

Harbor News

Next Meeting: October 28th @ 7:30
in the Community Center

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October 2024

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Hello neighbors!

Leaves are starting to change, and I have the "joy" of hearing the black walnuts falling off the tree and rolling down my roof. (For those walking down North Riverside...please stay aware of possible airborne concussions...).

All of us on the board are so excited to announce our 100th Birthday Bash coming on 13 October. You'll see the announcements in this newsletter! We look forward to seeing all of you in the field next to HHVFD...can't wait!

We had good attendance last month at the general meeting to listen to a presentation given by two representatives from the County Executive's Office. Great to get an update on happenings and services here in Anne Arundel County. This month we will have Delegate Schmidt and Senator Gile with us for updates from the state government and The Crownsville Advisory Committee.

I hope everyone has an amazing fall, and look forward to seeing all the costumes on Halloween! Enjoy the apple picking, pumpkin patches, corn mazes, hay rides, and, if you must, pumpkin spice lattes....

Happy Fall everyone!
-Matt



Community News



Sunday, October 13, 2024
3-6 p.m.

Thank you HHVFD for allowing us to use the field next to the VFD to celebrate Herald Harbor's 100th year birthday with a community block party.

We will have Food Trucks, Snoballs, a Face Painter, Balloon Artist, the ALL YOU NEED BAND and much more. Bring a blanket, some chairs and your great attitude as we jam out to being a 100 year old community together! Thank you to our volunteers for organizing + Bright Beginnings and Herald Harbor Hideaway for the generous donations to make it a lot more fun for everyone.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 10246 (6th and 8th Graders) will be there making a documentary - make sure to check in with them to be on their video reel.

If you would like to donate, please contact me at 443-994-6966 or aeutsler812@gmail.com
See you there -Ashley Raymond

Fall Used Book Sale

janspicknall@gmail.com



It's back! The semiannual used book sale is Friday, October 25, from 4:00 to 7:00, and Saturday, October 26, from 9:00 to 1:00. Once again, the HarborQue Barbecue food truck will be there on Friday. As always books are just \$5.00 for a grocery size bag--a lot cheaper than groceries these days! Bring your own bag. You can't go wrong! Just one new book would cost more than \$5.00 from a book store. At our book sale you can get an entire winter's reading worth of reading for that price! Even if some turn out not to your liking, it's still a deal.

We have a group of faithful volunteers who help set up and pack up for the sale, but we are always looking for new faces. Volunteers get a first look at the books and the option to purchase before the general public. Set up takes place on October 24 beginning at 9:00. We pack up the leftover books for the Rotary Club's International Books for Goodwill after Saturday's closing. Any time you can give is much appreciated!

As always, all proceeds go to the Herald Harbor Citizens Association General Fund.

FYI: We are still in need of books and taking book donations up through Wednesday, October 23. Just drop them off at the right door of the community center or send me an email if you need them picked up.

Silent Book Club Anyone?

By Maureen Turman

First gathering of the Silent Book Club is scheduled for Wednesday October 9 at 7 pm. Everyone who has already gotten in touch will receive a separate email as we finalize the location, most likely a private home in Herald Harbor.

Have you heard about the relatively recent phenomenon of the silent book club? Have you determined that traditional book clubs don't work for you? I'm looking for others who might want to join in this "low-impact" experience of reading in companionable silence.

Here's how it usually works: People arrive any time in the 30 minutes before the meeting's official start to visit with others, perhaps share what they are reading (or not), meet new people in the neighborhood or just find a good place to sit. Then someone rings a bell or makes an announcement to start the clock, and it's reading time. For an hour, that's all you do: everyone settles in for a good read in silence. At the end of the hour, one can stay behind and chat some more. Or not. The experience is akin to the quiet calm of the library but not the same. People come to the library for different reasons whereas we will gather together for the same purpose.

All Herald Harbor residents are welcome, and you decide what you will read. Email me at Membership@HeraldHarbor.org to share your comments and interest. No worries if you can't make this particular date. We'll continue to meet monthly for the next several months.

Don't forget to look at page 7 for new books to read!

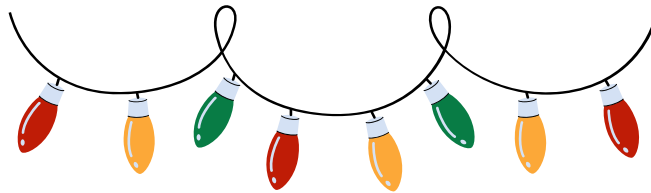
Flip the Switch: HHCA Holiday Lights Contest is Fast Approaching!

