



T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

MAYFIELD GENERAL MEETING & Elections

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MARYLAND STATE
BOY CHOIR
3400 NORMAN AVE
Several Special Guests

ST. FRANCIS
60th Anniversary Gala
April 16, 2016; 6 – 11 p.m.
Boumi Temple
8080 King Avenue
White Marsh, MD 21237.

Join us for Dinner, Dancing and Silent Auction at this \$100 per person ticketed event. St. Francis of Assisi School serves students from all faiths. It also serves as an "anchor institution" for Northeast neighborhoods. Let's celebrate 60 years! For info. and tickets:

<http://sfa-school.org/our-60th-anniversary-gala-dreaming-big>

A Hamlet in the Heart of Town

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Mayfielders!



We've weathered an interesting few months between this newsletter and the last. Many neighbors were out and about enjoying the warmer-than-usual Fall months. A lot of us took the opportunity to stroll along the newly installed pedestrian bridge and paved trails through Herring Run Park. My children have nicknamed the red bridge "The Dragon." My son noticed that if you look back on the "S" Path leading away from the bridge that it looks like the snake-like neck of a dragon, with the red bridge as its head and the trusses acting as large teeth. If you venture into the woods (North side) to complete the loop, you'll notice there is a smaller newly paved bridge w/railings over a tributary about 200 ft before you reach Belair Road. It's encouraging to see long standing plans come to fruition.

No sooner did the daffodils begin to peek their heads up on the median that we got clobbered by winter storm Jonas. The weather channel began naming winter storms in 2012 and it seems to be catching on in the mainstream sense. Many neighbors submitted photos and stories of teamwork and neighborly goodness. We also enjoyed the photos and short videos of our furry friend neighbors that either loved or hated the snow. It seems that there is no middle ground on this circumstance as far as a dog is concerned. With the snowy streets came the traffic crawl through the neighborhood. Although slipping, sliding and getting stuck is no fun for the driver, some of us couldn't help but feel relief at the sight of cars moving a subdued 10-15mph throughout the neighborhood. It seems all too common that drivers zip through Mayfield streets well above posted speed limits.

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Special THANKS!

Special Thanks to Marisa

A very special thanks to Marisa Schleter She served our graphics artist and layout volunteer for more than 5 years. She did it while working a full time job, while expecting their second daughter, Aubrey and working with other young parents for development of the playground at 3400 Norman. With Kiera and Aubrey now more involved in St. Francis of Assisi School, Marisa plans to focus her volunteer time there as needed . We know we can't thank you enough, Marisa. You made us look really good!

Another Special Thank You

to Nina Tou who has generously volunteered to take over the newsletter and occasional duties for her graphics art talents and skills. She was the design professional behind our beautiful Mayfield brochure, developed our special logo for the 50th Mayfield Block Party and other tasks. We are very fortunate to get her help with our newsletter and other communications work.

Wreaths (and another whodunit)

Our Christmas wreaths received a facelift with new and fancier ribbons to add to the festive and friendly look along our greenways in Mayfield. Curiously we are missing 4 of the wreaths. If some fell and you gave it shelter from the elements, please let us know and we'll store them all together. Simply send an email to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com to let us know. (P.S. Nina Tou also inspired this refresh of the wreaths and thanks to the 12 volunteers that helped make the new ribbons).

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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I hope you enjoyed the slower days of the great thaw, and with it warm soups, cozy fires, and boots warming under radiators. It's a good time to rest, read a book, and plan for the busyness of Spring.

Courtney Bartlett

President, Mayfield Improvement Association



COMMUNITY KITCHEN UPDATE

Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street (HLMS) remains focused on the development of 4500 Harford Road to be known as "Main Street Kitchen at The Lot." The plans include the rehab of the existing building to become a community commercial kitchen incubator space. The site development will include space for the farmers' market with a pavilion for shelter, a small stage, trees and plants, a screened parking area and a traffic plan that will prevent cars from exiting the parking area to westbound Montebello Terrace.

