

CALENDAR

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

September 9, Friday, 6 – 10pm
Mayfield's 58th Annual Block Party
3400 Norman Avenue & Median

September 10, Saturday
Dumpster Day #3 Morning
(7ish – 4 hours later)
2400 block of Chesterfield Ave

October 20, Thursday, 7:15pm
Mayfield General Membership Meeting
Location TBD

Fall Yard Sale TBD

Halloween for Children
TBD

December 3, Saturday
Dumpster Day #4
2300 block of Mayfield Ave

December TBD
Santa visit to the Playground

December TBD
Holiday Caroling on the MSBC Courtyard

December TBD after 12/25
Holiday Decoration Judging

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 question answered.

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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
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

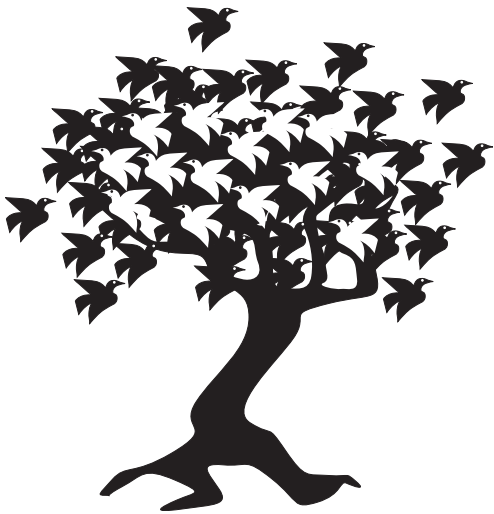
Mayfield Homes are eligible for the Maryland Historic Tax credits. Go to https://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.shtml or Mayfield website: <http://www.mayfieldassociation.org>

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.

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



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MAYFIELD
NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Mayfield Neighbors,
As detailed inside this issue of the Newsletter, the Mayfield Block Party is happening this year, but in September. There were many logistical reasons for the change, and it also makes it possible that it won't be so hot that all the frosting on the cupcakes melts off. We'll also see the return of the The Powell-Younger Project Band—a crowd favorite. So, even though the date is different and (fingers crossed) the weather cooler, the block party will still have the same vibe!

The Board is also eliciting more ideas for entertainment and children's events, encouraging Mayfield residents of all ages to share their talents. There is a survey (and a link to the online version of the survey) inside the newsletter. Take a look at it, and don't be shy. If you're a magician, a guitar strummer, a face painter, or a story teller, let us know! And of course, we will be needing volunteers to set up (and everyone helps break down) tables and chairs, serve pizzas, beverages, bring your baked goods for the Bake Table and treasures to be sold at the White Elephant table, and all the other tasks that go into making the block party such a great time. Happily, many hands make light work, and you will be asked only to take on one one-hour shift.

Please contact our Block Party Co-coordinators -- Stephanie Buttner or Phaedra Stewart -- through MayfieldUpdate@gmail.com to let them know what job you can take on and when.

And speaking of volunteers...

Mayfield is a terrific place to live, and it is the result of all the work done by our volunteers. Our volunteers plant bulbs and trees, weed the Lake Montebello median, put on activities for kids and adults, help out neighbors who need a lift to a doctor's appointment, work with City officials on a variety of issues, enable

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MAYFIELD'S 58TH ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Friday,

September 9, 2022
6pm – 10pm
3400 Norman Avenue



Next General Meeting
October 20, 2022



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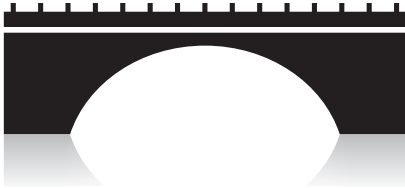
communications on all kinds of community events, work on the Board, respond to zoning issues, welcome new neighbors, and so many other things that I'm running up against my word limit just naming them.

But just as Mayfield needs its volunteers, I think that volunteering is also good for the volunteers. If you are new and don't know your new neighbors, volunteering is a great way to meet other people who are equally crazy about our neighborhood. If you are a long-time resident, it's a great way to meet your newest neighbors and reaffirm old ties. You can do as much or as little as you want or need to—any help is appreciated, and it goes a long way. And it's fun—it really is! So, check out the list of committees on the back of this printed newsletter and your directory—there is probably one that meets your interest. And come join the year-long Mayfield party!

Sincerely yours,
Deborah Mason

President, Mayfield Improvement Association

The Day the Bridge Closed WITH NO NOTICE.



The Harford Road - Herring Run Bridge was built before the Titanic in 1912. It had an historic barrel arch design. For photos along the construction phase, go to this URL harfordroadbridge.com/news-updates

In April 2017 there was a serious water main break on the Harford Road bridge that required a sudden closure of the bridge to traffic on a Thursday in the late afternoon. Downtown traffic heading home to Northeast neighborhoods via Harford Road had no bridge closed notice, no traffic detour signage and no alternative route messages. There was not a road closed ahead or flashing sign on Harford Road until motorists had reached the intersection of Harford Road & 32nd Street! By then it was too late to find an alternative route. Traffic was stuck in a standstill in and around Mayfield for hours.

