

CALENDAR

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

March 24— 2 – 4 pm — Mayfield for all Ages See enclosed flyer

March 30th — Dumpster Day #1
2400 block of Chesterfield Ave.

April TBD — Historic Homeowner Tax Credit Program Workshop
2201 Mayfield Ave

April 19 — Shred it Day – 9am - 12 noon – 2201 Mayfield Ave.

DATE TBD — Mayfield Spring Yard Sale – coordinator needed.

Contact [Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldupdate@gmail.com) if you'd like to coordinate the yard sale

May 11 — 11 am – 5 p.m. Maryland Home & Garden Pilgrimage in Baltimore City

May 16 —Mayfield General Membership Meeting – 7:15 – at SFA – Special guests and community business.

May TBD 6:30 – 9pm — New Resident Reception and Volunteer Thank You Dinner

May 24 — Mayfield Pop-up kick start of summer –tentative: BYO Everything: chairs, snacks, drinks etc.

June 17 — Youth Vision Prize submission deadline

June 22— Dumpster Day #2
2300 block of Mayfield Ave.

July 12 — 6 – 10 p.m.— Mayfield's 55th Annual Block Party 3400 Norman Ave.

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Phaedra Stewart & Stephanie Buttner

Mayfield for All Ages — Jae Patton

Traffic Calming Committee — Deborah Mason

Children's Events —

Each event has a volunteer coordinator. Want to volunteer?

Holiday Caroling Event — Tom &

Mary Rybczynski

All committees are open to more volunteers. Send an email to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com to let MIA board know you want to help.

Link to Mayfield Policy for Zoning Variance Requests and Mayfield Memorandum of Agreement

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 codes can log onto this website for answers:
Zoning: <https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/programs/transform-baltimore> and
what needs a permit?
<http://www.baltimorehousing.org/permits>

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.

Want more frequent info about news and activities around Mayfield?

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Are you new to the neighborhood or know a new resident?

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



MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A Hamlet in the Heart of Town 2019 | Issue One

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

How can it be February already when it feels like we were just celebrating Christmas? Our various community events were a big part of our holiday good times. Mayfield hosted Christmas caroling and hot cocoa with neighbors; and a week later, our very own "St. Nick" riding in on the back of a pickup truck, brought delight to our littlest residents. Each child sitting on Santa's lap was cuter than the last and enjoyed lots of delicious treats that neighborhood bakers always provide. Our other community activities involved St. Francis of Assisi parish and their long tradition of providing Christmas baskets to NE neighbors in need. Many Mayfielders assist each year in bringing gifts and food to almost 100 families. Lastly, my personal favorite event of the season — the spectacular Boychoir performance — Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. It brings a Christmas spirit and joy that touches the soul with breathtaking music. How lucky we are to have all these holiday events right here in our neighborhood! Add in the beautifully decorated houses and Christmas in Mayfield seems just perfect.

Or, it was, right up until the text messages started coming in. "Did you hear? The family on Pelham had a break in... during the night.... while they were home." OMG! – I, like so many others, was horrified to hear that this family, living right around the corner from us, experienced this terrible event. Add that to the carjacking and attempted carjacking from earlier in the month and in an instant, holiday good time feelings, now gone. Now all I'm feeling is concern for the victims, frustration and seething anger at the brazen perpetrators, all the while trying to figure out how to communicate this incident to the community. Our Mayfield Update and Facebook communications guru/ Mayfield Board member volunteer was out of town, but reported the incident as soon as she found out. My social media skills are sorely lacking, and I was juggling a full schedule of activities for our holiday house guests. My focus shifted to making phone calls trying to find out exactly what happened so we

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have the facts straight, knowing my phone will start ringing off the hook, emails to the Northeast Police Major asking for increased patrols, and wanting to let our community know to be "on guard".

There is no roadmap for how to make this better, how to make it right. What's the answer, what next? We evaluate our communication strategies and fine tune our timing. We listen to advice from residents and answer questions with what we know. We check in with the family on Pelham and are grateful beyond measure that they are okay. We are even more grateful that they post on social media that, 'No, they are not leaving Mayfield, not leaving Baltimore, they just want their stuff back.' And we continue to roll up our sleeves, get back to communicating with our police officers and elected officials, remind folks about the NECOP opportunity and do our best to develop new crime prevention and safety strategies. Mayfield has asked to again host a "Coffee with a Cop" in the near future. We're waiting on confirmation from the NE Police District for a specific date.

But I know this for a fact: The good will and collective concern for our neighbors in Mayfield will always, always outweigh the bad actions of others.

