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ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 19

Plan Now to Attend and Meet "Big Ed" Riley, Janet Greenip and Bill Costa

The HCA Annual Meeting will be held on **February 19th, 2003** in the Media Center at **Southern Senior High School** at **7:00 p.m.** This year's program will feature the legislative leaders in the Harwood area. "**Big Ed**" **Reilly**, the recently elected County Councilman for District 7, has accepted the invitation to be the featured guest speaker. Hear his vision for Harwood and South County. **Janet Greenip**, State Senator and **Bill Costa**, State Delegate, both representing Harwood will also be on hand for brief remarks. A question and answer period will provide an ideal opportunity to let our councilman hear the concerns of Harwood residents. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet our political leaders and make a difference!

A Note from Our President

*To All the Residents of the Greater Harwood Area from
George Perry*

President, Harwood Civic Association

The effectiveness of a civic association is often measured by its membership; meaning that the greater the number of members, the more the County Council or any other organization will listen to that association. The HCA was formed in 1998 with the purpose to offer a unified voice for the citizens in Harwood and we are proud that we have been successful to that end.

We have a reasonable number in our membership base but we can do much better. In order for us to fairly represent the community and powerfully resonate with the County Council, we need your input and support. Join the Harwood Civic Association. The more we can bring your concerns forward, the more successful we will be.

An application form for joining the Harwood Civic Association is included in this newsletter. Please take a moment to fill it out and mail it to us. Even better, bring it to our annual meeting and find out for yourself how the HCA is helping to keep Harwood beautiful, safe, and always a wonderful place to live. Your dues will be used to support our mailings, our meetings, and our social events. They will help to strengthen Harwood's voice.

Thank you for your time and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Harwood Civic Association General Meeting on Wednesday, February 19th, 2002. This will be my last meeting as President. It has been an honor to serve you all.

Sincerely,

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*Your letters and contributions are welcome. Send them to
The Harwood Civic Association
P.O. Box 162, Harwood, MD 20776
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History of Harwood Civic Association

April 1998: Joan Turek and Mike Stricker sent a postcard to residents of the Harwood Area regarding interest in establishing a Harwood Civic Association. Funding for this effort provided by the South County Coalition, Peter Perry, President.

May 20, 1998: Organizational meeting held at Christ Church Parish Hall.

June 24, 1998: Articles of Incorporation drafted.

September 30, 1998: General Meeting at Southern High School. Speakers on history of Harwood (Emily Peake), small area planning process (Jody Vollmar) and community issues.

November 1998: Birdsville Civic Association merged with Harwood Civic Association.

February 2, 1999: General Meeting at Southern High School. Elected first slate of officers. Announced merger with Birdsville Civic Association. Richard Josephenson from AA Long Range Planning discussed issues concerning land use in Harwood and the South County Area.

February 3, 1999: Letter sent to Janet Owens supporting the small area planning process in Deale/Shady Side and South County. Also recommended that action on the Deale Safeway project be delayed and incorporated into this planning process.

June 24 1999: Meeting at Mount Zion Methodist Church featuring Debbie Osborne, Chair, Small Area Planning Committee of South County who provided an update on committee activities. Announced that three members of HCA are on the South County Small Area Planning Committee: Peter Perry, Joan Turek and Carol Hladek

November 12, 1999: Social Gathering. Potluck supper at Christ Church Parish Hall in Owensville. Guest Speaker, Sue Brown of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation discussing their activities in the Southern Maryland area.

January 7, 2007: HCA sent a letter to Senator Paul S. Sarbanes supporting efforts to establish a War of 1812 Historic Trail in Southern Maryland.

February 1, 2000: General Meeting at South County Recreation Center. Captain Suit. Commander, Southern District, AA Co Police featured speaker. Also discussed proposed Sands Road cement plant; small area planning committee update, South County Coalition update, long-term Route 2 planning and Patuxent River Greenway. Elections were held.

September 23, 2000: General Meeting, South County Recreation Center featured historian and archaeologist Tony Lindauer of the Lost Towns Project discussing *The Historic Harwood Family and Its Role in AA County*. Updates on small area planning and South County Coalition.

September 26, 2000: Letter was sent to Planning and Zoning opposing a special exception request for a commercial kennel in an RA zoned area due to concerns regarding noise generated near a significant number of homes. Also appeared before the Zoning Board.

October 27, 2000: Letter was sent to Planning and Zoning supporting the granting of a special exception submitted by the 12th Precinct Pistol and Archery Club to permit construction of an addition to their existing clubhouse.

November 2000: Appeared before the Appeals Board on the issue of a gas station on the southwest corner of Route 2 and 214. Testimony contributed to a successful ruling.

November 17, 2000: Special Meeting of South County Coalition – Harwood Civic Association members invited to attend. Featured presentation of Small Area Planning Committee preliminary recommendations.

February 1, 2001: General Meeting held at South County Recreation Center. Denis Canavan, the Director of Planning and Zoning for AA county spoke on land use issues in South County. John Klocko also attended. Other issues of concern to Harwood were discussed: school bus storage, dog kennel, South County Small Area Plan, planned commercial development, Patuxent River Greenway, Brandywine Landfill. Elections were held.

