

T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A HAMLET IN THE HEART OF TOWN

SUMMER 2012



**Saturday,
September 15th
1 - 6 p.m.**

**On the green in front of the
Lake Montebello Terrace**

Bigger and Better are the words Gary Rahman is using to describe Mayfield's 2012 Fall Fest. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15th from 1 - 6 p.m. for this year's celebration. Bands are lined up and you're going to love the set up for this family fun afternoon right here in Mayfield!

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**MAYFIELD
GENERAL
MEETING**
OCT 18TH 7:15 PM
LOCATION TBA
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Can it really be August already? Seems like just last week we were enjoying the awesome stilt walkers, jazz music and delicious pit beef sandwiches at the Block Party. Now we are working on getting the Fall Fest details (September 15th!) ironed out.

Another fun summer event – Mayfield's participation in National Night Out – has come and gone. How great it was to see and meet neighbors walking out and about. Many residents including myself even learned some new trivia about Mayfield!

Speaking of the block party, holding an event as big as a neighborhood block party takes the effort of many people. Jobs big and small need to be assigned, and while the MIA Board members each take on a table, there are lots of neighbors lending a hand.

Much gratitude to:

Beer/wine: Greg and Lisa Bailey, Dave Buttner, Bethanne and Andrew Garcia, Jim Bartlett and Jeff Knight, Courtney Bartlett, Gary Rahman

Children's Activities: Spring Fling committee members (Marisa Schleter, Sherry Insley, Courtney Bartlett, Martha Anderson, Bethanne Garcia, Rachel Parada and Sarah Koser)

Pizza: Liz van Amerongen, Shawn Dingle

Sno-balls: Paul Hertzberg, Julie and Gabe Fuqua, Quinn Bailey and Margot Milburn

Hot Dogs: Laura and Jason Lee

White Elephant: Tom & Mary Rybczynski and Mary's sister Sister David Sibiski visiting from Philadelphia

Bake Table: Pat Andrzejewski, Vanessa Bennett, Debra Williams, Nancy Assero

Plants: Carol Plum and Emily Chalmers

Soda: Roxanne Mukai, Mary Anne Dresler, Tom Jones and Joe Dugan, and Joann Trach, Lito Tongson and JoAnn's visiting family members!

Sandwich table - Pit Beef: Theo and Bill Karpovich, Robin Syropoulos, Dana Trovato, Brian and Mary Harryman, Betty Frech

And to Courtney Bartlett and Jim Bartlett that helped put up the decorations for the evening starting to string lights on Thursday and all the special touches this year. And, of course, Julia McDonald that worked

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## National Night Out & Community Safety

Neighbors were out and about visiting homes in the neighborhood. A circuit of volunteers' homes serving after dinner refreshments added destination to the evening's activities along with the company of neighbors. Security awareness, neighbor-to-neighbor support and a physical presence keeping eyes on the streets increase to the general security of the Mayfield. We are thankful to the regular crew of pet walkers and exercisers in Mayfield that help keep an eye on things. You can help. Drive home different ways and be aware of if things look normal or not.

Let's celebrate community every night, not just on National Night Out. We added some bells and whistles in order to have some extra fun this year. Did you miss out on the Mayfield Trivia Quiz? There was a random drawing from all those that completed Trivia Passport entries for a gift certificate to one of the 2012 Mayfield Directory Advertisers of the winner's choice. Deb Barrow was the grand prize winner this year.

You may not know, but there was a break-in on Thursday, August 2, the night the neighborhood lost power. Mayfield is one of the safest neighborhoods in Baltimore, but we still have to add safety awareness to our own daily planning and keep community security in mind too. When we all help keep an eye on the neighborhood, we're all safer. To volunteer for Northeast Citizens on Patrol, or to indicate interest on doing a community walk with a police officer, write to Mayfieldmcgruff@gmail.com.

To find crime stats each month for neighborhoods in the city, you can go to

<https://data.baltimorecity.gov/Crime/Summarized-Crime-Data-by-District-PDF/h8cw-icn2>

## President's Letter

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in the Mayfield Table with ticket sales, dues and directory and arranged many details of the event.

Thanks also to the Frechs for the use of their electricity, to Dave Buchheister for serving as DJ for the event, and to Cindy Henry for being our roving photographer (check out her pictures on Mayfield's facebook page), our set-up team and utility-player all around volunteers — especially Barb Waldt, Dave Henry, Jim Bartlett, and Quinn Bailey and all who helped with clean up, especially Paul Ricciuti.

If I missed anyone and I am sure I did, please be assured of our appreciation. I am always amazed to see the annual "thank you listing" in the newsletter of the numbers of residents that volunteer at Mayfield's events and projects in the annual volunteer recognition newsletter insert. Getting in-

involved in even a small way is a great way to meet lots of people, keep our neighborhood active, safe and green, and have fun doing so!

### A Very Special thank you...

...goes out to one volunteer in particular. Maria Lukianczuk has chaired the block party from the mid 1990's until 2011. That is a lot of permits to apply for, a lot of kegs to order, a lot of tables to assign and so much more. Maria took on the commitment of making sure the highlight of the summer, our beloved Mayfield Block Party, not only continued, but thrived.

We appreciate all you have done for Mayfield, Maria!!

