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- ◆ City elections are held every year in the month of May.
- ◆ Every year **three** ★ City Council seats are voted upon.
- ◆ The position of Mayor is voted upon every two years.
- ◆ All elected positions are for two-year terms.

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Spring – Summer 2016



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A Message from Mayor Martin ~



Hello Havre de Grace! As we welcome the change of the seasons in our beautiful City, I am pleased to share some great successes from the Winter and some exciting plans for Spring.

The inaugural season for the **Ice Rink** at Hutchins Park proved to be a huge success in providing family fun to many citizens and a fundraising source to almost a dozen local non-profit groups.

The first phase of **up-lighting** was installed in our Main Street District and provides a festive and artistic component for civic occasions and seasons. This summer, up-lighting will be installed on St. John Street.

Improvements continue in our **water and waste water treatment facilities**, the benefits of which are yielding greater results than have been realized in the past five years. These improvements will solidify our City as a source for safe and low-cost water and sewer systems for our citizens for generations to come.

In keeping with my commitment to take all City-owned buildings **“off the grid”** by the end of 2016, I am pleased to report that we have 60% of our electrical demand currently being supplied by **solar power**. In addition to taking a leading role as an environmentally friendly City, our electrical costs have been dramatically reduced by this initiative.

And, the first of a series of live, City-sponsored **web cams**, the “Decoy Cam” was installed at the Decoy Museum and began live streaming on March 16th! This camera provides a real time view of our picturesque Promenade and Chesapeake Bay as seen from the deck of the museum. Additional live cams will be installed at scenic vantage points around the City later this year.

The **Opera House renovation project** continues to progress as scheduled. (see pg. 2 for details) Its completion will be a welcomed complement to the new Library in Havre de Grace slated to open this Spring.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the return of some popular community events:

- **First Fridays** will be back starting **May 6th**. Last year’s season saw record-breaking attendances and we look forward to meeting or exceeding those numbers.
- **The Farmer’s Market** will be back under the tent at **Hutchins Park** beginning **May 7th** and *every Saturday* thereafter from **9am-noon**, rain or shine until mid-November.

And, in an effort to bring our government business out to the people, we have scheduled three upcoming Council Meetings to be held in the community. These meetings will be: **April 18th** - **Bulle Rock Residence Club**, **July 18th** - **Hutchins Park**, and **September 19th** - at the **Decoy Museum**. **All meetings begin at 7:00 pm.**

As always, stop by the Visitor Center to get a copy of the **Calendar of Events** or go to the website: explorehavredegrace.com for a listing of all upcoming events and attractions. I look forward to seeing you out and about in our beautiful City by the Bay!

William T. Martin, Mayor

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IMPORTANT DATES:

April 16, 23, 30 - CLEAN-UP DAYS
See pg. 4 for details.

May 3 - City Election Day ★
7am - 8pm at 615 Congress Ave.
St. Patrick’s Church Hall

May 6 - First Fridays begin in downtown Havre de Grace!

May 30 - Memorial Day
Observances 11am Tydings Park
No Trash Collection - shifts 1 day

June 29 - Carnival Opens
6pm - 10:30 pm Wed. - Fri.
4pm - 9:30 pm Sat.
3pm - 9:45 pm Sun.

July 3 - HdG Celebrates!
2pm - Parade - Union Ave.
7pm-10pm - Concert at Concord Point Park by the Lighthouse
9:20pm - Fireworks

July 4 - Holiday
No Trash Collection - shifts 1 day

Introducing ~ Adrean Troy, Director of Economic Development

The City welcomed **Mrs. Adrean Troy** as Director of Economic Development in October 2015.

Mayor Martin shares, "The City of Havre de Grace takes economic development very seriously. It is for this reason that we are proud to have Adrean Troy join our team. We have full confidence that Mrs. Troy will be a tremendous asset for our business community as well as our citizens."

Adrean's work includes supporting and growing Havre de Grace's business footprint as well as overseeing the City's tourism and marketing efforts. She is also working to obtain and administer grant funding for economic development projects as well as manage and administer the City's business incentives and financing programs.

Adrean holds a Degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Marketing and Accounting from the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Prior to joining our team, Adrean served as lead associate with Booz Allen Hamilton on strategic planning and communications solutions.

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Our office, along with Mayor Bill Martin, is taking a very close look at how we can **capture the attention of travelers and bring them...and their dollars... to Havre de Grace.** This is important to our City because people traveling through the State of Maryland spend a staggering amount of money. In 2014, visitors to Maryland spent a record-breaking \$16.4 billion! This is a 6% increase from 2013.

Travelers along **I-95, Rt. 40 and boaters enjoying the Chesapeake Bay have easy access to Havre de Grace.** In a brainstorming session with **Mayor Martin**, he came up with this wonderfully inviting logo and concept design.



Fresh seafood, authentic Maryland dishes, beautiful parks, walking trails, stunning sunsets, water views, high quality museum displays, historic structures, ...
When you think about all the great things our State has to offer, we are letting people know they can find a sample of it right here in Havre de Grace!