The traffic jam in Mayfield of vehicles trying to go north took 6 hours to unwind. Some frustrated drivers attempted to use Mayfield alleys to get out of the jam only to find there was no easy way out. Deborah Mason, Mayfield president in 2017, was interviewed by WMAR TV about

the traffic standstill and bridge closure that would vex drivers in both directions for quite a while. Mayfield Update sent a map and alternative routes to Mayfield Update subscribers and our Facebook friends and the Harford Road Collective Facebook users to help navigate around the mess along Chesterfield and Erdman.

Clearly a bridge replacement was needed. Before construction could start, BGE had to move gas lines. A qualified contractor had to be found. BCDOT and State Highway Administration were worried they would not have any qualified bidders for the \$35 million project. If that was the case, there would be an additional delay. Numerous change-orders for revised engineering requirements and site circumstances also added to the delayed start.

By 2018 the bridge was more than 100 years old and the Commission of Historic and Architectural Places (CHAP) required some design changes to honor the original historic design, especially from the east side of the bridge. To keep pollution out of the Herring Run and therefore

the Chesapeake Bay, the bridge contractors were required to dismantle the bridge to have hazardous material and contaminants stored or trucked out of the area safely. Dismantling would take time. The bridge was closed for destruction/construction to start in late November 2018

Celebrate the reopening of the Bridge

Discussions in 2021 to have a celebration for the bridge re-opening involved neighborhoods on both sides of the bridge. Mayfield discussed the idea at the May 2021 General Membership Meeting held in the St. Francis of Assisi courtyard. JoAnn Trach Tongson was asked to serve on an event planning group as President of Mayfield. Northeast

neighborhoods presidents met to plan some event with Councilman Ryan Dorsey's staff. However, no date has been decided. Recently BCDOT told residents that participated in a recent Zoom meeting in July, there were several traffic calming measures to be implement before the bridge could open. In addition, BGE had to complete some electrical work on the bridge before it could open.

When will the bridge open?

That's hard to know right now.

Will share any news when we have it.

National Night Out

Always held on the 1st Tuesday of August, this year Mayfield residents gathered on the green in front of the homes on Lake Montebello Terrace to talk with each other and enjoy the music selections and talent of song and guitar of Bill Hooper, our Mayfield Neighbor on Lake Montebello Drive.

It was a wonderful way to claim the night for the neighborhood. We enjoyed the breeze coming off Lake Montebello and the relaxed atmosphere of the event.

We also celebrated the two awardees of the Youth Vision Prize. Ella Voos, Pelham Avenue and Maddie Armstrong, Mayfield Avenue received a cash award for their education expenses. The judges were quite impressed with their thoughtful entries. Their submissions are included in this newsletter on page 4.

MAYFIELD'S 58TH ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

**Friday, September 9,
6pm – 10pm
3400 Norman Avenue**

- Back by popular demand and get your dancing shoes ready: **Powell Younger Project is coming again to Mayfield to entertain at the block party.**
- **The Best Mayfield Cupcake Judging** is back too. Who will receive the Mayfield's Best Cupcake for 2022? Bring your cupcake entries to the Bake Table. Judges look for quality of taste, decoration and texture.
- Bring donations to the plant swap and white elephant tables
- Volunteers are always welcome! To volunteer contact mayfieldupdate@gmail.com by September 8 at 8pm.
- Pay your dues and get a directory



Congratulations to Ella Voos & Maddie Armstrong

*Their submissions to The Mayfield Youth Vision Prize★
are printed here for you to read.*

If I were Mayor of Mayfield... — By Ella Voos

If I was mayor of Mayfield, I would propose the start of a new garden club. This club would lead walking tours of the neighborhood over the spring or summer months and determine which garden in Mayfield is their favorite. The club would build community, as well as aid in neighborhood beautification, both of which would make Mayfield an even better place to live.

This garden club would be similar to the holiday decoration contest, in which there would be awards for best house and best block, but it would take place in the spring/summer rather than in the winter. It would encourage the residents of Mayfield to put an extra bit of effort into their gardens, which would lead to overall neighborhood beautification. There would be a special focus on native pollinator plants and perennials, as they are important in maintaining the natural beauty that we have. The winners of the garden contest would get a gift certificate to the local plant nursery of their choice.

In addition, this club would allow the residents of Mayfield to come together and enjoy a greater sense of community. To do this, the club would have multiple neighborhood tours that are open to all, so that everyone can enjoy what our neigh-

borhood has to offer. While walking around the neighborhood, residents could take just a little bit of time out of their day and connect with others. Another way that this proposal would make Mayfield even better is that the winner would be announced at the block party, so anyone who would want to know who the winner was would need to attend the event. If more people attended the event, that would allow residents to talk with people that they might not see often. Having a larger attendance at the annual block party would also create more funds for the Improvement Association to keep the neighborhood as green as can be. In summary, if I was mayor of Mayfield, I would start this garden club in order to make Mayfield the best it can be.

