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ANNUAL MEETING HELD Features Public Officials, Prospective Post Office Site Developer, Election of Officers

The HCA annual meeting was held on February 9, 2005 at the Southern High school media center.

President Joan Turek introduced Ken Muller, prospective developer of the Harwood Post Office property who described his plans for the property, including a gas station, mini mart, car wash and room for the Harwood Post Office. Muller is in the permit approval phase with county reviewers.

Special guests included; Delegate, Bob Costa - Dist 33b; Councilman Ed Reilly – Dist.7; and AA County Planning Director Joe Rutter. Each provided updates on activities and plans affecting Harwood. There was lively discussion on the proposed changes to the zoning and subdivision laws for Anne Arundel County. Of major interest were plans to eliminate family conveyance as a device for further development in Harwood.

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THE GREAT HARWOOD YARD SALE MAY 14, 2005 Plan Your Participation Now

All Harwood area residents are encouraged to hold yard sales or garage sales at their homes on Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. until noon, rain or shine. By doing so, they will participate in an area wide event called The Great Harwood Yard Sale. Sponsored by The Harwood Civic Association, the event is free of charge and the HCA will publish a brochure listing the addresses of any yard sale registered with the organization. Members of the HCA will distribute the brochure at a display stand at Southern High School that same morning.

“This is a great way for the entire community to come together in a fun activity,” said Harwood Civic Association board member Mike Stricker. “Whether you hold a yard sale or go shopping from home to home, you will meet neighbors and other residents of Harwood. We want to encourage a strong sense of community and an appreciation of one another.”

The HCA has a goal of seeing fifty or more yard sales occurring in Harwood that day. Stricker said. “We want to attract a lot of people to the area. Maybe they will take the time to stop at one of our businesses. Hopefully, they will walk away with a little treasure and good thoughts about Harwood.”

Harwood businesses and social groups are encouraged to join the event with their own sales or fund raising efforts. Corporate members of the Harwood Civic Association will be featured on the brochure given to bargain hunters. Other sponsorship opportunities exist for businesses which have yet to join the association.

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Letter from the President –

A NEW BEGINNING

Dear Neighbors

As the Harwood Civic Association (HCA) begins a new year, I am honored to serve as president. HCA is a young and growing organization that already has significant accomplishments! In addition to our ongoing programs like the Great Harwood Yard Sale, Harwood History, Harwood Harvest, and the Annual Meeting, HCA has developed an impressive record in Government Affairs & Land Use. Working with the South County Exchange, HCA, primarily Immediate Past President Joan Turek, successfully proposed changes to the new County Zoning & Subdivision regulations. The recently adopted bills are vastly improved over earlier versions.

HCA led the formation of broad Coalition of Community Associations all across Anne Arundel County that effectively advocated amendments to the proposed code that will meet citizen goals as expressed in the Small Area Plans. Most important for Harwood is the elimination of Family Conveyance as a means for excessive growth & development in South County. Joan Turek made the case that Anne Arundel County has been unable to manage the existing system and without change, thousands of new building lots would be created in South County.

The work of HCA is accomplished through the efforts of your friends and neighbors. These are people with families, jobs and busy lives. They make time for their community because they think it is important. I'd like to particularly thank outgoing Board members Elly McDonald and Jane Stairs. I also extend a warm welcome to newly elected board members Jan Lehman & Alice Murray.

My primary goal for 2005 is to significantly expand our membership. When HCA speaks for Harwood it is critical that we are credible. Credibility comes from having a substantial number of individuals, families and businesses as members. Talk to your friends and neighbors. Ask them if they have joined HCA. Encourage them to contact a Board member (our phone numbers are listed elsewhere in this newsletter). It's easy, it's inexpensive, and it matters!

