

T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A HAMLET IN THE HEART OF TOWN

AUTUMN 2009

- Special Guest: The Honorable John Sarbanes, Member U. S. House of Representatives (pending voting schedule)

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MAYFIELD GENERAL MEETING

OCT 15TH 7:15 PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI HALL
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- Recognition of Mayfield Volunteers
- Harford Road, Beautification, Traffic Calming, long term vision.
- What's the latest with Herring Run Park Master Plan
- Announcements/Resources



The President's Letter

When setting out to write this letter, I started with a little research on the internet on threading a theme together to highlight the great success of the Block Party with so many neighbors current and past and hopefully future coming together... apparently to drink beer as I am told all the kegs were kicked and all the wine was drunk, marvel at neighbors' capacity to develop and organize the Fall Fest (keep your calendars open for Saturday October 17), and assistance by so many to make sure our parks (Herring Run Park Greenway Trail and Underpass) and streets are safe (Harford Road Streetscape) by actively participating in discussion and guidance on several City projects. And I appreciate the dedication of our volunteers that walk or drive as part of Mayfield's Citizens on Patrol.

My research came up with Ubuntu. The origins of the word are from southern Africa, and its meaning is the ethic or philosophy of people's allegiances and relations with each other; interconnectedness; the inability to be human by oneself. We are fortunate to experience that in Mayfield in so many ways in looking out for one another, sharing the bounty of our summer gardens (sadly I tend to grow more bugs than vegetables), and pitching in when work needs to be done. Fall is such a time in Mayfield when there are many tasks to tackle. Your connectedness and allegiance to these are critical. You need to dust off all of your gently used treasures so that they can continue their annual migration to some other loving Mayfield home during the Yard Sale. You are also needed to show up in droves for the Fall Fest, because so many are working hard on it and a few can't possibly eat all the fabulous desserts that you are also needed to bring. And you are needed to help keep our neighborhood looking good. Our beautiful tree lined streets are less tree-lined these days, and we are trying to correct that with Fall Green-Up Events with the big one in November for Fall tree plantings. The more people who will help, the more trees we can plant now.

So coming together makes us more human. Further surfing on the net also indicated that to lead a less stressful life one needs to be involved in one's community. I know for certain the volunteers at the beer table at the block party are the least stressed persons I have met. I look forward to some connected, stress-relieving activities with you this fall and Great Spirit of Ubuntu.

- JoAnn Trach Tongson, President Mayfield Improvement Association

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[www.mayfieldassociation.org](http://www.mayfieldassociation.org)

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# Mayfield Fall Calendar

October 10 - Fall planting at the Lake Montebello Walls. Reminder: Baltimore Marathon

October 15 - General membership meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Hall at 7:15 p.m.

October 17 - Mayfield Fall Fest - Lake Montebello Drive between Erdman and Dobler Avenues 3 - 7 p.m. See flyer in this issue of MIA news. Bring a chair/blanket for picnic and a baked good and/or enter dessert contest.

October 24 - Greater Homewood 40th Anniversary festival. See [www.greaterhomewood.org](http://www.greaterhomewood.org) for details

October 31/November 1st - Daffodil Planting Days on Norman Ave median

November 1 - HARBEL Friend Raiser- To celebrate 39 years of community service. Gala Buffet Dinner at Overlea Event Center. 3 - 6 p.m. Details and more information on entertainment at [www.harbel.org](http://www.harbel.org). Raffle details too. Click on most recent issue of Harbel News.

November 10 - Newsletter deadline for articles for winter issue

November 14th - Tree planting day on medians in Mayfield - watch for details on [Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com](mailto:Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com) and Mayfield's Facebook page.

Nov 19 - MIA Board meeting

December - Christmas Carolling/cider/cookies - date/time TBD

December - Holiday Decorating judging to be on Monday, December 21st. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place for Best House, Best Door and a prize for Best Block.

