

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 St Francis of Assisi

Fall Yard Sale 9am - 1pm
October 22

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 questions answered.

Mayfield Improvement Association Officers

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Nina Tou
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Committee & Project Leaders

Welcome Basket — Tom Rybczynski
Block Party — Stephanie Buttner and Phaedra Stewart
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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
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



T H E MAYFIELD NEWSLETTER

A Hamlet in the Heart of Town 2022 | Issue Four

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Mayfield Neighbors,

Autumn is my favorite time of year. Even though I am not a fan of pumpkin spice, I still love the crisp scent of a beautiful fall day. Autumn skies blaze blue, and the low autumn sun limns everything in gold. Zinnias and chrysanthemums blossom in fall gardens, and fallen leaves feed and protect the ground. And nothing—and I mean nothing—beats the glorious red leaves of my maple tree. Autumn is also beautiful because it is a time of opposites and juxtapositions: a time for harvesting and for planting; a time to celebrate life's bounty, and a time to prepare for winter's starkness. It is a time of new beginnings, as kids return to school, and a time to reflect on the previous year, as the days grow shorter and winter draws nearer. So, I suppose it's only natural that this letter looks forward and backward at the same time.

Looking back, it becomes clear that 2022 has been marked by a slow return to normal—or, at least, a new normal. The bridge, which has been closed for longer than anticipated, opened on October 1st, allowing people to resume driving habits that were given up three years ago. DPW has begun the comprehensive (and long overdue) repairs needed to make Erdman Avenue safer. The block party returned, and even though everyone I spoke to was grateful for the various Covid protocol-friendly events the Board provided, they were even more excited that the "real" block party was back. We resumed in-person kids' activities, greening events, and adult social events. There is a sense that if we are careful, we can be with each other again.

Looking forward, it's obvious that we face many challenges. Many of the changes to Harford Road have created dangerous driving conditions that need to be corrected, especially in light of increased traffic resulting from the bridge reopening. The changes to the intersection of Erdman and Harford have likewise created hazards for all road users. The fate of the 32nd Street

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MAYFIELD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 20, 2022 — 7:15 pm

COMMUNITY INTERESTS BUSINESS AND REPORTS

St. Francis of Assisi Burke Hall
3615 Harford Road
Access from parking lot off
Chesterfield east of Harford Road.

Guests Include:

Jonathon Amey
New Northeast Police Major
Cory McCray - MD State Senator
Larry Jackson - Morgan State University
DOT Representatives
Councilmembers
Ryan Dorsey & Odette Ramos

MAYFIELD COMMUNITY YARD SALE

October 22 — 9am - 1pm

Sign up by Oct 18 to be included in the map & directory via mayfieldupdate@gmail.com

If you do not subscribe to the E-newsletter ask mayfieldupdate@gmail.com to send it to you on before Oct 22



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Extension remains undecided. We need to continue working with the DOT and our council members to resolve these issues in ways that sensibly balance the needs of the community and the city. But we also have many opportunities to make Mayfield an even more inviting, beautiful, and community-spirited place to live. All we need is you.

And to that end, I am cordially inviting you to the next General Membership Meeting on 20 October 2022, at 7:15, in Burke Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church. State Senator Cory McCray, Councilmembers Ramos and Dorsey, representatives from DOT and the new commander of the Northeast Police District, Major Johnathan Amey of have all said they will be with us. Larry Jackson, Assistant Vice President for Public Relations for Morgan State University accepted our invitation as well. Learn first-hand about our challenges and our opportunities—and then come join us as we face them together. But now, if you'll excuse me, I think I'll head on up to Weber's for some fresh apple cider.

Best regards,
Deborah Mason
President, Mayfield Improvement Association



IN AND AROUND MAYFIELD

Mayfield Needs and Supports Pollinators

You —Yes, you! — can help the planet. Start in your backyard. Forget the whole planet, but you can start with your own backyard plus a little more.

1. Plant native plants
2. Even a flower box helps
3. If you want to keep grass, get rid of the ideal of perfection.
4. Find native plants that do well with the conditions you have — whether full sun, part shade or whatever it is.
5. Use the National Wildlife Tool to find plants will work in your zip code and a store that sells them (often cheaper than the big box store sells them).
6. Since Mayfield has the 3000 linear feet of Lake Montebello median, we have a great opportunity to make a difference on a large scale. We can supply some

of the native plants that help the pollinators thrive, but also help the environment.

