

A HAMLET IN THE HEART OF TOWN

WINTER 2012

Mayfield's Annual Spring fling

- when: Saturday, April 21st, doors open at 6:45pm
- where: MSBC Hall, 3400 Norman Avenue
- tickets: \$25 per person, ages 21 & over only

Tickets will go on sale during the Mayfield Easter

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LOCATION TBD

Egg Hunt on March 31st at 11am.

What makes a neighborhood a great place to live?

I think it is the wonderful people who live here that make Mayfield a great place to live. We step up, we volunteer, we care and we help. The 2011 Volunteer Recognition is in this issue. Please thank anyone whose name is listed for their service to Mayfield.

I want to know your thoughts on what makes a neighborhood a great place to live. You'll help the Mayfield board keep activities and initiatives relevant. And we'll include your ideas in the new media platforms that Mayfield will launch this year. Read on further....

Mayfield Heroes

We have some Mayfield heroes to recognize. Really, truly heroes! Jan S who walks at various hours with her two beloved German Shepherds has stepped up to help Mayfield more than once already in 2012. First she spotted a full-on fire in the back yard of someone's home at 5 a.m. and alerted the family. She was also 'right there' when some out of Mayfield trouble found its way to an alley in Mayfield. She called 911. The police acted fast and she was a big help to the police. Not everyone would have acted so quickly and determinedly. She is a Mayfield hero. The other neighbor who deserves our gratitude and admiration is Dottie D. She didn't ask to have a wounded man behind her fence in the alley, but she acted with strength and compassion to check the bleeding. Of course, it was scary, but she did it anyway. Someone needed help. Dottie is a hero in every sense of the word – courage, action and rising to the occasion.

Mayfield: Hamlet in the Heart of Town

Mayfield will have a new brochure for prospective residents to see the gem of a place we call home. Thanks to Nina Tou for work on the brochure (she also made the outstanding scrapbook for Chuck Zeller, the 21213 Mayfield letter carrier, as a thank you). She is indeed talented and we give a big thanks to her. A team of editors from the board reviewed info and copy for the final product. They applied an eagle eye to this. Thank you Stephanie Buttner, Bethanne Garcia, Courtney Bartlett.

We're also updating the website and adding a 'fan page' on Facebook. We invite you to 'like' this page and to let friends who may want to buy a home here about it. There are photos of activities in Mayfield, exteriors and interiors. Go to <u>www.facebook.com/Mayfieldassociation</u>.

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www.mayfieldassociation.org

President's Letter

We're connecting with partners. Principal Rebecca Malone at St. Francis of Assisi school talked about linking our fan pages so that if someone finds Mayfield, they will find SFA School too and vice versa. We can do that with Maryland Boy Choir and the churches of Mayfield. We're in a new digital age where people will go to Google maps to check out Mavfield street view and Google our community name or search in Facebook. We want to be on all the platforms that potential community members might use. Our website is also a big help. It is a great view of the community to others and you can also use it to stay up to date on Mayfield calendar, board member contact info and how to contact city agencies and elected representatives. Brian Baughn has done a superb job reworking the website and keeping it current. A BIG thanks to Brian for his volunteer time.

We want to share the best news with you and anyone thinking of living here. Mayfield compares very well with Northeast neighborhoods. Our resident statistician volunteer, Richard Smith compiled data from a variety of sources and Mayfield ranks 1st or in the date@gmail.com know. We have several voltop third among NE neighborhoods on income, housing values, education, and married households, we rank lowest in violent crime, in the bottom 20% on property crime incidence. Mayfield is considered a Regional Choice neighborhood by the city planning agency. This is the same category as Roland Park, Guilford, parts of Arcadia and Beverly Hills.

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Mayfield is great place to live. We know that. We live here, but it is nice when the stats and the city agencies think so too.

