



# May 2024 Newsletter

## 7:00pm - May 20th

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### Hybrid Meeting

(Everyone is welcome!)



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#### The Patterson Park Community Chorus Concert – May 19th & 20th

The PPCC spring concert will be held at the Ministry of Brewing from 7:30-8:30pm on both nights. The concert is free.

#### Patterson Park Wine at Sunset – May 23rd

Tickets and information are available at <https://pattersonpark.com/wineatsunset>.

#### Patterson Park Pool & Concert News

The pool will be open May 25th and then every day starting in mid-June. The free concerts in the Park return: Caleb Stine kicks off the season on June 9th, followed by Charm City Junction & The Honey Dewdrops on June 30th; Joe Falero Band on July 21st, the Haitian Caribbean Festival Concert on August 11th and the series ends with Strykers Posse on August 18th. The concerts are held near the Observatory.

#### Italian Festival – May 31st-June 2nd

The festival will be held in Little Italy (Stiles & Exeter); more at [www.saintleorcc.com/Italian-festivals](http://www.saintleorcc.com/Italian-festivals).

#### Bikes & Beers – June 1st

The 10th annual Bikes & Beers Baltimore returns on June 1st. More at <https://www.bikesignup.com/bikesandbeers-baltimore>.

#### UFPIA Dumpster Day & Cleanup – June 15th

A free community 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 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 Mark at [dumpster@upperfellspoint.org](mailto:dumpster@upperfellspoint.org).

#### UFPIA's National Night Out and Honey Happy Hour

UFPIA's National Night Out will be held on Aug. 6th and the Honey Happy Hour will be held on Aug. 17th. More details coming soon!

#### Tired of the Unsightly Low-Hanging Wires?

Have you noticed the unsightly low-hanging wires around the neighborhood? There are current initiatives to get these wires removed, but **YOUR HELP is needed**. We are forming a committee to collectively tackle this challenge, so if you are willing to help, please email [ufpwireremovalunite@gmail.com](mailto:ufpwireremovalunite@gmail.com).

#### Planters Available to Beautify the Front of Your House!

We have several hand-painted whiskey barrel planters available for free. If you would like to have one of these planters, contact Lisa at [fundraising@upperfellspoint.org](mailto:fundraising@upperfellspoint.org) or 410-935-5604. There is no cost to you, however, you must live in the UFPIA's boundaries and 1) sign-up to be a UFPIA member (which is \$10 or if you are already a member, then you are all set); 2) fill the planter with plants, flowers or a shrub; 3) keep it weeded and "looking loved" all year long; and 4) put it in front of your residence (or on the side if you are a corner property).

#### New Stop Signs Installed

Stop signs were recently installed on E Lombard at S Collington - it is now an all-way stop intersection! At press time, there were no signs identifying that the intersection is changed, so be careful. Also, S Collington at E Pratt and Baltimore are scheduled to have all-way stop signs installed soon too.

#### Sponsor News

We have two new sponsors! **Keystone Korner Baltimore** is a local jazz/R&B restaurant and bar with affordable prices while providing outstanding food and libations to give you a phenomenal musical experience; see their ad on page 2. **The World Trade Center Institute (WTCI)** is looking for homestays in the neighborhood for a delegation of human rights advocates from Belarus who will be coming to Baltimore July 12-20. WTCI is a global organization that helps existing and emerging leaders develop the skills, knowledge, and connections they need to create a healthy economy, environment and society in Baltimore, the Mid-Atlantic, and globally. If interested in providing a homestay or for more details, see their ad on page 3. Also, the **Canton Kayak Club** water access is now open and they are continuing their special discount; see their ad on page 4. And **Spa Adagio** is having a special; see their ad on page 2. And please support all of our sponsors as their ads help to offset newsletter printing costs.

#### Safety Camera Access Report Update

The April safety camera monthly access report is now available. 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-apr-2024>.



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**RECYCLING:**  
**PLEASE SECURE YOUR ITEMS SO THEY ARE NOT BLOWING DOWN THE STREET! 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. More at:  
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## May 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.

- Introductions and welcoming of new attendees
- Guest Speaker: Ken Thompson, Lead Monitor, Consent Decree Monitoring Team for Baltimore City\*
- Officer/Committee Reports
- New and unfinished business and open forum
- Social afterwards at Benders (301 S Ann St.)

