

T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A HAMLET IN THE HEART OF TOWN

SUMMER 2010

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The tradition of the July Block party continues on in Mayfield. Approximately 400 neighbors enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun, great music and conversation with neighbors.

Bakers again came through with tasty treats that sold out early. Callie Rahman wowed the tasting judges for top prize of the Mayfield's BEST cupcake contest for her melt- in-your-mouth vanilla cupcakes with multi colored nonpareils. Deborah Williams got top honors for her soft and wonderful oatmeal raisin for Mayfield's BEST cookie. Thank you to all who baked something for the bake table.

The children's event area had so much to delight young and old. New games, relays, fun feats of valor and photo superhero took place in the playground. You saw kids with fanciful faces and happy smiling faces all evening.

The live music was a huge hit! Through a small grant from PNC Bank, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake and Baltimore Office of Pro-



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The President's Letter

Hello, Mayfield.

As you know, Mayfield's board members are volunteers. They volunteer to take additional responsibility beyond being a good neighbor and a responsible homeowner. Board members help plan events and take leadership to address concerns. Sometimes, broader community issues arise that require Mayfield to be represented, such as the redesign of Harford Road or the master plan for Herring Run Park. Board members step up to help with tasks like these and agree to extra hours of meetings to represent Mayfield's interest. There are many volunteers who make Mayfield a great place to live and like a "*Hamlet in the Heart of Town*". Our July Block party is a good example. Maria Lukianczuk, Theo Karpovich, Tom & Mary Rybczynski, Betty Frech, Rosine Tumminello and until they moved away, Jerry and Lee Moriconi and Marie Weil volunteer every year for some important part in the block party. Maria heads up the whole event, and then she and her husband, Taras, take on selling pizza as well. Mayfield runs on volunteer power.

Volunteering at the block party or another Mayfield event is the best way to meet other residents – bar none! It's fun and it's a good way to network. One doesn't have to volunteer for the entire event, but an hour of help will be a big assist to the organizers who are scrambling to find enough people to help manage all aspects. A resident who last year volunteered for the first time at the block party told me that it was their best experience at a block party, because they met so many interesting people!

In the box of materials that goes from board president to board president is a brochure developed in the years when Kurt Schmoke was mayor. There are quotes from Baltimore Sun's Jacques Kelly extolling Mayfield's qualities. One was "Sometimes it's hard to believe you're really in the city." And another description for Mayfield started with "naturally rolling terrain with expansive views. . ." Dr. Michele LeFavre from Johns Hopkins University was quoted with "Mayfield is known for some of the best architecture in the city." All true! But it is also prominently features the "*Hamlet in the Heart of Town*" description in this brochure. Recently one resident wrote that he didn't like the term 'hamlet' describing Mayfield, since in Britain *hamlet* means a village without its own church. Clearly Mayfield has many churches, so this word did not describe Mayfield in Britain. But we live in America and the word hamlet does not mean the same as in Britain. The word has French, Old English and lower German origins. Who knew? It's modern day American meaning is *a community of people smaller than a town, small village or group of houses*. That sounds exactly like Mayfield.

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President's Letter

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It's a small world....

I was in NYC for a small symposium that included a visit to a Brooklyn High School. At the school a non-profit community partner to the school mentioned in her presentation that she was originally from Baltimore. Later I told her that I live in Baltimore. Her first question to me was, "which neighborhood?" When I answered "Mayfield" her jaw dropped. She had grown up in Mayfield and lived in a home on Mayfield Avenue. She was so excited to hear recent news from Mayfield and people we knew in common. It suddenly seemed to me that the world was VERY small.

I was further convinced that the world was very small when this next incident occurred. My partner Brian is in Afghanistan working for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs supporting that fledgling democracy. Someone I met through the Mayfield Fall Fest organizing committee was going to be in Kabul, Afghanistan as well. I emailed them both and they arranged to meet. They met at a coffee shop in downtown Kabul and shared experiences working in developing countries. It was a brief moment of 'Mayfield and home' in the midst a complex society with very big challenges in a far-away place.

Your stories

I suspect you have *small world* stories. We want your stories and fond memories of Mayfield, your photos and your wishes for Mayfield. You'll find the Mayfield albums at all Mayfield events. The block party has become an annual *homecoming* for families that have moved away. They remember the fun of being with Mayfield neighbors on a warm evening in July talking, listening to music and eating great sandwiches. And the homemade baked goods! 2010 Mayfield Block Party was no exception. Three great bands, one with local 9-12 yr olds that rocked the party, the fabulous children's activities area and tried and true features again created more memorable moments for Mayfield.

-Janelle Cousino, President,
Mayfield Improvement Association

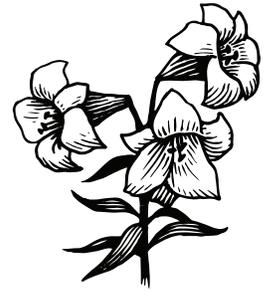
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Remembering Julie

Mayfield mourns the loss of Julie Rybczynski after a 20 month battle with leukemia that claimed her life. Julie and husband David moved to Lake Ave. in Mayfield several years back, following the lead of David's brothers Tom and Paul, both longtime Mayfield residents. Daughters Ella and CeCe soon joined the family and Julie reveled in her role as Mom to these 2 precious little girls.

Julie accomplished much in her too short life. In 2008, after many years of service to the Catholic Church, she was named Coordinator of the Church Leadership Institute for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Just last fall she was honored by the College of Notre Dame which presented her with the Regina Russel Hammel '41 Award for Outstanding Recent Graduate.