Mayfield: Clean Up, Fix Up, Paint Up

We want to stay a great neighborhood with solidly maintained homes. Volunteers will be doing advisory walkthroughs the neighborhood with information about housing code violations evident to them. We strongly encourage you to act on these advisory recommendations. Housing inspectors could act on their own, so from Mayfield you will be receiving a friendly reminder. If you'd like to be a part of the advisory group, let mayfieldupunteers who have already offered to help, so join the team.

Dues and Directory

2012 Dues are still a bargain. \$20/yr. This year, neighbors who have paid their dues will receive the 2012 directory. If you're already in the directory, you do not have to do anything to keep that info there. If you have had a new phone number, we'd like you to update that for the directory, using the form in the newsletter opposite the volunteer recognition form. Dues can be paid by check, cash or credit card. We will be adding a Paypal acct to the website for things like dues, but it isn't live yet. Because we will have an admin fee, if you want to use Paypal, there will be a small percentage additional charge to use that convenience. Of course, you can send a check or drop off cash at Treasurer: c/o 2201 Mayfield Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213 or pay at a Mayfield event.

> - Janelle Cousino, President, Mayfield Improvement Association

Mayfield's Role with Harford Road from Walther Ave to Echodale

There are urban renewal plans for Harford Road for Greater Lauraville in Baltimore. Mayfield has been a participant for years on the redevelopment discussions in various ways. Pat Goucher and Lauren Voos were early advocates that helped get the Urban Renewal Ordinance passed for making Harford Road in Greater Lauraville better through the community process. Over the years, Mayfield has had several representatives that served as our input voice - Tim Schneid, George Frazier, JoAnn Trach Tongson and Frank DeSimone on the Community Review Panel. The slog of detail considered by the Community Review Panel helps businesses seeking to locate on Harford Road understand the URO and then modify, develop, add signage to their building to comply with the URO, receive permits in a timely. There are some restrictions to what businesses can locate in the URO zone.

When Neighborhoods of Greater Lauraville, Inc (NOGLI) ceased operations, the CRP needed a new organizational home. Regina Lansinger and the Hamilton Lauraville Main Street board were willing to support the volunteers in the Community Review Panel. Represen-

tatives from the 8 neighborhoods, Ministerium and the 2 business associations elected John Kovacevich Lauraville

Business Association as the chair; Sue Kessel of Waltherson as the vice chair. Mayfield's Janelle Cousino will serve as secretary. If you have any questions on CRP, go to www.wikispaces.com/harfordcrp to see some general information about the URO and CRP process or ask a question to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com

Interested in Traffic Calming and Safe Streets in Mayfield?

The streets and traffic committee will meet on, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of JoAnn Trach Tongson, 2211 Pelham Avenue. Please call her or email mayfieldupdate@gmail.com that you'd like to participate.

Committee will review and update the Mayfield's traffic priorities as well as recommend community projects we can take on to s I o-o-w d o-o-wn traffic.



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Save the date! Mayfield's Spring Fling returns on Saturday, April 21st. This year's fundraiser will be for the benefit of children's activities in Mayfield, including the annual Mayfield scholarship fund. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$25 per person.

The Spring Fling is sure to be a crowd pleaser. This year we are adding a jazz cocktail hour, with passed appetizers and the smooth sounds of the Montebello Jazz Group. We are also offering a complimentary signature drink, a full course dinner, live bands, silent auction and more!

Tickets will go on sale during the Mayfield Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st at 11am. Do you have an item or service that you would like to donate to the silent auction? Please contact Courtney Bartlett for additional information on tickets and/or silent auction items, 410-889-7772 or bartlett. courtney@gmail.com

Maryland Homestead Tax Credit Changes

A state law, effective October 1, 2007, enacted by the Maryland General Assembly requires that all homeowners make a one-time application in order to be eligible to receive or continue receiving the Homestead tax Credit. The application is required to insure that all property owners receive the credit on the one property used as their principle residence and not on properties used for other purposes.



