

# Harbor News

Next Meeting: January 27th @ 7:30  
in the Community Center

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## January 2025

**This issue...**

Membership Renewals

Community News



Happy New Year! 🎆

## Community Membership Notice

The beautiful and enthusiastic explosion of holiday color and light that brightened the longest days of the year in December really helped us get past the darkness of the winter solstice. We're now on the subtle daily move toward light (and warm breezes)!

Our community's location between the Severn River and Crownsville's greenbelt of woodland offered flashes of brilliance throughout the year, from sunlight reflecting on the water and dappling through the trees to the fleeting sight of a bright cardinal or white-tailed deer. I hope the new year that is upon us represents a new beginning for you and your family, and that despite the challenges we'll face in 2025, you will find friendship and camaraderie amongst neighbors here in our little corner of world.

Lately that's all the more likely as we gather in the street, snow shovel in hand, contemplating the monumental task of digging our cars out of the snow.

Thank you for being a part of the HHCA; our community is stronger because you are here. If you've not already done so, it's time to pay your 2025 dues.

Email me, Maureen Turman, at [membership@heraldharbor.org](mailto:membership@heraldharbor.org) if you have questions. A membership form link is on the [Herald Harbor Community website](#) in case your info has changed. Feel free to share it with a neighbor who's not currently a member.

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## Treasurer's Report



During 2024, HHCA did not have any major expenses. We have three accounts: a traditional bank account, Paypal, and Venmo. Periodically, we sweep the deposits from Paypal and Venmo into the bank account.

### Income:

Across the three accounts we received \$30,443.61 in deposits. Membership dues accounted for \$4,999. We have generous members who gave over \$9,000 in donations. We also have very creative and energetic members who sponsored special fundraising events. Jan Spicknall and her helpers organized the Spring and Fall used books sales. Ashley Lyons coordinated the Holly Trolley tours. Matt Rhoderick, Matt Falzon and Ashley Raymond sponsored the whiskey raffle. Sam Huston, George and LeAnn Kreis, Holly Jacob and Ashley Raymond the whiskey tasting event. Melissa Huston and Ashley Raymond taught wreath making. Emily Nichols coordinated the craft fair. These events earned over \$7,000. Rental of the community center accounted for \$3,909 in revenue.

### Expenses:

The largest expenses were taxes and insurance \$10,584.73, mortgage payments on the Locust Trail property \$7,542.12, mowing and maintenance cost \$5,581.11, utilities and operating costs for the community center \$2,510. To review the details, please check out the summary table on the Herald Harbor website.

### Summary:

Expenses exceeded income. We ended 2024 with \$18,357.15 across the three accounts. This is \$3,200 less than last year's total balance.

A huge thanks goes out to all of our funders and organizers

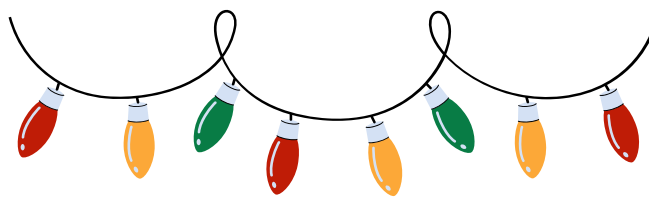
## HHCA Holiday Lights Contest Winners!

By Maureen Turman

And the 2024 Holiday Lights Contest Winners are...

What a fabulous display of holiday spirit greeted the Herald Harbor Elves as they wended their way through our community on December 17 & 18th! There were many old favorites lighting up the night as well as new friends getting into the joyous spirit. Thank you everyone for filling our neighborhood with light. The Elves are pleased to announce this year's winners:

Kid-Friendly:	931 N. Forest
High-Wattage:	256 Long Point
Charming:	795 Shelton
Classic:	303 Aston Forest (both front and back!)
Elves' Choice:	358 Hall



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## Shout Outs!



Happy, merry new year to you and all yours: your family, your friends and your neighbors, and their family, their friends and their neighbors.

Let's start 2025 with gratitude.

- For the HHCA, and the volunteers who bring you this newsletter, plus the Used Book Sale, craft markets, interesting and fun fundraisers and projects that benefit the neighborhood (kayak racks), and meetings. **Send in your 2025 membership dues: \$10/individual and \$16 for a family. Address is HHCA, P.O. Box 77, Crownsville, MD 21032.**
- For the HHCA Board who make all the above happen.
- For the neighbors who help their neighbors - We appreciate you.
- For the people who keep birdfeeders (aka squirrel feeders) full of seed, and keep water dishes for the birds and critters ice-free.
- For the folks who strung lights for the holidays to light up the Harbor's trails and byways. The elves enjoyed touring the Harbor and finding bright spots in every corner of the neighborhood.
- For the people who didn't rake their leaves, and left the debris to nourish the soil and provide needed overwintering places for the pollinators and beneficial insect predators.
- And, for the people who did rake leaves, and bagged them for the county pickup so there will be Leaf-Gro to purchase in the spring. And DIDN'T rake them into the road.
- For Anne Arundel County trash hauling, recycling and debris pick-up services. We appreciate their service every week.
- For the neighbors who keep the local storm drains clear of leaves and debris. We all know that the county is not going to do it for us.
- For the AACo fire department and the HHVFD. Good luck in the beautiful new fire station, but please don't forget where you came from.
- For the Mini-mart and the Hideaway. Providing just that one ingredient you needed for dinner, or a ready-made pizza (or Colin's soup) and for a warm watering hole where we can gather.
- For everyone who recycles; plants native trees, shrubs and perennials; conserves resources (electricity, water, and fuel); grows his/her own vegetables and/or shops the farmers' markets for local produce; and generally thinks proactively to make decisions that benefit our river.

THANK YOU!!!

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## Silent Book Club Anyone?

By Maureen Turman

2025 Update

Life got complicated for many of us in the second half of 2024 so I'm back to propose a reboot of the Silent Reading Meet-Up (I'm just making up new ways to say the same thing). Here's the original blurb, for those who missed it, to give you an idea of how it works:

*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 up to 30 minutes before the meeting's official start to get settled, or perhaps have a chat with others. 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 exactly the same because people come to the library for different reasons whereas we will gather together for the same purpose.

I need to find an open slot at our Community Center so let me know if you're interested and if you have any date or time constraints. Remember: you choose what you want to read; you choose to participate, so it's totally fine if you drop in when family responsibilities or inclination allows. All Herald Harbor residents are welcome.

Email me if you have any questions. [Membership@heraldharbor.org](mailto:Membership@heraldharbor.org)







Luther Bealer, Caden Chase, Janet Clauson, Kim Cole, Michelle Cote, Leah Cribb, Shirley Cross, Grant Dambach, Morgan Davis, Philip Dino, Paula Duret, Lynn Durner, Gary Elson, Jean Ermer, Jessie Fox, Julie Freeland, Sarah Hernandez, Ray Hobson, Brian Johnson, Tina Lilly, Seth Lyons, Jack Miller, Kristie Moore, Robert Moore, Chip Parlin, Liam McKenzie Peterson, Bria Roden, Eric Ruiz, Robert Seay, Shelden Sensenig, Hal Templeton, Derek Thomas, Jean Trinkaus, Andy Uria, Richie Wojtech, and John Weaver



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- Membership Form
- Boat Ramp Form
- Beach Parking Pass
- Kayak Rack Application
- Community Center Rental Application
- Mosquito Control Information and Exemption

## Community Contacts:

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#### **For Sale:**

831 Boxwood Trail \* List Price \$465,000 \* 3 Beds, 2 Baths \* Rancher  
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 \$515,00 \* 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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