

# October 2023 Newsletter

7:00pm - Oct. 16th



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## Hybrid Meeting

(Everyone is welcome!)



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### Oct. 16th 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
- Leadership change/next steps
- Election Judge nomination with a possible vote
- Officer/Committee Reports
- Guest speaker: Brian Megali, UFPIA resident\*
- Zero Waste Coalition Letter discussion and possible vote
- City Council Redistricting discussion and possible vote
- New Business
- Social afterwards at Benders Tavern (301 S Ann)

\*Guest speaker: Brian Megali, UFPIA resident, will give a brief presentation regarding the Home Improvement Property Tax Credit. The Community meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm and runs from 1 to 1-1/2 hours depending on discussions. Join us!

(Notes: The raffle has been temporarily eliminated due to low in-person attendance and no online participation. To be eligible to vote, 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.)

### Sponsor News!

We have three new sponsors! The **German American Cultural Center's** goal is to bridge the heritage of German Americans with contemporary German Americans through cultural and educational events and activities; see their ad on page 3. **Stutman Chiropractic, PC** is a family owned and operated business on Eastern Ave. Call to schedule a no cost consultation with their doctors and 15 minutes free in their state of art massage chairs; see their ad on page 3. **XPF Fitness Studio** is a "local fitness haven" on Eastern Ave. They are offering a complimentary week to any of their classes and are open Mon.-Fri. (6am, 5-8pm) and Sat. and Sun. (8am, 9, 10, 11); see their ad on page 4. (continued on page 3)



### Letter From the UFPIA Board & Former President

Dear UFPIA Members:

We want to inform you of a recent development within our neighborhood Association. Effective Sept. 25th, Wendy Bozel has graciously stepped down from her role as President of the UFPIA. This decision was made to allow Wendy to focus on her campaign for Mayor while maintaining full compliance with UFPIA bylaws.

In light of Wendy's departure, we are pleased to announce that Vice President Ben Miller has assumed the position of interim president. Ben will fulfill this role until we conduct an election to select a new president to serve for the remainder of the term.

We would like to emphasize that Wendy's dedication to our community remains unwavering. She has generously committed to continue volunteering her time to support the neighborhood, particularly within the UFPIA Safety Committee and to advance the work associated with the safety grant.

The UFPIA Board extends its heartfelt gratitude to Wendy for her tireless efforts during her tenure as President and wishes her the very best of luck in her mayoral campaign.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the UFPIA and we look forward to working together to maintain the well-being and progress of our neighborhood. *From the UFPIA Board (Interim-President Ben Miller; Secretary Amy Zemanick; Treasurer Nancy Hoffmann and Parliamentarian Stephen Porter).*

It has been a pleasure working with the many people who care about our community. I will continue to support the efforts to make sure the \$80K safety grant I garnered is successfully implemented. *From former UFPIA President Wendy Bozel.*

### UFPIA Election Judge Needed!

A volunteer is needed to serve as Election Judge for our upcoming Special Presidential Election. You must be a voting member, not an officer or nominee, and approved by the Association. Contact Stephen at [parliamentarian@upperfellspoint.org](mailto:parliamentarian@upperfellspoint.org) if interested.

### Time For Some Fall Fun!

#### -Oct. 14th - UFPIA Oktoberfest -

4:00-7:00pm - Join the UFPIA Gardeners and the Traffic & Parking Committee for some fall cheer! Stop by the UFPIA community garden (1827 E Pratt) for a cold brew or some home-made hard cider while savoring a tasty grilled sausage from Ostrowski's or some pork green chili from Little Donna's. There also will be vegetarian options as well as a raffle (tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5). Beverages and food are by donation (cash, PayPal and Venmo). Children are welcome with an adult but no pets or smoking are allowed. Prost! (Cheers!) (Note: Proceeds to the Garden and T&P Committees.)

