

CALENDAR

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

May 19, Thursday at 7:15 – 9:30pm
Mayfield General Membership Meeting
MSBC 3400 Norman Ave

June 4, 2022, Saturday
Dumpster Day #2 Morning
(7ish – 4 hours later)
2100 Block of Erdman Ave

Monday, June 20, by 7pm,
Mayfield Youth Vision Prize Entries
In honor of Patricia Goucher

Tentative date:
Friday, July 9, 6 – 10pm
Mayfield's 57th Annual Summer Community-Wide Block Party
(The pandemic meant we missed 2020, so we didn't count that year)
Area and median around 3400 Norman Ave, includes the median, the playground and Part of the Boychoir grounds.

Saturday, September 10, 2022 Morning
Dumpster Day #3
2400 block of Chesterfield Ave

Thursday, October 20, 2022
Mayfield General Membership Meeting
Location to be determined.
More information to come

Check Mayfieldupdate@gmail.com or www.Facebook.com/mayfield.update/ Event announcements are also in Mayfield E-newsletter, a weekly issued with community and nearby news. And many are posted on www.Facebook.com/mayfield.update/

To subscribe to Mayfield E-news, send your email to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com and subject line: Subscribe.

www.Facebook.com/mayfieldimprovementassoc/ (for those without a Facebook account) and to check for updates, get referrals and have questions answered.

Mayfield Improvement Association Officers

President
JoAnn Trach Tongson
Vice President
Deborah Mason
Recording Secretary
Janelle Cousino
Corresponding Secretary
Stephanie Buttner
Treasurer
Julia McDonald

Board Members

Mary Ann Dresler
James Long
Marie Lymon
Jan Shipley
Thomas Spring
Phaedra Stewart
Nina Tou

Committee & Project Leaders

Welcome Basket — Tom Rybczynski
Block Party — Stephanie Buttner and Phaedra Stewart
Communications — Janelle Cousino
Webmaster — Brian Baughn
Newsletter Layout & Graphic Design — Nina Tou
Greening Activities — JoAnn Trach Tongson
Playground Upkeep Monitor — Dave Hardy
Youth Scholar Vision Prize Committee — Deborah Mason
JoAnn Trach Tongson Phaedra Stewart & Nina Tou
Mayfield for All Ages — Deborah Mason
Social Activities - Phaedra Stewart, Marie Lymon & Jami Dodson
Traffic Calming Committee — Deborah Mason **NEEDS NEW CHAIR**
Children's Events — Linn Thorburn, Caedmon Haas & Thomas Spring
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

Mayfield Homes are eligible for the Maryland Historic Tax credits. Go to https://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.shtml or Mayfield website: <http://www.mayfieldassociation.org>

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?

Sign up for the weekly E-newsletter by sending a message to: mayfieldupdate@gmail.com asking to subscribe.

www.Facebook.com/mayfield.update (Send a Friend request and also let mayfieldupdate@gmail.com know that you have asked to be a friend with your address)

www.Facebook.com/mayfieldimprovementassoc/ - For announcements about Mayfield events especially for people without a Facebook account

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



T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A Hamlet in the Heart of Town 2022 | Issue Two

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My term as President of Mayfield Improvement Association is near its end. Elections will be held at the May 19 General Membership Meeting. Volunteers accomplished many things during the pandemic. It was a demonstration of Mayfield's "can-do" spirit. Yes, we missed the block party in 2020. We were determined in 2021 to plan a pandemic-informed "block party." A social – distanced, concert-style event was organized in September that year. We enjoyed live music by the Powell Younger Project again. Their 2019 pre-pandemic performance was a huge hit with Mayfielders. We booked them again for a return engagement. It was a joy!

We faced challenges and addressed them. Having general membership meetings outdoors, helping people in need through Mayfield For All Ages volunteers. Other volunteers worked on the traffic issues. Others addressed green space maintenance and park clean up with the greening committee. The reviewing judges that read the entries for the Youth Vision Prize and many more aspects of Mayfield life.

Our biggest project of recent years has been keeping the playground both fun and safe. New equipment purchased from voluntary donations replaced damaged pieces. A failing tree that became unsafe was cut down and made into a climbing/balancing play feature. Volunteers came forward to provide repairs and help to spread many cubic yards of playground mulch. These on-going efforts allow the playground to be the center for ongoing activities for the children and parents. Everyone is very grateful to the dog owners who have heeded the health concern of keeping canine family members out of the playground.

I would like to acknowledge all the help the Association has in organizing and hosting events. Officers and board members play a vital role in planning and

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participating in aspects of Mayfield life and meetings affecting Mayfield directly or indirectly. A big thank you to all of them. There are so many others in Mayfield that pour their heart into projects that interest them and lead an effort or interest. Examples: yard sale related tasks; mulching the playground, planting spring bulbs on the median, assisting neighbors in need and serving as liaison to our Northeast Baltimore neighbor organizations, or coaching youth soccer. All of this enriches the community of Mayfield and the City.