It isn't up to any of us to solve this crisis by ourselves, but collectively we can make a difference. We will give you pollinator friendly plants to put in your garden this fall or next spring, and/or plants to foster that we can use at Lake Montebello Median. Mayfield has starter plants and seeds for propagating plants appropriate for pollinators. Sign up to receive some early starter plants and/or seeds to grow pollinator-friending plants.

Email mayfieldupdate@gmail.com

Herring Run Park — Home to Piebald deer

Deer live in and all around Mayfield. They roam Herring Run Park, follow the stream in both directions, they walk around Mayfield at night. A neighbor on Chesterfield sent us a

note that she sees Piebald deer often across the street from her home.

If you're especially lucky, you may encounter a rare piebald deer, the result of a genetic mutation that affects the pigmentation of the coat. The mutation becomes more common the more isolated deer populations are, interbreeding may make the mutation more common here than in areas with larger territories.

The piebald's unusual appearance has generated a considerable amount of myth and folklore. Native Americans consider the piebald a spirit transitioning from this world to the spirit world, and that sighting one is an omen of impending change. In many Native American cultures, it's still strictly forbidden to kill a piebald deer, interrupting the soul's passage to the next world.

Hunters have their own folk wisdom about taking a piebald — the more

superstitious among them believing that killing a piebald puts a curse on future hunting success, or may even mean the hunter will die within a year.

Piebalds are not as rare as albino deer, which are typically pure white, and except for their mottled coats, are often as healthy as their normally colored brethren. But piebalds are more susceptible to abnormalities at birth, which severely reduce chances of post-natal survival. Some piebald adults may also have shortened or crooked legs, making it difficult for them to avoid predators. Fortunately, these misfortunes are rare; although the presence of numerous piebalds in any one deer population can be an indicator of excessive interbreeding and can reduce the overall health of a herd.

If you see a piebald, consider yourself fortunate to see an individual deer who's beaten the odds; and, who knows, letting you know that change may be in the air.

Mayfield State Boychoir Celebrates the Christmas Season

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols with the Maryland State Boychoir: If you want to FEEL Christmas, this concert with audience participation will help you with the spirit of the season. The concerts are:

**Saturday, December 10 at 7pm,
Sunday, December 11 at 4pm
Sunday, December 18 at 4pm.**

Ticket sales are open now at The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols via ThunderTix: www.msb.thunder-tix.com/events204361?only_one=-time

Have You Received a Welcome Basket?

If you moved in to Mayfield recently you should have received a Welcome Basket from Mayfield. If you have not received yours let mayfieldupdate@gmail.com know. These baskets contain Mayfield items, important info, fun gifts and past newsletters to introduce you to the neighborhood. We have volunteers who provide

support to those in need; who take responsibility for helping the community in various ways — planning events, helping with community projects, participating in events, and more.

Mayfield Volunteer Roles are Available !

Upcoming roles for October through December 2022 — interested in any of these?

Greening/Environmental related

- Planting Trees
- De-vining trees on Chesterfield,
- Gardening Work at Lake Montebello Median or Mothers' Garden

Children's and Adult Activities

- Playground fun days,
- Halloween,
- Thanksgiving
- Santa Visit

December Holiday related

- Wreath Hanging
- Caroling Event
- Holiday House Decoration Judges

Keeping in Touch with Mayfield and Neighbors

"Wow, there's a lot of news in here," and "Thank you for keeping us so well informed." And finally, "I loved the story about the 1985 Bridge picture from our former Mayfield residents." These comments were received from residents about some recent issues of our weekly Mayfield Update E-news. It's released on Thursdays each week with things to know about Mayfield and good info to for all of us to use.

Here's what you missed if you are not receiving Mayfield Update Weekly E-news

Some of the events known to us on short notice are: Exhibits or events featuring Mayfield residents • The October 6-9 performances of the BSO and Maryland State Boychoir performance at Meyerhoff and Strathmore • Pop-up Mayfield events like Movies on the Median with Top Gun Max in August • Announcement of the BMA Exhibit coming in October on the Great Black Migration

artists • Events in Mayfield – National Night Out with Bill Hooper providing entertainment on the Lake Montebello Terrace Green • Zoom meetings with city agencies arranged by Mayfield on issues of concern.

Solution: Get the Mayfield E-news weekly (a 10 minute read) by sending an email with the Subject Line: Subscribe E-news to mayfieldupdate@gmail.com.

If you are a subscriber, and know that a neighbor is not getting our E-news, share this with them and tell them how to sign up. It's a good way to be 'in the know' in a quicker time frame than our quarterly printed newsletters. We continue to produce this community resource to serve the persons without computers, or email access. Some of your neighbors deliver this printed newsletter door to door.