Thanks to the many contributions made from our HLMS Board members, neighbors, business owners, business patrons and friends, we have reached our goal of \$50,000 to access a \$250,000 bond bill for the development of this project. Our next steps include working with the State of Maryland to begin the process. The projected figure for this project is at least \$500,000. Architectural renderings are being prepared at this time. The renderings will include proposed exterior designs for community events, as well as the interior designs for the commercial kitchen space. As these plans become available, HLMS will reach out to neighborhood associations to share the plans.

Thank you to the individual donors from the beautiful Mayfield community, as well as the collective donation from the Mayfield Improvement Association. Without the support of our surrounding communities, the development of 4500 Harford Road would be difficult, if not impossible, to complete. On behalf of Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street's board and staff, we thank you!—

Regina Lansinger, Director



SALUTE TO MAYFIELD VOLUNTEERS 2015

Newsletter and Directory Production 2015

Marisa Schleiter - graphics and layout

Nina Tou – special graphics support

Janelle Cousino – Editor

Database management: Julia McDonald

Hertzberg, Emily Chalmers, Darren McDonnell, Debbie Veystkr, Joe Myers, Jack & Betty Frech, Betty Ciesla, Tom Rybczynski, Vanessa Bennett, Paul Ricciuti, Janelle Cousino, Rob, Theo & Noah Clark. Brian O'Day, Deborah & John Mason

DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSLETTER

Paul Hertzberg, Frank Williams, Tracy Labonte, Barb & Gerard Waldt, Jae Patton & Pat Mikos, Bill Newman, Stephanie Buttner, Laura Lee, Janelle Cousino, Molly Tierney, The Voos Family, Ryan Dorsey, Mary Jean Erb

51TH ANNUAL SUMMER BLOCK PARTY JULY 2015

Stephanie Buttner & Courtney Bartlett – co chairs
Dave Buttner, Jim Bartlett, Theo Karpovich, Lito and JoAnn Trach Tongson, Kurt Trach, Frank Williams, Stephanie Trach, Phil Jackson, Debbie Veystkr, Ann Marie Zelenka, Nick & Robin Syropoulos, Ron & Karen Maylor, Carol Freeman, Laura & Jason Lee, Paul Zelenka, Betty Robinson, Tom & Mary Rybczynski, Nancy Assero, Kathryn Parke, Deborah & John Mason, Shawn Dingle & Mindy Dingle, Deb Dalton, Liz van Amerongen, Vanessa Bennett, Jan Shipley, Paul Hertzberg & Julia McDonald, Betty & Jack Frech, Cindy Henry, Barbara Waldt, Sherry Insley, Janelle Cousino, Brian O'Day, Debbie and Jim Parrish, Doug Price, Kerry Shulze, Denis & KC Bersch Doxy, Joe & Laura Latta, Lynn Mermell, Sarah Koser, Mariglynn & Geoff Edlins, Ryan Dorsey, John Dorsey, Paul Novak, Kristin & Mark Larson, Carre Gibson, Jenifer Griffith, Dave Rybczynski & his trio.
All Bake Sale contributors too

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Sherry Insley & Mitch Maltese

ALL GREENING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING DAFFODILS; WALLS AND MEDIAN AT
LAKE MONTEBELLO, TREE-MENDOUS MAYFIELD,
PRUNING DAY, EARTH DAY.

JoAnn Trach Tongson & Lito Tongson, Jim Bartlett, Liz van Amerongen, Jan Shipley, Jason Calder & daughters, Kathryn Parke, Stephanie Buttner, Julia McDonald & Paul

PLAYGROUND - MULCH, PLAYGROUND REPAIR

Mariglynn & Geoff Edlins, Jason Calder, Kelly James, Courtney & Jim Bartlett, Sherry Insley, Sarah and Jeremy Koser, Jennifer Pettis, Marisa Schleiter, Mindy Dingle. Colin Woods, Kevin Keegan, Brian Schleiter, Shawn Dingle, Katia Ulysse

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE & EASTER, HALLOWEEN, SANTA EVENT

Sarah Koser, Mariglynn Collins, Jim & Courtney Bartlett, Phaedra Stewart, Sherry Insley, Nick Syropoulos. Paul Hertzberg, Mindy Dingle, Rebecca Crew

WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Baughn- Webmaster

Janelle Cousino – Editor – communications

SPECIAL EVENTS -

WE WANT S'MORE SUMMER

JoAnn Trach Tongson, Janelle Cousino, Stephanie Buttner, Laura Lee, Mary Rybczynski

MONTEBELLO CENTENNIAL

Janelle Cousino, Nina Tou, JoAnn Trach Tongson, Jan Shipley, Brian O'Day, Julia McDonald, Stephanie Buttner, Tom & Mary Rybczynski, Courtney Bartlett, Deborah & John Mason, Lake Montebello Photographers.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT

Laura Lee (chair); Betty Ciesla, Tom & Mary Rybczynski, Maryland State Boy Choir Treble Choir, Jim & Courtney Bartlett, Stephanie Buttner. Jack Frech, All bakers, donors and carolers

Legal advisorss – Gerard Vetter

Welcome Bags – Dave Henry

Yard Sales – Carre Gibson, Martha & Paul Anderson

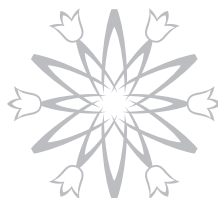
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SALUTE TO MAYFIELD VOLUNTEERS 2015

Harford Road Community Review Panel –
JoAnn Trach Tongson, Janelle Cousino
Tree Stewards – Jack Frech
Board and Officers May 2014 –May 2016
Courtney Bartlett – President
Laura Green Lee – Vice President
Mary Rybczynski – Secretary
Julia McDonald – Treasurer
Board Members: Stephanie Buttner, Mariglynn
Collins-Edlins, Janelle Cousino, Deborah Mason, Gary
Rahman, JoAnn Trach Tongson, Raina T. Wilson



The Board of Mayfield wants to give special thanks to St. Francis of Assisi Church and School —Pastor Msgr. William Burke, and Principal Rebecca Malone; Maryland State Boy Choir – Stephen Holmes & Frank Cimino for their willingness to host meetings, playground matters

and participate in the Holiday Caroling and other events. Along with Councilperson Mary Pat Clarke for her help on so many projects. Councilman Robert Curran for his assistance. Kurt Kocher, DPW, Kinji Scott, Marilyn Mosby's Community Liaison and Sophie Asike, Assistant State's Attorney on Housing, Major Richard Worley, recently retired Lt Chris Tserkis and Joseph Banks, Monica Cooper, Steve Angelini - Community Relations NED Police District, HARBEL, especially to Mike Hilliard & Hamilton Lauraville Main Street's Regina Lansinger.

We tried to include everyone who volunteered, but we do make mistakes. If you have been missed, please let mayfieldupdate@gmail.com know. We want to include all volunteers that have made Mayfield a great neighborhood in 2015. *Thank You!*

5 NEW EAGLE SCOUTS & 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 87 AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Our congratulations to all of the new Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 87 at St. Francis of Assisi. Five new Eagle Scouts were honored for their community service, and other expectations to be at the highest rank in the Boy Scouts. And Troop 87 Scoutmasters and stalwart leaders are also commended for their work and leadership service. This year is the 100th anniversary of the troop, one of the oldest troops in the nation. What an achievement! Related Catholic Review story at:
<http://www.catholicreview.org/article/generations/boomers-and-beyond/archdiocese-adds-10-eagle-scouts>

Baltimore Magazine Features Mayfield Resident Fran Lane

If you get Baltimore Magazine you may have already seen the extensive interview with Mayfield resident Fran Lane. Fran is featured in the February issue. Her signature catch phrase "What's on your heart tonight?" has been a part of her radio host style for 25 years on WLIF, 101.9 FM, playing requests for love songs on the evening time slot. The article talks about her career, her relationship with the listeners, and her loyal listener base.