We are excited when home buyers choose to become residents of Mayfield. New neighbors bring new energy and ideas to Mayfield. We always want to connect new and current residents in the community. One neighbor wrote “We are so glad we found Mayfield. It is so welcoming!” Another family living in Mayfield for a few years now mentioned, “It seems that Mayfield is pretty unique or at least different from other communities we have lived in. There’s more activities and opportunities to get involved.”

Mayfield Improvement Association is nearly 70 years old. The first Mayfield Board of Directors were all men! Women and men, people from all backgrounds serve as members on the Mayfield Board today. Our board membership is as diverse as our community. And we are delighted to celebrate the growing families with a visit from the Stork and hand crocheted blankets.

We appreciate and look for your feedback and active participation. I look forward to the next chapter of leadership in Mayfield to be a welcoming community with interesting, friendly people. We hope you enjoy our Hamlet in the Heart of Town for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,
JoAnn Trach Tongson, President
Mayfield Improvement Association



STORK SIGHTINGS: A MAYFIELD TRADITIONS FOR 30 YEARS



Stephanie Buttner had the full scoop, because she was the first to receive the stork!

She shared with MayfieldUpdate in 2012 that the last article on the stork was years ago. She remembered this, because her daughter wrote the article when she was in 5th grade at SFA School! Her daughter is now married this past summer and expecting a child in a few months. Since then, there’s more to the story and many new residents since then.

Todd Buttner was the first one to have the stork announce his arrival. That was in 1993 Stephanie recalls.

She was thrilled to see it on the lawn when she and Dave arrived home from the hospital with baby Todd.

Stephanie also shared this memory: “We had an unexpected visit one week from the stork originator. We hadn’t seen him in years. I shared how the Stork continues announcing a new baby’s arrivals in Mayfield. He was surprised that the stork announcement had continued on! He recalled that they found it in their crawl space when they bought 2221 Chesterfield. They decided to surprise us with it. He and his wife left Mayfield to live in Annapolis and other places. Stephanie added, “One

night he joined us at the SFA Night at the Races event.. He had so much fun and must have said at least a hundred times – ‘why did we ever move?’ Stephanie added, “It’s nice to be reminded of that notion.”

The stork was at work in all kinds of weather. It started to show severe wear and tear and had a wobbly neck and stake. In 2017 Mayfield sought a repair or new version of the stork. Jim Veach, who lived at 2402 Kentucky for many years, suggested that his dad could help us. His dad had a woodworking shop with all the necessary saws, sanders and other tools to copy the original design and make a new version. He offered to take it to him to recreate the Mayfield Stork.

Nina Tou, a graphic designer and artist, offered to paint the new Stork. The original Stork held a running list of baby names and birthdates on the back of the stork. The new version has continued the practice. However, during COVID a few might have been missed. We are gathering that information.

Traditional information displayed on the stork is birthdate, first and middle names and birth weight. The family that had the stork last is also traditionally the family that puts the newest baby’s information on it before it is set up in front of the home of the newborn. Stephanie Buttner

has a 6th sense that helps keep track of the Stork’s whereabouts. Turns out that the original stork is still around and carefully sheltered in Mayfield.

In 2022 we had a few Mayfield newborns, but three babies born on the same block within a six week period seemed like a first in 2020! The Stork lived on the 2200 block of Lake for quite a while that summer. In 2020 it went back to the 2202 block of Lake again to announce the arrival of Baby Otis Lee a few months after after Baby Lorcan and Baby Jasper were announced on Kentucky Avenue. Who will be next? We’ll all know when we see the stork proudly announcing the new baby’s arrival. Maybe we’ll find it on Pelham soon!

In 2021 Mayfield added a new feature to this tradition. The family will receive a handmade crocheted baby blanket made by Julia McDonald, who lives on Mayfield Avenue. If you know Julia, you know that if she’s not working in the garden, you will see her crocheting something while also doing something else. Thank you, Julia. All of your creations are beautiful and will be treasured and a keepsake for a newborn for years to come.

Mayfield’s tradition of the Stork announcing new arrivals brings joy to the parents, their friends and extended family. And it prompts all of us to smile and to be happy for them.

Answer to the Mayfield Trivia Question: 3210 Harford Road is the oldest house in Mayfield



IN AND AROUND MAYFIELD



Montebello Elementary-Middle School

All signs led to the renovations to be completed in time for the fall semester of 2022. The Baltimore 21st Century School Construction team announced the reopening is delayed until approximately December 2022.

All Northeast neighborhoods north and south of the bridge and Harford/ Erdman/32nd Street Intersections Matter to Mayfield

Mayfield is involved in all the discussions of redesigning this accident-prone intersection. Our concern for the pedestrians and cyclists that may be traversing the area is real. Busy bus stops, changes in the traffic patterns, school traffic ramping up and the Curran Drive closure after the bridge construction started will be new conditions to manage. We are working with CHM and Belair Edison on the best outcome for all three neighborhoods.

Bridge Reopening?

We thought the Bridge would be open by November 2021. It was almost done! However, striping for traffic calming and related matters were still left unfinished. There is a committee of Northeast neighborhood leaders looking to celebrate the bridge reopening with fun and celebration. Date is not clear yet, so stay tuned for the re-opening celebration sometime this summer or early fall.

