



T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A Hamlet in the Heart of Town 2017 | Issue One

MAYFIELD GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY

MAY 18

7:15 PM - 9:15 PM

ST. FRANCIS OF

ASSISI CHURCH HALL

(ENTER OFF PARKING LOT)

REFRESHMENTS BEFORE

AND AFTER THE MEETING.

Guests Invited Include

Mayor Pugh

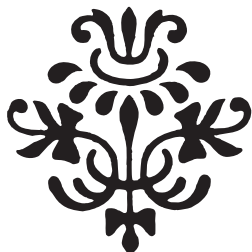
Captain Jeffrey Shorter, NED

Councilpersons

Mary Pat Clarke (14)

and Ryan Dorsey (3);

And more.....



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

These letters get written well before the newsletter is published, so while you are reading this in the middle of yet another beautiful Mayfield spring, I have just come in from a walk with my dog on an unseasonably warm winter day. During my ramble, I spent some time looking at the median on Norman between Mayfield and Lake Avenues. From your perspective, the daffodils have passed their prime and you are looking forward to the cooling shade of the leaves. I, on the other hand, am still looking at the brown grass slowly turning green, dotted by the occasional early daffodil.

It occurred to me that the median strip is more than a harbinger of spring. In England, many towns and villages still have "commons"—the bits of land that are owned by nobody and everybody, where you are free to roam, gather, and even graze your sheep. Other than the livestock, the median serves that same purpose for us: it is the place in the center of our little "village" where we can gather for block parties, holiday celebrations, and even wine with neighbors on a warm summer's evening. Heck! We even meet up to plant bulbs there, for no other reason than to ensure that the median remains a beautiful gathering place. It is, in other words, our "common ground."

The median also serves as an excellent symbol for our other "common ground." We are a diverse community, and we do not see eye to eye on everything. But we do have a shared interest in the continued well-being of the neighborhood and the city. I love the beauty of our neighborhood, but even more, I love its spirit. We show up to clean out litter and plant trees. We welcome new neighbors, and we mourn those who have left us. We work together to make our streets safer, our parties more fun, and our carols more ringing. We reach out to local schools, nearby neighborhoods, and city agencies to see how we

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can help make the city better to live and work in. Our willingness to reach out to others and meet on the common ground is what makes Mayfield so unique and so worth fighting for.

In this spirit, I hope that you will come to the General Membership meeting on 18 May, at 7:15 pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. It will be a great way to catch up with your neighbors, find out what's going on, hear from our elected officials, and find out new volunteer opportunities—in other words, to join us at the common ground. I look forward to seeing you there!

Deborah Mason,
President

FRIENDS OF MOTHERS' GARDEN

Join them at Mother's Garden on May 13, 2017

Hello Friends of Mothers' Garden! Mother's Day is just around the corner! In honor of Baltimore's Moms, the Friends of Mothers' Garden Association (FOMG) invites residents of Mayfield and neighboring communities to participate in our 5th Annual Poetry Contest.

Original poems inspired by mothers and/or gardens will be accepted through Friday, April 21st, and winners will be notified on Monday, May 1st. There will be three categories (Under 12, 13-21, and Over 21) with 1st Place prizes of \$100 cash, and two runner-up prizes per category of \$50 each!

All nine winning poems will be read at the FOMG 7th Annual "Celebration of Mothers" event at Mothers' Garden on Saturday, 5/13 (11:00-1:30). Winning poets will be invited to share their poetry in person. All entries will be displayed at the Celebration of Mothers event.

Please send poems to Poetry@fomg.org, or Mail to: Friends of Mothers' Garden, 2316 Mayfield Ave., Baltimore, MD 21213. Contact Jim Bartlett (jim@fomg.org, or 410-905-2375) with any questions.

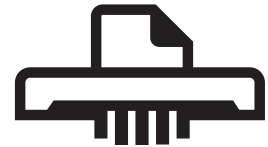
Mothers' Garden is located at the NW corner of Clifton Park on Harford Road between Erdman Ave and 29th Street. It was established in 1926 to honor Baltimore's moms at a dedication ceremony that attracted over 6000 people. The five acre garden consists of original stone structures including numerous staircases and paths, a pergola, rest pavilion, and a Japanese styled bridge that once spanned a lily pond. Numerous flower beds feature dozens of blooming botanicals year-round, and shaded walkways and benches offer visitors a peaceful refuge from city life.



Have things to sell?

