

Next Meeting: November 25th @ 7:30
in the Community Center

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Harbor News

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Reminder: No newsletter or
community meeting December.
See you in the new year!



Happy Fall, neighbors!

I write with my windows and sliding door open, b/c it's 9pm and still 70 degrees outside. What a weird November we've had so far! I'm sure everyone is thankful that election season is finally over. But, I'm also sure there's a lot of mixed emotions around our neighborhood about the results, as tends to be the case at every election. I hope that all of you can enjoy friendly, and probably sometimes spirited debate as we move forward as a country and community. Thank you to everyone who exercised their right to vote. The community center was packed on Election day!

On a less fun note, it has come to my attention recently through social media as well as some direct conversations, that there have been incidents of members of the community being yelled at in entirely inappropriate and racist ways in our public places. I would like to say right off that this is something that us as the board, and myself as president find to be entirely unacceptable. "Kids will be Kids" only extends so far, and when incidents cross that line, it needs to be called out. I would ask everyone in the community to police themselves, and their children when it comes to behavior like this. We have a diverse community, across age, race, upbringing, politics, religion, gender, and orientation. It should be everyone's goal to exercise the golden rule in every interaction in this community. I know that the vast majority of you do that and I'm thankful for that!

One great demonstration of the community coming together was last month. Besides the 100th Anniversary celebration, and the book sale, we had the largest attendance I've seen so far at a general meeting. We welcomed Delegate Schmidt and Senator Gile to our meeting. It was a great conversation about actions they are taking as our representation in Annapolis for community initiatives and legislative matters that affect our community. Thanks to everyone that attended

I hope that everyone has an amazing November as we roll into the Holiday Season. I look forward to fall decorations, the smell of wood fires, and Thanksgiving coming soon!

-Matt



Community News

Fall Used Book Sale

By Jan Spicknall



Great news! The Fall Used Book Sale brought in \$625 for the HHCA! If you donated or bought books, a big thank you for your support. A special thanks to the Fuller family who donated 40 plus boxes of books. Another big thanks to Linda Crump, Kay Dambach, Phil and Anne Dino, Marlene Turman, and Gary Sheftick for the hard work of sorting the many boxes of book donations, setting them up for the sale, and packing up the leftovers for pick-up by the International Books for Goodwill.

Thanks to the guys from International Books for Goodwill who picked up those leftovers on Monday morning. That's a lot of thanks because it literally takes a village to make the book sale happen. I'm hoping that if you weren't a part of the village this time, you will consider joining us for the Spring Book Sale. Shoppers were happy to grab dinner from the Harborque Barbecue food truck as well.

Successful Events from October

The 100th celebration was held October 13th. After expenses, we raised \$1,133.44 in donations.

Special thanks to Janice Spicknall and her volunteers sorters for a successful Used Book Sale on October 25 and 26. The Book Sale raised \$625.

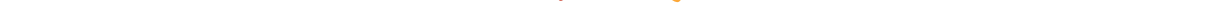
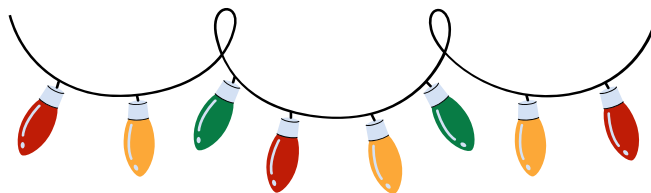
Flip the Switch: HHCA Holiday Lights Contest is Fast Approaching!

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!

*Benevolent Protective Order of Elves (Herald Harbor division)



History of Herald Harbor, Part 2

Last month we talked about the formation of Herald Harbor and Herald Harbor Park as a summer vacation destination for people from Washington and Baltimore. During the 20s and early 30s, it attracted numerous vacationers. A hotel with a dining room was built across from the Park, at the corner of Shelton Road and Holly Trail. There were 10 rooms for guests to stay overnight or by the week or month. A three-room store was built that sold a complete line of groceries and household articles (now the Harbor Inn). Plans were made to erect a chapel for church services and a local fire department. The church became a reality in 1926 and a small volunteer fire department began in 1927 (now the Community Center). Many summer homes and more year-round homes materialized.

People continued to arrive in droves. Cars filled the parking lot and lined up down the narrow winding roads. There were swimming meets, picnic groves, bathhouses, and a boathouse built in 1927. Canoes and rowboats could be rented. Fishing and crabbing were great. The dance pavilion was filled to capacity and overflowing with dancers on Friday, Saturday and Sundays. The Severn River Yacht Club occupied a large room to the left of the dance pavilion. Tri-City Regattas were held each year on July 4th, with people coming from all over the country to participate in the boat races. A beauty contest was held, said to outshine Atlantic City, with prizes of approximately \$5,000 to the winners. The prizes included a cottage, a new car, and lots.

Also in The Park, was a boxing ring where semi-professional prize fights took place. There were greyhound dog races, a Merry-go-round where you would try to grab a brass ring, an ice cream parlor, a concession stand for throwing baseballs at wooden milk bottles for prizes, a gambling wheel and a bingo stand with various and sundry prizes for winners. The Severn and Valentine Creek would freeze in the winters and stay frozen until spring. Cars could drive on the ice it was so thick. Large fires were built on the ice so the skaters could occasionally warm themselves.

During World War II, gasoline was rationed, and people were no longer able to drive to the beaches in the summer. Herald Harbor Park closed down for two years. Fort George G. Meade became a very active army post. Instead of summer vacationers, Park View Inn rooms were leased by civilians working emergency jobs at Fort Meade. In January 1941 a faulty heater in an upstairs bathroom caused a fire, and Park View Inn burned to the ground. Some of the summer homes were rented to army civilian families stationed at Fort Meade. Many of the unused summer homes that weren't rented out or used during wartime became run down and neglected.