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# FALL • FEST

Who could ask for more? The perfect combination of Live music, arts and crafts, food vendors, Mayfield's dessert contest, best baked goods table from Mayfield bakers and Halloween fun for the younger ones will be our first ever Mayfield Fall Fest. Reserve Saturday, October 17 from 3 - 7 p.m. now. Come by the Mayfield Fall Fest with blanket or chairs to Lake Montebello Drive between Erdman and Dobler and join the fun. The location provides the perfect lawn with Lake Montebello as a backdrop for this tradition-in-the-making community event. The Children's Annual Halloween party will be a part of the Fall Fest starting at 3 p.m. til 4:30 p.m.

Bill Hooper, chair of the musicians committee, promises a variety of music. "There will be something for everyone to enjoy," Hooper explained. "We have some very talented artists in the Mayfield and they are excited to share their music with the community." The music plan for the day is to have a different act every hour.

Gary Rahman, chair of the Fall Fest Vendors committee, is reaching far and wide to bring variety of foods and craft vendors to share the fun. Mayfield will sponsor beer and wine booth and the bake table, featuring donated baked goods from Mayfield culinary talent. In addition a "Best of Mayfield Dessert" in keeping with the Fall Fest theme. The special judges contest will crown the baker of the "Best Apple Dessert" and "Best Pumpkin Dessert." The planning committee thought a twist on the Iron Chef approach featuring certain ingredients would be fun and taste good too! Get your ovens and recipe books ready!

JoAnn Trach Tongson, President of Mayfield Improvement Association explained the origin of this event. "The community enjoys the July party so much that many had asked to have another one on the lakeside of Mayfield. Since we weren't able to host the House and Garden Tour in 2009, we decided to offer the Fall Fest as 2nd community wide event. We were also pleased to receive a grant from PNC Bank and the Baltimore Office of Promotions and the Arts to support this event. I suspect this event will become a new tradition of Mayfield - featuring Mayfield talent for the fun of all. We hope everyone will come and have a wonderful time. We're also thinking optimistically about weather. Just like the summer block party there is NO RAIN DATE, so say an extra prayer that the weather smiles on us that day."

If you know of a craft or food vendor that would like to participate, have them write to [garyrahman@netzero.com](mailto:garyrahman@netzero.com) for the Vendor packet. For more general information about Mayfield's Fall Fest, send your questions to [mayfieldupdate@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldupdate@gmail.com)

## Mayfield Fall Fest Bakers

In addition to the dessert contest(details below), Mayfield needs donated baked goods, home-made or store bought to be sold as goodies for the Fall Fest. Cookies, brownies, muffins, cupcakes, quick breads, pies, cakes and other goodies for sale individually are especially popular. Proceeds of these items will support Mayfield projects. Please bring your baked goods for sale to the Mayfield baked goods table at the Fall Fest.

## Fall Fest Best Desserts Contest Details

- Criteria: Homemade dessert - it can be any kind of baked good

- Ingredients: It must have either apple or pumpkin as an ingredient and entered as either apple or pumpkin for judging
- Deliver to Mayfield Baked goods table by 3:30 p.m. on October 17th

Bring any homemade dessert using either apple or pumpkin as an ingredient to the baked goods table by 3:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Fall Fest. Indicate that it is an entry in the Mayfield Fall Desserts contest as either APPLE or PUMPKIN. Put it in a box or container marked as above and insert on a card taped to the container your name, address, home phone and cell phone number, if you have one. Judging will be at 4:00 p.m. Items will be for sale after the judging and the winners are announced. Winning entries should be willing to share the recipe with Mayfield that would be included in the next issue of Mayfield News.



# THE TRADITION CONTINUES

## 2009 Mayfield Block Party

It gives me such pleasure chairing this event, because of the support I receive from our terrific MIA Board members and fellow Mayfield residents. Block Party 2009 had a record attendance of neighbors and friends, enjoying themselves with great food, drink and music on a most pleasant July evening. Selling out of food and beverages is a sure indication of a great party. I feel that this year's party was reminiscent to many of us who have been attending this event since its inception. For the newcomers I trust that it will become an annual outing. Many thanks to all of the volunteers that worked so hard in making this a successful event. I cordially invite you to join us again next year. Let's treasure and maintain this tradition.

Till next year, darlings!