Mayfield's Annual Spring Community Wide Yard Sale is a popular way to give your excess items to a good home and make some cash. Registering is easy. Either email mayfieldupdate@gmail.com or mailing registration info with Your Name, Address and short description of items to be sold to 2410 Mayfield Avenue. Mayfield assembles the directory with where all the yard sales will be and does advertising for the day.

— Kari Miller, 2017 coordinator



Annual Shred-It Event April 21st

Are you cleaning out documents that should be shredded? Mayfield has arranged for a shredder truck to be in Mayfield on Friday, April 21st. Truck will arrive in a window between 12n & 2 p.m. A secure area will hold your items. Bring them to 2201 Mayfield Avenue by 12:00 noon under the carport over driveway. We have a new vendor and they will charge us by the box. . Please bring your paper and light cardboard items for shredding in a cardboard box – equal to a copier paper box. Some copier paper boxes will be on site, if you don't have any. No binder clips, no binders will be accepted. This is a free service provided by MIA for Mayfield residents.

LIGHT CITY

LIGHT MUSIC INNOVATION

CHM and Hamilton Lauraville hosted events

Two Neighborhood Lights events were held near Mayfield. One near Lake Montebello with CHM and a mural in Hamilton. Mayfield residents had a chance to join in the fun. Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello (CHM) worked with artists Jonathon Taube & Iman Djouini created an inflatable light sculpture that was a to depict "The Elephant in the Room" Who hasn't used that idiom? But this one with whimsical details with a serious purpose. There are several events around this Light City Neighborhood celebration. On March 25 there was a 'how to make a lantern' workshop hosted at Clifton Mansion. On April 1st at 6:30 there was a lighted sculpture activities, lantern parade, food, dancing, Jumbotron screens, booths, and more. Mayfield neighbors along Lake Montebello lighted porches and trees. Others in Mayfield staffed a table at the event with information about Mayfield and Lake Montebello.

The artists working with CHM explained it this way, "Core to the content of the work for us as artist is to illuminate the problem of innuendo over truth and how suggestion may become a decoy. The title itself, we see as an idiomatic decoy, it suggest one being unfamiliar while supplanting the elephant in/out of the room as well as the white elephant. What is not said is suspect. What is not said directly may imply more. We seek to release the elephant in the room through instigating public dialogue.

Jonathon Taube explained it as, "The elephant in the room is a background narrative for Iman and I, part of a larger installation and a PR strategy. We want to take the elephant around the neighborhoods and install it leading up to the event. There are many ways to read this piece. We do not attend to frame it narrowly. Elephants are great symbols for wisdom and strength."

Careful Planning

The artists mentioned that the piece also had developed from discussion with DPW about what is safe to do in Lake Montebello. Fire presents a risk to the Lake. The installation and its mechanics are driving in part the

design of the physical object. It needs to be light in weight and large, hence the inflatable.

Jonathon Taube wrote, "I would love to ask you all to consider, 'What is the elephant in the room for you? What issues in your community deserve direct discussion? What subjects are too often talked around and not talk to. Are their places in your neighborhood that are under celebrated? Or needs more attention?' We intend to use the elephant sculpture as a starting point for a conversation surrounding critical topics in Baltimore City."

The Elephant made it to Mayfield one day at a St. Francis of Assisi School recess. It may have made some other appearances. Thank you to the Mayfield volunteers that hosted a table at the celebration. Special thanks to JoAnn Trach Tongson for serving as liaison to the CHM – Lake Montebello-based Light City Celebration.

Light City in Hamilton Lauraville – Harford Road Aglow

Hamilton Lauraville Main Street received the nod from DPW and Baltimore Office for the Promotion of the Arts to be a Neighborhood City Lights location. They worked with Maura Dwyer, a resident in the community and the principal muralist for the design of a mural called FloraLume. It is a colorful mural that transforms under UV light to give the illusion of motion and growth. It is a beautiful celebration of native plants, urban agriculture, and the diversity of the Hamilton – Lauraville area. It was unveiled on April 1st at a celebration with local restaurant foods, entertainment, kid friendly activities, like the firefly parade. It will remain on display at 4500 Harford Road (farmer's market lot) til June 2017. Check it out! Work on the market building is to begin by then and the mural will be moved to a new location.

Harford Road Aglow included some other events. A Neighborhood lights and firefly lantern workshop at the Strand Theatre. Costume workshops that glow, artist pop-ups and lighted shops and businesses on March 31st.