Baltimore City officials were successful in having the application period extended until December 2012. By calling 410-767-2165 a homeowner can verify or apply for an application. Please be aware that if a homeowner fails to file one by the cut-off date, he or she will lose the credit, and it will not be reinstated.

For more information, visit dat.state.md.us.

Save the Date: Saturday, May 12th, 2012

Join the **Celebration of Mothers** in historic Mothers' Garden from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. There will be picnic fare and live music, arts, crafts, and historical displays, dedication of the newly reconstructed SW entry gate, and unveiling of the first Poetry Memorial with the 2012 winner of the Mothers' Garden Poetry Contest. The event will be sponsored by the Friends of Mothers' Garden Association and the Parks & People Foundation, in partnership with Baltimore City Recreation & Parks Division. Contact Jim Bartlett for more information (jim@ fomg.org or 410-889-7772) or visit www.fomg.org.

The Great Seedling Shuffle

Saturday, March 17 and Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Herring Run Nursery, 6131 Hillen Road

Join Blue Water Baltimore for an action-packed morning of repotting baby trees and shrubs.

Pleas register by emailing volunteer@bluewaterbaltimore.org.



Mayfield's 2nd Shred It Day

Bring the materials you want to shred to 2201 Mayfield Avenue by 12 noon and they will be shredded by a mobile shredding operation for all the documents left there.

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Restoration & Renovation Fair Saturday, April 28 Preservation Maryland, 24 W. Saratoga Street

Looking for help with a home project? Want to learn new tricks for older homes? Come hear from experts in all areas of homeownership and ask your questions. Explore an exhibit hall of contractors and vendors, attend hands-on presentations, and learn new tricks. Admission is \$10.

For more information, call 410-685-2886, email jfeldt@preservationmaryland.org or visitpreservationmaryland.org.

SALUTE TO MAYFIELD VOLUNTEERS 2011

Block Party & Homecoming July 2011

Maria Lukianczuk, event chair Taras Lukianczuk **Rosine Tumminello Betty Frech** Theo Karpovich JoAnn Trach Tongson John Trach, Kurt Trach Stephanie Trach **Quinn Bailey** Jan Shipley Margot Milburn Barb Waldt, Jae and Mariah Patton Kathryn Parke & son Duncan Anita Sampath Shawn Dingle Tom Jones & Joe Dugan Debbie Veystrk Angie Battaglia Nancy Davis Liz van Amerongen Tom Rybczynski and White Elephant Sale contributors Vanessa Bennett and Pat Andrejewski Paul White **Emily Chalmers** Paul Hertzberg & Julia McDonald Frank DeSimone Janelle Cousino **Stephanie Buttner** Maryhelen & Lloyd Pflug Nina Tou, Gary Eddington, **Cindy Henry** Julia McDonald All Bake Sale contributors to numberous to list Martha & Paul Anderson Hilary & Byron King Bethanne & Andy Garcia Ron & Karen Maylor, Brian & Mary Harryman, Kimberleigh Eagelston, Cecelia DeSimone, Kathy Vetter

Newsletter Production and Distribution 2011

Marisa Schleter - graphics and layout Nina Tou – graphics support Janelle Cousino – Editor/writer Editorial Contributors Courtney Bartlett Richard Smith

Distribution of Newsletter

Paul Hertzberg Andy Bukovitz Tim Schnied & Family Charlie Kennedy Dan Buccino Edda Rosskopf Laura Yurkowski Frank Williams Tracy Labonte Diane Novak Barb Waldt Gerard Waldt Jae Patton & Pat Mikos Bill Newman Stephanie Buttner & Family **Courtney Bartlett**

Mayfield Fall Fest 2011

Gary Rahman – event chair JoAnn Trach Tongson Paul White Janelle Cousino Stephanie & David Buttner Courtney Bartlett & Jim Bartlett Julia MacDonald Paul Hertzberg Carol and Mel Freeman Sarah Koser Martha Anderson Clare Banks Brian Baughn & Mary Shine Angie Battaglia **Betty Robinson Emily Chalmers** Kathryn Parke & son Duncan Andrew & Tanya Mehri Anita Sampath

