

Halethorpe Improvement Association

March-April 2014

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President's Letter



Welcome back! We've certainly had our share of single-digit cold weather and snow this year which caused us to cancel our January 21 meeting. Hopefully, spring is right around the corner.

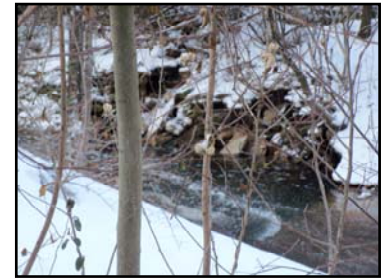
On behalf of the Halethorpe Improvement Association, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the members of our organization for your overwhelming generosity. We depend on you to keep the association running and that comes in many different forms: from becoming and continuing to be a member, attending a meeting, volunteering your time, joining a committee, voicing your concerns, and even contributing "extra" money to the organization. This ensures that our mission within the community continues. It also

protects your self interests, property values and helps to maintain your quality of life.

There are always issues to face within a community and recently it seems that we are seeing a higher incidence of vandalism and graffiti in the area. Damage resulting from vandalism can range from moderate to severe and can be costly to repair. Vandalism can be prevented through increased security, public awareness and police involvement.

If you see damage by vandalism or graffiti, please notify the police department and file a report. Filing a police report will document the occurrence. Also alert your surrounding neighbors about the incident. Creating awareness will keep the community alert for suspicious people and activities. These simple measures will help prevent you and your neighbors from being victims of vandalism.

We can make a difference if we work together.



Herbert's Run



The coldest temperature I saw on the Silbiger Building was -3°F early one morning.

Carol Mox
President

HIA Meeting

The upcoming HIA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Center** located at 4100 Maple Avenue, Halethorpe, MD 21227. Come at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy some light refreshments.

HIA Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of September, November, January, March and May.

Welcome New Members!

The Halethorpe Improvement Association would like to welcome its newest members.

**Michael & Judy Kaiser
Thomas & Shirley Ohler**

Thank you for joining the HIA and we hope to see you at our meetings.

When does time change?

**Spring Forward
One Hour**

March 9, 2014

Delegate Malone Honored



Delegate James E. Malone, Jr. was honored by the House of Delegates on February 12, 2014, when he received the Senator Charles "Mac" Mathias award. He received the award for his ability to work with both Democrats and Republicans

during his 20 year career in the House of Delegates. He was one of two recipients to receive the award that is given out at the end of each four year term. Delegate Malone will be retiring from the House of Delegates at the end of 2014.

Did You Know...

Halethorpe (21227) was listed in the January 26 online issue of *The Baltimore Sun* as being one of the top 10 up and coming zip codes in the Baltimore area. Zip codes that saw the biggest percentage increase in median sales were the basis for being on this list.

Median Sales Price: \$185,500
Median Sales Price Increase from 2012-2013: 12.4%

The article stated that Halethorpe has "increasingly easy access to mass transit which is a huge selling point in the suburbs as well as the city. The new revamped MARC Station in Halethorpe gives residents quick access to both Baltimore and Washington."

Baltimore County Police arrest MARC Train vandal on February 13.

MARC Train Station

On the evening of January 29, 2014, a number of MARC Train commuters returned to their cars only to find that they had been vandalized. The police were called to the Halethorpe MARC Train Station and found that 28 vehicles parked on Southwestern Boulevard had their windows broken and some had belongings taken.



Baltimore County Police arrested John Henry Quick, 29, on February 13, 2014. He was charged with 12 counts of theft, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, destruction of property and unauthorized removal of property. He was held on \$50,000 bail. The suspect lives by Westside Shopping Center off of Wilkens Avenue in the city.



WPCRO Meeting

At a recent Wilkens Police and Community Relations Organization (WPCRO) meeting attended by **Carol Mox and Sandy Cullen** held on February 11, 2014, **Officer Tom Warehime** stated that other citizens within the area had been subjected to vandalism by having their cars broken into within the last month. Areas hit were the MARC Train Station, Fishhead Cantina, and Rambling Oaks in Catonsville. The police advise not leaving valuables in or where anyone can see them in your car, and locking your car when you leave. If you see anything suspicious, please call 911.

Damage Reports and Repairs

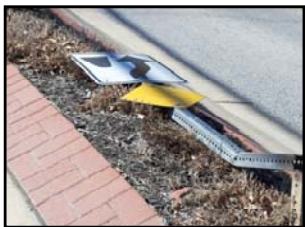


Several damaged signs and graffiti were called in to **Delegate Malone, Pete Kriscumas and Ed Reed**, Traffic Inspector, for repair or removal in the area and include:

Southwestern and Tom Day Boulevards – Median sign sheared off base. Work in progress.