Thank You

TO THE MANY MAYFIELD VOLUNTEERS OF 2016

52nd Annual Summer Block Party

July 2016

Stephanie Buttner — Chair

Dave Buttner, Jim & Courtney Bartlett Family, Theo Karpovich, Lito and JoAnn Trach Tongson, Vanessa Bennett, Frank Williams, Phil Jackson, Debbie Veystrk, Ann Marie Zelenka, Wendy Kronmiller & Susan McGinnis, Nick & Robin Syropoulos, Ron & Karen Maylor, Dana Trovato, Frank DeSimone, Carol Freeman, Laura & Jason Lee, Paul Hertzberg, Tom & Mary Rybczynski, Nancy Assero, Carrie Gibson, Deborah, John, Ben & Erica Mason, Jennifer & Robert Pettis, Jan Shipley, Julia McDonald, Betty & Jack Frech, Cindy Henry, Barbara Waldd, Janelle Cousino, Brian O'Day, Debbie and Jim Parrish, Doug Price, Kerry Shulze, Denis & KC Bersch Doxy, Joe & Laura Latta, Lynda Mermell, Paul Novak, Kristin & Mark Larson, Rosine Tumminello, Jenifer Griffith, Paul Ricciuti, Jae Patton, Pat Mikos, Liz van Amerongen, Mina Brunyate, Kate, Charlie & Adam Martin, Michael Brown, Kim Webster, Mary Jo Schreven, Jerry Browning, Phaedra Stewart & School of Rock. All Bake Sale contributors too

Newsletter and Directory Production 2016

Janelle Cousino — Editor, Nina Tou — Graphic Design and Layout
Database management: Julia McDonald

Distribution of Newsletter

Paul Hertzberg, Frank Williams, Tracy Labonte & Rob Clark, Barb & Gerard Waldd, Jae Patton & Pat Mikos, Bill Newman, Stephanie Buttner, Laura Lee, Janelle Cousino, Molly Tierney, The Voos Family, Ryan Dorsey, Mary Jean Erb

Little Free Library

Sherry Insley & Mitch Maltese

All 2016 Greening Activities

**Including Park Hillside clean-up, Daffodils, Lake Montebello Walls and Median,
Tree-mendous Mayfield, Mulch days, Earth Day**

JoAnn Trach Tongson & Lito Tongson, Jim Bartlett, Liz van Amerongen, Jan Shipley, Jason Calder & daughters, Kathryn Parke, Stephanie Buttner, Jesse Austell, Julia McDonald & Paul Hertzberg, Emily Chalmers, Wendy Kronmiller, Debbie Veystrk, Jack & Betty Frech, Betty Ciesla, Tom Rybczynski, Paul Ricciuti, Janelle Cousino, Brian O'Day, Deborah & John Mason, Jae Patton, Mary Jo Shreven, Jen Griffith, Ellen Udovich, Jill Warzer, Lynda Mermell,

Playground Mulch — Playground Repair

Mary Alice & David Yesky, Jan Shipley, Dave Erb, Dave Henry, Mina Brunyate, Shawn & Mindy Dingle, John Mason, Julia McDonald, Stephanie Buttner, David Dvorak, Michael Wilson, Janelle Cousino and Brian O'Day, Ben Bartlett and Khalil Cruz and a lot of little helpers. Jason Calder & Kelly James

Children's Committee & Easter, Halloween, Santa Event

Raina Terrell Wilson, Phaedra Stewart, Mariglynn Collins Edlins & Geoff Edlins, Jim & Courtney Bartlett, Nick Syropoulos, Janelle Cousino, bakers & gift donors. Marisa Schleter & St. Francis of Assisi School parents

Website and Communications

Brian Baughn — Webmaster
Janelle Cousino — Editor, Communications

National Trails Day in Herring Run Park

JoAnn Trach Tongson, Julia McDonald, Jan Shipley, Liz van Amerongen, Janelle Cousino, Brian O'Day

Special Events Summer Median events

JoAnn Trach Tongson, Stephanie Buttner, Laura Lee, Mary Rybczynski

Christmas Caroling Event

Betty Ciesla, Tom & Mary Rybczynski, Maryland State Boy Choir Treble Choir, Jim & Courtney Bartlett, Stephanie Buttner, Jack Frech, All bakers, donors and carolers

Welcome Bags

Dave Henry

Yard Sales

Spring — Kelly James, Fall — Carol Freeman

Harford Road Community Review Panel

JoAnn Trach Tongson, rep; Janelle Cousino, alternate

Tree Steward

Jack Frech

Board and Officers May 2016 –May 2018

Deborah Mason — President
Janelle Cousino — Acting Vice President
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Julia McDonald — Treasurer

Board Members: Stephanie Buttner, Mary Ann Dresler, Mariglynn Collins-Edlins/Geoff Edlins, Jae Patton/Pat Mikos, Phaedra Stewart, JoAnn Trach Tongson

The Board of Mayfield wants to give special thanks to St. Francis of Assisi Church and School —Pastor Msgr. William Burke, and Principal Rebecca Malone; Maryland State Boy Choir – Stephen Holmes & Frank Cimino and Pastor Jack Grubb for their willingness to host meetings in the fellowship hall, playground matters and participate in the Holiday Caroling and other events.

