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JANICE HAYES WILLIAMS AT HARWOOD HISTORY EVENT Columnist To Speak at Chews UMC

The Harwood Civic Association brings noted historian and columnist for the Annapolis Capital Janice Hayes Williams to Chews United Methodist Church on August 5 at 5 p.m. for a lecture entitled "Blacks of the Chesapeake Region and Their Quest for Freedom."

Harwood and the surrounding area had several large plantations prior to the Civil War. The slaves and freed blacks who populated the region had a complex participation in our maritime history that went far beyond their roles as oystermen, crab pickers, and fishermen. African descendants ran the gamut from being Black Loyalists to Colonial Marines to "Black Pioneers", sailors and refugees. Ms. Hayes-Williams will discuss the varied roles they played during the Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Civil War as well as their plight to find freedom and a place to call home in the United States, Canada and Africa.

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POST OFFICE UPDATE HCA Effort Yielding Results

Though the contracts are not signed yet, requests for modifications to the proposed lease agreement between the United States Postal Service and Developer Kenneth Muller give a strong indication that all is back on track for Harwood residents to have a Post Office in the new retail center on the corner of Harwood Road and Route 2.

Mr. Muller reports that a representative from the USPS asked him to re-submit his proposal, increasing the lease to 30 years instead of 20. This action concurs with the reassurances given HCA President Mike Lofton by the senior USPS official for the region, Mr. Timothy Haney.

Alarmed by USPS inaction towards signing a lease with Mr. Muller and no agreement in place for an extension of the

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Route 2 Improvements State Highway Recommendations Posted

In September 2005 and January 2006, the Harwood Civic Association sponsored community forums to discuss the state of traffic along Route 2 and resultant safety concerns. These meetings provided for direct resident input to MD State Highway Administration (SHA) officials about concerns and needed improvements on Maryland Route 2 in Harwood.

The response from SHA and a list of planned improvements was published in our last newsletter (a copy is posted at www.harwoodcivic.org).

Delegate Bob Costa recently issued a report stating that he is optimistic that funding for the improvements will be approved in the State's FY 2007 budget and work will start soon.

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Letter from the President -

Soon It Will Be Choosing Time

Every four years we get the opportunity to decide who our leaders will be. We look at incumbents, evaluate performance, judge our own personal experiences with them, and compare them with candidates seeking office.

This time we will select a new County Executive and pick between challengers and incumbents for State and County offices. The choices are critically important! While the Harwood Civic Association does not endorse candidates, we strongly support well-informed voters.

An excellent tool for educating yourself is the South County Small Area Plan. The plan, adopted by the County Council in late 2001, set goals for future development of South County based on the combined efforts of hundreds of residents, businesses, farmers and others to provide direction to public officials.

Under the broad theme "Keep South County Rural", The plan calls for specific actions related to zoning, agricultural preservation, transportation, family conveyance and other important issues that will determine the character of South County life for years to come. Read the plan. Use it to judge officials' performance. Use it to ask meaningful questions of prospective office-holders. Ask them if they have read the plan.

Make good choices.



The South County Small Area Plan is available online at:

<http://www.aacounty.org/PlanZone/SAP/SouthCounty.cfm>

Copies are also in area libraries and can be purchased for \$15 at the AACO Heritage Office Complex located at

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LANDFILL BENEFIT FUND TO BE DISTRIBUTED

County Executive Janet Owens has appointed a committee to make recommendations for grants from monies remaining in a Community Benefit Agreement made in 1991 to "ameliorate" impacts on neighboring property owners and neighboring citizens caused by the PST Rubble landfill on Sands Road in Harwood. Members of the Committee include Harwood Civic Association officer Mike Lofton.

Mike has asked the HCA for input and encourages all in the community to share concerns about the landfill and possible dangers to the community's land and water table by calling the chair of the committee, AACO Councilman Ed Riley at 410 222 1401 and County Executive Janet Owens at 410 222 1820.

The Harwood Civic Association will request that a full accounting of the receipts and distributions of the Fund be conducted; that the environmental threat to area residents posed by the landfill receive priority consideration and that future uses of the property be disclosed.

**HARWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Financial Report
thru March 17, 2006**

1. Balance as of January 01, 2006	\$4096.19
2. Year to Date Income	\$2550.00
3. Year to Date Expenses	\$2009.60
4. Balance as of June 13, 2006	\$4635.59

Notes: In comparison to this time last year, we have lost some membership revenues. This quarter we have expended more on printing and postage in connection with our effort to save the Harwood Post Office. Generally, the budget as approved by the board is currently on target.