*Stephanie Buttner*

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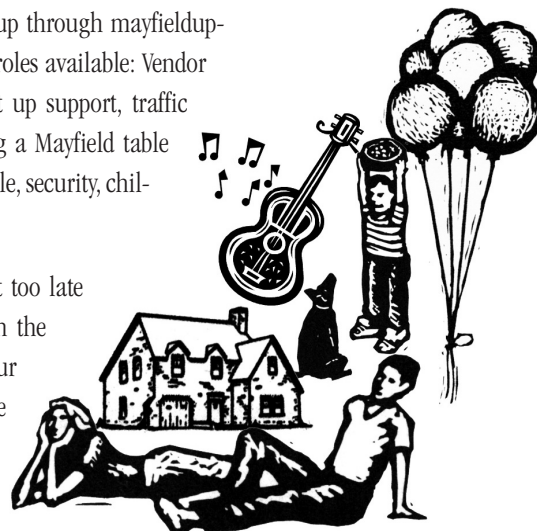


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Fall Fest will feature five hours of Family fun for all ages — young ones to tweens to adults. A schedule of activities will be posted on the list serve closer to the event. Gary Rahman is lining up vendors and volunteers. You can get a booth for selling items or serving food. To receive a vendor application, write to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com or call Gary at 202-270-4279.

To volunteer and help at Fall Fest, sign up through mayfieldupdate@gmail.com or call Gary. Example of roles available: Vendor recruitment, vendor relations, publicity, set up support, traffic manager with vendors at set up, managing a Mayfield table — beer/wine; selling tickets, Mayfield info table, security, children's activities, cleanup and breakdown.

Not sure what you'd like to do? It is not too late to join the organizing committee and plan the event. And/or sign up help out for an hour or two on Sept 15th. You'll help Fall Fest be a **bigger and better** event and a beautiful success!



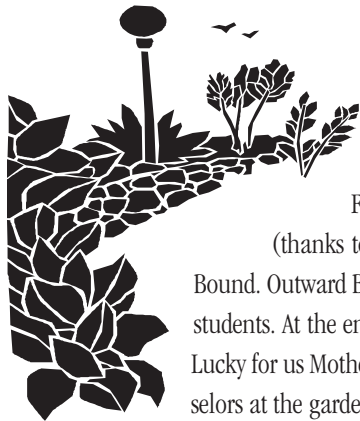
## Who Won the Coveted Mayfield Baking Prize?

"Mayfield's Best Cupcake" honor for 2012 went to Robin Syropoulos, Kentucky Avenue. The judges selected her confection on taste and texture. Congratulations, Robin. A huge thanks to all the bakers who brought their goodies to the block party for sale. Debra Williams reported that this was a stellar year for the baked goods table. Wonderful donations came from Mayfield kitchens.



The judges also wanted to give an honorable mention to a unique entry from Ryan Mobley-Wachter for his spaceship and aliens cupcakes that were fun and eye-catching. Ryan won the contest last year and is showing great promise as a baker! Great job, Ryan. And an extra special thank you to Cynthia Dessel who donated the prize for the *Mayfield's Best Cupcake* award — a gift certificate to Hamilton Bakery.

## What is new at Mothers' Garden?



Friends of Mothers' Garden (FOMG) were fortunate to receive (thanks to a referral from Civic Works) several volunteers from Outward Bound. Outward Bound offers a 2-week summer camp for middle and high school students. At the end of the camp time, they volunteer at city and/or county parks. Lucky for us Mothers' Garden was their park of choice. We had 14 kids and 4 counselors at the garden last Saturday working through the rain. FOMG provided pizza — a well deserved treat at the end of their work session. Another group from Outward

Bound came a week later. Eighteen volunteers worked hard in the heat to remove stones along the path parallel to 32nd St. The kids seemed very pleased with the experience and devoured lots of pizza at the thank you party afterwards.

### What is next?

Ten (10) tons of stone dust were ordered last week as part of the ongoing leveling of the path project. We hope to use the stone dust in short order thanks to the influx of volunteers. The path is a labor of patience and commitment to quality. It will take time to do right.

### Stroll over to see lasagna!

As always Flash, the park steward supported by our grant from Parks & People Foundation, is doing a great job at keeping the garden watered and alive. The pond bed is worth a stroll over! Flash has been experimenting with the lasagna technique. Wondering what it is? Go to this URL <http://www.ihomegarden.org/lasagna-gardening-technique/> He has it planted with an assortment of annuals. Thanks to the storm in late June, we have loads and loads of wood chips provided by the city. Flash has distributed the chips throughout the garden and everything looks so nice despite the hot heat of summer!

And we still hope to have a fun event called "Dog Days of Summer" that will delight our four-legged friends and their human companions. Stay tuned for details. However, our summer may have slipped by us before we could fit all the 'fun stuff' we wanted to do this season.

Courtney Bartlett, Secretary  
Friends of Mothers' Garden



The tradition continues. Mayfield again plants a tree on the Norman median to honor a stalwart volunteer or leader in the community. This year's the tribute honors Stephanie Buttner. She has been involved in Mayfield for more than 25 years and this year became its president. Congratulations, Stephanie. You deserve the tribute and our thanks.

## Rally in the Alley and Clean Community Competition

June 30th was a big success for the homes along the alley between Kentucky and Pelham avenues. More than a dozen neighbors pitched in and made the alley sparkle—trim, weed, cut, sweep, bag was the order of the day for two hours. We enjoyed a cookout after the work was done to celebrate accomplishments. Several more alleys will be eligible for a Rally in the Alley. A neighbor willing to be the host of the cookout and volunteers is the only requirement. Rally in the Alley is part of our Clean Community Competition. The competition goes through October 19th and Mayfield will submit a scrapbook with documentation of our efforts to clean lots, increase recycling, mark bay drainage storm water sewers and clean public and/or abandoned lots.

Does your alley need a "Rally in the Alley?" Contact Courtney Bartlett — through [mayfieldupdate@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldupdate@gmail.com).