We thank Councilperson Mary Pat Clarke for her help on so many projects. We want to thank Councilman Robert Curran for his service and wish him the best in the years to come. We congratulate new Councilman Ryan Dorsey and will seek his assistance as needed. Thank you,

Major Richard Worley and Major Malcolm Snead of the Northeast Police District and their fellow officers. And recognize HARBEL, especially to Mike Hilliard for their support in the area and our partnership with CHM, Belair Edison and Hamilton Lauraville Main Street's Regina Lansinger on many projects.

We tried to include everyone who volunteered, but we do make mistakes. If you have been missed, please let mayfieldupdate@gmail.com know. We want to include all volunteers that have made Mayfield a great neighborhood in 2016.

IN AND AROUND MAYFIELD

Mayfield Board Member & Baltimore's Ojczyzna Polish Dancers

There's some travel coming up in Mary Rybczynski's future. Baltimore's Ojczyzna Polish Dancers, based at Holy Rosary Church of Baltimore, have been invited to perform as a part of the International Festival of Polish Folklore in Rzeszów, Poland July 18-25, 2017. Mayfield resident and Secretary of Mayfield Improvement Assn., Mary Rybczynski is one of the performers in Ojczyzna Polish Dancers. Mary is looking forward to the festival and the performances in Rzeszow. Congratulations to Mary and to the whole dance troupe. We look forward to fabulous photos and fun stories.

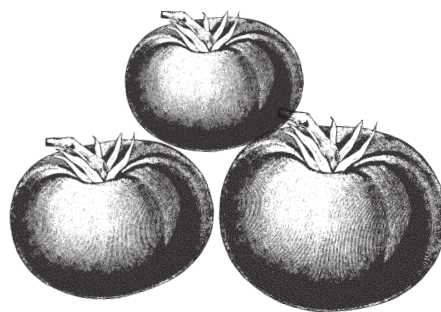
Block Party & Children's Activities

Planners and Organizers are looking for parent feedback on preferred activities for the younger set at this year's block party. Should we have organized games? Should there be a special entertainer for the kids? Face-painting? Hula-hoop with Spilly? Scavenger hunt? Give us your best idea for your younger ones. Stephanie Buttner is already at work putting details together, so this is the time to tell us. Contact Stephanie at svbuttner@yahoo.com or weigh in

with a comment on Mayfield Facebook invitation that can be found at www.Facebook.com/mayfield.update/ We want everyone to have fun. We have good food, live entertainment, Photo displays, and more! **Friday, July 14, 2017**

Congratulations to Friends of Herring Run Park

The Friends of Herring Run Park were awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to support conservation and maintenance of the several mile long park that follows Herring Run from Argonne to the city county line.



Farmers Market 2017

Lauraville Farmer's Market at 4500 Harford Road begins on June 6th. 4 – 8 p.m. Grab dinner for there or take home; fresh veggies, other goodies and handmade items and seeing friends and neighbors. It's definitely

the place to be on Tuesdays!

Welcome to New Residents of Mayfield and Thank you to our Volunteers

New Residents & Volunteers — You will get an invitation directly, however mark your calendars for a New Residents Reception and meet each other and as we recognize and thank our many Mayfield volunteers at a nice dinner/drinks reception on Saturday, May 6. Stay awhile or linger from 5:30-8 p.m. (It is a child-friendly event).

Mayfield Stork has been busy

A twenty year tradition continues with our Stork announcing to neighbors the name and some details about the newest residents of Mayfield. The Stork has announced several over the past 12 months. Welcome to Wesley, Sean Patrick, Abraham, Augustus, Madelyn, Lulea, Lucy and more on the way!....