By Maureen Turman

Mark your calendars because it is so on.

Come December 17 and 18 (Tuesday and Wednesday) the BPOE* will fan out to find who's been busy with their twinkle lights and creative with their leftover Halloween yard decor. It's time to test the electrical grid as well as your creative mojo while you vie for bragging rights as one of the best decorated homes in the Harbor. Previous winners of the last three years are ineligible to win but encouraged to decorate. If your lights are on, you are automatically entered. And fear not, the Elven Judges make every effort to reach all the nooks and crannies in the Harbor. Once again, the following week we'll offer a scavenger hunt featuring some of the highlights from around the community so you can explore this wonderful neighborhood. And, there are prizes!

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Hey Herald Harbor Residents!

Thanks for reading this homegrown newsletter. Several people here in Herald Harbor spend a lot of time and effort to get this out to you with useful info and amusing bits of whimsy. Thanks go to editor Michelle Uria and her merry band of volunteer writers who generally make their deadlines nine times a year. If you feel so moved to join in the fun, shoot Michelle an email; there's always room for more volunteers.

If you page further into this issue, you'll see that the 2025 membership form is now available. There are always a couple of early birds who get their dues in now in order to train their sights on other important stuff but I would love to receive more as we speed toward the end of the year. Some people pay a couple of years in advance so they can ignore my pitiful cries to renew over the coming months. You can prepay for next year's boat ramp fee if you want and, as always, your donations are always greatly appreciated.

We had a bunch of new members this year: Welcome!

The HHCA is a 100% volunteer-run organization, and the community relies on the energy and talents of many people to get things done. There is always more to do so get in touch if you can lend a hand or have an idea. Our modest dues and generous donations help to maintain the Community Center and Boat Ramp, the Locust Trail property (progress is slow but being made), the Beach on Bonaparte, and the kayak racks. Now that the HHCA has taken ownership of the Community Center, we continue to wrestle with the joys and challenges that property ownership confers.

Herald Harbor is a neighborhood of families, people who love the water and the trees, and folks who value a safe place where our kids can explore and learn. We are a community of retirees, young couples buying their first home, active and retired military and parents juggling kids and jobs. We have a rich history as a community spanning 100 years and we continue to grow and change, looking forward to the future with pride and purpose.



As I've said often, there's only so much I can do to encourage people to join or renew their membership in this voluntary organization. Now that we no longer produce the Harbor News on paper it's harder for me to reach new people, so I rely more than ever on current members to help me get the word out. I'm grateful for your help in sharing community news with your neighbors.

----Maureen Turman
New email! Very Exciting! Membership@heraldharbor.org

History of Herald Harbor, Part 1

As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Herald Harbor, here is a heavily edited version of its history as written by Gloria Spence in 1996. This will be a 2-part version with more to come next month. If you'd like to read the complete version of Gloria's History email me at lcrump37@gmail.com. Notice the familiar street names in this article.

The land that became Herald Harbor was initially owned by Henry E. Hall, an entrepreneur from Youngstown, Ohio, who purchased it in 1886. Prior to this purchase, the land was a plantation of peach and apple orchards and farm land. Edward E. Hall, remembers trees being felled and drawn by horses down to the foot of Bonaparte Trail to the river, where they were transported by barge to be used as electric and telephone poles. Produce also went out locally and were taken to Baltimore.

Herald Harbor began on May 17, 1924 when Rhey Snodgrass, William Shelton and C.S. Eddy, officials of The Washington Herald newspaper, purchased 250 acres from Frank and Nellie Kyle, and 210 acres from Joseph and Adda Hall. Long Point was excluded, as were parcels for family members and a few friends.

William Randolph Hearst, owner of The Herald, took exception to his newspaper being in the real estate business and on June 12, 1924, an article in The Herald announced; "HERALD HARBOR COMPANY IS NOT A HEARST NEWSPAPER PROJECT." On July 1, 1924, the property was conveyed to an independent corporation, Herald Harbor, Inc. Officers of the corporation were Rhey Snodgrass, former Herald Harbor publisher, president; William Shelton, former Herald circulation manager, secretary-treasurer; and C.S. Eddy, vice-president.

The property was surveyed into 25' x 100' lots for selling for \$25 a lot or \$200 for waterfront lots. Herald Harbor was advertised as a summer beach colony for Washingtonians. On June 13, 1924, an ad in The Herald states "practically 3,000 lots have been sold.... the size and speed of the movement toward Herald Harbor has dumbfounded our most imaginative salesmen.

