

February 2024 Newsletter

7:00pm - Feb. 19th

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Hybrid Meeting

(Everyone is welcome!)



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Feb. 19th 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-papn-fsw> PIN: 752 084 007# or dial: 954-800-9024.

- Introductions and welcoming of new attendees
- Membership dues collection
- Open Committee Chair Position
- Guest Speaker: Eric Holcomb, Executive Director CHAP & Historic and Architecture Preservation Division Chief*
- Officer/Committee Reports
- Discussion: 1) Grant application and 2) Membership ideas with a possible vote
- New and unfinished business and open forum
- Social afterwards at Spirits (1901 Bank St.)

*Guest Speaker: Erick Holcomb, Executive Director CHAP & Historic and Architecture Preservation Division Chief, will discuss conservation districts.

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), 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. (Dues are applied to the year they are collected and are considered paid at collection for the remainder of the year and through the regular Association meeting in January of the following year.) 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 before the meeting, specifies the decision or election in writing, and is signed by the absent voter (email is fine). Absentee voting shall not count towards attendance. More at <https://www.upperfellspoint.org/about> - scroll down to Rules-Meeting & Voting Regulations.

Membership Dues - It's Not Too Late!

It's not too late to join the UFPIA! Pay your dues online (<https://www.upperfellspoint.org/membership>) or bring a check or cash or credit card to the community meeting or mail a check with the application form on page 2. Dues are \$10/p for the calendar year beginning in January. It only takes a few minutes to join or renew and the rewards are endless!



We Have a New Vice President!



Please welcome Brent Temeng, our new Vice President. Brent fills the vacancy left by Ben Miller who was elected as President. Brent will assist Ben, and represent the Association and assume the responsibilities of the President as needed.

T&P Chair Needed

Kurt Schiller has decided to step down as Traffic & Parking Chair in order to pursue other personal interests. We thank him for his years as T&P Chair and also in his many other leadership roles. A volunteer is needed to fill this vacancy. The T&P Committee is dedicated to promoting safe streets in our community for all users, beginning with the most vulnerable user, the pedestrians, up to vehicles. The Committee works on the implementation of Complete Streets, promoting multi-module transportation and mass transit advancements in the neighborhood, as well as Citywide. At the same time it strives to preserve parking for residents. If you are interested in this position, please contact Ben at president@upperfellspoint.org.

Upcoming Beautification Events - Mark Your Calendars!



Dumpster Days - A free community dumpster will be available on April 6th, June 15th, August 24th and October 5th. The dumpster will be placed at the corner of S Ann and Gough from 9am-Noon (or when full). Please do not bring your junk until the dumpster is present; we cannot guarantee (cont'd on page 3)



Cleanups - Feb. 24th and April 6th from 9-11am. Tools and bags will be provided but if possible, bring your own gloves. Meet at Mallory's garage (1931 E Pratt - red doors on S Washington). (Note: No cleanups in March and the April cleanup will start by the dumpster; see above for details.)



Sip & Plant Swap - Celebrate Earth Day and Spring at UFPIA's Sip & Plant Swap and Cycle Tour on April 28th. The event will kickoff with an optional bicycle ride at Noon and will tour some of Baltimore City's hidden green spaces and will end at the UFPIA community garden (1827 E

Pratt). Snacks and beverages (by donation) will be available at the UFPIA garden from 2-4pm.

Bring a plant (indoor or outdoor) to exchange for something else to take home. Plants can be brought in any type of container (such as a cutting in a bottle or with roots in a box or bag, etc.) but be sure to note the name of the plant and what type of care is needed (shade or full sun, frequent watering, etc.).

This is a free event; donations are appreciated. Kids are welcome with an adult but no pets are allowed. For more information, contact Jan at communitygarden@upperfellspoint.org or Mallory at beautification@upperfellspoint.org. (Proceeds to the Beautification Committee.)



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NOTE: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF IS CLOSED UNTIL APRIL. 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 Wed. - put curbside at 6:00pm+ on Tuesday night. If a holiday, pickup on Sat. (*Tip: If lid is separate, tether it to the can with string or cable tie.*) City ordinance mandates that cans cannot be stored on sidewalks. Up to 96 gallons per building (including multi-units) or up to 5 clear or labeled bags of yard waste (leaves, weeds, and branches up to 4" thick or 3' long). (*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:
STILL ON BIMONTHLY SCHEDULE (NEXT DATES 2/23, 3/8, 3/22.) 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 and cartons (no 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, yogurt or carryout containers, rigid plastic utensils, plastic rings, or housings). **Polystyrene (Styrofoam)** is not accepted - put it in your regular trash.

PLEASE SECURE YOUR ITEMS SO THEY ARE NOT BLOWING DOWN THE STREET! More at: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services>.

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Traffic & Parking - Vacant

Membership dues note: If paying via PayPal please send a copy of your email confirmation to our treasurer so your dues can be accurately recorded.

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.*)



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Recap of Jan. 2024 Community Meeting



The meeting kicked off with dessert provided by the UFPIA as well as Girl Scout cookies for sale.