Fran grew up in Mayfield and lives here now. She told writer Corey McLaughlin of Baltimore Magazine that "her best part of the day is the 'talking walks' in her neighborhood she takes each day with her two dogs, Magda and Jude and her husband Tom Fink." She had another Irish Wolfhound named Sage that passed away from cancer

The article is a fun read about a long time neighbor doing a really interesting job. And it's about love songs – perfect for Valentine's Day. Tune in Monday through Friday from 7 – 12 midnight and ask for a love song when she says, "What's on your heart." Or you can say hi to Fran on her daily "talking walks" around Mayfield when you see her with her Irish Wolfhounds. Visit:
www.baltimoremagazine.com

HOLIDAY JUDGES DECISIONS



There were so many beautifully decorated homes in Mayfield that the volunteer judges had a very tough time winnowing their selections to three in the Best of traditional categories. Judges made some special recognition honors and found some that had a special sense of humor. Thank you to all the residents that added to the festive holiday look in the community for all of us to enjoy.

Best of Whole House or Yard decoration**

2201 Kentucky — This home looks very festive in the day time and in the night with lights accenting the decorations. Very classic and fun to look at any time of day.
Patrick & Ann Rowley

2405 Lake — Mix of colored lights on porch and landscaping and nostalgia pieces in front yard.
Shawn & Mindy Dingle.

3600 Crossland — Colorful lights accenting porch area, bushes
Kevin Briggs and Jennifer Peters

Best of Front door or porch**

3617 Crossland — Classic wreaths on windows and porch with lights and ribbons
Darren McDonnell and Timothy Thomas

2226 Lake Avenue — Beautiful stunning wreath & decorative vertical NOEL banner near door
Anita Hampson

2318 Mayfield Ave — Wreaths, ribbons, natural greens as roping, classic lighting
Taras and Maria Lukianczuk

Best Neighborly Cooperation

2105 and 2107 Pelham

Ann Simons/ Molly & Jordan Tierney

2212 and 2214 Pelham

Pat Goucher and Jason Calder/Kelly James

Best Block

2200 Block of Pelham — Wonderful mix of decorations, colorful lights, creches and Santas and great participation among neighbors.

Best Example of Whimsy

2225 Kentucky — Christmas Pig
Jason & Laura Lee

3513 Harford Road — Christmas Rocking Chair
Gaetano Losso/Sarah Shirey-Losso

Special Recognition Honors

2200 Lake — Past recent winner; again looks beautiful, festive and fun with deer, polar bears and some sparkle added with hanging snowflakes added this year.
Barbara and Gerard Waldt

2404 Lake — Awarded top honors several time, continues as a showstopper with white icicle lights outlining the sweeping roof line and other architectural features of the house and yard.
Jerry & Sharon Browning

2215 Kentucky — Great Comeback. House decorations recognized for many years for the exuberance and fun. Very good to see it back in full glory!
The D'Dio Family

Congratulations to all of those selected by the judges!

Melissa Ciesla

FROM MAYFIELD TO EUROPE TO HOLLYWOOD

Melissa Ciesla grew up in Mayfield. Her parents Dennis and Betty are long time residents of Mayfield. Dennis was President of the Mayfield Improvement Association and Betty is an active volunteer. Melissa has been cast in some national TV drama shows (Jane the Virgin, Criminal Minds) in the past few months. Editor asked a few questions and she gave us these insights into her career and acting.



Q: When did you know you wanted to be an actor?

A: I have been involved in theatre via musicals since I was in middle school at Friends School. Being on stage was always a rush I could never find anywhere else. My professional career started with dance. I received my BA in dance from Point Park Conservatory in Pittsburgh and soon after moved to NYC. Within a year of auditioning I was scooped away to the Netherlands for the European tour of Grease. I had a life altering revolution on tour. After performing in 9 shows a week for months at a time, I realized I wanted to do more than "just dance." My favorite part of the show was when I got to act playing Ms. Lynch, the principal in Grease. So, once back in NYC, I signed myself up for the 2-year acting program at The William Esper Studios. It was within the first three months of the program that I felt I had found what I was really meant to do. Acting felt like a home away from home I had never discovered before. It wasn't un-

til I was 25 that I received my formal acting training, but I have been on stage since I was 11.

Q: Was there someone that inspired this dream?

A: No one in particular. However, watching movies all of my life and making my sisters act out scenes with me was always fun. I loved the idea of drifting into another world where you can be and do anything. It was like a drug.