May 7, 2001: HCA testified against Bill 21-01 concerning storage of schools busses on land zoned residential agricultural (RA) since it provided no enforcement or safeguards for the management of maintenance and cleaning runoff from these vehicles. Testified on the school bus issue before the County Council on two occasions and met separately with several Council members.

October 2001: HCA testified in favor of South County Small Area Plan before the County Council.

February 26, 2002: General Meeting Held at Southern High School. Ed Carlson of the Maryland Department of the Environment and Betty Dixon from Planning and Zoning AA County discussed *The Future of Closed Land Fills*. Charlotte Smutko and Earl Bradly also updated HCA on progress in developing a Greenway along the Patuxent. Elections were held.

May 2002: HCA Board Members invited to attend the Greater Crofton Council to hear about landfill's impact on the Crofton Area.

OUR NEW LOGO

Our beautiful new logo was designed by Harwood resident and noted graphic artist Natasha Tull. Her contribution to the Harwood Civic Association is most appreciated.

HARWOOD HARVEST - OUR THANKS

The Harwood Harvest event held on November 10, 2002 was a spectacular success due to the efforts of many, especially committee members Ellie McDonald, Mike Lofton and Richard Hays. The food was scrumptious and the turnout was grand. Special thanks to the 12th Precinct Pistol and Archery Club for generously hosting the event in their great facility. We extend our thanks also to Lt. George Wiseman of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department for his interesting and helpful presentation on fire safety in the home.

CONTACT US

You can contact the Harwood Civic Association via mail at P.O. Box 162, Harwood, MD20776

You can reach us via e-mail by sending correspondence to Joan Turek, HCA Secretary for 2002 and HCA Presidential nominee for 2003, jlturek@aol.com

A full list of approved officers will appear in the next issue.

ANNUAL PATUXENT RIVER SPRING CLEAN UP

Volunteers are urgently needed to walk the shoreline and pick up debris or canoe along the Patuxent river bank and collect litter at the Annual Patuxent River Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 5, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Also, Site Captains are needed to assist other volunteers at river access sites. For those who cannot directly participate, contributions are needed to cover materials and administrative costs.

This is a great outdoor activity for the whole family. Help restore our treasured waterway to its pristine beauty! For more information, contact Mike Tolker (410) 798 6761 or via e-mail at cleanpatuxent@aol.com

WATCH FOR...

- ❖ The next edition of this newsletter to include more about the HCA, its members and its activities.
- ❖ A list of important issues the region is facing – things that will affect the quality of life in Harwood
- ❖ A report on the watershed, the drought, and the increasing burden placed on our aquifers
- ❖ A report on Anne Arundel County enforcement of the Small Area Plan and what we are facing in order to keep the charm and beauty of the area

Join the Harwood Civic Association Today!

Cut out and mail

Harwood Civic Association Membership Form

Name _____ (Optional Company/Organization) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone Number _____ (Optional E-mail Address) _____

New Membership _____ **Renewal of Membership** _____

Category: _____ **Individual** (\$10.00 annually, includes HCA communications and admission to all meetings and events)
_____ **Family** (\$15.00 annually, includes the above for the entire family)
_____ **Corporate** (\$35.00 annually, includes your business card sized ad sent to all residents of the Harwood Community in our next full mailing – a great way to show your support for the community!)

I/We are interested in participating in or helping with the following: (Check all that apply)

___ Administrative/Clerical ___ Membership ___ Legal Matters ___ Activity Coordination

___ Planning/Working Groups ___ Community Events ___ Land Use/Development Issues ___ Web Site Development

Please send your application and check to:

The Harwood Civic Association, Inc. P.O. Box 162, Harwood, MD 20776

or Call 410-867-0715 for more information.

HCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HARWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

MEDIA CENTER AT SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL, ROUTE 2
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M.

Your opportunity to meet the legislative team representing our area to the County and State, including "Big Ed" Reilly, Janet Greenip, and Bob Costa. Join the HCA at the meeting and meet the new officers and board members of the HCA.

THE GREAT HARWOOD YARD SALE

ACROSS THE ENTIRE HARWOOD AREA
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2003 AT 8:00 A.M.

Hold your own yard sale or bake sale or craft show right in your front lawn on April 26 and you won't have to pay for an ad or make signs to draw a crowd. The HCA will promote your sale and bring scads of bargain hunters to the biggest community-wide yard sale ever in South County! All residents are invited to participate. There is no fee or obligation to the HCA. Just drop us a line before March 1 with your address and the type of goods you will have available. We'll tell the world about your sale. Imagine how exciting it will be to have 50 or 100 yard sales

happening at one time within our community. It's a fun way to put Harwood on the map!

HARWOOD HISTORY

LOCATION AND DATE TBA

Come and hear an interesting presentation on the rich history of Harwood, then enjoy light refreshments. This event is free to members of the HCA. There will be an admission charge of \$5.00 for non-members. Space will be limited and reservations required. Watch for more information in our second member mailing!

THE HARWOOD HARVEST

LOCATION AND DATE TBA

Our annual member social event includes a great pot luck dinner, interesting guests and the opportunity to meet your neighbors in a friendly and relaxed environment. We will be sending you more information about this super fun time for your family in our next newsletter.

AND THERE WILL BE MORE TO COME !

Make sure you are a member of the Harwood Civic Association so you won't miss out on any of our meetings, events and community initiatives!



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