

# T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A HAMLET IN THE HEART OF TOWN

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## 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Block Party & Homecoming

Friday, July 12  
Norman Avenue



Save the Date for our  
50th Annual Block Party

\*\*\*\*\* July 11, 2014 \*\*\*\*\*



Saturday,  
September 14<sup>th</sup>

On the green in front of the  
Lake Montebello Terrace

## *The President's Letter*

At a recent out of state gathering I was asked where I was from. To which my response of "Baltimore" elicited the next question of "what exit off of the Beltway"? I was a bit puzzled and just replied, "uh, no exit, we live in the city". After a moment of silence, the next question was, "why?" Like most of my fellow Mayfielders, if we had a nickel for every time we have been asked that, we could all probably retire early!

Well, why indeed? I could have said, because our neighborhood is so beautiful in the springtime and our greening committee makes sure we plant more daffodils and more trees each year. I could have said because our summertime Block Party is so much fun. The Block Party as all our social events, form and reconnect friendships and make for lots of great memories. I could have said because we have a golf course on one side, a park to play in on the other and a lake within our boundaries to use for exercise and bird watching. I could have said because we can get to the airport and train station in no time, and to a million good restaurants in minutes. I could have mentioned we have the best darn crabcake in Baltimore just down the street, and we can see an Orioles and Ravens game without making a weekend of it. We can go to world class museums, concerts and plays practically in our backyard and we can get to work downtown in what could hardly be called a commute. I could have said because my children have so many friends in the neighborhood with whom they have grown up with and who have practically become family to me. I could have said because our neighborhood is made up of all kinds of people and families who know what being a neighbor really means - banning together to shovel out snow on a narrow street, being eyes and ears for each other's safety and security, celebrating happy times and accomplishments and holding a hand and offering a hug during the tough times. I could have said because when you walk the dog around our neighborhood after work, you can stop to say hello to a dozen different people and wave to a dozen more.

But, I just smiled and replied, "I just got lucky and found a really special place to call home".

Happy springtime everyone.

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## ***Congratulations, your honor –***

Mayfield sincerely congratulates resident Phil Jackson on his appointment by Governor Martin O'Malley to serve as trial court judge in the Circuit Court of Baltimore City on Dec 2012. His investiture was in April attended by family, friends, neighbors and colleagues.

From the Governor's Press release, his long public service to the justice system was presented. Philip S. Jackson has served for the past 19 years as an assistant United States attorney for the District of Maryland. At various times, he served as deputy chief of the Narcotics Division, the attorney coordinator for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, and the international matters coordinator. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Jackson spent seven years as an assistant state's attorney for Baltimore County. He graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1984 and from the University

of Maryland at College Park in 1979. In addition to his legal credentials Phil is active in the community and parish. He was to have been the co- Trivia Quiz master at the St. Francis of Assisi Trivia Night on April 26th. He is a volunteer and mentor, Christopher's Place/Our Daily Bread, 2009-. Member, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and has served in many roles for the parish including eucharistic minister; former president, home-school association; former member, parish council. Phil is also in the *Hemapheris/Marrow Donor Program* at The Johns Hopkins University. Phil and Diane will see their son Ryan wed another Mayfield resident Rachel Myers this spring. Diane, has been a stalwart volunteer in the neighborhood too. She has served as the parish community health nurse and for many years has organized the health fair and free health screenings. We are thankful for Phil & Diane and the whole family have been so dedicated to parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and residents of Mayfield and City of Baltimore.



## **Top Mom**

Mayfield nominated Janelle Cousino as a "Top Mom" of Baltimore. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake selected her with some other leaders from Baltimore's neighborhoods. The honor is not limited to women who are parents, but to "honor dedicated women who have given selflessly to keep Baltimore's neighborhoods, Better, Safer and Stronger." Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake hosted a special luncheon honoring all of Baltimore's *Top Moms* on May 7th at the Maryland Historical Society – France Hall. Councilpersons Mary Pat Clarke and Robert Curran sponsored a City Council Resolution passed by the council to honor her as well. Stephanie Buttner, President of Mayfield said, "The honor is for a woman that shows her community commitment and dedication. Janelle was an easy choice as Mayfield's nominee."