\*Guest Speaker: Ken Thompson, Lead Monitor Consent Decree Monitoring Team for Baltimore, will give an update on the Consent Decree established between the U.S. Dept. of Justice and the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD) due to BPD's unconstitutional stops, searches and arrests of African-Americans.

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 the April 2024 Community Meeting

**Guest Speaker:** Jennifer Robinson, Friends of Patterson Park (FPP) Executive Director, gave an update on Patterson Park: the boat lake is to be dredged in late summer/fall; a new playground is being installed; improvements are to be made to the Casino building; the Virginia Baker Center needs HVAC repairs; the Observatory will remain closed until major repairs can be made; several untreated ash trees have been marked for removal due to safety concerns while some dead trees will remain for wildlife habitats and new trees will be planted too; and the FPP headquarters (the old park superintendent's house or also known as the "white house") will have a new community-programming building, volunteer support center and courtyard. More information is on their website at <https://pattersonpark.com>.

**Votes/Discussion:** The Board presented the options/last steps for three new grants. Motion: To endorse the grant application priorities presented by the Board; motion passed (Y-19; N-1; A-0).

#### Officer/Committee Reports:

**-Land-Use:** Sweet Carolina Liquors is not in compliance with their MOU.

**-Safety:** Lighting installations are ongoing. Eight of the safety cameras have been installed but five more locations are needed.

#### New Business:

1) Ethan Hasiuk, rep from Dist. 1 Councilman Cohen's office, stated that St. Patrick's will be closing due to the archdiocese decision to close it but the Councilman's office will be working with the Church on their homeless/social services. Work will continue with the UFPIA and the City on illegal dumping. Funding has been applied for the Wolfe/Washington Bikeway project and if all goes well, it could begin in the summer of 2025. 2) Daryl Thorpe, rep from Dist. 13 Councilman Glover's office, noted that 13 is a diverse district. A newsletter and other info can be found on his website at <https://www.antoniglover.com>.

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Deadline for submissions for the June 2024 newsletter is June 2nd at 5:00pm.



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### Wolfest Held At WSA

Wolfe Street Academy's *Wolfest* was held on May 4th. Although it was a rainy day, fun filled the air as students, families and neighbors came together to celebrate. There was face painting, rock-climbing and jumbo Legos and chess. The UFPIA hosted a table for kids to paint rocks. Faces lit up with joy as students shared their talents in the form of live music and dance performances, while the aroma of freshly-popped popcorn tantalized the taste buds.



Photo above: UFPIA's volunteers Latonya, Anita, Lisa and Brent (and Barb, not shown) hosted UFPIA's rock painting table at Wolfest.

### We Have a New Billie Holiday Mural

The new Billie Holiday mural, called *Gardenia Breeze*, on "Lady Day Way" is complete! It is located on the side of 224 S Durham and was created by local muralist Jaz Erenberg. Thanks to Jaz and everyone who made it possible!

### Dumpster Day

UFPIA's first Dumpster Day of the season was held on April 4th. Residents filled it with discarded bulk items while others took home a treasure and metal items were recycled. Thanks to everyone who participated and to our volunteers: Anthony, Ben, Beth, Bill, Brent, Brian (and his daughter Kate), Chris, Dan, Jan, Kurt, Jeffrey, John, Kurt, Lisa, Mallory, Mark and Wendy B.

### UFPIA's Sip & Plant Swap and Cycle Tour Was a Hit!

On April 28th, Kurt led a 6.5 mile cycle tour to some of the many hidden gems which included murals, Two Rivers Park and Castle St. Garden, to name a few. It was a beautiful sunny day and over 50p stopped by to socialize and enjoy a snack or beverage. There were over 100 plants of all types (both indoor or outdoor). Proceeds will benefit UFPIA's Beautification Committee's greening efforts. Thanks to everyone who participated and to our volunteers who made it all possible: Andrew, Anthony & Mallory, Corey & Dana (and their kids, Frieda and Michael), Chris & Lynnne, Jan & Kurt, Moira, Monica and Wendy K.



Photo above: L-R: Nancy, Farro, Bill, Tasha, Suzanne, Ali, Kate, Brian, Kurt, Trey, Nick, Amy, Mark and Ben rode in the bicycle tour of the Sip & Plant Swap.



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