Shelton Park was built on the waterfront lots at the intersection of North and South Riverside. The Park was cleared of trees for parking spaces. A dance pavilion was built at the top of the hill and steps ran down the hill to the beach. On the beach were bathhouses, a boardwalk and picnic facilities. A dock was constructed to accommodate the boaters, canoeists, fishermen, and those desiring a 25 cent ride on the excursion launch. Sandwiches and homemade crab cakes and drinks could be purchased at the refreshment stand on the beach. Boats, fishing tackle and bait could be had if visitors wished to fish in the waters of Severn River or Valentine Creek, both which abound in fish of all kinds. They could be cooked and eaten right on the club grounds.

People turned out in droves. They came by automobile or special excursion trains on the W.B.&A. electric railway being run from 15th and H. Streets, Northeast, DC to Gott Stations, where motor buses transported the excursions to Herald Harbor, two miles distant. Sales offices for lots opened in Baltimore at 19 Guilford Avenue that summer, and by the end of summer, a record crowd of over 12,000 people from Washington and Baltimore had come as investors or visitors to Herald Harbor.



WELCOME

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Happy Anniversary

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Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of John Van Dyke and Betty Wezik who passed away recently.



Looking for a Good Book?

by Jan Spicknall janspicknall@gmail.com

Fall is here forcing us to move from the lazy days of summer to the busy days of school, work and preparing yards and gardens for winter. This edition includes books of essays that can be enjoyed in short spurts between other commitments.

Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss by Margaret Renkl: Renkl has a weekly, opinion essay in The New York Times and is the author of my previously recommended *The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year*. In this collection we meet Renkl's parents as she moves from being their daughter to being their caregiver. Renkl's caregiving essays are beautifully interwoven with essays that pull in the natural world around her Nashville home. Billy Renkl, the author's brother, is *Late Migrations* illustrator. Such an amazing duo!

The Book of Delights: Essays by Ross Gay: Published in 2019 by an award-winning poet, this is a collection of his memoir essays written from birthday to birthday. This is his first non-fiction book. In a time that seems filled with anxiety and political turmoil, we can learn much from Gay's lesson in focusing on the little joys that happen in our lives. There are 102 essays, some as short as a paragraph and some several pages, beginning with "My Birthday" and ending with "My Birthday."

Upstream by Mary Oliver: A book of essays written by another award-winning poet known for her love of nature and quiet walks in the woods. "As she contemplates the pleasure of artistic labor, finding solace and safety within the woods, and the joyful and rhythmic beating of wings, Oliver intimately shares with her readers her quiet discoveries, boundless curiosity, and exuberance for the grandeur of our world." (goodreads.com)

I Was Told There'd Be Cake: Essays by Sloane Crosley: A New York Times bestseller. Crosley is a two-time finalist for the Thurber Prize for American Humor. Written as a memoir, Crosley encourages us to laugh at her experiences in fifteen essays with titles like "Bring your machete to work day." "From despoiling an exhibit at the Natural History Museum to provoking the ire of her first boss to siccing the cops on her mysterious neighbor, Crosley can do no right despite the best of intentions -- or perhaps because of them." (goodreads.com)

September 15 through October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. Below are two books that caught my eye. Check out an entire list of 84 at www.goodreads.com website.

Trust by Hernan Diaz: 2023 Pulitzer Prize Winner! Named one of the ten best books of the year by The New York Times, The Washington Post, NPR, and Time Magazine and named one of the best 100 best books of the century by the New York Times. Need I say more?

The Inheritance of Orquidea Divina by Zoraida Cordova: "You are invited to my home on May 14, the Year of the Hummingbird. Please begin to arrive no later than 1:04 p.m., as I have many matters to settle before the event. The stars have shifted. The earth has turned. The time is here. I am dying. Come and collect your inheritance. Eternally, Orquidea Divina Montoya" With a beginning like that, how could you not want to read on?



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The Birds and the ...Fish

By Maureen Turman

While a lot of the geese and other migratory birds have been flying south for the last couple of months, waterfowl enthusiasts will be heading over the Bay Bridge to Easton, Maryland in another month. The 53rd iteration of their Waterfowl Festival will hit town November 8-10 for a weekend full of fun and education.

Founded in 1971, the festival was conceived to celebrate and preserve Chesapeake Bay traditions and eventually has grown to be a nationally known event that attracts artists, conservationists and wildlife enthusiasts. Its mission has remained the same from the start: to raise funds for waterfowl habitat conservation while providing a platform for artists to showcase their work and for visitors to engage with the natural world.

In addition to art and historic artifacts (like decoys) on exhibit, there will be live programs and displays for those into hunting, fishing and other outdoor pursuits. A fishing derby is a highlight, and you can also enjoy various demonstrations including a retrieving dog exhibition. Did you know that Easton High School is home to the World Goose Calling Championship? It was founded in 1976 and is the longest-running goose calling championship in the US. Who knew?