*Stephanie Buttner, President
Mayfield Improvement Association*

3rd District Town Hall and Artists District Program

Next 3rd District Town Hall Meeting — Thursday, April, 11, 2019 — Location to be announced



Artist/District is a grant-making program, created by Councilman Ryan Dorsey, for artists living in Baltimore's 3rd City Council district. Four artists will be awarded \$3,000 each by way of lottery.

Artist/District Grant Program

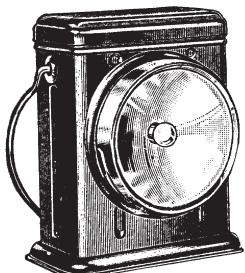
Important Dates

Call for applications – Friday, March 1, 2019
Information Session – Saturday, March 30, 2019
Submission Deadline – Friday, April 12, 2019
Notice of Application – Friday, May 10, 2019
Artist Lottery Drawing – Thursday, July 11, 2019

(Artists whose applications were accepted must be present at the lottery drawing.)

Artist Community Presentation – Thursday, October 10, 2019
Website: artisdistrict.org

The program has been shaped through a community effort, led by artists who reside in the 3rd Council District, as well as arts and cultural leaders from throughout Baltimore City. Councilman Dorsey and this committee recognize the importance of artists and art-making to our communities, and believe that artists shouldn't be forced to choose between making art and supporting themselves and their families. The Artist/District grants program will give artists the opportunity to produce work that will enrich our community and support a culture of creativity within the district.



"Spotlight"

J A C K I E M I L A D

Jackie Milad, is a visual artist, 2018 Sondheim Semi-Finalist, and first recipient of the 3rd District Artist/District Grant Award. She and her family live in Mayfield.

Jackie Milad's work has been focused on symbolism and hidden language that pulls from cultural sources from around the world. Jackie's creative vision is a continuous narrative that combines her own cultural heritage with an irreverence towards her materials and process. No piece of art in Jackie's studio is safe and elements of her work are frequently cut, collaged, and recycled into new stories and compositions. She will use anything within reach and considers herself a "visual omnivore" with all manner of paper, ink, paint, and graphite featuring prominently in her work. The iconography she uses; repeated, jumbled, reorganized, and repurposed, draws on her Egyptian and Honduran heritage to construct a language wholly her own in which old symbols have new life and meaning. Despite the historical and cultural significance of the symbols she uses, Jackie resists the urge to treat them preciously and instead calls attention to how we as a society decide what is worth saving and what isn't. At

her core is a question every artist asks, "Why can't I just make my own rules?"

Jackie Milad resides in the Mayfield neighborhood with her family on Lake Avenue. She describes the community as a hidden gem, a quiet place full of green trees that shares a connection with nature as well allowing access to the city. Even though she frequently exhibits her work across the coun-

"Why can't I just make my own rules?"

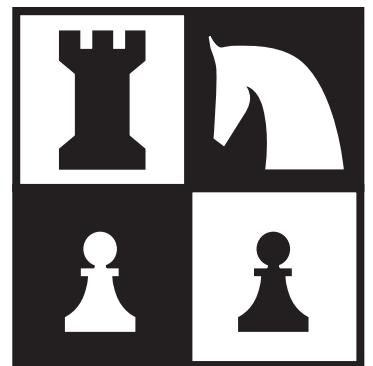
try and beyond, Jackie still has to hold a full-time job outside of her studio hours. This confines her time in the studio to weekends and days off. Jackie describes it best herself, stating that "as a Baltimore artist, [she] can't just exist as an artist." The impact of the Artist/District grant, \$3,000 over 3

**PLAN AHEAD!
2019 Dumpster Days
in Mayfield**

**March 30th – 2400 block of Chesterfield
June 22nd – 2300 block of Mayfield Ave
Sept. 14th – 2400 block of Chesterfield
Dec. 7th – 2300 block of Mayfield Ave.**

Two sets of Mayfield Twins at Green School of Baltimore hoping to compete at National Chess Tourney in May

Meet Asha and Asish Chhetri and Addison and Avery Fiore-Nelson. Mayfield twins times two. These twins share a passion and skill in common. They have been soaring in Baltimore's elementary school age chess scene over the past few years, placing in multiple tournaments both individually and as part of the Green School of Baltimore Chess Team. And now, the double duos are hoping to see their hard work pay off at the US Chess Federations National Elementary Chess Tournament, May 10-12, in Nashville.