We would like to see this renovated Opera House open as soon as possible for **theatre groups, music ensembles, the visual arts community** and others that contribute to the fabric of our unique and beautiful downtown.

The "earth" without "art" is just ... "eh."

OPERA HOUSE: Renovation Update!

Lewis Contractors began work in July 2015. They have stabilized the historic exterior which included window rehabilitation, soffit, brick and mortar repair, as well as cutting openings for the future atrium addition.

Currently, work is continuing on utility construction with the plan to move forward with the atrium addition in early spring.

FUNDING: Continuation of the construction project is contingent on available funding from the State of Maryland, Harford County Government, the City of Havre de Grace, private contributions, and grant sources. With that said, the City will be pursuing a bond this spring to make the project a continuous build. We are grateful for the support at all levels of government and from the Havre de Grace community as a whole.

ATTENTION CITIZENS: The Scarboro Landfill is FULL and is closing!

As of the end of May 2016, Harford County's only landfill, located on Scarboro Road in Street, MD **will no longer be accepting trash from any commercial haulers due to capacity issues.** This has a direct impact on the City of Havre de Grace.

The City currently has a contract with Waste Industries (formerly Harford Sanitation Services) to collect residential trash each week. With the County's landfill closing to all commercial haulers*,

* Individual residents can still take items to the landfill.

the City's trash collectors will now travel to Baltimore County to the Eastern Sanitary Landfill located in White Marsh, Maryland.

How does this effect YOU?
 To haul away our trash, the City is charged by the ton. The more trash each of us puts out, the more weight. The fees to landfill the trash have steadily risen over the past five years.

2010-2011....\$ 50 per ton to
 2015-2016....\$ 72 per ton!

Now that our solid waste haulers must travel to Baltimore County,

the City's costs will increase with the additional miles, time and fuel costs.

What can **WE**
 - meaning each resident -
 do to reduce our Tipping Fees?

- RECYCLE -
There is NO TIP FEE* for recyclables.

* A TIP FEE is the amount we are charged PER TON to dispose of TRASH. Currently we are paying a Tip Fee of \$72 per ton.
The Tip Fee for Recyclables is \$0.00

Zero Waste Maryland

Plan to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** Nearly All Waste Generated in Maryland by 2040

ZERO WASTE GOALS	2015	2020	2025	2030	2040
Overall Waste Diversion Goal	54%	65%	70%	75%	85%
Overall Recycling Goal	50%	60%	65%	70%	80%
Recycling Goal - Food Scraps	15%	35%	60%	70%	90%
Recycling Goal - Yard Trimmings	73%	76%	80%	83%	90%
Water Reuse	2%	7%	15%	25%	40%

For more information, visit: www.mde.state.md.us

Implementation of zero waste strategies yields **considerable benefits**, including:

- GHG emissions reductions,
- energy savings,
- **extended landfill capacity,**
- addition of green jobs to the economy,
- conservation of natural resources, and
- **avoidance of landfill disposal cost**



Your Neighborhood Collection Guide for Trash, Recyclables, Yard Waste and more...

Cut & Save

Curbside Collections City Code Ch.162 - Solid Waste - *Paraphrased* Go to www.havredegracemd.com for complete Code

The Trash Container:

- Refuse must be in a metal or plastic trash can with a lid. Trash Can size can not be more than 30 gallons and shall be rodent proof. Maximum 50 lbs. in weight when full.
- If using a plastic garbage can, it should not become brittle at temperatures of -10° F.
- Mark both the lid and the can with your address to prevent loss or theft.
- Secure your trash and recyclables to prevent contents from being wind-blown and rodent-proof.



The Contents:

- Normal household waste only. No metal items larger than a tin can.
- Garbage shall not be placed out in plastic bags unless the bags are tightly secured and placed in a trash can or a dumpster.

Important Times to Remember:

- **6pm or after- Place Cans at Curbside** the evening before scheduled pick-up, but no later than 7am on collection day.
- **Bring empty Cans in from Curbside by 8:00pm** of the collection day.

Need to dispose of motor oil or anti-freeze? Containers are available 24 hr/day at: 1 Jerry Foster Way, HdG Disposal Station - located at entrance to the WasteWater Treatment Plant.

Directions: From Revolution St., turn at Seneca Ave. Turn Right at Wilson St. Follow Wilson St. to Jerry Foster Way.

RECYCLABLES:

All-in-One Container

Container may be a garbage can, cardboard box, tote, or anything that will fully contain the material, prevent it from being wind-blown and protect it from the elements.

