

March 2024 Newsletter

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Hybrid Meeting

(Everyone is welcome!)



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Media Scoop

Our newsletter has a new look! The agenda is now on page 3.

We Are Now On Instagram!

Thanks to Brent for creating/monitoring our new Instagram page - @ufpia_baltimore. The Instagram page will highlight some of the many great places, events or items in our neighborhood so give us a follow. As we continue to add items, let Brent know what you think and your interests. You can contact him at vicepresidente@upperfellspoint.org.

Newsletter delivery

Thanks to Shaun Truelove for his many years of delivering the newsletters to the 100 block of S Ann. Please welcome Tom Koerber who will be taking over that route.

Sponsor News

We have a new sponsor! The **Canton Kayak Club** is a non-profit organization that provides a kayak share program with unlimited access to kayaks, paddles and life jackets from nine different dock locations. To join or renew, they are offering a 10% discount; see their ad on page 4.

Also, **Joshua Espinoza from Patterson Park Academy of Music**, will be performing on April 3rd at 7pm at Keystone Korner. **Spa Adagio** is having a special; see their ad on page 2. And please support all of our sponsors as their ads offset newsletter printing costs.

Safety Update

The State has approved our safety modification/extension request through June 30th and we can also reallocate unspent money from over-budgeted categories.

In addition, our first safety camera monthly access report is now available for February. The report is compiled by the safety chair or another designated member of the special committee. It includes the number of footage requests received, the number of requests approved or denied, camera locations accessed and the dates/times for which the footage was provided. (The report does not reveal personal information unless the requesting party is a law enforcement agency representative.) To view the report go to <https://www.upperfellspoint.org/news/safety-camera-monthly-access-report-feb-2024>.

Don't Forget To Register To Vote

The Mayoral and U.S. Presidential Primary Election will be on May 14th with early voting from May 2nd through May 9th. (The General Election will be held on Nov. 5th with early voting from Oct. 24th through Oct. 31st.) Register by 5pm on April 23rd. For more details on voting, go to <https://boe.baltimorecity.gov/boe-registration>.

Dumpster Days/Cleanup – April 6th

We will be cleaning the streets and a free community dumpster will be available 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 the time that the dumpster will 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. If you miss this one, the next date is June 15th.

Sip & Plant Swap and Cycle Tour – April 28th

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.

SIP & PLANT SWAP AND CYCLE TOUR



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. Contact Jan at communitygarden@upperfellspoint.org or Mallory at beautification@upperfellspoint.org. (Proceeds to the Beautification Committee.)

Weekly Curbside Recycling Is Back

Be sure to secure your items so they are not blowing down the street. NO plastic bags at all or as a container. For acceptable items, see page 2. Also, it is a City violation to store your recycling and trash carts/cans on the sidewalk; they must be stored in the rear of your property or you are subject to a citation.

Illegal Dumping Is A Crime

Illegal dumping is the disposing of waste on public or private property without the knowledge or consent of the property owner. This includes littering on streets and alleys. Call 311 for bulk pickup or drop it off yourself (<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off>).



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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:
BACK ON WEEKLY SCHEDULE! NO plastic bags at all (including as a container)! Pickup on 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>.

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.*)

March 18th 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.

- Introductions and welcoming of new attendees
- Guest Speaker: Nan Nawrocki, Sail Baltimore*
- Officer/Committee Reports
- Discussion: Last steps for existing grant and new grant ideas
- New and unfinished business and open forum
- Social afterwards at a local establishment

*Guest Speaker: Nan Nawrocki from Sail Baltimore will discuss the upcoming MD Fleet Week & Fly-over which returns to Baltimore from June 12-18th. There will be ship tours, festivals, flyovers and more!

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.

Recap of Feb. 2024 Community Meeting

There was no guest speaker.

Discussion/Vote: The Mayor's redistricting plan moved all of UFP to District 13. Councilman Cohen is introducing legislation to create a community-driven redistricting process and is asking for community support so elected officials are not controlling redistricting and dividing many neighborhoods. Motion: To support Councilman Cohen's Community Letter for Independent Redistricting; motion passed unanimously.

