Streets. After the City required a variance for subdivision of the property, the application was withdrawn. Also opposed was an application by Spirits Bar at 1901 Bank Street to change its zoning to commercial and a renewal of a Late Night Operator's license for Maria's Market Place at 307 South Broadway, a known nuisance business that is not Hispanic-owned - the license was not renewed. Also discussed was a review and possible updating of our Land Use and Development Position Statement, liquor violations of Honey's Bar at 1722 Gough Street, and a zoning appeal to develop 1730-32 Bank Street into 15 efficiency apartments. We provided information on public meetings regarding the City plan to redevelop Perkins Homes and subsequent delay due to the developer pulling out of the project, and that the Washington Hill community association was now involved with the planning for the Saint Michael development on the 1900 block of Lombard Street – a memorandum of understanding was revised regarding off-street parking due to the recent revision of the City zoning code. An Association member contributes a total of over 50 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

Traffic & Parking: In 2016, we discussed the expansion of Exelon at Harbor East to add potentially 3300 more vehicles to area streets. We promoted public and green transportation by providing bicycling information and participated in the launch of a city-wide bicycle program of BikeShare, Bikemore, and the department of Transportation where public bicycles will be available at 51 stations throughout the city and integrated with the public transportation CharmCard. Improved and expanded bicycling right-of-ways and shared lanes opened in phases throughout the year. We also promoted national Bike To Work Day, notified neighbors of a new University of Maryland shuttle bus for employees and students, and partnered with ZIP Car with member discounts. Changes to MTA bus routes, lack of access to Canton, and possible cancellation of the Circulator Green Route (which was retained later in the year) were discussed. Pedestrian and bicyclist safety is continuously improved in the neighborhood by our Association. In 2016, we worked with the City regarding custom sidewalk paving and disability access, and pursued residents' requests for crosswalk lines and signals installed on Baltimore Street at Ann and Wolfe Streets. The Association voted to notify Ostrowski's of Bank Street that the pedestrian crosswalk at Bank and Gough Streets is routinely blocked by delivery trucks due to illegal parking by the owner in the truck loading zone. Improved parking is an ongoing focus of our efforts. In 2016, we explored possibilities for motorcycle parking in spaces unsuitable for a full parking space, such as extended bus stops. We notified neighbors that the loading zone in front of Doc-Side veterinary clinic is no longer available for overnight parking, that Recreational Vehicle parking is not allowed on residential streets, and about expansion of handicapped parking spaces in our area with new meters that require payment and limit parking to 4 hours. This change was prompted by the Americans with Disabilities Act and to remove the incentive to steal handicap hang-tags. Reverse-angled parking has finally been installed on the 1700 block of Bank Street. The Association voted to oppose a proposal by Washington Mutual Homes to extend the hours of their parking restrictions. An Association member contributes a total of over 175 volunteer hours to this effort each year.

Website: In addition to the newsletter, our Association's website, www.upperfellspoint.org, enhances communications with our neighbors and fully discloses our regulations and financials. A blog section is provided for notices, committees have pages, a photo gallery has images from our many events, a Google calendar is included, and current and past newsletters can be viewed. In addition to the website, an e-newsletter is provided bi-monthly, or when needed, when important items need to be communicated, @UFPIAnews on Facebook provides information and important notices to area residents, and, although not an Association forum, neighbors participate in the new Upper Fells Point Google Group. Our PayPal account, paypal.me/ufpia, can accept payments online for membership dues, donations and events, as well as newsletter ad payments from our sponsors and garden fees from our gardeners. Three Association members contribute a total of over 125 volunteer hours to these efforts each year.