*- Maria A. Lukianczuk  
Block Party Chair*

## Mayfield's Best Cupcake Contest in July was a delicious hit!

Stephanie Buttner's yummy chocolate cupcakes with white icing and red/blue sprinkles received the judge's Mayfield's Best Cupcake overall. Stephanie received the new Martha Stewart Cupcake Cookbook and some kitchen and baking utensils worthy of the best cupcake winner. Runners up were black bottom mini-cupcakes by JoAnn Trach Tongson and carrot-pineapple with cream cheese icing by Janelle Cousino. All of the competitive baked goods were hot sellers and the baked good table was completely sold out early. Emily Chalmers said, "We could have sold many more cupcakes. The baked goods table was busy all evening long."

Mayfield thanks the three judges for their unenviable task of deciding the 'best cupcake'. Dorothy Dobbyn, a former president of Mayfield Improvement Association, Mike Hilliard of HARBEL and Mark Tough of Neighborhoods of Greater Lauraville, Inc (NOGLI) were our 'celebrity judges'. They said they had fun making the decision and would do it again if asked.

Vanessa Bennett, who volunteered at the baked table this year, had her own favorites. She said, "I thought the cutest ones entered were the tiny tiramisu cupcakes entered Cassidy Vogel, a 9th grader. She did a great job. I'd say that all the cupcakes entered were delicious and the proof is how quickly they sold out."

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## Directory Assistance



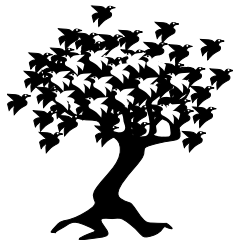
A special thanks to Julia McDonald who did all the data management and to Marisa Schleter for her excellent work on the graphics and layout of the directory. This is a yeoman project and we are fortunate to have two great volunteers who made this a successful project.

### DIRECTORY ADVERTISERS

Thanks to these advertisers for their support to the Mayfield Directory. Thank them for helping Mayfield. Please give them your business when you need their services or products or refer them to your friends.

Foley Construction  
Harford Convenience Store  
Red Canoe – Café and Book store  
The Parkside Fine Food and Spirits  
New Covenant Tabernacle, Thomas Schwind, Pastor  
Patrick J. Kelly – Weatherization and Improvement  
Koco's Pub  
Rob O'Brien - Karpeteer  
Mayfield Lawn Services – Vernon C. Jett, Jr.  
Flora Flora  
Wash the Wag  
Joel Berger and Anthony Anello, Coldwell Banker  
Out of Wood Designs – custom wood work  
Tom Rybczynsky, Coldwell Banker  
www.Mayfieldneighborhood.org sponsored by George Frazier

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## Mayfield Improvement Association

### New Officers & Board for 2008-2010

President – JoAnn Trach Tongson  
mayfieldboard@gmail.com

Vice President – Janelle Cousino

Treasurer – Paul Hertzberg

Secretary – Stephanie Buttner

### Board Members

Andy Bukowitz

Emily Chalmers

George Frazier

Gary Rahman

Tim Schneid

### Committees

NECOP coordinators  
– looking for coordinators

Housing/Zoning Chair – Gary Rahman

Nominating Committee – George Frazier

Community Planning for Security & Safety  
– Andy Bukovitz

Newsletter editor – Janelle Cousino

Newsletter graphic design – John Sze

Communications committee  
(Website, McGruff, Updates etc)  
– Janelle Cousino (mayfieldupdate@gmail.com)

Parks/Streams & Planting/Greening committee  
– looking for chairperson

Block Captains  
– Angie Battaglia and Janelle Cousino (conveners)

Children's Social Events  
– Courtney Bartlett and Martha Anderson

House & Garden Tour – Martha Anderson

Norman/Lake Ave Play Lot parents committee

Mayfield Block Party – Maria Lukianczuk

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 mayfieldboard@gmail.com to let us know.