POST OFFICE – *continued from page 1*

temporary post office at the Ollie Miller building in Lothian, the HCA swung into action with a series of activities, including a post card urging residents to call elected officials and express concern about the matter.

As a result, both the office of Senator Barbara Mikulski and the office of Representative Steny Hoyer swung into action to determine what was going on with the process. The Office of County Executive Janet Owens also took action and explained to the USPS, that the benefits of a Post Office in Harwood exceeded the obvious. From air pollution reduction to crime prevention, the retention of a Post Office in Harwood made complete sense and would assist with the realization of the small area plan

In early June over 200 people stopped by a stand at the new site and a similar stand at the temporary postal office in Lothian and signed petitions urging the USPS to sign the lease with Mr. Muller. Additionally a banner at the new retail site asking people to help save the Harwood Post Office continues to prompt people to inquire about the situation and ask what they can do to help. Local post office workers have become so besieged by questions that they have requested the banner be taken down.

The Harwood Civic Association continues to monitor the situation and has assured the USPS that when the lease agreements are signed, the banner will come down and the inquiries will stop. Until then, we thank all who have contributed to the effort and promise to keep you posted on all developments.

Anne Arundel County Needs Election Judges

Anne Arundel County needs Election Judges to be responsible for administering the actual voting procedures in each precinct. To qualify as an Election Judge, one must

- Must be a registered voter in Maryland
- Must be able to speak, read and write the English language
- May not be a candidate, campaign manager or a treasurer for a candidate or political committee.

If you would like information, please call the Election Judge Recruiters at (410) 222-6600 or visit www.aacounty.org/BdofElections/ElectionJudges.cfm

CANDIDATE FORUM

On October 11, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Harwood Civic Association is partnering with 8 other civic and professional organizations to host a Candidate Forum for this fall's 2006 General Election. The event will be held in the Southern High School Auditorium.

The Forum will feature candidates for:

- County Executive
- Maryland legislature from Districts 30 and 33b
- AA County Council Dist 7

The Forum will be moderated by Washington television Channel 4 news anchor Wendy Rieger. Rieger, a three time EMMY award winner, has covered news in the Washington area for more than 25 years. The format will focus on written questions submitted by residents of southern Anne Arundel County at the beginning of the meeting.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Mike Lofton at 410-867-3623.

Anne Arundel Manor Plans

For those concerned about the development planned for Polling House Road, here is a thumbnail sketch of the plans submitted to the County for approval. (*See the related story on page 4*)

- 18 hole golf course for private use by Mr. Lord and his associates
- Restoration of the original house built in the 1840s
- A manor house built on the property plus three cottages for use by personal guests of Mr. Lord
- There are no indications of other residences to be constructed in the plans

The former superintendent of the Inverness Club in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Tom Walker, will be superintendent of the Anne Arundel Manor Golf Course. Mr. Lord and Mr. Walker both have stressed their commitment to working with the community to address environmental and social issues brought about by the development. Mr. Lord indicated openness to working with both Southern High School and the HCA in the future to realize his commitment to the community.

The HCA is supportive of this project. Of several possibilities for the development of this parcel, this offers the greatest open space, environmental improvement in terms of water management, minimum residential density and a profound positive impact on traffic management. Previous discussions about development of the property revolved around concepts for high density dwellings or sand and gravel mining or even land fill use.

ANNE ARUNDEL MANNOR - GOLF COURSE WATER RESOURCES MEETING HELD

Approximately 40 Harwood residents attended a public information hearing held by Maryland Department of the Environment at Southern High School on Tuesday, July 11. At that meeting Mr. Albert Lord, who is planning to build a private 18-hole golf course on Polling House Road presented information about planned water usage.

A series of tests were conducted to measure the affect of withdrawals on area wells and it appears unlikely that any wells will suffer shortages once the golf course operation is in full swing. The vast majority of all residential wells in the area draws the Acquia aquifer and will not be directly affected by golf course usage. The water for the golf course will be drawn from the underlying Magothy aquifer and only thirteen residential wells in the area also draw from that aquifer. There are fifteen more wells that have been listed as "undetermined" regarding which aquifer feeds them. According to the Department of the Environment those wells connected to the Magothy did not experience any lessening of water access during the tests.

For those residents interested in knowing which aquifer feeds their own well, the AACO Health Department can provide that information. Residents may call or visit the Anne Arundel County Department of Health, 3 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 410-222-7398. The office will need the number imprinted on the metal well tag or the address and name of the owner of the land at time of well being dug in order to provide the information.

A copy of the proposed golf course layout is shown directly below. Turn to Page 3 for more information on the golf course.