If you have a comment, question, suggestion or even a complaint, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Mike Lofton
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HARWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION Financial Report March 31, 2005

A. Balance Forward	\$3,149.84
B. Income	
1) Membership Dues	\$2,460.00
2) Admission Fees	0.00
3) Donations	0.00
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	\$2,460.00
C. Expenses	
1) Postage	\$ 172.84
2) Printing	662.64
3) Office Supplies	25.52
4) Donations and Fees	50.00
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	\$ 871.00
D. Balance as of March 31, 2005	\$4,738.84

Note from the Treasurer:

As with prior years, the majority of income occurs in the first part of the year due to our annual membership drive. Most expenses occur during the latter part of the year. The budget as approved by the board is currently on target.

Jon P. Stairs, Treasurer HCA
March 31, 2005

MEETING *(continued from page 1)*

Election results for 2005 were:

- **New Board Members** (replacing Elly McDonald & Jane Stairs)
 Jan Lehman
 Alice Murray
- **Continuing Board Members**
 James R. Fitzpatrick Thomas Harley
 Mike Lofton John Stairs
 Mike Stricker Thomas Tucker
 Joan Turek
- **Officers**
 President - Mike Lofton
 Vice President – James R. Fitzpatrick
 Treasurer – Jon Stairs
 Secretary – Jan Lehman

NEW HCA BOARD MEMBERS

The Harwood Civic Association is pleased to introduce you to its newest board members, Alice Murray and Jan Lehman.

Alice Murray has lived in Cumberstone in Harwood for 45 years. She shares a 66 acre farm with her daughter Susie and son-in-law Mike Stricker, and her grandsons Jim and John. Corn and soybeans are grown, and horses are boarded. The farm has been in the Maryland Agricultural Preservation Program for over 20 years. Alice is a retired Director of Public Health Nursing and Maternal and Child Health for the Anne Arundel County Department of Health. In her retirement, she is an active volunteer in human services work. Presently she is president of the Anne Arundel County Community Action Partnership, which runs Head Start, the Maryland Energy Assistance Program and the Annapolis Youth Services Bureau as well as other programs. She is on the board of the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Owensville Primary Care and the South County Faith Network. Her favorite volunteer activity is managing the South County Emergency Baby Pantry which provides food, formula, diapers, clothing and furniture to infants and toddlers in need. She is a member of Christ Episcopal Church in West River. And she would "rather live here in Harwood than in any other area on earth!"

Jan Lehman, husband Tom & two dogs (a rescued golden and a lab from the SPCA) moved to Harwood in the fall of 2000. After 19 years in Edgewater, they settled on Conservation Lane near the Patuxent River. Jan is an experienced educator, having spent 31 years in the Prince George's County Public Schools system as an English teacher and guidance counselor. In 1998 she began a new career in real estate. Jan specializes in helping first time homebuyers and uses her encyclopedic knowledge of equestrian resources to match horse-owning homebuyers with the services they need.

In addition to her service with the Harwood Civic Association (HCA), Jan is a committed volunteer at the Davidsonville Wildlife Sanctuary. She calls HCA, "the eyes, ears and voice of the community". She urges everyone to get involved and support the work of HCA!

Events Committee Plans a Super Year for Members and Residents

The Harwood Civic Association Events Committee, chaired by Michael Stricker has existed since HCA's creation nearly ten years ago, and serves to bring Harwood residents together in keeping with an Association goal to maintain and strengthen sense of community. The committee relies on the efforts of member-volunteers. Please feel free to contact Mike at 410-867-0389 if you wish to assist.

HCA offers three main community events during the year (aside from the winter annual meeting), including:

THE GREAT HARWOOD YARD SALE - typically sponsored in May, this event provides free advertisement, in the form of a map brochure, for HCA members who wish to hold yard sales, at their private residences, on the day of the sale. The Events Committee drafts the brochure (based on members contacting the committee with sale information) and distributes the brochure (along with coffee and donuts for anyone who wishes to stop and chat) from a prominent location along Rt 2. Sale participants report considerable success based on HCA's promotion of their sales.

HARWOOD HISTORY EVENT - a summer event which promotes the interesting history of Harwood to the community. Free to members, the event typically takes place in a historic home in Harwood. Event Committee members typically help with planning and coordination, including escorting tours and providing light snacks.