## **JoAnn Walking Everywhere**

JoAnn, always wearing something pink, would walk around the neighborhood, the Lake, but also to places most of us wouldn't ever consider going to except by car. But JoAnn was in training. In March to see the Home and Garden show she met neighbors attending the show around 3 p.m., but she left Mayfield around 9 a.m. in order to get to an appointment in Lutherville and then walk on to the Timonium Fair Grounds, site of the show. She went on on foot. The astonished next question of "Really?" She answered matter-of-factly, "It only about 11 miles!" Indeed. She had a more important walk of a much longer length in her sights.

JoAnn Trach Tongson again completed the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. The 40 mile walk from downtown to around DC and Maryland suburbs raised funds for diagnostic, treatment, prevention services to women. This is JoAnn Trach's 9th walk! She had a cheering section of about



40 people that went to give them encouragement. Many Mayfield neighbors gathered at a pretty in pink party and contributed to her fundraising goal and wished her success.

*Many in Mayfield are working for good causes and/or planning to do extraordinary feats of endurance. Ryan Dorsey's Appalachian Trail story was one that captivated us on the list-serve and with photos on facebook. Let editor know what you're doing. Tell us your story and your worthy cause.*



## **Look at all that mulch!**

Thanks to the playground mulch crew/volunteers for keeping the playground safe with new surface mulch and some needed repairs.

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## ***A Fond Farewell and a Wish for Mayfield***

*After more than 50 years in Mayfield Lucie and Ed Paulus are leaving to live in Oakcrest in early May. Editor met with them for a few hours recently and asked them to reflect on their life in Mayfield. Lucie had been the crossing guard for St. Francis of Assisi for 23 years. She retired in 1992. Ed worked as a chemist at ARMCO Steel (now AK Steel) and then as a chemist for the State of Maryland. He retired in 1993. Here's what Ed and Lucie told Mayfield News:*

*When did you move to Mayfield?*

"We moved into this home on July 5 1959 and in December that same year we had our only daughter. We knew we needed a larger home for our family of 6. We raised three sons and a daughter. We lived on Dudley at Sinclair Lane before we moved to Mayfield.

We always dreamed of moving to Mayfield. We used to walk around the beautiful streets here."

Lucie mentioned how she worked hard to get the house ready for the arrival of their daughter – fixing up the 1928 home that hadn't had much done to it, before it was to be their home in Mayfield.

*How did you meet?*

"Lucie is from Germany," Ed said proudly. "I was stationed in Rhineland at Nahe. I was part of an advance team to get the barracks ready to be the HQ of the 2nd Armor Division and was a medical assistant. Ed explained how he would walk around town, because he wanted to meet the local people. "I loved to play table tennis. A buddy and I would play at the club house in town. But one day the club house was the site of a meeting, so we couldn't use the table tennis there. But my buddy said, "But I know a girl who has one. . . ." That girl was Lucie." Ed found out later that Lucie was a well known local table tennis player, and was ranked 7th best in Germany. Ed & Lucie became friends. She was the baker's daughter and worked the counter at the bakery. She had studied English and Ed, being of German heritage, had studied German in school. They married in November 1952, when Ed was discharged from the service. And of course, all four of their children became pretty good at table tennis and many Mayfield kids spent hours in their basement playing and perfecting their game.

*What will you miss about Mayfield?*

Lucie took the lead on this question: "We will miss so many wonderful neighbors. We were lucky enough to have so many willing to help us. All of those nearby us have been very attentive, friendly and helpful." She recounted several specific instances of kindness from the

Glasgows, Lemonds, Andersons and Savige/Shrum families.

Some may remember her article in Mayfield News a few years ago thanking the Cavellos, who live at Kentucky and Harford Road that came to help them when they had a car accident on Harford and then checked on them and shoveled their alley and walks during a big snow of 2010.

*What are your best memories of living in Mayfield?*

Ed told about Lucie's Sewing Club. They would have crabfeasts in the basement. Their neighbor Peter Cardegna was a wholesale fish seller and would get them the best crabs. Lucie told stories of many visitors. They enjoyed giving a room to visitors from Iceland, France, Australia, Germany and Italy. The Italian visitors were at "Good Sam"

Hospital for surgery training. They would return to be chief surgeon and deputy chief surgeon at Bari, Italy (on the Adriatic Sea). The doctors would call her "Mama Lucia!"

Ed & Lucie shared their favorite things. They love the beauty of Mayfield's gardens, the carillon bells on Sunday a.m. and sometimes Saturday. And of course, the block parties! They want to come back for the 50th

block party in 2014. She knows many of the families having been a crossing guard at SFA, but many don't recognize her now.