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COMMUNITY PROFILE: SOUTH COUNTY FAITH NETWORK, INC.

The South County Faith Network, Inc. is an interdenominational, not-for-profit agency improving the quality of life for seniors and disabled adults in southern Anne Arundel County. The organization uses local volunteers to provide informal, home-based care and services that enable at-risk individuals to remain in their homes and enjoy a higher quality of life than they might otherwise experience.

Founded in 2005 by several local churches, the group has grown to 12 churches and every local church is invited to join. Initial funding was provided by a Faith In Action Grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The office is located at Centenary Methodist Church in Shady Side and the current Program Director is Susan Haine.

The Network has three goals: First, to reach out and identify those local residents who need its services. Most of the care recipients have been referred to the Network by the County Department of Aging. The group is actively seeking referrals from local churches, civic groups and professional services providers who deal with the elderly and their families. Neighbors and relatives of the elderly and disabled are also encouraged to refer potential clients to the organization.

The second goal is to recruit volunteers to provide the necessary services. Most of the volunteers have come to the program through the member churches and some very persuasive board members. However, there are also volunteers who learned of the organization at one of its fun raising events at Greenstreet Gardens and have taken on tasks. Services such as: care giver relief, light house cleaning; grocery shopping; yard work; minor home repairs and maintenance and friendly visits. None of these services require a great deal of skill on the part of the volunteer, but will be greatly appreciated by the recipient.

Finally, in order to keep the operation going, the organization must raise money to cover expenses. The group is currently completing its "Sock Something Away for Seniors – 2006" campaign. Church members are asked to fill a tube sock with change, bills, or enclose a check. With the results in from nine of the twelve member churches, a total of over \$5000 has been raised. The Chaney Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have provided grants in support of the organization.

Please consider making your own pledge to the organization or volunteer a few hours each month by calling 410-867-1128.

POWER SURGE AFFECTS HARWOOD HOMES

Following an accident on Muddy Creek Road, several Harwood Residents experienced a significant power surge that destroyed thousand of dollars worth of computer, entertainment and other electronic appliances. Particularly affected were those living near Cumberstone Road. At meetings with Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, some residents found out that BGE Home (a non-regulated entity that cannot be directly promoted by the regulated arm of BG&E due to anti-trust laws) offers the following service as a form of insurance for homes at risk of losing electronic equipment. We reprint promotional material from BGE Home as a service to our members.

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Janice Hayes-Williams is an Annapolis native, currently involved in promoting the historical significance of Annapolis as a local columnist, playwright, and historian. Born and raised in the City of Annapolis, Janice attended public schools in the City and graduated from Annapolis High School in 1975. In 1998, she left private industry and began to find interest in local history. Janice was a member of the Neighborhood Leadership pioneer class (Class of 1999) and in 2000, still excited about this organization, she decided to apply to the Flagship Program and became a graduate of the class of 2001.

From 1999 until today, Janice, motivated by her experiences in Leadership Anne Arundel has become a pioneer in the education of locals of the rich, cultural history of Annapolis through plays, interpretive history presentations, and an African American Walking Tour. Janice has participated in numerous research projects to include the life of Wiley H. Bates, the history of the United States Colored Troops (USCT), Archeology in Annapolis, with the University of Maryland, the history of the Greater Clay Street area and genealogies for Maryland families.

Janice's affiliations over the years include; the Friends of the Maynard/Burgess House; The Annapolis Historic Consortium, the Annapolis, London Town, South County Heritage Area, the Anne Arundel County Bar Association Committee, on Interpretive History, The Executive Committee on Reference and Research as the Maryland State Archives, the Brewer Hill Cemetery Association, and the Eastport Maritime Museum Committee on Diversity.

Janice has also received The Twin Award for Women in Industry, The Fannie Lou Hamer Award, The Periwinkle Award from the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, The Four Rivers Heritage Award for First Person Interpretation, and the Comcast/Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce Award for Outreach. Janice is currently an associate producer for the upcoming documentary "Pip Moyer and Zastrow Simms, an American Friendship."

For more information about the event, please contact Michael Stricker, Events Chairman for the Harwood Civic Association at (410) 867-0389.

HCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HISTORY EVENT WITH JANICE HAYS-WILLIAMS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2006 5:00P.M. CHEWS UMC
492 OWENSVILLE ROAD

PUBLIC HEARING ON TARGET MALL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006 7:00 P.M. WAYSON'S BINGO ON
ROUTE 408

HCA BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2006 7:30 P.M.
OWENSVILLE RECREATION CENTER

CANDIDATE FORUM

OCTOBER 11, 7:00 P.M. SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

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