Q: What have been your favorite or most surprising acting experiences thus far in your career?

A: Once I sink into a script there is always a moment of beautiful self-discovery for me as well as for the character. I learn more about myself the more I work. So, it's kind of like my therapy. And I always surprise myself. Just when I think I've done as much as I can and there is nothing left, there is always more. The whole process is really a beautiful journey.

Q: Anything else you want your 'neighbors in Mayfield' to know?

A: Living as an artist is challenging. We don't quite fit into the world the way others do. We are freelancers, not 9-5ers. We think outside the box. But we still yearn to fit in. We judge ourselves harder than you ever could, so take it easy on us. We never know if we will work again. Job security doesn't come with the territory. Every

famous person I have ever met was just like you and me. They are kind, gracious, and looking for their next job and because of that, I think that makes most of us artists more self-aware, a bit more kind, a bit more open. Because you never know who may know whom, and who can help you take that next step in your career. Ego and self-importance are not luxuries we can afford.

What we do is important. Art is one of the only universal languages. Art drives us to our emotional core faster than anything else, whether it be a painting, music, a play, a movie. Next time you have a chance to chat with someone who has moved you through their art, tell them "thank you." They just gave you a piece of themselves, and that doesn't come easily.

Melissa Ciesla, SAG-AFTRA
See more of Melissa's work at <http://www.melissaciesla.com/>
Melissa's Reel:
<https://vimeo.com/47212769>

Melissa's IMDB Page:
<http://www.imdb.me/melissaciesla>

When will Harford Road Bridge work begin?

The latest info from Baltimore City Department of Transportation is construction begins in the autumn of 2016.

BALTIMORE LIGHT FESTIVAL SITE

Coldstream Homestead Montebello

Have you heard of Light City Festival? A festival with art with lights, music and interesting tech talk in the Inner Harbor and in communities as diverse as Station North to Hampden to Coldstream Homestead Montebello. Festival is fashioned after a similar event held in Australia. Visit their website for the full plan of the festival.

<http://lightcity.org/>

Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello (CHM) has been selected as a festival location. Mayfield News caught up with Mark Washington to fill us in. He explained that the artist Isaac Ewart

met with the CHM Community Association to listen and learn more about the community's ideas for this light art exhibit. The artist will be working on a concept for review at a community meeting on February 11 at 7 p.m. Nearby landmarks are being considered for the Festival art installation. Venues being considered are: The pavilion at Lake Montebello, The tower of Clifton Mansion, the band shell in Clifton Park and the clock tower of City College High School. The artist will decide which is best for his art installation. Isaac Ewart will produce a 'projection' art piece of some kind. Mr. Ewart shared

some of this past works with CHM residents in January.

Mark Washington, CHM Director is thankful that he has advisors with expertise. Shawn James and Leanna Whettmore (MICA grad) will provide for advice and guidance. Mark told Mayfield News that he knows nothing about art, but knows what he likes when he sees it. He explained, "I'll definitely like it if it is something that looks good, involves people and the community and represents the area well."

Sounds like the perfect criteria!

LIGHT CITY FESTIVAL FACTS

- Light City Baltimore will run after dark from March 28 through April 3 along a 1.2-mile art walk in the Inner Harbor.
- The lineup will include 29 original works of light art, more than 50 concerts and 100 performances of dance, theater and puppetry.
- The Light City Baltimore festival will feature an animatronic peacock, hundreds of illuminated sculptures resembling a flotilla of paper boats and "lighted" cotton candy and more....
- Free concert by Baltimore musician Dan Deacon.