ACCEPTABLE

PAPER:

Juice boxes, milk cartons, cereal boxes, frozen food boxes
Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books,
Junk mail, greeting cards, paper & hard books,
Shoe boxes,
Paper bags, office paper, cardboard

PLASTIC:

Bottles & jugs (*milk, water, detergent, shampoo, liquid soap, cooking oil, spray products*)
Disposable plastic cups
Plastic toys, buckets, pails
Flower pots, nursery pots
Containers (*peanut butter, margarine, yogurt*)
Plastic lawn furniture
Plastic trash cans
Laundry baskets

METALS & GLASS:

Cans-aluminum, steel, tin, EMPTY aerosol cans (*spray paint, hairspray, whipped cream, etc*)
Aluminum foil, aluminum foil bakeware
Glass food & beverage bottles, jars, any color

NOT ACCEPTABLE

X - paper towels, tissues, napkins
X - Used paper plates or cups
X - Foil and foil gift wrap
X - Waxed or laminated paper
X - Food contaminated boxes, pizza boxes

X - Plastic bags or sheeting
X - Styrofoam
X - Packing peanuts
X - Cutlery (*forks, knives, spoons*)
X - CD cases, VHS tapes
X - Pesticide or Solvent bottles
X - Motor Oil bottles
X - Vinyl siding
X - Pipes

X - Propane cylinders
X - Metal lawn furniture
X - Pots & pans, drinking glasses, window glass
X - Light bulbs, mirrors, ceramic plates, mugs...

ALL
in
ONE



Introducing ~ Timothy F. Whittie, Director of Public Works!

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On January 4, 2016, the City of Havre de Grace welcomed **Mr. Timothy F. Whittie, P.E.** as Director of Public Works.

Mayor Martin, along with City Council members, is most pleased to have Tim join the team. The Mayor shares, " My primary goal during my term as Mayor is to assemble an all-star cast of directors. I really want the right people who are highly qualified and already I have found that Mr. Whittie fits that mold. From his first day on the job, Tim has rolled up his sleeves and is getting out there on the street and working with the public."

Tim holds a Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. He has over 30 years of engineering experience in both the private and public sector, most recently serving as Harford County's Director of Public Works.

The Department of Public Works would like to share the following accomplishments thanks to the support of Mayor Martin and the Havre de Grace City Council:

- Extension of the Promenade to include high efficiency lighting, additional benches, plantings, and the signature sidewalk.
- Continued upgrades to Pier 6 at the City's Yacht Basin.
- Lafayette Trail markers - new design has already begun and will be completed this year.
- Winterizing and repainting all public restrooms.
- Supporting over 75 events with providing barricades, trash removal, set-up and clean-up.
- Coordinating with BGE to replace 75 year old gas mains and service lines with high pressure, energy efficient service lines.

Please pay attention to this important reminder!

The #1 cause of sewer back-ups in our City is due to WIPES, DEPENDS, FEMININE PRODUCTS and other items going into the toilet when they should be going into the trash can.



The end result. **Pouring GREASE down the drain is another cause of blockages.** When grease cools down, it becomes a solid, gloppy mess. It coats the pipes and causes your drain pipes to block.



Police Department

Teresa G. Walter, Chief - 410-939-2121

American Legion - 2015 Police Officer of the Year PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS CHAD SMITH

On June 13, 2015 at approximately 12:30 am, PFC Chad Smith was on routine patrol in the 100 block of S. Union Avenue in Havre de Grace. At that time, he observed that the front of a house in the 100 block was on fire. He immediately notified police dispatch to summon the fire department.

PFC Smith ran to the home and encountered the male owner of the residence attempting to re-enter the burning home because his wife was still inside. Due to the heavy smoke conditions, PFC Smith prevented the man from going back inside. Upon entering through the rear door of the burning home, PFC Smith could hear movement. He yelled out to the female occupant to walk toward his voice. The woman was able to guide herself toward PFC Smith and eventually got out of the house.

PFC Chad Smith's actions not only saved lives and most likely prevented more extensive damage to the home involved, but also led to the identification and apprehension of the persons responsible for setting the blaze.



Photo by: Adam Rybczynski

SPRING Clean-up Days
 For the junk you need to get rid of...
 that is not yard sale or thrift shop worthy!
APRIL 16, 23 and APRIL 30*
 * Paper Shred Truck on-site: 8am-noon

8:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Multiple dumpsters located on grounds of
 the Havre de Grace Community Center
 100 Lagaret Lane
 (From Rt. 155, to Graceview Dr., to Quarry Rd.)

- **HdG Residents Only**, No Commercial Haulers
- Must Show **Proof of Residency**
- No Hazardous Materials
- **Will accept the following:** Trash, Recyclables,
 Yard Waste, Mattresses, Toilets, Sinks, Carpets, Grills,
 Furniture, Appliances, Electronics, Fluorescent bulbs,
 T.V.'s, Construction debris, Wood, Tires without rims,
 Latex paint - *Paint in can must be dried - not wet.*

Help Promote Your City!
 A great gift for only \$25 is the HdG War of 1812
 License Plate for motorcycles!
 We need 25 requests to place an order.
 Contact the HdG Visitor Center
 at 450 Pennington Ave.
 (ph) 410-939-2100

or online at: www.explorehavredegrace.com




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Join the **C.A.T. CLUB** - Great way to meet new people
 while doing good work for your community!
 We meet for 1 hour every Saturday, 8:30am at Rochambeau Plaza
 - located at corner of Washington, St. John and Green St. -

For more info: Call **Al Peteraf 443-742-3352**

C.A.T. = Citizens Against Trash ~ working toward a litter free community

Community Garden Applications
 Now Being Accepted

Never gardened? Join and learn from other gardeners!