HARWOOD HARVEST - Usually in early November, this event is an opportunity for HCA to say thanks to it's membership, by providing a BBQ and pot luck provided by the HCA board. While presenting an excellent venue for Harwood residents to get to know their neighbors, the event is also attended by several local political representatives, providing an excellent opportunity for dialog on matters of interest to all. In addition, we try to provide demonstration on topics of general interest to members, such as fire safety instruction from the local VFD, or recreational sports demonstrations.

As an added service to our members, we are initiating "Community Calendar" to provide advertisement for community service-oriented activities in which HCA members participate. To have a brief notice of your event posted, please contact Mike Stricker at 410-867-0389, or by email strickergang@aol.com. Publication of the HCA Newsletter is quarterly and varies slightly. Please contact us directly to plan the publication of your notice.

South County Sundays Program In Harwood

The Harwood Civic Association will participate in this summer's South County Sundays program sponsored by Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town & South County. In its third year, South County Sundays features family friendly activities by heritage related organizations in South County that highlight our area's rich history and heritage.

This year, the program will feature one special Sunday per month from May through October, when activities at all the participating sites will be based on an interpretive theme. May is National Preservation Month, and the second week of May is National Tourism Week. Therefore, Sunday, May 8th, Mother's Day, will kick off South County Sundays and National Tourism Week with a Preservation and Architecture theme. Recognizing the importance of raising local awareness of Harwood's history, the Harwood Civic Association's new History Committee embraced the idea of merging their annual history event with the regional South County Sundays program. **Former HCA President Joan Turkek generously offered to open her 19th century home, Oakwood, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, to visitors on Sunday, May 8, from 1-5 p.m.** Joan will have Harwood Civic Association volunteers on hand to help host this event, also supported by the South County Exchange. Local historian Emily Peake will give an informal talk on South County history, and Anne Arundel County architectural historian Sherri Marsh will speak on Harwood historic homes and Oakwood at 1 and 3 p.m. Parking will be available at Southern High School, where a free shuttle will transfer visitors between the parking lot and Oakwood.

Also featured on Preservation and Architecture Sunday are special hourly architectural tours of the William Brown House and the reconstructed buildings at Historic London Town & Gardens. A ribbon cutting of the new visitors center sponsored by the Southern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce at The Shops at The South County Cafe (old Sentimental Fools building), 5960 Deale Churchton Road, is also on tap, with representatives of new Deale Historical Society. Also open on May 8th from 1-5 will be the Galesville Heritage Museum (purchase tickets at the Museum), the Captain Salem Avery House, and Discovery Village in Shady Side.

Details of the summer long program may be accessed at www.fourriversheritage.org or by calling the Four Rivers Heritage Area office at 410-222-1805.

Yard Sale *(continued from page 1)*

To register as a listed participant in the Great Harwood Yard Sale, simply provide the Harwood Civic Association your address and an indication that you wish to have it listed in the promotions for The Great Harwood Yard Sale. If you have specific types of goods you will be offering, please include that as well. Send your information via e-mail addressed to Harwoodcivic@aol.com or via post to The Harwood Civic Association, P.O. Box 182, Harwood, MD 20776. The deadline for registering to be in the promotional piece is May 10. However, it is not necessary to register in order to participate. For corporate participation, please contact Mike Stricker at (410) 867-0389. For information about the Harwood Civic Association, please contact HCA President Michael Lofton at (410) 867-3623.

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HCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE BY SOUTH ARUNDEL JR. WOMEN'S CLUB AND CHRIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MAY 4 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
220 OWENSVILLE ROAD (ROUTE 255) WEST RIVER

Please call 410-867-0346 to schedule your life-saving donation or just come by on May 4

HARWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 8, 2005 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
OPEN HOUSE
OAKWOOD, THE HISTORIC HOME OF SPRIGG HARWOOD, BUILT
CIRCA 1850.

Park at Southern High school. A free shuttle service will take you to the home. Please call (410) 867-0715 for more information.

THE GREAT HARWOOD YARD SALE

MAY 14, 2005, 8:00 A.M. - NOON
COMMUNITY WIDE. PICK UP GUIDES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL ON
SOLOMONS ISLAND ROAD

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