The Green School of Baltimore is K-5 public charter school tucked nearly out

of sight just behind Shrine of the Little Flower in neighboring Belair Edison. The school has built its curriculum and mission around learning with an environmental focus. In recent years an increasing number of children from Mayfield have enrolled at GSB. The Chess Team started at GSB in 2011. Rick Brummer, whose daughter Fiona was a second grader at GSB, is an avid chess player. He decided he could be more involved with the school by starting a Chess Club for the students. Rick coaches every Friday and is involved in monthly Saturday tournaments. His daughter graduated from GSB several years ago

The GSB chess club has grown to 35 students and has a waiting list. Coach Rick said, "Every year the strength of the club has built on itself. This is finally the year where we have enough highly skilled players who are putting in the hard work it takes to be real contenders at a nation level tournament." 2019 may be Green School of Baltimore's time to shine, and it may well be Mayfield kids who help them do it. These two sets of twins are now serious chess competitors among GSB's top division players and working hard toward success at the May tournament.

They are 5th graders, Asish and Asha Chhetri, and 4th graders Addison and Avery Fiore-Nelson. Asish and Asha, the children of Sthefane Melo and Purna Chhetri (Kentucky Avenue), have played chess at GSB for the past six

and three years respectively. Asish began playing in kindergarten and is currently the club's highest ranked player based on ratings by the US Chess Federation. When not busy with chess, Asish is an avid soccer player and fan. Asha joined the chess club in third-grade and placed 3rd in last year's Maryland All Girls Tournament. The only thing she might enjoy as much as chess is her very strong role on GSB's Debate Team, where

she has won numerous awards.

Addison "Addie" and Avery, the children of April Nelson and Margaret Fiore (Pelham Ave) began learning chess at age 4. Addison has played on the GSB chess team since kindergarten. In November 2017 as a 2nd grader, Addie had emerged undefeated and taking 1st Place in the Maryland State Chess Tournament. Avery, a homeschooled student, was invited to join the GSB chess team as an affiliated player after taking a 1st place individual win in the Charles H. Percy Memorial tournament in November 2018. When not playing chess, both Avery and Addie enjoy playing soccer and tennis.

The two sets of twins, as well as the small handful of other national hopefuls from the GSB club put in countless additional hours each week honing their chess skills, including practices with skilled adult players (including a few Chess Masters) from the Charm City Chess Club.

Mayfield News has learned that the travel expenses to the National Tournament in Nashville will not be small- up to \$8000. The team is planning fundraising events for sup-

port to get the 6-8 student team and coaches from the Green School to this national tournament. If you are interested in helping the next chess champs get to the prestigious tournament, here are some ways you can help:

- 1)** A check made out to EEE (Experiential Environmental Education), with a note designating "CHESS CLUB" can be mailed to GSB, 2851 Kentucky Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213.
- 2)** Watch out for fun events that will help the team to raise

funds, including a Skate and Gaming Night (3/8), Monster Golf and Laser tag discount tickets for sale, and possibly a restaurant night in Hamilton.

We applaud the twins Asish & Asha and Addison & Avery and the other students on the team aspiring to be chess champs at the National Elementary Chess Tournament in Nashville. We wish these young people much success demonstrating their strategic skill to the World of Chess and bringing a big trophy to the Green School of Baltimore in 2019.

MARYLAND HOME *and* GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

Baltimore Saturday, May 11, 2019

View Baltimore's mid-city landscape and landmarks of history, homes, culture and religion from atop the Clifton Mansion Tower.



Anchored by Clifton, Johns Hopkins' summer estate and Homewood Museum on the JHU Campus, Baltimore's 2019 Pilgrimage Tour has strung charms on the emerald necklace in the mid-city. Enjoy the styles and details of three fascinating private homes and gardens in the Charles Village, Oakenshaw and Mayfield neighborhoods. Stroll in Mother's Garden in Clifton Park. Savor the starry dome in historic Lovely Lane United Methodist Church designed by Stanford White and delight in historic structure and Tiffany Rose Window at the Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts.

Tickets are on sale online now 2019 at <http://mhgp.org/tickets>. \$35 in advance; \$40 at tour. You may also contact Susan Brooks, Clifton Legacy volunteer and MHGP Tour Committee member for more information. Bus transportation available. Baltimore City tour proceeds benefit The Village Learning Place.

Mayfield Shred it Day

2201 Mayfield Avenue

Friday, April 19 — 9am 12 noon



Bring things in paper bags or cardboard boxes by 12 noon.
No plastic bags!!

Mayfield Spring Yard Sale coordinator needed for TBD.

Contact: Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com if you'd like to coordinate the yard sale.

Congratulations

Charlie Grace! She has an award-winning DREAM.

If you were listening to WYPR's Mid-day show on January 21st , MLK Day, Tom Hall introduced listeners to a young student from Commodore John Rodgers Middle School in Baltimore. That student is fifth grader, Charlie Grace Martin. She is 10 years old and she is the winner of the 2nd annual Dream Big Essay Contest. But did you know she is also our neighbor in Mayfield?! Charlie lives on Kentucky Avenue with her parents Kate and Mark and her siblings. She and her brother are Mayfield News delivery volunteers and have helped with set up for the Annual Summer Block Party.