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### Link to City Zoning Regulations

Residents who have questions about 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](http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/legislature/zoning)

### Northeastern District Police

410-396-2444

### Northeastern District Police

#### Community Relations

410-889-6449

(Non-emergency number)

## Crime Stats for Mayfield - From June 7 – September 5, 2009

| Rec | CC #     | Crime                  | Premise             | Date             |
|-----|----------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1   | 09F09476 | AGG. ASSLT.- GUN       | PARK                | Thu, 18 Jun 2009 |
| 2   | 09F11381 | LARCENY- AUTO ACC      | PARKING LOT-OUTSIDE | Sun, 21 Jun 2009 |
| 3   | 09F12431 | BURG. RES. (FORCE)     | ROW/TOWNHOUSE-OCC   | Tue, 23 Jun 2009 |
| 4** | 09G08121 | MURDER                 | STREET              | Thu, 16 Jul 2009 |
| 5   | 09G10215 | LARCENY- AUTO ACC      | STREET              | Sun, 19 Jul 2009 |
| 6   | 09G11591 | BURG. OTH. (ATT.)      | STREET              | Wed, 22 Jul 2009 |
| 7   | 09G14367 | LARCENY- FROM AUTO     | STREET              | Tue, 28 Jul 2009 |
| 8   | 09H01265 | ROBB HWY-FIREARM       | PARK                | Mon, 3 Aug 2009  |
| 9   | 09H02448 | BURG. OTH. (NOFORCE)   | ALLEY               | Wed, 5 Aug 2009  |
| 10  | 09H02585 | BURG. RES. (FORCE)     | STADIUM             | Wed, 5 Aug 2009  |
| 11  | 09H11552 | ROBB RESIDENCE-FIREARM | ROW/TOWNHOUSE-OCC   | Mon, 24 Aug 2009 |
| 12  | 09H11552 | ROBB RESIDENCE-FIREARM | ROW/TOWNHOUSE-OCC   | Mon, 24 Aug 2009 |

\*\* victim was found in a parked car on Lake Montebello Drive, but the incident occurred elsewhere and vehicle was left in a legal parking place before it was discovered.



# MAYFIELD FALLFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 ~ 3 TO 7 P.M.

R A I N O R S H I N E



Overlooking Lake Montebello between Erdman and Dobler Aves.

- Live Music
- Homemade apple and pumpkin dessert contest
- Food & Drink Vendors
- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Kids Activities
- Volleyball & Horseshoes
- Baked Goods
- Bring your own chair or blanket



Information: 410-925-6162 or [mayfieldupdate@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldupdate@gmail.com)



This event is made possible in part through grants from PNC Bank and the Baltimore Office of Promotions and the Arts"

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# Butterflies Are Free



1 Butterfly habitat + x Number of attractive plants = SFA Outdoor Classroom in Mayfield

Saint Francis of Assisi School builds an outdoor classroom. The monarch butterflies have a haven in Mayfield and will be studied by SFA students up-close and personal. The St Francis of Assisi School has installed and now has growing a butterfly habitat garden. Between the church and rectory buildings a stand of common milkweed has built up - milkweed is the host plant of the Monarch butterfly and also a nectar plant for other butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Other plants, particularly those native to the Chesapeake region, are being added to create a supportive habitat for butterflies and other creatures. This garden will be a resource for SFA students to learn about the Monarch butterfly and its yearly migration to Mexico, raise caterpillars in the classroom and engage in other garden-related activities. A generous grant from the Baltimore Rotary Club to St. Francis of Assisi School provided some of the project funds.

Stroll by the garden and see our new outdoor classroom.  
Say hi to the butterflies.



- Submitted by Kathryn Rutter

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That's a lot of mulch!!! Thank you to all the mulch movers and playground heroes of the tot lot at the Maryland State Boy choir Center for Performing Arts: Joe Myers, Sarah and Jeremy Koser, Martha and Paul Anderson, Hilary Roberts-King and Byron King, Scott Fuqua, JoAnn Trach Tongson, Janelle Cousino, Jason and Laura Lee, Mark and Lori Hardy, Joanna and George Frazier, Eli and Isaac Morse, Courtney and Jim Bartlett, Deb Dalton, Jennifer and Robert Pettis, BethAnne Hoffman, Andrew Garcia, and Joe Zamoyta and lots of children as consumer-testers/helpers from Mayfield families.