For a \$35 annual fee, each gardener gets a sunny
 10 x 10-foot plot, water, and mulch in a fenced area
 to grow their own produce. Plots are available on a
 first-come basis with locations at Market St., Seneca
 Ave., and behind the Community Center off Rt. 155.

Download an application form at <http://www.hdggreenteam.org/communitygarden.html>,
 pick one up at City Hall, 711 Pennington Ave. or
 request one by email at HdGGreenTeam@gmail.com.

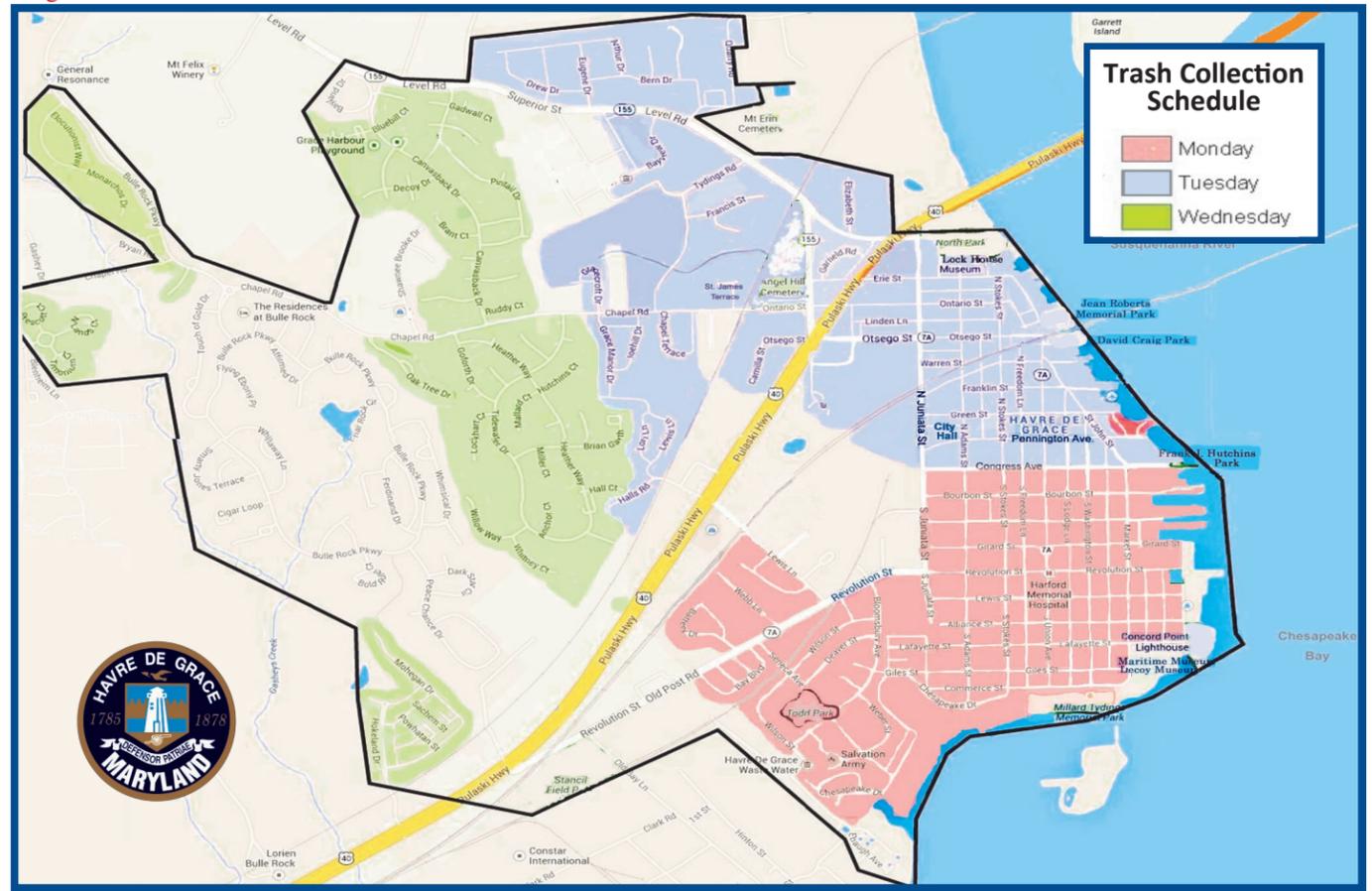
CITY-WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, April 23rd
 8:00 am - 4pm
 (rain date: Sunday, April 24th)

No cost to you to advertise, just call the
 Visitor Center at 410-939-2100 with your address
 and we'll add it to our listing.

