

November 2023 Newsletter

7:00pm - Nov. 20th

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Hybrid Meeting

(Everyone is welcome!)



Para Español

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Nov. 20th Community Meeting Agenda

This month's community meeting will be held at 7pm virtually as well as in-person at Wolfe Street Academy (245 S Wolfe). You can join our Association meeting virtually via Google Meets at <https://meet.google.com/gsx-panp-fsw> PIN: 752 084 007# or dial: 954-800-9024. Also, we hope to have earphones for real time Spanish translation at the meeting.

- Introductions and welcoming of new attendees
- Vote on UFPIA President to fill the remainder of the term*
- Officer/Committee Reports
- Guest speaker: Ben Miller, UFPIA Vice President**
- Discussion: Draft MOU and internal regulations on safety cameras
- New and unfinished business and open forum
- Social afterwards at Spirits Tavern (1901 Bank)

*Vote/Special Election - We will hold a special election to vote for a new UFPIA President to fill the remaining term of office. A slate of candidates will be presented and nominations from the floor also will be accepted. Candidates will have 3 minutes to present themselves. If you are interested in running for the UFPIA President position, contact Mark Hoffmann, Special Election Judge, at electionjudge@upperfellspoint.org.

**Guest speaker: Ben Miller, UFPIA Vice President, will discuss Baltimore City's 311 services.

The Community meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm and runs from 1 to 1-1/2 hours depending on discussions. Join us!

(Notes: To be eligible to vote or to run for office, you must have paid your membership dues (based on the calendar year beginning in January 2023), be age 18+, live in our boundaries, and have attended at least 2 of the last preceding 11 meetings and/or attended Association sponsored events/activities. Members eligible to vote who are not present at a properly called Association meeting may vote if their absentee vote is received by an officer, specifies the decision or election in writing, and is signed by the absent voter (email is fine). Absentee voting shall not count towards attendance. There is more info on our website at <https://www.upperfellspoint.org/about> - scroll down to Rules-Meeting & Voting Regulations.)

There is no newsletter or meeting in December.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Holiday Fun - Mark Your Calendars!

Dec. 2nd, 9:30am+ - Old Tyme Christmas and Lighted Boat Parade - Santa via tugboat at 9am; tree lighting at 5:30pm at Broadway Square; and boat parade around 6pm (over 50 boats decorated for the holidays parade through the Anchorage Marina, the Inner Harbor and Fell's Point); free.

Dec. 3rd, 4pm+ - Winter Lights Ceremony - Food, music and lighting of the Patterson Park Observatory; free.

Dec. 16th, 3:30pm - Tuba Christmas - Enjoy holiday tunes played by over 200 tubas at the Inner Harbor; free. (Note: The musicians sit on the amphitheater benches so be prepared to stand or bring your own blanket or chair.)

Dec. 17th, 7:30pm - Patterson Park Community Chorus Holiday Concert - Enjoy a beverage and music at their winter concert at the Ministry of Brewing (1900 E Lombard).

Dec. 21st, 5-7pm - Winter Window Solstice & Shadow Puppet Show - Butchers Hill will encourage the sun to return with a Winter Solstice celebration. More details will be available soon.

Secure Your Holiday Gift Packages!

Have your packages delivered to an UPS Access Point (AP) instead of worrying about them being stolen from your stoop. Use your name but with the AP for your shipping address. Nearby AP locations are: 1) Pratt Liquors (1818 E Pratt); 2) Super Variedades Portillo, Inc. (203 S Broadway); 3) Tochterman's Fishing Tackle (1919 Eastern) and 4) Enchanted Nails & Spa (1748 Eastern). (Note: Some charge a nominal fee per package.)

Food Collections For The Needy

Nov. 18th, Cranksgiving Bicycle Ride/Team UFPIA
Join Team UFPIA and ride your bicycle on this scavenger hunt/food drive to collect food items for Moveable Feast food bank and the Franciscan Center. Meet at Kurt' house (110 S Chapel) at 12:00pm with a departure time of 12:15pm (it's about 3.5 mile warm up ride to Meadworks). More info at <https://bikemore.net/cranksgiving2023>.

Wolfe Street Academy Holiday Gifts

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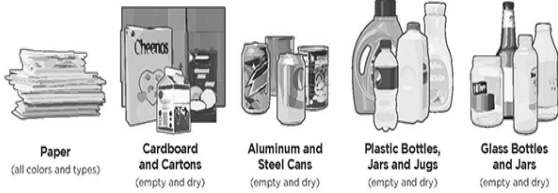
Christ Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Food Baskets

To donate food items, contact Shirley at shirley.sgouros@gmail.com.



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NO!



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GARBAGE: ALL TRASH MUST BE IN A CAN WITH A TIGHT FITTING LID - NO LOOSE BAGS.

Pickup on Wednesdays - put curbside at 6:00pm+ on Tuesday night. If a holiday, pickup on Sat. up to 96 gallons per building (including multi-units). (*tip: tether lid to can*). Trash cans may not be stored on sidewalks. Keep the sidewalk, gutter, and alley next to your building free of trash and weeds. Up to 5 clear or labeled bags or bundles of **yard waste** (leaves, weeds, and branches up to 4" thick or 3' long) also will be picked up. (*Note: Rats chew through plastic and love to eat dog poop so be sure to pickup after your pet-and it's the law!*)

RECYCLING: ON BIMONTHLY SCHEDULE (NEXT DATES 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 12/29 & 1/12. NO plastic bags at all (including as a container)! Pickup every other Friday. If a holiday, pickup usually on Sat. Items must be clean and dry. All paper and cardboard except napkins and paper towels; metal food and beverage cans (no hangers); glass bottles and jars (no light bulbs, dishes, or window glass); plastic bottles, jugs and jars (no bags, straws, takeout containers, rigid plastic utensils, plastic rings, housings or Styrofoam). Polystyrene (Styrofoam) is not accepted - put it in your regular trash.