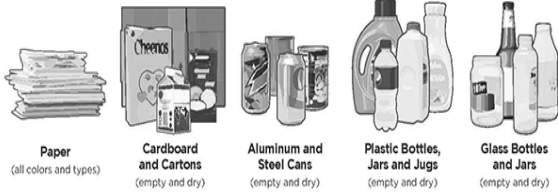
#### -Oct. 21st - Creative Alliance's Great Halloween Lantern Parade & Festival -

This is a Baltimore treasure! The Festival begins at 4:00pm in the Park; parade starts at 7:00pm. (continued on page 4)



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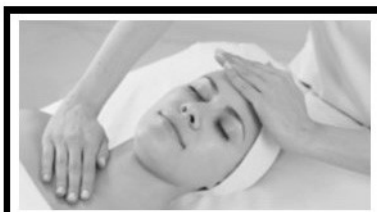
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**NOTE: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF IS CLOSED FOR THE YEAR. BULK TRASH AT MOST LOCATIONS (OR CALL 311). PROOF OF CITY RESIDENCY REQUIRED.**  
**GARBAGE: ALL TRASH MUST BE IN A CAN WITH A TIGHT FITTING LID - NO LOOSE BAGS.**  
 Pickup on Wednesdays - 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 10/20, 11/3 & 11/17. 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**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$10 per person for the calendar year beginning in January.  
 Pay at https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1924453 or via our website. Checks to UFPIA, P.O. Box 38315, Baltimore, MD 21231. Donations also are appreciated. All are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Thank You! (To vote: you must reside in our boundaries, be age 18+, pay your current dues and attend 2 of the preceding 11 meetings and/or attended Association sponsored events/activities per our Voting Policy.)





## Recap of Sept. 2023 Community Meeting



**Guest Speakers:** 1) Mark Gaither, Principal Wolfe St. Academy, said there are 250 students (Pre-K-5), with 70% in zone. A new playground was installed and some of the offices and storage were moved to the building next door. WSA can always use gently used books and new supplies. 2) Jan Mooney, UFPIA Garden Chair, discussed the history and maintenance of the community garden. She stated that the garden is owned by Baltimore Green Space (BGS) but the UFPIA Garden Committee is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and management of the site. BGS does not provide any monies to maintain the space; the financial upkeep falls on the gardeners. Currently there are 17 plots; next year there will be 21 plots. Any time you walk by and see someone in the garden, you are welcome to stop in; however, no dogs are allowed and children must be with an adult. A garden social membership is available should you want to visit as a non-gardener on a regular basis.

### Committee Reports:

**Beautification:** No new trees were ordered since several stumps need to be ground out first.

**Fund-raising:** A progressive dinner is being planned, possibly in Feb. If interested in helping with this, contact Lisa.

**Land-use:** BGE is now forbidden from threatening gas cut-off if a resident refuses external regulators.

**Safety:** Working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for safety cameras for interested homeowners and businesses; contact Dan if you are interested. (Note: Cameras will involve hardware on your home or business, and internet and electricity will be needed.)

*More information is on our website - <https://www.upperfellspring.org/news>.  
Deadline for submissions for the November newsletter is Nov. 5th at 5:00pm.*

### Sponsor News! (continued from page 1)

Also, congratulations to Little Donna's for being named by the NY Times as one of the 50 best U.S. restaurants. They are the first restaurant in Baltimore and all of MD to be named! And please support all of our sponsors as their ads offset the cost of printing our newsletter.

### ROWArt Project Is Finally Underway!

After three long years of dealing with City and BGE delays, our Art in the Right of Way (ROWArt) traffic calming project is underway! The contractor has installed most of the flex posts with bump out lines at the intersections of E Pratt & S Wolfe, and E Pratt & S Ann. At press time, 23 volunteers (including kids, those who happened to just walk by or were from out of town) have helped to paint the designs that were previously approved by the UFPIA membership for those intersections. Both designs are very vibrant with green, purple and "cheerful" yellow (the actual name of the yellow paint). Thanks to our volunteers: Barb, Beth, Bill, Brent, Brian M., Chris, Christopher, Ingrid (and her son Nev), Jan, Julian, Kate G., Kate M., Kurt, Lisa, Lynnne, Marianne, Mark, Megan, Paige, PT, Stephen, Tim and anyone else we missed! Also thanks to Tim and Marianne for the pizza for lunch on Sept. 30th.