Special thanks to

- Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake --DPW's Al Foxx, Richard Chow on behalf of Lake Montebello's 130th birthday; And Council President Jack Young's office HARBEL, Mike Hilliard
- Baltimore Community Foundation John Kovacevich – NOGLI- stage, tents, tables, sound

Playground committee

Courtney & Jim Bartlett Sherry Insley Sarah and Jeremy Koser Jennifer & Robert Pettis Rachel Parada Rachel Rock Marisa Schleter Jessica Crum

Greening Activities Fall 2011 Daffodils &

Tree-mendous Mayfield events JoAnn Trach Tongson & Lito Tongson Gerard Waldt Julia McDonald & Paul Hertzberg Jack Frech Tim Schneid Ellen Udovich Quinn Bailey Stephanie Buttner Janelle Cousino Liz van Amerongen

Children's Holiday Parties -- Easter, Santa event & block party - 2011

Courtney Bartlett Lloyd Pflug Martha Anderson Marisa Schleter Sherry Insley Stephanie Buttner Nick Syropoulos (Santa) Bethanne Garcia (elf) Mel Freeman (elf/driver) New Covenant Tabernacle choir *Refreshments for Santa event: -*Stephanie Buttner, Jae Patton, Beth McNulty, Jan Shipley, Maryhelen Pflug, Lauren Voos, Sarah Laetano, Nancy Assero, Vanessa Bennett, Betty Frech,

Mayfield Northeast Citizens On Patrol

Dale Lee & Lester Adams Paul White, Mimi Godfrey

Website and Communications

Brian Baughn- Webmaster Janelle Cousino – communications and content

New Resident Welcome Reception Bethanne Garcia – Hostess

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Volunteer Thank you event Gary and Callie Rahman – Hosts

Herring Run Park Advisory Committee Janelle Cousino

Jim Bartlett

Board and Officers May 2010 -2012

Janelle Cousino – President Stephanie Buttner – Vice President JoAnn Trach Tongson – Secretary Julia McDonald – Treasurer Courtney and Jim Bartlett Emily Chalmers, Gary Rahman Tim Schneid Paul White BethAnne Garcia

Miscellaneous Roles

Legal advisor - Gerard Vetter Welcome Baskets & Fall Yard Sale -Stephanie Buttner -Spring Yard Sale -- Angie Battaglia Liz von Ameregon Harford Road Community Review Panel JoAnn Trach Tongson, Janelle Cousino NOGLI – Tim Schneid - 1st part of 2011 Tree Steward -- Jack Frech; Vernon Jett Friends of Clifton Park & Traffic Calming

JoAnn Trach Tongson

Holiday and Halloween Decorations Judges 2011 Stephanie Buttner Liz von Ameregon Angie Battaglia Angie Larson

Special Project: Thank you to Chuck Zeller scrapbook Nna Tou – creator/artist.

New Mayfield Brochure

Creative lead and writer – Nina Tou Editorial assistants – Courtney Bartlett, Stephanie Buttner, Bethanne Garcia, Janelle Cousino, photo contributors

Special thanks to

St. Francis of Assisi Church and School New Covenant Tabernacle Maryland State Boy Choir For hosting meetings and Mayfield Events

Councilperson Mary Pat Clarke for her help on many projects Councilman Robert Curran for his assistance as always

HARBEL – Naomi Benyowitz, Mike Hilliard and Sharon Crist Hamilton Main Street Project – Regina Lansinger.

We tried to include everyone who volunteered, but we do make mistakes. If you have been missed, please let us know. We want to include all volunteers that have made Mayfield a great neighborhood in 2011. Thank you.

Please let <u>mayfieldupdate@gmail.com</u> know we missed including you and we will add your name to this list.