There's lots of stuff designed for families where kids can enjoy hands-on activities including crafts and educational programs centered around wildlife and the outdoors. Make time to visit the Fishmobile equipped with interactive display tanks devoted to Bay species and Skyhunters in Flight, an exciting educational demonstration with live birds of prey.

All of this, plus good food, live music and special guests adds up to a great day out. Dress for the weather as the festival goes on rain or shine. For more information and to get tickets visit waterfowlfestival.org

Speaking of migrating birds, October is traditionally the month that I remind folks to "migrate" back to HHCA for the coming year ...just saying...although I want to make it very clear that we are not geese, silly or otherwise.



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- Boat Ramp Form
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- Kayak Rack Application
- Community Center Rental Application
- Mosquito Control Information and Exemption

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297 Aston Forest Lane * List Price \$775,000 * 4 Beds, 2.5 Baths * Colonial
932 Diggs Road * List Price \$419,900 * 2 Beds, 1 Bath * Other
735 Eddy Road * List Price \$395,000, Now \$385,000 * 2 Beds, 2 Baths, * Duplex

Under Contract:

300 S. Riverside Dr. * List Price \$1,500,000, now \$1,375,000 * 3 Beds, 2 Baths * Lodge
953 Fern Trail * List Price \$515,000 * 3 Beds, 2.5 Baths * Colonial

Sold: Welcome New Neighbors:

862 Redwood Trail * List Price \$309,000, Sold \$290,000 * 2 Beds, 2 Baths * Cottage
805 Whitewood Trail * List price \$455,000, Sold \$455,000 * 3 Beds, 2 Baths * Split Foyer
690 N Riverside Dr * List Price \$299,900 * AUCTION * Sold \$294,007 * 1 Bed, 1 Bath * Cottage

Rentals:

340 Severn Road * Monthly Rent \$5,000 * 3 Beds, 3.5 Baths * Coastal Contemporary

Rented:

863 Dogwood Trail * Monthly Rent \$2,249, Rented \$2,249 * 2 Beds, 1 Bath * Cottage

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	Q1	Q2	July '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	YTD
RECEIPTS						
Ads in Newsletter	720.00	440.00	-	-	-	\$ 1,160.00
Boat Ramp Fees	485.00	950.00	-	300.00	-	\$ 1,735.00
Center Rentals	465.00	395.00	-	-	-	\$ 860.00
Donations - Beautification	216.00	50.00	-	18.00	-	\$ 284.00
Donations - Boat Ramp	438.00	149.00	-	-	-	\$ 587.00
Donations - Center	653.00	43.00	-	-	-	\$ 696.00
Donations - Events	147.00	-	-	-	2,500.00	\$ 147.00
Donations - General	1,092.00	966.00	-	54.00	-	\$ 2,112.00
Events/Fundraising	1,775.00	599.75	-	-	-	\$ 2,374.75
Interest	1.54	1.54	0.49	0.34	-	\$ 3.91
Kayak	600.00	-	-	-	-	\$ 600.00
Membership Dues/Subscriptions	1,710.00	1,510.00	-	136.00	-	\$ 3,356.00
Misc. Receipts	1,001.00	610.00	220.00	-	-	\$ 1,831.00
Total Receipts	9,303.54	5,714.29	220.49	508.34	2,500.00	\$ 15,746.66
EXPENSES						
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Boat Ramp	602.44	79.50	-	-	-	\$ 681.94
Center Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Utilities BGE	580.30	321.62	91.90	118.78	90.48	\$ 1,112.60
Utilities Internet	179.97	179.97	59.99	59.99	59.99	\$ 479.92
Utilities Water	54.98	59.44	-	50.72	-	\$ 165.14
Landscaping	844.44	1,650.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	\$ 3,594.44
Locust Tr Mortgage	1,881.03	1,881.03	627.01	627.01	627.01	\$ 5,016.08
Locust trail maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Misc Expenses	139.17	243.75	-	-	104.16	\$ 382.92
Services/Events	100.00	1,620.00	-	-	-	\$ 1,720.00
Taxes & Ins	2,031.75	1,258.00	4,635.00	10.00	2,649.98	\$ 7,934.75
Total Expenses	5,811.64	7,213.81	5,963.90	1,416.50	4,081.62	\$ 20,405.85
Balance in BoGB Acct			14,120.81	13212.65	11,631.03	
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Total Available Funds			14,120.81	0.00	11,631.03	

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