- Billed as the first large-scale, international light festival in the U.S. 350,000 visitors is estimated.
- A ticketed event known as **LightCityU** will bring together thinkers from education, public health and other fields to brainstorm ideas for social change at the Columbus Center.
- The festival will include **Neighborhood Lights**, in five communities to create public art projects in collaboration with artists-in-residence.
- For more info at the Festival Website <http://lightcity.org/> and Baltimore Sun story 11/10/2015 by Mary McCauley www.baltimoresun.com



 *Long time resident of Mayfield Anna Tymiuik is remembered.* 

On October 31st longtime Mayfield resident Anna Tymiuik passed away peacefully. Anna lived in her Mayfield home at 2405 Mayfield Avenue for nearly four decades. Three of her four children stayed close to Mom and also had homes in Mayfield as young adults, including current resident Maria Lukianczuk. Anna was a kind and active neighbor. She participated in community gatherings and volunteer events. Perhaps Anna was best known for her welcoming garden beds. Anna's garden was a mini Sherwood Garden located here in Mayfield. Her landscape was adorned with

colorful azaleas, tulips and thousands of daffodils. Many residents would use this beautiful backdrop for family and special event photos. Anna's vibrant green thumb tended to the gardens for many years until age got in the way, and she downsized her lifestyle. Anna's thoughtful touches to her Mayfield home is a reminder of the saying found in printed newsletters and stickers from the 1980's, "Keep Mayfield Beautiful." Our condolences go to Mrs. Tymiuik's family.

CALENDAR

Check www.mayfieldassociation.org and mayfieldupdate@gmail.com for updated calendar between scheduled newsletter distributions and other events worth noting.

Board Meetings

3rd Thursday Jan – April; June – July; Sept and November – 7:15.

Feb/Mar • TBD Hands on CPR training and chili cook-off

March • New Resident Reception

Contact mayfieldupdate@gmail.com for more info.

March • Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt. Playground at 3400 Norman Ave.

Friday, April 22nd. • Shred it Day

Bring paper items to be shredded in cardboard boxes (or clear bags), boxes preferred, to Carport area of 2201 Mayfield Ave before 12 noon. Paper things only (old checks, documents, bills, etc) Please NO TRASH.

April 30 • Dumpster Day.

First of 2016.

On or around Mayfield Avenue & Kenley. 8 a.m - 12 noon, but times are approximate, so come early.

May 19 • Mayfield Improvement Association General meeting and Elections. Maryland State Boy Choir, 3400 Norman Ave. 7:15 p.m. Several special guests

July 8 • Summer Block Party

Mayfield Improvement Association Officers

President – Courtney Bartlett
mayfieldboard@gmail.com
Vice President – Laura Green Lee
Secretary – Mary Rybczynski
Treasurer – Julia McDonald

Board Members

Stephanie Buttner
Janelle Cousino
Mariglynn Edlins
Deborah Mason
Gary Rahman
JoAnn Trach Tongson
Raina T. Wilson

Committee & Project Leaders

Welcome baskets – Dave Henry
Block Party – Stephanie Buttner
Communications - Janelle Cousino
Webmaster – Brian Baughn
Newsletter Layout & Graphic Design – Nina Tou
Traffic issues; Greening Activities – JoAnn Trach Tongson
Bridge committee – Deborah Mason
Playground - Mariglynn Edlins
Mayfield Scholarship – Courtney Bartlett
New Resident Reception Host– Janelle Cousino
Nominating Committee – Stephanie Buttner; Deborah Mason
Children's Events (Easter & Halloween) – Looking for volunteers
All committees are open to more volunteers. Send an email of interest to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com to let board know you are interested in helping.



Link to Mayfield Policy for Zoning Variance Requests

Residents that want a zoning variance from the city, be sure to read this Mayfield policy. You will find it on the website at <http://mayfieldassociation.org/news/zoningnews/>

Link to City Zoning Regulations

Residents who have questions about permits for fencing, signs, home improvements or other issues regulated by city zoning codes can log onto this website for answers: www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/legislature/zoning

Northeastern District Police

410-396-2444

For an emergency dial: 911

All board meetings are open. If you'd like to attend, we ask you let the President know so that the host of the meeting can make adequate arrangements. Interested in volunteering for a committee? Email mayfieldupdate@gmail.com to let us know. There are many ways to volunteer for Mayfield.

Want more frequent info about news and activities around Mayfield?

Sign up for the moderated listserve by sending a message to: mayfieldupdate@gmail.com asking to subscribe.

Are you new to the neighborhood or know a new resident?

Our welcome gift committee would like to know. Please send an email to: mayfieldupdate@gmail.com