Untitled

— By Madeleine Armstrong

We live in a society
That puts itself first
Before Nature
Before the life of animals
Before the death of our own
We take and take
And we do not give back enough
We could take only what is needed
Give back what is no longer needed
We could reuse old things
Or give them a new purpose
We could eliminate fossil fuel usage
Before there is none left to use
We could drive electric cars

Use more water power to create electricity
Instead of burning trash at power plants
We could cease the use of plastic
And could recycle more when used
We could compost our trash
We could thrift our new clothes
We could be more careful with what we do
We could treat Mother Earth
As she is meant to be treated
We were once part of nature
Before we began ruining it
And we still have a chance to save it again
But we are the last generation who can
If it is not us who works for the future
Then it will be no others
Do we want our world to die?
Or do we want it to live and flourish again
Unburdened by the pollution our species causes
No longer tainted by the neglect of our society
No longer being destroyed by consumerism
No longer an afterthought
No longer the future, because it is the present
It is the price we pay for a material sense of happiness
And it will only grow in weight
The longer it takes
For us to change

— 2022

★The Mayfield Youth Vision Prize was created to encourage youth voices in community building. Mayfield middle school and high school students going to school in Mayfield are eligible to submit their proposal. Entries were to answer the question: If I were Mayor of Mayfield, I would(to make their neighborhood an even better place to live). In 2022, Mayfield Board added a question as an option that would ask what the applicant would suggest for our environmental future. This question was added to honor the memory of Patricia Goucher, our Mayfield neighbor that passed away in 2021. Her family and friends donated funds to Mayfield in her honor. Professionally, Patricia worked as a planner for the Maryland Department of the Environment for much of her career.

IN AND AROUND MAYFIELD



Monarch Habitat Project.

We have had a few recent volunteers sign up to help create a Monarch friendly habitat at Lake Montebello. This autumn we will have seeds to share for anyone interested in helping to grow milkweed, an essential plant for monarchs to grow through metamorphosis to the golden graceful propagator we admire — King of the Butterflies. Won't you help the Monarchs?

Update: Montebello School

Revised Re-opening is January 2023. The inside of the building is near complete, but site work is not yet finished.

Mayfield General Membership Meeting

Mark your Calendar – Thursday, October 20th.
Location to be Determined. Special guests include public officials, reports of committees, local interest presenters, and more.

Directory Distribution

Delivery options and Advertisers
If you are a dues paying member of Mayfield, you 'll most likely able to pick up your 2022-24 Mayfield Directory at the Block Party – Friday, September 9, 2022. If you haven't paid your dues (\$20/household, or \$10 for

households headed by someone 62), you can pay at the Mayfield Table at the Block Party or send or drop a check to 2201 Mayfield Ave; or via Venmo or Zelle. If you are not picking it up at the Block Party, it will be delivered with the following printed newsletter to households that paid their dues.

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If you're not on the Mayfield Update Weekly E-news ...

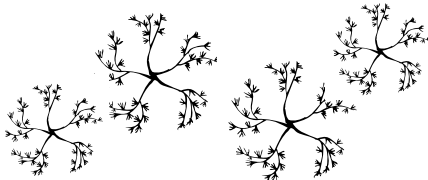
you're missing these events and stories: Popup social gatherings, other community events, ordering street trees, volunteering at Lake Montebello median, Special meetings about many topics And, of course, Dumpster Day reminders, Children's Activities, Traffic Calming news; Mayfield for All Ages services, Neighbor to Neighbor inquiries, referrals and offers, Boychoir and SFA Special events. The E-newsletter is a 10-minute read, but with informa-

tion you need in the near term or you wil delight in knowing. It is free.

Dumpster Day

September 10, 2022
2400 Block of Chesterfield
Morning - usually between
7am - 7:30am

We will post on [www.Facebook .com/mayfield.update/](https://www.facebook.com/mayfield.update/) that morning as well as [www.Facebook.com/mayfieldimprovementassoc](https://www.facebook.com/mayfieldimprovementassoc) when it arrives. The dumpster is taken away when full or approximately 4 hours later. We must be able to close the door to the dumpster, so load from the back first and leave enough room at the door. Only DPW knows when they will come and retrieve the dumpster, so don't take a chance. Come as early as you can.



TREES are coming!

Many residents ordered street trees which will get planted in late October. In addition, there will be small trees in 9" pots that will arrive in mid-October for residents to plant on their own property. We will announce their availability and location in the E-news. If you're interested in the small 9" potted tree starts (approx. 18" tall), send an email to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com in order to get advance notice of where and when you can choose your tree.