Ed shared an old document of the formation of Mayfield Improvement Association they received when they bought their home in 1959. That document stated their plans to have 100% of the community as members and dues were \$2.00 a year. Some of the "rules" they remembered were "No lawn mowers on Sunday, no wash hung on the line outside in Mayfield and no fences between houses."

*What is your wish for Mayfield?*

Ed knows that it is time for them to be in a different setting for their own health needs. Lucie is not at all happy about leaving the neighborhood. Lucie offered this message for all of us living here: "My hardest regret is to leave Mayfield. My wish for Mayfield is that it remain as nice as it was when we moved in 50+ years ago. May Mayfield bloom and prosper forever. " And she added, "I thank my guardian angel for helping us find Mayfield." She now leaves with a very heavy heart.

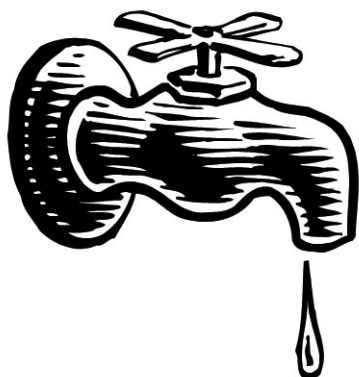
Mayfield wishes them the very best in their new home at Oakcrest, where a few other former Mayfielders are living and one neighbor works there. Their cherished Kentucky Avenue home is currently on the market and listed by Long and Foster. You can feel the love between them and of Mayfield when you're sitting with them.

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## Coming Soon to Your Water Bill: Cleaner Storm Water

From Blue Water Baltimore



Starting this summer, Baltimore City and the nine largest counties in the state must begin assessing fees on property owners based on the amount of storm water pollution each property produces.

Because storm water from urban & suburban areas

is the fastest growing source of pollution entering local streams, the Harbor, and the Chesapeake Bay this problem is directly impacting the health of Baltimore's people. Storm water pollution contributes to sewage overflows, compromises drinking water infrastructure, and creates flooding and so these mandate fees are an important part of the solution.

Baltimore City residents voted in November to create a new Storm

water Utility to manage these fees. In the past, resources for reducing storm water pollution came from the City's general fund, so these projects were often underfunded due to scarce resources and the need to provide other services. Once the utility is implemented, the funds collected will be dedicated to infrastructure improvements, consistent street sweeping operations and maintenance of existing structures. We will also see public/private partnership efforts to reduce litter, and a local source of funding for greening projects such as tree plantings and stream clean-ups. <http://www.cleanwaterbaltimore.org/flyers/Stormwater> should get you to the fact sheet.

Next issue of Mayfield News will cover what you can do to reduce your tax through approved mitigation strategies, including rain gardens. More info at [www.BluewaterBaltimore.org](http://www.BluewaterBaltimore.org)



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## Real Food Farms.... *Fresh Good Food and We deliver too!*

Real Food Farm's Mobile Farmers' Market will be out in the community selling fresh, local, chemical-free produce once again come

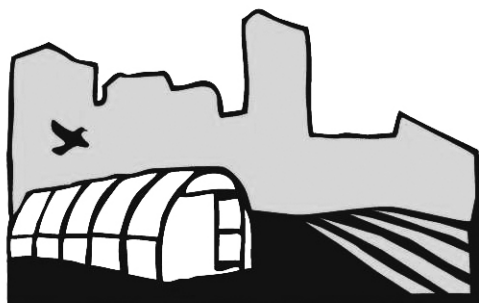
May! You can find us Tuesday through Thursday in various locations throughout northeast Baltimore:

Closest one to us in Mayfield is Thursday: 5-7p Lake Montebello (on Lake Dr. near Montebello Elementary)

We also make half-hour 'mini-stops' within the Clifton neighborhoods on these days. For a full schedule, visit the 'Get Food' page on our website: [www.realfoodfarm.org](http://www.realfoodfarm.org)

Real Food Farm also offers a home delivery service to Mayfield residents: there is a \$10 minimum purchase requirement but no delivery fee. If interested, sign up for weekly updates to learn what

produce is available each week and place your order. (Service should begin in May.)