One only had to look at Julie when she was in the presence of David and her two daughters to see the love, devotion and joy she had for her family, and they for her. Julie's beautiful smile could light up a room and her warm and friendly ways touched all who were lucky enough to have met her. Mayfield sends sincere condolences to David, Ella, Cece, her mother Janet, in-laws Tom and Mary, Paul and Sara, and all of Julie's large and loving family. We all miss you.



-Stephanie Buttner

Herring Run Park Master Plan Moves Forward



Hours of meetings, presentations and written pages have resulted in a comprehensive vision and plan for the popular park in our midst, Herring Run Park. Presented in final draft form at a session held at Morgan State's Engineering Building. The plan now moves to the City Planning Commission for review and approval most likely at their July meeting!

To see the plan in total, a document that highlights the changes from the original draft and all the exhibits and maps, go to:

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/Planning/MasterPlansMapsPublications/HerringRunMasterPlan.aspx>

In early 2008 The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks retained Mahan Rykiel Associates, Inc. to prepare a long-range master plan for Herring Run Park. Plans were already developing through the Department

of Transportation to replace the Harford Road Bridge and through the Department of Public Works to replace and upgrade sewer lines as part of the city-wide improvement program for wastewater infrastructure.

The Master Plan team worked with the Herring Run Watershed Association, The Friends of Herring Run Parks (a committee of the Herring Run Watershed Association), and Morgan State University.

Thank you to George Frazier who represented Mayfield on the Herring Run Advisory Committee. Thanks too to the many Mayfield residents involved in the final product and input along the way. JoAnne Trach Tongson and her Mahan Rykiel colleagues had a substantial role in the design. City planner William Doane went to many community meetings, festivals and events to show the draft plan. Several Mayfield residents participated in input sessions, park walks and other sessions.

Boo! Haunted Playground Volunteers

So many enjoyed the Halloween spooktacular at the playground last year. We heard from many that they wanted to help in 2010. Jim Bartlett is already planning the 2010 version — more fun, more clever, more surprises. He is asking for volunteers to help with the set up. It's not until October, but we're letting you know early that there's a role for you! Send an email to Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com to let us know you're interested in helping.

Why Doesn't Mayfield have a Sign?

Well, there isn't a public land locations in both directions on Harford for a sign. A few months ago, Mayfield took a poll on Mayfieldupdate listserve about sign, mural, improvements to businesses on Harford Road etc. Fully 80% of the respondents supported Mayfield having a sign. At the general membership meeting residents liked the idea of pursuing the approval of a sign to be affixed to the Lake Montebello bus shelter on Harford. Mayfield resident Paul Voos volunteered to develop a design for consideration. Mayfield's board will investigate what city approvals are needed to FINALLY have a sign identifying Mayfield.

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You can check the calendar on www.mayfieldassociation.org

Sept 16th — Board meeting, Location to be announced

Oct 2nd — **Mayfield's Fall Fest by the Lake**, Rain date October 9th.

Oct 21 — General Membership Meeting, 7:15 p.m. Location to be announced.

Oct 24th — Harbel 40th anniversary fundraiser

Nov 18th — Board meeting, Location to be announced

Oct/Nov 2010 — TREEmendous Mayfield-TreeFest & Daffodil planting days on Norman Avenue, Exact dates to be announced.

Mayfield Improvement Association

Officers

President — Janelle Cousino
mayfieldboard@gmail.com

Vice President — Stephanie Buttner

Secretary — JoAnn Trach Tongson

Treasurer — Julia McDonald

Board Members

Gary Rahman

Tim Schneid

George Frazier

Emily Chalmers

Courtney & Jim Bartlett (share)

Committee & Project Leaders

Housing — Gary Rahman

Greening — JoAnn Trach Tongson

Welcome Baskets & Yard Sale —
Stephanie Buttner

Kids Parties & Haunted Playground —
Courtney & Jim Bartlett

Playground Committee — Martha Anderson

Block Party — Maria Lukianczuk

Fall Fest - Gary Rahman

Herring Run Master Plan and Harford
Road Bridge liaison — George Frazier

Communications (Mayfield listserve;
newsletter copy) — Janelle Cousino

Newsletter graphics and layout —
Marisa Schleter

Webmaster — Brian Baughn

Mayfield needs:

- House & Garden Tour coordinators;
- NOGLI Board representative;

- Editor - Mayfield News (and/or contributors) ideally starting with the Fall issue of Mayfield News. Attendance at board meetings is desirable.

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

Northeastern District Police

410-396-2444

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Community Relations

410-889-6449 (Non-emergency number)

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Are you really connected to Mayfield?

Mayfield's list serves — Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com and mayfieldmcgruff@gmail.com -

These are your direct-connect to information of interest, importance, neighbor to neighbor advice & referrals, community news, crime and safety concerns reports. If you're not on the list serve, consider getting really connected.

Find Mayfield on the web at mayfieldassociation.org and on facebook at www.facebook.com/mayfield.update/

Crime Stats for Mayfield - From April – June 2010

Rec	CC #	Crime	Premise	Date
1	10D13562	ROBB HWY-KNIFE	STREET	Wed, 28 Apr 2010
2	10E02492	BURG. RES. (FORCE)	ROW/TOWNHOUSE-OCC	Wed, 5 May 2010
3	10E02576	LARCENY- FROM AUTO	STREET	Wed, 5 May 2010
4	10E03813	STOLEN AUTO	STREET	Fri, 7 May 2010
5	10E03756	BURG. RES. (FORCE)	ROW/TOWNHOUSE-OCC	Fri, 7 May 2010
6	10F01243	BURG. OTH. (FORCE)	SPECIALTY STORE	Tue, 25 May 2010
17	10F02294	LARCENY- FROM AUTO	STREET	Fri, 4 Jun 2010

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