Don't have a yard, but want to participate?
 You can rent space at 226 S. Union Avenue for
 only \$10*

Contact Ron Browning at 410-939-6562
 *This Rental Fee will go directly to the Historic
 Preservation Commission of Havre de Grace.



Cut & Save

RECYCLE: Every THURSDAY
 All year round

- Place recyclables in same spot as trash cans.
- The Recycling Can must be marked. Put a recycling sticker* or a large "X" marked on the side of the can.
- Place the heavier recyclables on top to prevent wind from blowing the paper items.
- No Plastic bags.

* Recycle Stickers available at City Hall.

See Recycle Guide other side.

YARDWASTE: Every FRIDAY
 All year round

Includes: *Grass clippings, hedge and tree trimmings, branches, leaves and Christmas trees.*

- Place yard waste in same spot as trash cans.
- Bagging is preferred, but if placed in a can, remove lid, pack loosely, and tie a blue bag to handle so the hauler knows it is yard waste.
- Tie branches in bundles: not longer than 4 feet, not wider than 2 feet, not over 50 pounds in weight
- No branches over 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

BULK METAL ITEMS
 City Collects Metal Items Only

Such as: hot water heaters, grills, stoves, refrigerators, etc...

Call City Hall by 2pm on Tuesdays for Wednesday pick-up.

We do **not** pick up Non-Metal Items such as: T.V.'s, couches, construction debris, etc...

To Dispose of Non-Metal Bulk Items, there are 3 options:

1. Take to Scarboro Landfill located at 3135 Scarboro Rd. Street, MD 21154 Ph. 410-638-3018
2. Call a private hauler.
3. Call the City's trash contractor directly at 410-457-0404.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
 No collections on the following days:

All Collections will be **delayed by 1 day** the remainder of the holiday week.

New Year's Day	July 4th
MLK Jr. Day	Labor Day
Presidents' Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Christmas Day

Those in apartment complexes and other areas where trash is collected by a private contractor should check with their providers.



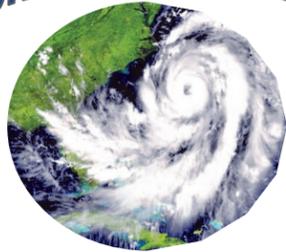
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A BIG THANK YOU to Local Businesses!

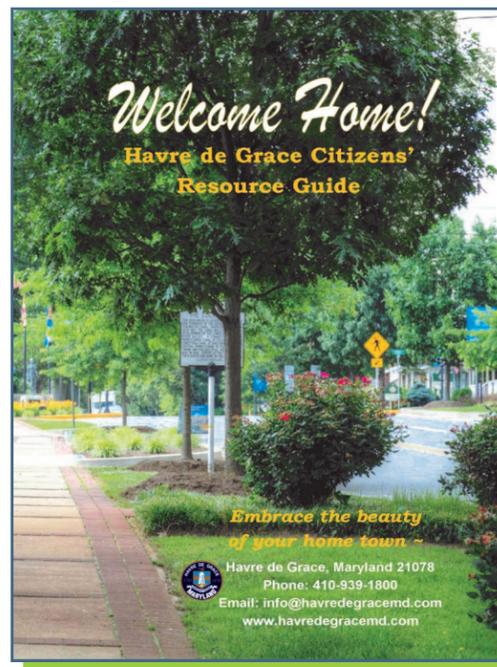
The Havre de Grace Police Department wants to say **THANKS** for your help with the 3rd Annual Police Safety Camp for Youth (see story pg. 6)

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| Beauty Nails | Herbert Brett Friedman DDS |
| Amanda's Florist | Franks Pizza |
| Bayou Inc | Promenade Grill |
| Par Excellence | Citizens Care |
| Bank of Memories | Les Petites Bisous! |
| Nick Melvin | Kona Ice |
| Kenneth Hutchinson | Big House Signs |
| Paul D Chizmar DDS | WXCY FM |
| HdG Marine Center | Coast Guard Auxiliary |
| David F Jaffe MD, PA | HCPS |
| Susquehanna OB GYN | Women's by the Bay |
| Royal Farms | Domino Sugar |
| Vincenti Decoys | Harford County- Office of Drug Prevention |
| Weis Markets | Target (Aberdeen) |
| Huber Company | |
| Java by the Bay | |
| McGregor's Restaurant | |



.. This just in! The latest edition of *Welcome Home!* is here!