**REAL FOOD FARM**

Some crops you'll see throughout the summer: arugula, salad mixes, lettuce, bok choy, kale, collards, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, brussel sprouts, carrots, radishes, turnips, beets, spring onions, onions, leeks, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, okra, cucumbers...plus much more.

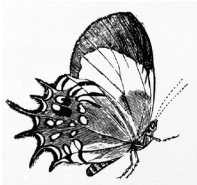
Questions? Contact [rffcommunity@civic-works.com](mailto:rffcommunity@civic-works.com) or call 443-531-8346.

P. S. Harford Road in Lauraville Farmer's Market begins operation on Tuesday, June 5. For more information, contact [pam@hamiltonlauravillemainstreet.org](mailto:pam@hamiltonlauravillemainstreet.org)

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## Mayfield Nature: Want butterflies in your garden?



Not all plants and flowers are created equal. Some attract specific butterfly species. Below is a list of plants that will attract particular butterflies. Blue Water Baltimore offers course on building gardens that attract birds, butterflies and bees.

### Plant these Native Larval Host Plants near your Home

Over 100 species of butterflies are found in Maryland, this is a list of a few butterflies and examples of their native larval host plants. Some butterflies have several larval host plants

American Lady – Pussytoes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)  
American Snout – Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)  
Black Swallowtail – Black snakeroot (*Sanicula canadensis*)  
Gray Hairstreak – White Oak (*Quercus alba*)  
Great Spangled & Variegated Fritillaries – Violets (*Viola* spp.)  
Hackberry Emperor – Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)  
Monarch – Milkweeds (*Asclepias incarnata*, *A. tuberosa*)  
Mourning Cloak – Black willow (*Salix nigra*)  
Northern Pearly-Eye – Wild oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)  
Pearl Crescent – White wood aster (*Aster divaricatus*)  
Questionmark – American Elm (*Ulmus americana*)  
Red Admiral – Wood nettle (*Laportea canadensis*)  
False nettle (*Boehmeria cylindrica*)  
Red Spotted Purple – Wild cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Silver Spotted Skipper – Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)  
Spicebush Swallowtail – Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)  
Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)  
Tiger Swallowtail – Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)  
Viceroy – Black willow (*Salix nigra*)  
Zebra Swallowtail – Paw paw (*Asimina triloba*)



*The next Mayfield news will highlight rain gardens. They can earn you storm water fee credits!*

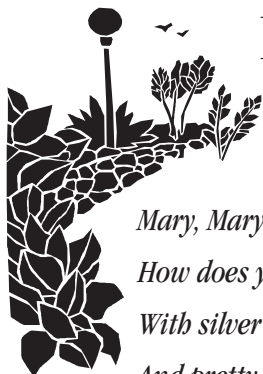
## Neighborhood Naturalist

Shawn Dingle has volunteered to be our neighborhood naturalist and will occasionally offer 'nature walks' in Mayfield for everyone interested. Herring Run Park is the featured green space for this naturalist work. He's working with other neighborhood naturalists through Blue Water Baltimore and an association of naturalists.

Stay tuned for local activities. National Trails Day is June 2. Herring Run Park will have a whole day of activities. The new "Green Trail" is scheduled for Herring Run Park and will have part of its path through the Lake Montebello Terrace Green. Trail construction is part of the Herring Run Master Plan and may be dependent on the Harford Road bridge reconstruction in terms of timing.



## How does your garden grow?



*Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells, and cockle shells,  
And pretty maids all in a row*



Not sure why Mary was so contrary\*, except that perhaps she was out of sorts because a squirrel was stealing her tulip bulbs or a rabbit was nibbling on vegetables. But it seemed like the right way to announce of a new Mayfield recognition – **The Mayfield Green Ribbon Gardens.**

We have so many lovely gardens in the community. Lucie and Ed's story of life in Mayfield in this issue repeatedly mentions the beautiful gardens as one of their

fondest memories of Mayfield. A Mayfield Green Ribbon committee will be looking for all sorts of gardens that have something exceptional about them and deserving of a special recognition.

Do you have a favorite garden of Mayfield? Let us know the garden's address and your thoughts about it. Write to [mayfieldupdate@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldupdate@gmail.com) with the information.

*\*English nursery rhyme thought to be from 1744 and about Mary, Queen of Scots/Mary I of England*



*\*Reminder: Include this completed form or put a name on a cash donation. Use envelope – mail or hand deliver to 2201 Mayfield Avenue or bring to a Mayfield event.*