*Photos: Top: Barb painting geometric design at the corner of S Wolfe and E Pratt. Bottom: Brian M. (and daughter Kate) and PT painting the mural on S Ann and Pratt.*



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### Time For Some Fall Fun! (continued from page 1)

(parade participants lineup starts at 6:30pm near the boat lake). More at <https://creativealliance.org>.

**-Oct. 28th - BARCStoberfest** - The Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter's (BARCS) pet-friendly festival and fund-raiser for animal care. Includes a 5k run/1-mile walk, Howl-o-Ween pet costume contest, beer vendors, kids activities, etc. More at <https://www.barcs.org>.

**-Oct. 31st - UFPIA's Halloween Costume Contest for Adults** - Register in the UFPIA Halloween Costume Contest for Adults and then on Halloween night (Oct. 31st), dress up in your favorite attire and give out candy from 6-8pm. Trick-or-treaters and neighbors will have the opportunity to vote on their three favorite costumes - you could win a first (\$100), second (\$75) or third (\$50) place prize of a gift card to a neighborhood restaurant. It costs a mere \$5 to enter the costume contest but you must register by Oct. 26th at 11:59 PM and be physically located within the UFPIA boundaries

giving out candy in costume on Oct. 31st from 6-8pm (or when candy runs out). Further details will be provided after your registration is received. There will be an "after-get-together" at the Ministry of Brewing (1900 E Lombard) starting at 8pm. What will you be? Join the fun! Tickets at <https://www.upperfellspoint.org/shop/ufpia-adult-halloween-costume-contest>.

**-Oct. 31st - Halloween Haunted House** - Stop by Andrew's garage at 1916 E Pratt (enter on S Chapel) for some spooky fun, if you dare! Free and appropriate for all ages.

**-Nov. 18th - Cranksgiving Bicycle Ride/Team UFPIA** - Join Team UFPIA and ride your bike on this scavenger hunt/food drive to collect food items for the Franciscan Center and the Moveable Feast food bank. Contact Kurt at [trafficparking@upperfellspoint.org](mailto:trafficparking@upperfellspoint.org) to join the Team. The event starts at Charm City Meadworks (400 E Biddle Street) at 1PM. Meet at Kurt's house (110 S Chapel) at 11:45am with a departure time of Noon (it's about 3.5 mile warm up ride to Meadworks). More info at <https://cranksgiving.org/directory/baltimore-m-5/>.

### Beautification Cleanups - Mark Your Calendars!

**Oct. 21st - Mayor's Clean Sweep** - Do your part and support this City-wide day of cleaning! Starts at 9am. **Oct. 23rd - UFPIA Cleanup/Social** - Our last Monday night cleanup! Volunteer and socialize with neighbors as we clean the streets and enjoy refreshments afterwards at Spirits (1901 Bank). Starts at 6pm. Both events will meet at Mallory's garage (1931 E Pratt). Tools will be provided but bring your own gloves. For questions, contact Mallory at [beautification@upperfellspoint.org](mailto:beautification@upperfellspoint.org).

### Last Dumpster Day of the Year - Nov. 4th!

A free community dumpster will be located at the corner of S Ann and Gough from 9am until Noon (or when full). We also will be picking up trash and debris. Do not leave/bring your junk until the dumpster is present; we cannot guarantee the time the dumpster will be delivered. NO regular trash or recycling (put them out with regular curbside pickup). NO tires, appliances, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, TVs/electronics, propane tanks, hazardous waste (paints, solvents, etc.) or construction materials. The two parking spaces at the corner of S Ann and Gough will be reserved for the dumpster from Friday at 6pm until Saturday afternoon when the dumpster is picked up; do not park there so the truck is able to unload the dumpster or you will be ticketed and towed. For more info., contact Mallory at [beautification@upperfellspoint.org](mailto:beautification@upperfellspoint.org) or Mark at [dumpster@upperfellspoint.org](mailto:dumpster@upperfellspoint.org).

### State Grant Lights Up VFP

If you would like to have café lighting on your block, residents are asked to contribute \$25 towards the cost and be responsible for maintaining the lights or replacing bulbs going forward. If interested, contact Dan at [safety@upperfellspoint.org](mailto:safety@upperfellspoint.org) for more details.



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