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A Message from Mayor Martin ~



Thank you for taking time to review this newsletter. To begin, I am happy to report to you that the City has accomplished a great many projects over the summer. Completed projects include new paving, sidewalks and gutters installed on Juniata Street at Havre de Grace Elementary School. Join me in thanking DPW Deputy Director Bill Reeder and City Inspector Melvin Mahan for overseeing this project. **It was completed on time and under projected costs.**

Space does not permit me to list all of the activity going on around town and within City Hall, but I can promise you we have been very busy! To share just a few projects...the metal structure for the Living Fence on Franklin St. has been completely installed, painted and secured. The Farmers' Market has proven to be very successful in the new location - under the tent at Hutchins Park at the foot of Congress Ave. We have "officially" broken ground on the Opera House Renovation Project - see details pg. 3. The final touches to the public park on Concord St., being thoughtfully executed with plantings, seating and walkways thanks to DPW Crew Leader John Allen and his team, may be finished by the time you receive this newsletter. Last but not least, around town you will see freshly painted curbs, new benches installed, and eye-catching recycle cans to increase the recycling effort.

As we move into the fall season, we are keeping the momentum going. One of my initiatives is to have all City buildings 100% solar-powered by 2016. By doing this, the City will convert our carbon footprint to a 100% renewable, clean and green source of energy. Not only will we be protecting our natural resources, we will be doing so while saving taxpayers \$125,000 to \$135,000 annually.

Another initiative for this year has begun. I have pulled together a group of citizens who will study the features of Tydings Park and suggest ways to further enrich this setting for all citizens and visitors alike. Your input is appreciated and encouraged. Please share any suggestions you may have with the Tydings Park Commission Chairperson, Council Member Michael Hitchings. He can be reached by email: michaelh@havredegracemd.com or (ph) 443-532-1712.

Let me end with extending my appreciation to all citizens of Havre de Grace and our City employees. The large number of events, calls for service, and beautification projects are all possible because of your sincere commitment to excellence. Together, we continue to make our City a lovely place to **live, work, play and stay.**

Sincerely,
William T. Martin, Mayor
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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct. 17 - Clean-up Day**
8am-3pm at Community Center 100 Lagaret Ln. there will be multiple dumpsters for residents and **Paper Shred Truck** from 8am-noon
- Oct. 30 - Halloween Parade**
6pm sign-up, 6:30 parade begins Washington Street
- Oct. 31 - Trick or Treat** 6-8pm
- Nov. 1 - Set clocks BACK** 1 hour Standard Time Again
- Nov. 11- Veteran's Day**
Observances 11am Tydings Park
- Dec. 4 - Christmas Parade** and Tree Lighting 6pm begins on Washington St.
- Dec. 31 - New Years Eve Duck Drop & Fireworks** at the Middle School fields on Lewis Ln.

- Introducing - HAVRE DE GRACE CITY COUNCIL



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Administrative, Budget & Finance
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Planning, Public Works,
Administrative

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Committee Appointments

The Council President appoints Council Members to committees to help ensure City Laws and Ordinances are understood and followed. Each committee consists of no more than three Council members, one serving as **Chair**. The Mayor also appoints Council members to serve as liaison to the other various committees, commissions and advisory boards as defined by the City Charter.

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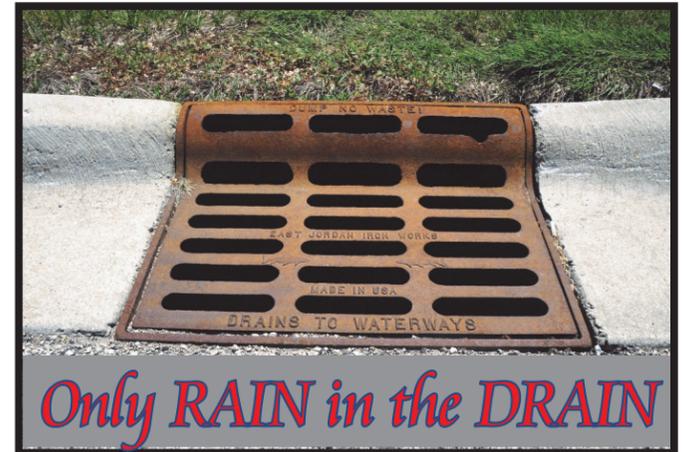
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
7 PM - 1st & 3rd MONDAYS
711 Pennington Ave.
Meeting Agendas available on-line at www.havredegracemd.com
Council Meetings televised
1st and 3rd Tuesdays on
Harford Cable Network

Student's Environmental Science Project ~ You Can Help! ~

High School student Megan Greene, a resident of Havre de Grace, is working on a project that could use your help. **Megan has developed a survey asking residents to answer simple questions about rain water run-off, how it may or may not affect your property, flooding issues, and your interest in receiving a rain barrel.**

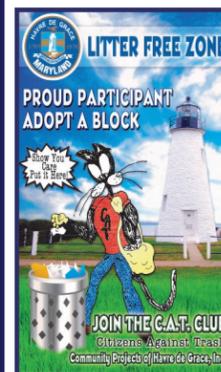
The *Low Impact Development Survey* can be found on the City website: www.havredegracemd.com.