After the war ended and the gasoline ban lifted, Herald Harbor Park again opened as a summer resort. Now more and more of the summer homes were converted to year-round homes. In 1952 the Bay Bridge opened and Ocean City became more of a vacation destination than Herald Harbor. Eventually the Park became unprofitable and was eventually sold for houses, and Herald Harbor became the residential neighborhood it currently is.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

*Happy
Anniversary*

David Berkebile, Bob Brown, Gail Bruss, Jeni Brown, Alex Dambach, Kai Dambach, Cliff Dize, Ruth Ann Donovan, Sam Hernandez, Cora Houck, Katie Kreis, Jamie Kirschner, Dianne Llewellyn, Daniel Lilly, Tracey Nosal, Scott Reibert, Frank Roden, Lori Schrock, Gary Sheftick, Bodie Taylor, and Terry Young

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Looking for a Good Book?

by Jan Spicknall janspicknall@gmail.com

I'm writing this in the final days before the 2024 election which may be why these books surfaced.

Becoming Madam Secretary by Stephanie Dray: A historical novel based on the life of Frances Perkins. Never heard of her? I hadn't either. But you do know of the fruit of her labors: Social Security. From working with starving children in tenement houses and fighting for women and children's working rights, she caught the eye of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who enlisted her to be his Secretary of Labor, the first woman to hold such a position. There she was confronted with the poverty sparked by the Great Depression and fought for the program that would become a literal life saver for many Americans.

The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement by Sharon McMahon: This government teacher and blogger tells the story of twelve American heroes, who like Frances Perkins, had a huge impact on our country's history but are virtually unknown. "You'll meet a woman astride a horse riding down Pennsylvania Avenue, a young boy detained at a Japanese incarceration camp, a formerly enslaved woman on a mission to reunite with her daughter, a poet on a train, and a teacher who learns to work with her enemies." (From the book jacket)

Recommended by Becky, my sister-in-law's sister.

Our Hidden Conversations: What Americans Think About Race and Identity by Michelle Norris: This book is the result of a decade long accumulation of postcards that began with a simple request by the author: "Race. Your Story. Six Words. Please Send." Over a half a million responses shared a depth of controversy and hurt that could open a discussion toward understanding and empathy in a nation currently divided by political strife. Everyone should read this so we can start not only talking but, more importantly, listening to one another.

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy: Yes, I likely recommended this one in a previous newsletter, but it needs to be reread periodically so we can live its message. It has simple drawings and a handwritten text that can be read in twenty minutes but it packs a powerful lesson of love and compassion. Don't skip the author's introduction, written in the form of a note to the reader, where you will learn a bit more about the gathering of his group of unlikely characters.

Books for the Little Ones at Your Thanksgiving Celebration:

Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson

Thanksgiving in the Woods by Phyllis Alsdurf

Llama Llama Gives Thanks by Anna Dewdney

Keepunumuk: Weeachumun's Thanksgiving Story by Danielle Greendeer

The Crayons Give Thanks by Drew Daywalt

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey by Lucille Colandro

Ellie & Lou by Kiana Sosa



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

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(May – November)



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Herald Harbor Real Estate Property Update Report

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

For all things Real Estate, please know you may contact me anytime. Professional Property Management is available if needed (this service is not affiliated with Douglas Realty, LLC.). Source 2024 Bright MLS Inc. Not all properties are LISTED/Sold by the advertising Agent or Broker. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.



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Full Page	\$80	\$480

Thank you for reading!

HHCA TREASURER'S REPORT 2024					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Oct '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	-	\$ 2,647.00
Donations - General	1,092.00	966.00	54.00	500.00	\$ 2,612.00
Events/Fundraising	1,775.00	599.75	-	533.00	\$ 2,907.75
Interest	1.54	1.54	1.15	0.29	\$ 4.52
Kayak	600.00	-	-	-	\$ 600.00
Membership Dues/Subscriptions	1,710.00	1,510.00	136.00	62.00	\$ 3,418.00
Misc. Receipts	1,001.00	610.00	220.00	-	\$ 1,831.00
Total Receipts	9,303.54	5,714.29	3,229.15	1,095.29	\$ 19,342.27
EXPENSES					
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Boat Ramp	602.44	79.50	-	-	\$ 681.94
Center Expenses	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Utilities BGE	580.30	321.62	301.16	90.96	\$ 1,294.04
Utilities internet	179.97	179.97	179.97	59.99	\$ 599.90
Utilities: Water	54.98	59.44	50.72	-	\$ 165.14
Landscaping	844.44	1,650.00	1,650.00	550.00	\$ 4,694.44
Locust Tr Mortgage	1,881.03	1,881.03	1,881.03	627.01	\$ 6,270.10
Locust trail maintenance	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Misc Expenses	139.17	243.75	104.16	-	\$ 487.08
Services/Events	100.00	1,620.00	-	1,366.56	\$ 3,086.56
Taxes & Ins	2,031.75	1,258.00	7,294.98	-	\$ 10,584.73
Total Expenses	5,811.64	7,213.81	11,462.02	2,694.52	\$ 27,181.99
Balance in BoGB Acct				\$ 10,107.12	\$ 10,107.12
Balance in PayPal Acct				0	\$ -
Balance in Venmo Acct			2,889.56	566.52	\$ 3,456.08
Total Available Funds				\$ 10,673.64	\$ 10,673.64