Officer/Committee Reports:

- Beautification:** No March cleanup; the next one will be on the April 6th Dumpster Day.
- Community Garden:** Six new plots were added and now there are 32 gardeners. The waitlist is down to eight people.
- Fund-raising:** Upcoming events will be a block party with a new Billie Holiday mural unveiling this summer; possibly a family-friendly movie; moving the Register St. planters with an auction of the signage and a Progressive Dinner in the fall.
- Land-Use:** Historical preservation was discussed with Eric Holcomb, CHAP.
- Safety:** 1) Lights and safety camera installations are underway and several more Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) have been signed. 2) There have been two incident requests so far (bike theft at Gough and S Ann and a shooting on Bank and S Broadway).

More information is on our website - <https://www.upperfellspoint.org/news>.
Deadline for submissions for the April 2024 newsletter is April 1st at 5:00pm.

We Have A New T&P Chair!

Please welcome Parker Bratton who is our new Traffic & Parking Chair. The T&P Committee is dedicated to promoting safe streets in our community for all users. Please contact him at trafficparking@upperfellspoint.org with your interests/concerns.

UPS Package Access Points


Tochterman's Fishing Tackle (1919 Eastern) is no longer accepting packages. Other UPS Access Points are Pratt Liquors (1818 E Pratt); Super Variedades Portillo, Inc. (203 S Broadway); and Enchanted Nails & Spa (1748 Eastern).

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Education News

Please welcome Mary Glenn Fowler and Jess Dupon who have joined UFPIA's Education Committee.

Commodore John Rogers (CJR) is having a Career Fair on April 9th from 9am-Noon. Also, CJR

needs volunteers to help with homework and as career mentors. (6820 Fait Ave.; 410-396-9140).

Wolfe St. Academy's (WSA) Wolfest will be held on May 4th to celebrate all aspects of their extended community in this day-long street festival. If you would like to sponsor, donate, or be part of Wolfest, contact Mark Gaither or Heidi Weiss-Beedie at 410-396-9140.

Donations are needed for The Julie Community Center's Mid-Year School Supply Giveaway on March 23rd. Items needed are pencils, erasers, rulers and other school supplies.

A New Mural Is Coming To UFP!

Lady Day Way (200 block of S Durham) will be getting a new Billie Holiday mural! The mural will be painted on the side of 224 S Durham by local muralist Jaz Erenberg. The mural should be completed in the spring/summer. An unveiling party is being planned so stay tuned! (For more info about Jaz, go to <https://jazerenberg.com>.) Photo: Wall for new Billie Holiday mural. (Photo by Lisa Knickmeyer.)



The Garden Is Abuzz!

On Feb. 24th our gardeners and some non-gardeners started rebuilding raised bed boxes to replace the old ones which are falling apart. The new boxes are made from oak and should last longer than the current pine ones. March 2nd was a rainy morning but gardeners worked tirelessly to fill the 13 completed boxes with new soil. They plan to rebuild several more boxes this spring and complete the rest of the boxes in late fall or early next year. Thanks to Smith Forest Products for their generous donation of oak lumber; to Veterans Compost for the discount on soil; and to our gardeners/nongardeners who built the new boxes/added soil: Alex, Ali, Ana, Anita, Andrew, Anthony, Beth, Bill, Charlie, Chris, Jan, Jess, John, Kurt, Mallory, Mark, Moira, Nathalie, Robbie, Stephen and Taylor.

Photo right: Gardeners worked in the rain to move the soil to the new raised beds. L-R: Andrew, Ali, John, Jess, Anthony, Nathalie, Chris, Anita, Jan, Robbie and Mallory.



(Photo by Kurt Schiller.)

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Beautification Crew

Thanks to Mark, Nancy, Bill, Julie (and Jan and Mallory, not shown) for picking up trash and pruning several trees on Feb. 24th. (Photo by Mallory Kuehn.)




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