# '09 Mayfield Yard Sale

**DATE: Saturday, October 3, 2009**

**TIME: 9am to 1pm**

**It's time for the annual Mayfield Yard Sale!**

For your \$5.00 registration fee, the Mayfield Improvement Association:

- Advertises this event in community newspapers as well as on-line venues
- Places road signs to direct people to Mayfield on the sale day
- Makes flyers available at strategic locations that direct shoppers to our registered participants

**Please register by Wednesday, September 30th so that your address is on the advertised list of participants. See Flyer on next page for registration materials.** Complete and mail the registration form, along with your \$5.00 check (payable to the Mayfield Improvement Association) to Stephanie Buttner, 2405 Chesterfield Avenue, 21213. For more information, please call Stephanie at 410-366-5316 or email her at [svbuttner@yahoo.com](mailto:svbuttner@yahoo.com).

In the past, if there was inclement weather, we have used a recorded telephone message to indicate if the yard sale was still on. Because so many households have large covered porches, canopies, tarps, etc., many participants set up anyway to serve fearless buyers who still seem to show up. Our new rain policy is as follows:

- We will still advertise a rain date, the next day (October 4th, 1pm - 5pm)
- If the weather is "iffy", set up if you wish or just go with the official rain date. This is your choice.
- If both October 3rd and 4th are weather wash-outs, the sale will be moved to the following weekend (October 10th, with an October 11th rain date).

**PLANNED RAIN DATE:** Sunday, October 4th, at a later time of: 1pm – 5pm

## THE HARFORD ROAD PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

### The Greenway and Herring Run Master Plan Moves Forward

'Harford Road Bridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Underpass' It's now officially named. The Friends of Herring Run Advisory group voted it's inclusion in Harford Road Bridge project (slated for completion in 2012) after each member reported a majority of support from their respective neighborhoods. As Mayfield's representative to the Advisory Group, I reported there were a majority of responses in favor of the underpass with 12 for and 6 against. I also expressed the concerns of those Mayfield residents who regarded the underpass as a possible haven for graffiti artists, those needing to relieve themselves and/or an opportunity for criminal behavior. Mary Porter of Baltimore City Parks & Recreation assured the Advisory Group that there

were design solutions to these issues. She promised that these design features would be brought before the advisory committee in the future, when they would be properly considered in the design process. She gave some examples for how these concerns can be thwarted through design -- a hose hook up could be installed for keeping the area clean, and a substance like wax can be applied to treat walls allowing for easy graffiti removal.

Some of the reasons given by committee members for their support of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Underpass were:

- Underpass is safer for pedestrians than crossing Harford Road now or in the future.
- It is safer than the current passage from Halls Springs to F. Hooper Field.
- It will make the Herring Run trails safer by bringing more people and thus eyes on

the trails.

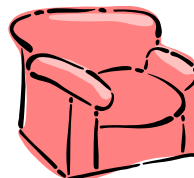
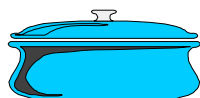
- It will provide a parking alternative to Chesterfield for those using Father Hooper Field.

The Green Way Trail, which will be American with Disabilities Act compliant, has been funded and was approved by the Herring Run Advisory Committee unanimously.

The overall Herring Run Master Plan was approved conditionally. The advisory group will identify those parts of the plan, which due to the differences of opinion, would receive a general description in the plan. This will allow for future community review and study before being more specifically defined.

For future meeting schedule watch [mayfieldupdate@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldupdate@gmail.com)

- George Frazier



## *Announcing the 2009 Mayfield Yard Sale*

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**PLANNED RAIN DATE: Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at a later time of: 1pm – 5pm**

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**Please register my household in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayfield Yard Sale. Enclosed is the \$5.00 registration fee (in a check made payable to the Mayfield Improvement Association).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ONLY your address and goods offered are listed in our flyer -- NOT your Name NOR your phone number.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Items I want advertised (e.g., furniture, tools, books): \_\_\_\_\_

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(ONLY this *brief description* and your address will be printed in flyers distributed to shoppers the morning of the sale.)