Mayfield - Hamlet in the Heart of Town

It is time to pay dues for 2012

Dues for Mayfield Improvement Association are \$20/yr per household (\$10/yr for households headed by someone 62 or older). Dues support the expenses associated with the many projects done by volunteers: Mayfield News- printing expense, web-hosting expenses, flowers/bulbs/trees for beautification, children's holiday parties, welcome basket program, etc. Only dues paying members can vote in general membership meetings.. The special donation is dedicated to the Mayfield Youth Service Scholarship Fund. Thank you.

Make checks payable to Mayfield Improvement Association or M.I.A.

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Address		 	
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$		
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PayPal payment option for we	bsite being added soon.		

2012 – The Year of the Mayfield Directory Deadline for Inclusion – June 10th

If you are new to Mayfield since 2009, changed your phone number or want to add a cell number, or moved within the neighborhood since 2009, we need some updated information from you. Dues paying members of Mayfield Improvement Association will receive a copy of the Directory at the Summer Block Party on Friday, July 13, 2012.



Youraddress	
Name(s)	
Home phone number	
An optional alternate number	(work, cell, or emergency)
Optional email address	(which will not be printed)

Police News

Baltimore Police advise us to help them by calling 911 when we see something suspicious. The two men responsible for the shooting in January have been arrested and charged. Police credit fast-thinking Mayfield witnesses that called 911 allowing this case close so fast. Police reported to the Mayfield board recently that they have assigned 2 - 4 officers every day to Mayfield from 4 - 12 p.m. from the robbery unit to keep an eye on Mayfield. In addition traffic speed enforcement measures on Erdman and on Chesterfield serve as notice to others that the Baltimore Northeast District police have their 'eyes on Mayfield'.

Soon after the January incident, Major Darryl DeSousa, commander at Northeast District wrote this to Mayfield:

Dear Mayfield,

We are doing our very best to provide a safe community for the residents of Mayfield. The officers are pouring their hearts into their work. We shuffled a few officers around to put the best in Mayfield Community. The last violent incidents in Mayfield Community are all closed via arrests. In all cases my officers' quick response and deployment helped in the closure.

We have been sending in the unmarked cars and the officers assigned to VCIS to give us a hand and we will continue. We request the helicopters to conduct periodic fly-overs to lend an extra set of eyes for us.

We urge that Mayfield Community continues to partner with us. I encourage and request that any suspicious activity gets called in to the 911 system. I will be in the community riding around to check on the community and my deployment. With respect to the recent shooting the victim arranged to buy some marijuana from the dealer. All parties involved were captured on video prior to the incident at a nearby liquor store. It was the Mayfield community that really played a key part in the arrest. The suspect was identified within minutes of the shooting. The suspect's partner was arrested 30 minutes after the shooting by our patrol officers.

Major Darryl De Sousa Commander, Northeast District Office - 410-396-2440 1900 Argonne Drive Baltimore, Md 21218

In addition to Major DeSousa's attention to this matter, Deputy Major Rutherford will assign an officer to conduct a neighborhood walk around in the next few weeks. The board will be working with the Deputy Major on dates that work for us and them. The Mayfield board has committed to jump-starting an active Citizens on Patrol in Mayfield both walking and in cars in cooperation with NECOP and NE District Police. Thank you to the volunteers that have already done a NECOP evening: Angie Battaglia, Janelle Cousino, Natalie Keegan, Maryhelen Pflug, Courtney & Jim Bartlett, Tim Schneid. Stephanie Buttner will lead the community walk-arounds when they are scheduled on a weekday late afternoon.

Do your part for safety and security: Keep your porch lights on. Evaluate your own home's safety features – door, gates, locks, windows and even-level lighting along alley, garage and yards.