Megan is currently enrolled in the Environmental Science Magnet Program at N. Harford High School. She and her teacher, Mrs. O'Leary, greatly appreciate your help by taking the survey.



Please report polluters to
Storm Water Management
Coordinator **JEFF KEITHLEY**
410-939-2006 X-2143

Join the C.A.T. Club - Great way to meet new people while doing good work for your community!



We meet **1 hour every Saturday**
8:30am at Rochambeau Plaza
- located at corner of Washington,
St. John and Green St.

For more info:
Call **Al Peteraf**
443-742-3352

FARMERS' MARKET ~ at Hutchin's Park
located at the foot of Congress Ave.



The Havre de Grace VISITORS Center... is for City Residents too!

Located at 450 Pennington Ave. behind the #2 Fire House and Opera House, the Visitor Center offers a lot of great information for residents such as:

- Harford Transit Bus schedules**
- AmTrak & MARC Penn Line train schedules**
- Event Planning Contacts** (photographers, venues, florists, caterers, lodging for guests, etc...)
- Current Events** not found in the Destination Guide
- Tickets to Local Events**
- History of HdG**
- And **GIFTS**...for ALL Occasions! We also offer the

War of 1812
Bi-centennial
License Plate



To order, visit the **HdG Visitor Center**
450 Pennington Avenue
(ph) 410-939-2100
or online at
www.explorehavredegrace.com

Complete and return form to the Visitor Center Office of Tourism - along with a **\$25.00 check**
Made Payable to: **MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration)**
...and within 10-15 days, you'll have your new plate!

Police Department

Teresa G. Walter, Chief - 410-939-2121



School Resource Officers' 3rd Annual Safety Camp ~ A popular adventure for local youth!

Two years ago the 1st Safety Camp had 39 participants. This year we had **over 100 hundred children** attend which meant we had to add another week...Certainly not a bad problem to have! **Campers learned social media/cyber safety, drug prevention, body awareness, tobacco prevention, gun safety, and water safety.** We had an overwhelming response from local businesses supporting our program and would not have been able to serve the number of children we did without their help. The SRO Unit looks forward to next year's camp! Interested parents, teens* and kids can get more information about camp by visiting the Havre de Grace SRO FaceBook page: at www.facebook.com/hdgsros *Teens - consider volunteering to help us with camp activities.

THANK YOU SRO TEAM **Cpl. Petz, PFC Adams, PFC, Saul, PFC Hughes** for offering this awesome camp for kids!!!



WEEK 1 SAFETY CAMPERS



WEEK 2 SAFETY CAMPERS



WEEK 3 SAFETY CAMPERS

Economic Development in the News!

Welcome New Businesses and New Locations to Havre de Grace!

Harbor of Grace Enhanced Recovery Center - 437 Girard St.
"A partnership of Dr. David Hill and Ken Beyer brings intensive outpatient and extended care for those seeking treatment for alcohol and drug addiction."

Wagon Wheel Trading Company - 212 N. Washington St.
Owner Alana (Lany) Brown opened her shop May 1st. This unique shop offers many treasures for your special place.

Salon Marielle - now located at 458 Franklin St. (moved from 429 St. John St.)

Recently Opened:
Vintage Café
114 N. Washington St.

Coming Soon:
♦ **Edel's Bridal Boutique**
315 St. John St.
♦ **Family Dollar**
1122 Revolution St.

OPERA HOUSE: Renovation Update!

Anticipated completion by: **Sept. 2016**



Mayor Martin doing his part to start the renovation!

Right: **Bill Price** presents **Todd Starkey** of Tidewater Players the sign for safe keeping until the Opera House re-opens.

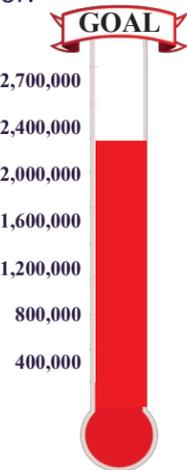


It's Official - PHASE 1 of the Opera House Renovation Project has begun as **Mayor Bill Martin** lends a hand to begin the renovation!

During the summer, **Lewis Contractors** were on-site to remove the interior paneling and wall partitions not original to the structure. As Phase 1 evolves, at a cost of 1.7 million dollars, the work will include re-opening of the historic staircase to the lobby area, addressing the ADA accessibility, code and life safety issues, increase seating from 130 to 200 seats, construction of an atrium joining the Opera House to the adjacent Fire Station, and installing an elevator for easier access to the 2nd floor.



Above: **Mayor Bill Martin** celebrating the start of Phase I with (L-R) **CM Mike Hitchings, CM Monica Worrell, Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti, CM Steve Gamatoria, Bill Price, President of Opera House Foundation.**



The framing of the Living Fence, located on Franklin Street, is now complete.* Plantings will begin early fall and again in the spring. Once the plants take root, the result will be a lovely wall of foliage as projected below.



Special thanks to our Local Business **Shane Custom Metal Fabricators of HdG** for providing us with a quality product and service.