The interview with Charlie was both fun and charming. (You can hear the interview via the link to the podcast portion of the January 21st broadcast. It is at the end of this article). Charlie talks about her school and how she loves to read and write and looking forward to high school, "because of the extracurricular activities that will be available." She's involved in debate and the National Academic League which competes with other City schools. She specializes in U. S.

States and state capitals. And she's glad she goes to the school where her dad is the principal saying it allows her to spend more time with him.

Inspired by Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech that he delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963, Baltimore City School students from grades 5-12 are challenged to write a 300 word essay. Students were asked to write about what their dreams were for themselves, their families and their communities. Charlie won the contest, which is sponsored by the Modell Lyric. Her essay was about her Big Dream of being a writer of young adult literature. She likes mysteries, good stories and dystopian fiction. She admires J.K. Rowling for the Harry Potter series and like Rowling, wants to write for young readers with interesting content. Her essay was read on the air. It was very well written and her delivery was very grown up!

The awards ceremony was January 21st at the Modell Lyric in Baltimore.

Charlie told Mayfield News that Dr. King inspired her to dream because he spoke about a world where everyone is equal. He paved the way for Charlie, an Asian, to know she can dream and that her voice matters and might even inspire others. Charlie also revealed to us that she wrote the draft of her essay in one night, but it took about 3 weeks to revise, edit and submit!

Finally, she shared that being on the radio wasn't like what she imagined. She thought it would be like being on the news broadcast, but instead, she said, "you're just in a room with 2 microphones." She enjoyed the experience at WYPR, because people at the station were so nice to her and she liked the questions that were asked.

Congratulations again, Charlie Grace. Mayfield is cheering for you to pursue and achieve your big award-winning dream. To listen to Tom Hall's interview Charlie Martin; go to: <http://www.wypr.org/post/mlks-legacy-pt-3-kings-hope-and-charlie-martins-big-dream>



Historic Homeowner Tax Credit Program Workshop April TBD — 2201 Mayfield Ave Room for 25 participants;

The Homeowners Historic Tax Credit program is designed to assist homeowners living in older homes in designated historic areas, such as Mayfield, maintain their home. This tax credit reimburses 20% of approved expenses for repairs needed to keep the home in good shape (roofs, floors), repair or replace essential mechanical functions (furnace, air conditioning) and maintain the original features of the home (windows, doors, exterior). This workshop will walk you through the application form in detail and offer tips for making the process of documentation and budgeting as easy as possible.

Neighbor to Neighbor Mayfield: A Culture of Service and a Neighborhood of Helpers.

Sometimes, we are surrounded by people who want to help, but we don't know they are here. Sometimes, we'd love to lend a hand to a neighbor who needs it, but don't know who might need our help. **Mayfield for All Ages (MFAA)**, the brainchild of Deb Mason, is our neighborhood volunteer clearing house connecting neighbors in need with volunteers here in Mayfield. **MFAA** is a cadre of neighbors who are willing to run errands, take folks to appointments, and help with light house maintenance for neighbors who need the support.

Mayfield For All Ages What can we do for YOU?

As our first **MFAA** "customer," I was eternally grateful after my wife Patty broke her leg last year around the holidays. I was in a panic — how would I get it all done without my helper-in-chief?! Deb Mason hit Safeway for all the Thanksgiving goodies I needed for company.

Another satisfied customer — a new neighbor needed a ride to and from a routine medical procedure and heard about us at a neighborhood get-together. While **MFAA** did the "hook up," the two neighbors were happy to find they knew each other already — from the Block Party Bake Sale table!

Finally, read what beloved neighbor and veteran volunteer Betty Robinson had to say about **MFAA**: "I sent a message to Mayfield for All Ages when I learned people could get help if they had needs. I had put off several repairs I needed in my house for years because I live on a fixed income. So I was really thankful for the help of Kathryn Park and her family. They repaired a light over my washing machine, attached a board at the bottom of my stove which will keep the mice out and stained some shelves in my kitchen. What a great service this is! Thank you to **MFAA**."

Need some help? Reach us by emailing Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com
Interested in volunteering? Fill out this survey at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R332MZP>

Mayfield for All Ages have arranged for an End of Life Seminar – Sunday, March 24 from 2 – 4 at MSBC, 3400 Norman Avenue; See green flyer insert for details.



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.

2019 Dues \$ _____

Add'l contribution \$ _____

Designated for _____

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

Dues are also collected at all Mayfield events, meetings and the summer block party.