• • • • • ELECTIONS 2022 • • • • •

Dueling district maps for the next 10 years have now been settled and the Election Primary Day is Tuesday, July 19th. Maryland re-districting negotiations changed the districts in some cases for representation in Congress and in the Maryland General Assembly. Prior to this redistricting both sides of Harford Road were in the same Maryland Legislative District –

District 43, but we were represented by different members of Congress. The redistricted Maryland legislative map has changed. West of Harford Road is 43A and east of Harford Road is now in District 45. In the Congressional District – both sides of Mayfield will be in the district currently represented by Representative of the

7th district – Congressman Kweisi Mfume. The deadline for petitioning to be on the ballot has passed already. The list is set for the candidates vying to represent us in Mayfield in the primary and for you to choose among.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7:

Republican

Ray Bly
Scott Collier
Mishall Pearson
Lorrie Sigley

Democratic

Tashi Kimandus
Marques Dent
Elihue Eli El
Kweisi Mfume

Maryland Senate -- District 43 (A & B)

Mary Washington

Maryland Senate District 45

Cory V. McCray

Maryland House of Delegates 43A

Gwendolyn Butler
Reginald Benbow
Regina T. Boyce
Elizabeth Embry
Logan Endow
Shinicken Anaysha McGrew-Douglas
Rikki Vaughn

Maryland House of Delegates 45

Antonio Barber
Jackie Addison
Chanel Branch
Stephanie Smith
Caylon Young
George Johnson

Other Voting Information:

The Maryland General Election is set for Tuesday, November 8, 2022. For candidates in the Primary Election go to this link: www.elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/primary_candidates/index.html

Are you registered? If not, here's where you find out information to be registered: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1

To request a mail in ballot, start here: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailinrequest/InstructionsStep2

Deadline to request a ballot is depends on when you ask and how you want to receive it. www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html

In short: by mail or fax, your request must be received (not just mailed) by Tuesday, July 12, 2022. If by mail, internet or fax, request must be received by 5pm, Friday, July 15, 2022

for a request sent in the mail, or by 11:59 pm, Friday, July 15, 2022 for a request sent by fax or submitted online. There are other circumstances, use the link at the beginning of this section.

Don't know where to cast your vote? Go here: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch

Let's remember and work for justice!

Almost two years ago now, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed. The Mayfield Community, like others around the country and the world, reacted with horror to his killing and then came together to remember and reflect on our own humanity as we stood in silence, observing the length of time Floyd endured with a police officer's knee on his neck. Out of that moment, members of Mayfield, chose to gather in what became the Mayfield Racial Justice Conversations. While those of us who assumed leadership for the Conversations have not been able to continue, our commitment to justice has not changed and we believe yours has not either.



On the sad anniversary of George Floyd's death, we would like to invite you to remember, reflect and renew. Remember Floyd and all those whose lives have been cut short because of the inequalities of our system of government. Reflect upon a society that is different, more equitable and more nurturing of all it's citizens. And renew your commitment to doing what you can do to help our neighborhood, city, country, world, be better.

Thanks for your continuing participation in the conversation,
Raina Wilson, Laura Latta, Kari Miller, Sandy Robson and Laura Ingersol



Mayfield's Youth Vision Prize



In honor of Patricia Goucher

Who worked for the Maryland Environment Agency as a Planner for many years.



**ATTENTION:
Middle School and High School Students:
Answer one of these questions:**

"If I were the Mayor of my Neighborhood, I would propose....." (in order to make the neighborhood an even better place to live).

OR:

What would you do and encourage Mayfield residents to do to address the environmental problems that face the world?

Eligible students are in the 6th to 12th grade. The expression of action required can be in any medium – written narrative, art, poetry, graphic design, music, video, Power-Point or spoken word . The content of the submission is not about what the student has done in past academic or past volunteer efforts. It is instead a forward-thinking proposal for a community improvement that the student believes would make his or her neighborhood an even better place to live or what the community of nations (and Mayfield residents) should do to address the environmental issues that face our planet?

Deadline for submissions is Monday, June 20 by 6pm via email or hand delivered to -- 2410 Mayfield Ave. Judges

may award up to 2 prizes worth \$250, but are not obligated to award anything. The judges determine whether a submission qualifies for an award.

Entries should respond to one of the two questions posed for the presentation. Any medium is allowable for an entry, but should address the topic with clear explanation of how the solution should be accomplished and what ultimate outcome was expected from the proposed solution.

Judges are looking for the authentic voice of the student and the student's assessment of what he or she sees as a 'better' way to involve community in a project. It could be about undertaking a beautification effort, improving physical condition of the community, or an environmental measure that would reduce negative impact on the environment and increasing neighbor to neighbor cooperation toward some goal or service, or adding a feature to the neighborhood events, or something else the student sees as an opportunity to make their neighborhood or the planet an even better place to live.

The full eligibility requirements and required cover sheet will be available via mayifeldupdate@gmail.com .Ask and we will send them to you. Submissions are due at 6pm on Monday, June 20, 2022