+Clean Community Competition 2012 $_{\star}$

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake and the Department of Public Works are challenging Baltimore City communities to get involved and get Baltimore growing – starting right in our own neighborhoods. Mayfield is considering our own challenge internally to see increased recycling, increased use of trash cans WITH LIDS, and keeping the sewer drains clear, especially when leaves fall and block the drainage openings. Can Mayfield do better than it already does? How well does your block do now?

Baltimore is getting back to basics and asking communities to join us in tackling their sanitation challenges block by block. It is time to promote positive behaviors and set a new standard of clean for our City. All official community associations are invited to participate in this friendly competition.

Communities will be judged on categories including but not limited to:

- Recycling tonnage
- Increase household participation in recycling

• The percentage of households using trash cans with lids

- The greatest increase in use of trash cans
- Decrease in requests for alley and street cleaning
- Decrease in requests for vacant lot cleaning
- And extra credit for adopting vacant lots!

Keep a scrap book for our judges documenting your hard work and showing off your great results!

Winning communities will receive cash prizes to benefit their community association and activities.

Competition kicks off Saturday, April 21 at the Mayor's Spring Clean Up and runs through October 19.

Winning Communities will be announced at the Mayor's Fall Clean Up on Saturday, October 27.

Cash prizes to be announced.



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

Board Meetings – Third Thursdays of January, February, March and April, June, July, Sept, November; 7:15 p.m.

Feb 26 - New Resident Reception

March 24 – **Housing Code Advisory Project;** Meet at 2200 Kentucky Ave at 9:30 a.m.

March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt/Bunny Visit for Children, 11 a.m. Mayfield Playground; Tickets for Spring Fling go on sale

April 21 – **Spring Fling** – Ticketed Event; MSBC Hall, 3400 Norman Avenue at 6:45 p.m.

April 27 – **Shred it Day** (bring documents to be shredded to 2201 Mayfield Avenue before 12n)

April 28 – Clean Up Day and Kickoff Clean up block challenge on recycling and clean alleys

May 12 – **Mother's Day Event in Mothers' Garden** – sponsored by Friends of Mothers' Garden; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 17 – **General Membership Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. Location to be announced.

June 10 – Due Date Mayfield Scholarship Essays

June 10 – Due Date for Inclusion in the Directory; Advertising in the Directory Due

July 13 – Block Party & Summer Concert

Aug 7 – **National Night Out** – get to know your neighbor porch-receptions all over Mayfield

Sept TBD - Mayfield Fall Fest

Oct 18 - General Membership Meeting

Nov TBD - Tree-Mendous Mayfield

Dec TBD - Santa Visit

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 Courtney & Jim Bartlett (share) Paul White Bethanne Garcia

Committee & Project Leaders

Housing – Gary Rahman Greening – JoAnn Trach Tongson Welcome Baskets & Yard Sale – Stephanie Buttner Kids Parties – Courtney Bartlett & Sherry Insley Playground Committee – Courtney Bartlett Block Party – Maria Lukianczuk Fall Fest – Gary Rahman House & Garden Tour – Richard Smith & Emily Chalmers Communications (Mayfield listserves; newsletter copy) – Janelle Cousino Newsletter graphics and layout –

Marisa Schleter

Webmaster – Brian Baughn

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.

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.

Have a question or want to be on the mayfield listserves? Send an email to Mayfieldupdate@ gmail.com

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Link to Mayfield Policy for Zoning Variance Requests

www.mayfieldassociation.org/index. php?option=com_content&view=category&l ayout=blog&id=2&Itemid=7

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

Northeastern District Police Community Relations 410-889-6449 (Non-emergency number)



Mayfield is looking to add light to the community as a safety matter, a crime deterrent and a community enhancement. Poles mangled by a collision will be getting replaced. Some areas that are dark are being evaluated for increased lighting. Some alleys are very dark and with community support and neighbor agreement could be eligible for improved lighting. Stay tuned for more information in Mayfield News or on listserve. Not on the listserve? Sign up for emails by writing to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com.