Votes/discussion: 1) Vote for Vice President: Brent Temeng ran unopposed; no nominations from the floor. Motion: To elect Brent Temeng as Vice President to continue the remainder of the term; motion passed by acclamation. 2) Vote on proposed 2024 budget: Nancy Hoffmann, UFPIA Treasurer, presented the proposed budget for 2024. The proposed budget was written to spend \$3,000 more than expected income; however, this does include anticipated income and there is enough in the bank to cover any potential overspending. There will be a separate line item for the Lady Day Way (Billie Holiday) enhancements and the Traffic & Parking Committee's total budget was changed to \$500. The possibility of raising membership fees was discussed but some were opposed to this since our membership total is low and the Association should be as accessible as possible to everyone. All committees were encouraged to under-spend and/or do more fund-raising. Motion: To approve the proposed 2024 budget with noted modifications; motion passed.

Discussion: Several available grants were discussed. 1) The Community Health and Safety Works Grant: Funds up to \$100K are available for collaborations that: a) engage artists and designers to create lovable spaces for community use; b) eliminate predatory and unhealthy practices such as illegal dumping, litter and traffic hazards and other conditions; c) remove illegal and dangerous activities from communities by using lighting and camera surveillance strategies and related community safety services. Also grants up to \$250K are available for place-based comprehensive outreach and case management services that directly connect at-risk individuals to safe, restorative pathways. 2) The Johns Hopkins Neighborhood Fund: Grants up to \$15k are available and would include community revitalization, education, employment, health and public safety. Contact Ben for more info.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: 1) Reminder to pay your membership dues and if possible to pay via check or cash to avoid online fees. If you pay via the PayPal Giving Fund be sure to send a copy of your email confirmation as it takes several weeks to receive notification. 2) If anyone has any experience with taxes, especially since we received a large grant last year, please contact Nancy.

Brainstorming/Committee Reports:

The Committee Chairs reviewed their accomplishments for last year and presented their objectives for this year. Then attendees met with the chairs to discuss items in more detail. More details on these are on our website at www.upperfellspoint.org/news or www.upperfellspoint.org/committees. Volunteers are always needed so if you are interested in working on any of these projects/committees, contact the respective committee chair. (See page 2 for Committee Chair contact info.)

New Business:

Bicycle Ride for the Feast will be held on May 11th on the Eastern Shore. This is the largest fundraiser for Moveable Feast. Each participant has to raise \$1,000. For more information go to <https://www.mfeast.org/> or <https://www.mfeast.org/rideforthe Feast/>.

More information is on our website - <https://www.upperfellspoint.org/news>.
Deadline for submissions for the March 2024 newsletter is March 3rd at 5:00pm.

Dumpster Days (continued from page 1)


the time when the dumpster will actually be delivered. NO regular trash or recycles (put them out with the regular curbside pickup). NO tires, appliances, air conditioners, electronics/TVs, propane tanks, hazardous waste (paints, solvents, etc.), construction materials, bricks, soil, or tree limbs. 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 so you will not be able to park there or you will be towed. For questions, contact Mallory at beautification@upperfellspoint.org or Mark at dumpster@upperfellspoint.org.

Our Beautification Volunteers Continue Their Nonstop Efforts!

Thanks to Mallory, Mark, Shirley and Wendy for pruning trees and picking up trash on January 27th. The Beautification crews will continue their efforts each month; see page 1 for the next dates.

Curbside Recycling Update

In Nov. 2023, Mayor Scott stated that weekly curbside recycling pickup will resume during the first quarter of 2024; however, there is no confirmed actual date as to when this will resume. The next bimonthly pickup dates are Feb. 23rd, Mar. 8th and 22nd. Reminder - NO plastic bags or as a container (they contaminate the load).



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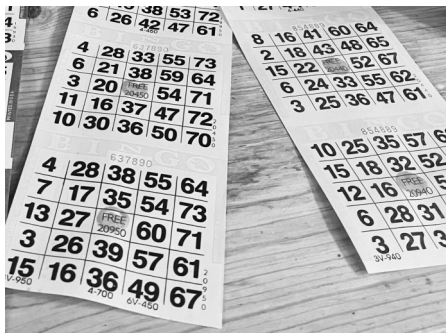
February Is Black History Month

February is Black History Month which spotlights achievements and creates awareness of the tapestry of Black and African American histories. Black History Month was recognized in 1976 by President Gerald Ford during the U.S. Bicentennial at which time he urged Americans "to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans..." What will you do to celebrate?

UFPIA's Bingo A Sell Out Success!

Over 65 people attended the UFPIA's Bingo for Billie at Bar Lombardi on Feb. 3rd to raise money for a new Billie Holiday mural on Lady Day Way (200 block of S Durham). The crowd filled Bar Lombardi (1801 E Lombard), enjoying many rounds of Bingo and delicious food and beverages. Kids and adults, with stampers ready, marked their Bingo cards in hopes of taking home one of the many prizes, while attendees rotated as Bingo number callers. There also were raffle prizes and a Billie Holiday artwork for auction. The event was a huge success with lots of socializing, community building, Bingo playing, prize winning, and yes, fund-raising for the new Billie Holiday mural.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event by buying entrance and raffle tickets, and the auction; to Pauline and Bar Lombardi for hosting us; to everyone who contributed to the prize table, including Ministry of Brewing and Mike from Pratt Liquors (many six packs of beer); to Joe for the donation of the beautiful framed Billie Holiday artwork; to our Bingo number callers: Brent, Kate, Sam, Megan and Marian (who definitely stole the show); to volunteers: Jamie, Jan, and Kurt; and to Beth, Brent and Lisa who made it all possible. (Note: The event raised over \$1,300 for the new Billie Holiday mural which will be painted by Jaz Erenberg, UFP resident and muralist.)



Photos:
Bingo for Billie at
Bar Lombardi on
Feb. 3rd.



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