

CALENDAR

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

Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18; 1 – 4 pm. — TREE-mendous Mayfield — Tree planting, mulch and water Street Trees in various locations.

**Saturday, October 31— 1:30 - 2:30pm
General Membership Meeting & Tribute to Mary Pat Clarke Courtyard of Maryland State Boychoir ;— 3400 Norman Avenue**

November 7, 2020 (Rain Date: November 8) 1 – 4 p.m. Landscaping Maintenance Lake Montebello Gateway Walls Curran Drive and Harford Road & Harford – Chesterfield Avenue intersection median

**Saturday, November 21 — (Rain date – Sunday, November 22) 1 – 4 pm
Mayfield Bulb Extravaganza featuring Daffodils for Crossland**

December 5 — Winter Dumpster Day #4 — 2300 block of Mayfield

**Saturday, December 5 — 10am – 12noon (Rain Date Sunday, December 6 1 – 3pm)
Mulch Madness
Managing Green Space Trees
Meet at Mayfield & Norman**

Santa Visit — Dec TBD

Caroling— December TBD

Note: COVID 19 has affected our regular activities schedule. We sincerely hope that in 2021 we will be able to resume traditional gatherings on the normal schedule. Check [Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldupdate@gmail.com) or www.Facebook.com/mayfield.update/

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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>

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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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T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A Hamlet in the Heart of Town 2020 | Issue Three

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It can be said that an organization is only as strong and effective as the members in its' ranks. Our neighborhood thrives because we have residents that care deeply about each other, about Mayfield, and the world around them. Each year a list of volunteers gets published in this newsletter and the length of it always amazes me. Every person on our list brings their own talents, interests and a desire to work together to improve the quality of life in Mayfield. This past week, our community lost a woman who was a regular volunteer in Mayfield and was so much more.

Betty Garman Robinson resided on Dobler Ave. for many years. It is hard to believe Betty was an octogenarian, as she possessed the energy of someone half her age. Her career spanned the areas of public and occupational health, working with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Citizens' Planning and Housing Association. As a 2003 Open Society Institute Community Fellow, Betty was a tireless advocate for social justice. State Senator Mary Washington called Betty, "the very definition of an ally, a freedom fighter, and of a life well lived." At the time of her untimely passing, Betty was working to organize Mayfield's input and concerns for the use the grounds around the Montebello Elementary and Middle School renovation and other community needs, especially a plan for parking and traffic for Lake Montebello visitors. Betty's vision were always one of equity, peace and justice.

In these days of uncertainty and divisiveness, Betty walked the walk and talked the talk to work for the possibilities of a better world. Her kind smile, bright light and friendliness were a gift to all. May Betty rest in peace and may the life she lived be an inspiration to all who knew her.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Buttner, President
Mayfield Improvement Association

MAYFIELD GENERAL MEETING

**& Tribute to Councilwoman
Mary Pat Clarke**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31
1:30 - 2:30 PM
OUTDOORS**

**on the Courtyard of the
Maryland State Boychoir
3400 Norman Avenue**

Refreshments,
Announcements,
Community Business

**Bring a chair or
use the courtyard wall;
WEAR A MASK.**

If the weather doesn't cooperate, Zoom will be the alternative meeting format. We'll send a Zoom link on that day so your can participate remotely, if it is raining.



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Thank You Councilperson Mary Pat Clarke

One thing we know for sure, is that Mayfield will certainly miss Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke. She is retiring from the Baltimore City Council representing Baltimore's 14th District Council seat soon. (Mayfield is partially in the 14th and partially in the 3rd District Council District.)

Mary Pat Clarke has always been very attentive and helpful to Mayfield. She responded quickly to our inquiries. She listened and she kept us informed on how she was addressing issues. She came regularly to our general meetings. She called us on weekends. She has had a career of community service that is long and strong. When you add up her career you can say she was an advocate for Baltimore – the needs of residents, the environment, sensible policies, community input and addressing inequality. Most recently, the cancer-causing herbicide ban in Baltimore City legislation was an issue we worked with her and matters related to Lake Montebello.

In case you don't know her as well as some who have worked with her over the years on various issues, here are some highlights:

She was first elected to city council in 1975. She served as both council president and council member for 34 out of the last 45 years. She is the first woman ever elected president of the Baltimore City Council and until 2016 was the only non-incumbent to win a council seat, since single-member districts were mandated by Baltimore voters through Question P in 2002. Clarke ran for mayor in 1995, but was not successful.