* Another fine example of Teamwork - between two City departments: **Economic Development and Public Works** have worked diligently to make this "idea" come to fruition!

A Community Legacy Grant from the MD Dept. of Community Development was secured to fund this beautification project.

Department of Public *WORKS!*

Larry F. Parks, Director 410-939-1800 x 1107
larryp@havredegracemd.com

The public is invited to take advantage of this unique park located on Concord Street behind Citizens Care Center. You will find exercise stations, a walking path and benches for relaxation. The park, yet to be named, will be completed shortly with ADA sidewalks, flowers, grass and more benches.



A Round of APPLAUSE for DPW employees Ezra Berger and Joe "Jody" Weaver for bringing their artistic gifts to work every day. What was once drab is now a work of art! Check out the crosswalk on Juniata St. leading to the stadium and also these trash/recycle barrels placed around town. Awesome work!

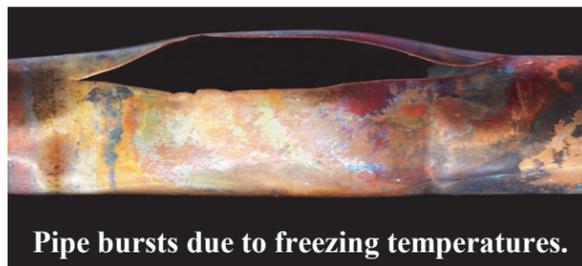


We are excited to see what they come up with next!

The combined effort of many people created this park. The end result is due to the work of DPW City Grounds Crew Leader John Allen and Streets Division Crew Leader John Hall along with James Sadler, Zack Patterson, Tony Cochran, Chris Brown and Mike Newsome. Also, DPW Water/Sewer Crew Leader Jay Shipley and his team: Dennis Underwood, Jim Boatman, David Morrill, Joe Robson, Jim Racine, Ricky Hickman and Larry Owen.

In the February 4, 1735 edition of the Pennsylvania Gazette, Benjamin Franklin wrote "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This axiom still holds true today.

Take a look at these examples of problems that could have been prevented with just a small amount of attention -



Pipe bursts due to freezing temperatures.

As winter approaches, please remember to protect your pipes. Local hardware stores offer wraps to insulate the pipes. A few dollars can prevent a huge mess and costly problem to fix.



Can you guess what caused this sewer pipe to clog and break?

A combination of: "flushable" wipes, paper towels, feminine products, diapers and other items belong in the trash, not the toilet.



Grease - UGH! Do not pour it down the drain! When it cools, it turns into a gloppy, solid mess and clogs the drains.

Department of Finance

George DeHority, Director 410-939-1800 x 1105
georged@havredegracemd.com

DEBT FEE SERVICE: Beginning in July 2015, a Debt Service Fee has been added to the water bill. The fee for most residences is \$25 per quarter. This fee was enacted because the City has experienced little development since the 2009 real estate crash and resulting recession. The City counted on average growth in users to pay for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. The City Council decided on a separate fee for a 2 year period, rather than an increase to the water/sewer rates. The Council is also aggressively marketing the City for new development and relocation to ensure this fee is temporary.



YOUR CITY ACCOUNTS ON-LINE
Tax, Water/Sewer, and User Benefit

You can view recent bills and pay your account on-line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

A letter was sent to each account holder identifying your individual PIN number. If you have lost your PIN number, you can contact us at www.havredegracemd.com and we can reset your PIN.

Department of Planning

W. Neal Mills, Director 410-939-1800 x 1122
nealm@havredegracemd.com

- Property Maintenance -

Home values and neighborhood quality are negatively impacted when property is not kept up.

If you notice a property that has:

- abandoned or inoperable bicycles, boats, boat trailers, mopeds or motor vehicles;
- abandoned appliances, equipment or furniture,
- junk, trash, refuse, debris, garbage, or rubbish,

please contact **Code Enforcement Officer Earl Sweigart: 410-939-1800 ext. 2104** Mon.- Fri. 7am-3:30pm.

A Seasonal REMINDER for Homeowners and Business Owners
You are responsible for removing leaves, snow and ice from the public sidewalks fronting your property.

Colleen's Corner City Hall Permits Clerk **Colleen Critzer**
410-939-1800 x1102 or colleenc@havredegracemd.com

A Building Permit is needed for projects such as these:

PROJECT	PERMIT FEE
Fence or Shed	\$50
Garage	\$100
Deck	\$75
Screen Room	\$75 - \$100
Addition	\$350
Pool (Above Ground)	\$50
Pool (In Ground)	\$100
Interior Renovation	\$75
Framing, Insulation	\$75 - \$200
Demolition	\$100 - \$150
Dumpster (On Street)	\$50



Are you doing home renovations or just cleaning out old junk? If you have a dumpster delivered, please be aware of this important task: **You will need to get a permit if the dumpster is placed on a City street.**

A dumpster placed in your yard or driveway does not require a permit.