Montebello Elementary/Middle School

Mayfield resident Jill Warzer organized a committee to work with students and teachers at the Montebello school. Captain Jeffrey Shorter of the NED Baltimore Police and 7 Mayfield residents have been involved in this so far. Jill Warzer and

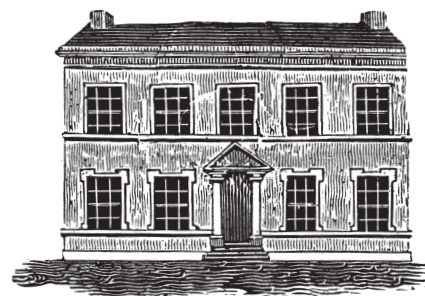
Stephanie Buttner met with Lorna Hanley, the school principal, and they have identified priority volunteer activities: reading with the students, tutoring, sprucing up the building and reorganizing the food pantry. Registration is needed for volunteer time directly with students, but not needed for the food pantry project. First effort to organize the food pantry began on March 17th. Kari Miller is taking on the food pantry. Interested in helping? Contact Kari at: miller101610@gmail.com



Weed Warriors & Herring Run Hillside

The City's Weed Warriors — volunteers that are knowledgeable of noxious weeds and weeds that destroy trees — helped Mayfield volunteers with the Herring Run Park Hillside along Chesterfield on Sunday, March 26th. Trash, rubbish and weeds are a constant challenge.

You can help by not placing fallen limbs, dead brush or yard waste in the park. It is NOT a dumping ground. Along with litter, it makes the hillside very unattractive and it then becomes VERY attractive to illegal dumpers. Mayfield volunteers annually work to clean up trash there and more often around the playing fields. Please help out by not adding to the problem. Yard waste is picked up by the city. Large branches called in to 311 can be removed. When we organize a clean-up, DPW will come and take the piles of stuff away at our request. The park is one of Mayfield's neighborhood assets. Let's keep it nice for us and everyone else.



Maryland Homeowner Historic Tax Credit

The Maryland Historical Trust administers a state income tax credit for homeowners equal to 20% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures. This tax credit may be combined with the Baltimore historic tax credit but MHT review is independent of local review and may not be waived or substituted for local approval. The credit is capped at \$50,000 in a 24-month period. Mayfield is going to schedule a workshop to go over the application and requirements. Mayfield is a recognized historic neighborhood and homes in Mayfield are eligible for the Maryland Historic Tax Credits.



It's that time to pay your dues

Make checks payable to Mayfield Improvement Association. Dues are \$20 a year per household or \$10/year for households headed by someone 62 and older. Dues are for the calendar year. **Use the envelope provided, mail or drop your payment by C/o MIA Treasurer, 2201 Mayfield Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213.** Be sure to mark your name and address on the form below, especially if you are paying in cash, or we won't be able to mark you paid in our records.

2017 Dues \$ _____
 Add'l contribution \$ _____
 Designated for _____

You may designate for general fund, playground & children's activities, greening activities or youth scholarship award.

CALENDAR

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

April 21 — Shredding Day

2201 Mayfield Ave before 12 noon

May 6 — New Resident and Volunteer Thank You Party

5 - 8:30 p.m. 2410 Mayfield Avenue

May 18 — General Membership Meeting

SFA, 7:15 p.m.

May 20 – Mayfield Spring

Yard Sale – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

June 16 — Youth Voice

Community Improvement Award

See submission form for details.

July 14 — Mayfield's 53rd Annual Community Wide Block Party

October 18 — Mayfield General Membership Meeting

7:15p.m.
(Location to be determined)

Additional dates for Dumpster Day, family events, children's parties and volunteer opportunities will be announced by Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com or www.Facebook.com/mayfield.update/ If you have not subscribed to either send an email to subscribe.

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Committee & Project Leaders

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Block Party — Stephanie Buttner

Communications — Janelle Cousino

Webmaster — Brian Baughn

Newsletter Layout & Graphic Design

— Nina Tou

Greening Activities — JoAnn Trach

Tongson

Mayfield & Montebello Elementary/

Middle School — Jill Warzer

Playground Upkeep —

Mary Alice Yeskey

Spring Yard Sale — Kari Miller

Community Vision Youth Prize

committee — TBD

Mayfield for All Ages — Jae Patton

Chair, Jan Shipley Vice Chair

New Resident Reception —

Janelle Cousino, Host

Police Community Relations Council

— Mary Ann Dresler, liaison

Children's Events — volunteers

needed

Holiday Caroling Event —

Mary Rybczynski, coordinator

All committees are open to more volunteers. Send an email of interest to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com to let MIA board know you are interested in helping.

Link to Mayfield Policy for Zoning Variance Requests

Residents that want a zoning variance from the city, be sure to read this Mayfield policy. You will find it on the website at <http://mayfieldassociation.org/news/zoningnews/>

Link to City Zoning Regulations

Residents who have questions about permits for 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

For an emergency dial: 911

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.

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Our welcome gift committee would like to know. Please send an email to: mayfieldupdate@gmail.com