SECURE ITEMS SO THEY ARE NOT BLOWING DOWN THE STREET!

<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recyclecenters>

UFPIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Recap of Oct. 2023 Community Meeting



Guest Speaker: Brian Megali, UFPIA resident, gave a brief presentation about the Home Improvement Property Tax Credit; details at https://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.shtml.

Votes: 1) Motion: For Mark Hoffmann to serve as election judge for the Special Presidential Election; motion passed unanimously. 2) Motion: That the UFPIA support the Zero Waste Coalition Letter which urges neighborhood associations and businesses to support eliminating trash incineration from MD's Renewable Portfolio Standard; motion passed (Y-24; N-1; A-2) 3) Motion: To have the UFPIA send a letter to the appropriate City agencies stating that we oppose the Hookah Pearl Lounge from obtaining a late night operating license and for actions to be taken to correct their current violations. Motion passed (Y-25; N-1; A-1). (Note: see Land-Use Committee report below for more information.)

Committee Reports:

Land-Use: 1) There are no current requests for variances. 2) A subcommittee was formed to make a more in-depth study of illegal Airbnb's in our neighborhood. 3) An attorney has been contacted to prepare the final draft of the MOU for Sweet Carolinas. 4) The Hookah Pearl Lounge (206 S Broadway) is requesting a license to operate until 5am. They are operating illegally since they do not have the required permits and are in violation of several codes. (Note: See Vote #3 above.)

Safety: 1) Progress is being made on compiling an MOU for safety cameras. 2) New requests are being processed for street lighting; if interested contact Dan at safety@upperfellspoint.org.

Traffic & Parking: The ROWart painting has been completed and plants were being added to the planters.

New Business:

1) The initial City Council map proposed by the Mayor included all of UFP in District 13. A new map was presented by Councilman Mosby on Oct. 16th which showed most of UFP in district 1. Councilman Mosby's plan was approved by the City Council; however it still has not been approved by the Mayor. 2) Liz Bement gave an update on BGE gas regulators. She stated that the Public Service Commission has ruled that BGE has no legal authority under MD regulations or the Gas Service Tariff to force paying customers to have gas pressure regulators installed on the outside of their homes.

More information is on our website - <https://www.upperfellspoint.org/news>.

Deadline for submissions for the January 2024 newsletter is Jan. 1st at 5:00pm.



Sponsor News!

Spa Adagio is having a holiday special; see their ad on page 2. And please support all of our sponsors as their ads help to offset the cost of printing our newsletters.

Volunteers Beautify UFP

Oct. 21st was the Mayor's Annual Fall Cleanup whereby neighborhoods joined together to tidy the streets all over the City. Thanks to the UFPIA's many volunteers who removed trash, leaves and other debris, filling at least 20 tall bags!

Our last Monday night cleanup/social was on Oct. 23rd. Thanks to our volunteers who cleaned several streets that night too.

And on Nov. 4th, our last Dumpster Day of the year was held. Neighbors brought their broken furniture, yard debris and other items or stopped by for a social visit or looked for treasures. All metal items were taken to the metal recycling center to avoid the landfill. Thanks to our volunteers: Anthony, Brent, Brian M., Jan & Kurt, Lisa & Joe, Stephen, and Tayla.

Reminder - It is your responsibility to keep the area in front of your house free of trash, leaves, snow and other debris. Please do your part to keep our neighborhood safe!

Photo above: Some of the Dumpster Day volunteers: Joe R., Brian M., Brent, Kurt, Stephen and Lisa.



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Spooktacular Fall Fun!

This year's Oktoberfest was held on Oct. 15th amongst clear skies and sunny weather. About 100 people stopped by to enjoy an Ostrowski's sausage, Little Donna's chili or a Beyond Meat veggie sausage. There also were other foods as well as cold brew, hard-cider and a raffle. Thanks to everyone who attended; and to our donors and volunteers who made it all possible: Harris Teeter, H&S Bakery, Johnny Rad's Pizzeria, Little Donna's, Ministry of Brewing, Ostrowski of Bank St., Spa Adagio, Sprouts Farmers Market, Ali, Alison, Andrew, Anthony & Mallory, Barb, Becca, Bill, Jan & Kurt, Corey, Jesse, Joe W., Lisa & Joe, Mark & Nancy, Megan (and son Jack), Patty & John, Steve, and Tom & Sue.

On Halloween night, neighbors socialized with neighbors at their stoops or parents/kids in costumes strolled through the neighborhood hoping for their favorite candy. Houses were decorated with spooky décor such as skeletons jumping out of windows or even a haunted house which brought many squeals from kids followed by big rewards of extra candy at the end. Also, the UFPIA held an adult Halloween costume contest whereby trick or treaters voted for their top favorite costumes. The three winners were Lynn as Charlotte's web, Eric as Rainbow and Wendy as Barbie in A Box. Thanks to our contestants and Brent, Lisa and Olivia who coordinated the contest.



On Nov. 4th, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) was held by the Creative Alliance in Patterson Park. The event is a Mexican celebration that honors deceased family members. Participants dressed up and joined the gigantic puppets and Mariachi band in the celebration.



Photos:
 Top right: Some of the UFPIA costume contestants (Brent, Nancy, Eric, Wendy, Lisa and Joe R.) Left: Day of the Dead puppets. Right: Andrew as the butcher in the haunted house.



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