In the late 1960's and early 1970 Clarke was a founding board member of the Greater Homewood Community Corporation, an umbrella coalition of neighborhoods representing a North Baltimore area of 44,000 residents (now has morphed into Strong City Baltimore) and later its president and executive director

For the whole story of Mary Pat Clarke, her bio on the Baltimore Council Website:

<http://www.baltimorecitycouncil.com/mary-pat-clarke>

Greening and Care for Mayfield's Green Spaces

TREE-mendous MAYFIELD NEW STREET TREES

**Saturday, October 17 and
Sunday, October 18; 1 – 4 pm.**

Tree planting, mulch and water Street Trees in various locations. Digging tools, work gloves. Potential for storm-water credits on your water bill for volunteers that help with street tree planting.

LAKE MONTEBELLO GATEWAY WALLS

**Curran Drive and Harford Road
and Harford – Chesterfield Avenue
intersection median
November 7, 2020**

(Rain Date: November 8) 1 – 4 p.m.
Bulb planting, weeding, mulch and clean up. Bring gloves, long handled and hand tools, if you have them.

MAYFIELD BULB EXTRAVAGANZA

**featuring Daffodils for Crossland
Saturday, November 21
(Rain date – Sunday, November 22)
1 – 4 pm**

Bulb Auger work and planting Bring hand trowels, gloves, bulb auger.

MULCH MADNESS Managing Green Space Trees

**Saturday, December 5
10am – 12noon
(Rain Date Sunday, December 6
1 – 3pm)**

Meet at Mayfield & Norman; Bring Wheelbarrows, shovels, garden or pitch forks.

Saturday December 5th is the Same Day as the Mayfield Dumpster that will be at 2300 block of Mayfield

Mayfield supports Friends of Herring Run Parks' History Initiative

To: Preservation Maryland

I am writing in support of the Friends of Herring Run Parks' (FHRP) application for the 2020 Baltimore Historic Preservation Grant to fund a historical researcher to assist with the development of the Herring Run Heritage Trail.

The Mayfield Improvement Association (MIA) is a non profit organization that addresses, informs and coordinates community initiatives and projects that aim to preserve and improve the quality of life in Mayfield. MIA addresses community needs, such as social, environmental, and housing conditions and we advocate for city code enforcement, parks and recreation, and the overall needs of the neighborhood. We are

proud that our neighborhood was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

MIA has a long-standing relationship with FHRP as we have worked together to promote the park and its trails. One of our board members worked directly with FHRP to plan the Herring Run Heritage Trail and helped with the successful application for funding to the Maryland Historical Trust. We are very supportive of the creation of the Herring Run Heritage Trail as it will enhance the park experience for all visitors and will have special relevance to Northeast Baltimore residents. Herring Run Parks is unique in the City and in the world for its deep and diverse history, and for the ways in which the Park's past has shaped the neighborhoods

of the present. Mayfield's communications looks forward to highlighting the work of the project in its publications and social media. The community has been excited to hear about the plan for this archaeology effort, and the history component will make the discoveries even more instructive and exciting.

We wholly support FHRP's application to Preservation Maryland and look forward to having the Herring Run Heritage Trail in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Buttner
President,
Mayfield Improvement Association



VOLUNTEERS + POLLINATORS + LAKE MONTEBELLO

We love pollinators. We love seeing Monarchs flitter by and other butterflies and moths, but also hummingbirds, some other insects that help our flowers grow and our vegetables and trees grow their edible product. We also know that pollinators need food and habitat to thrive. In an effort to plant perennial flowering or ornamental plants at the Lake Median – 3000 linear feet of space — we asked volunteers to 'foster-grow' some specific plants that are drought resistant and sun-loving to do triple duty at the Lake Montebello Median. "Triple duty" means feed the pollinators and give them habitat, provide a visual feast for recreation users at the Lake, and educate others about pollinators and plants.

It worked out so well that we will continue to request foster-growers for pollinator-friendly perennials and hardy donated plants that are sun-loving and drought tolerant from Mayfield gardens to be transplanted to the Lake Median. There's a long list of pollinator friendly plants to choose from, if you want to supply some or divide your plants for the cause.

We hope to educate and encourage others to plant some pollinator perennials in their own gardens. The more people know about pollinators, we are better off.

We will enlist foster-growers in the spring 2021 Pollinator Propagation Project. Watch for information in Mayfield News and through the weekly Mayfield Update E-newsletter.

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