Sulphur Spring Road under train overpass - Graffiti reported.



Selma Avenue at Southwestern Boulevard - Sign was sheared off its base again. This has been repaired.

Southwestern Boulevard at I-95 Overpass—Graffiti reported on columns and cement embankment.



Intersection of Wash. Blvd and Sulphur Spring Road—Median sign was knocked over. This has been repaired.



Ridge Avenue at Park Avenue—Median sign was knocked down. Work in progress.

Donations

The Halethorpe Improvement Association would like to thank the following members for their generous donation(s) to this association for the 2013-2014 term. It certainly isn't expected, but when a member sends in an extra contribution, it is greatly appreciated. Your gift allows us to buy equipment, paint, brushes, cleaners, extra help, landscaping materials, support community events, etc. Without your commitment, we could not continue to enhance the quality of life in this community.

Over \$100

Robert & Yvonne Ackley
Charles & Catherine Kokoski
Stephen Mangano & Janice Hedemann
Dave, Bill & Sue Mason
Arnold & Tracey Musick
Charles & Cindy Popp
Michael & Charlene Reilly
Jeff & Michele Sanders

\$75—\$99

John & Sandy Cullen
Paula Wolf & Robert Hughes

\$50—\$74

Bruce & Sandra Charlton
Sandy & Lee Connally
Michael & Maria McAuliffe
Carol Mox
Leo Mullin
Dan & Sarah Peightel
John Pinkerton
Don Schaefer
Lydia Thomas
Henry & Carole Thompson
Douglas & Rita Wolfe

\$25—\$49

Calvin Anderson, Sr.
Allen & Denise Bosley
Bill Carter
David & Janice Dare
Vanessa Dotson and Zina Counts
Claire Fiedler & Wesley Barth
Elaine Foard
Patricia & Terry Forgacs
Gerry Fowler
Joseph & Shirley French, Jr.
Christopher & Patricia Gore
Richard & Patty Grace
Mrs. Jane Hager
Rita Harthousen
Brad & Melanie Hauch
Jeff & Marissa Henn
David & Pam Hutchinson
Michael & Lisa Kirkpatrick

\$25—\$49

Jack & Betty Lancaster
Kyle and Don Merson
Raymond & Deborah Meyers, Sr.
Daniel Miller
Jim and Linda Napier
Sharon Pollock
Judith W. Ryan
Jay & Betsy Schaefer
Dale & Kathie Scholz
George & Peggy Snow
Jenny Sroka
Betty Thomas/Beverly Thomas
Randle & Sarah Tolliver
John & Joann Wink

\$1—\$24

Leona Amsel
William & Lucille Backman
Kathleen Baquol
Joe & Kathy Beadenkopf
Ada Birgel
Michael Bittings
Frances M. Blob
Lenora Brach
Teresa C. Breivogel
Michael & Erina Brown
James & Barbara Brown
Kathryn Cassell
Grace Cavey
Constance Christopoulos
Roy & Melissa Cole
Katherine E. Connelly
William E. Davey
Jake & Joyce DeBoy
Dusty & Rhona Durst
Cindy Fields
Lindell and Robin Flanigan
Charles & Gladys Gardner
Hector L. Gonzalez
Richard & Patty Grace
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Griffin
Joseph & Shirley Grusch
Sara Harman & Jimmie Cockerill
Marie Hoddinott
George Kendrick
Sandra A. Kick
Donald & Audrey Knowles
Mary Kokoski

\$1—\$24

Beth Lefebvre
Thomas & Joan Lester
Nancy Longo
Edgar & Doris Lowman
Eileen Martindale
Norman & Patricia Matlak
Scott & Sue McClure
David & Linda Mertes
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Virginia Ohler
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Charlotte A. Pfeifer
Louise Quickley
Scott and Mary Beth Ripley
Norbert & Shirley Rozanski
Lillian Sadler
Mrs. L. May Seymour
John & Catherine Slater
Alice V. Speelman and Virginia L. Jaco
George M. Spitzler
Chris Stone & Deborah Atwood
Simon & Julie Thayil
Willy Uhlig
Susan Vosloh
Robert & Anne Wagner
David (Ken) & Judy Watson
Dave & Pat Williams
Desmond & Prudence Young
Betty Zirkle

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

If anyone has been omitted in error, please contact Carol Mox.

Adopt-A-Road

As part of a public service program, the Halethorpe Improvement Association adopted **Potomac Avenue** to help keep a part of our community beautiful by having citizens volunteer once a month to pick up litter along this county road. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Mike McAuliffe** (410-247-9470).



Whelan Project

Minutes taken by Darryl D. Putty, Project Manager for the Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections, at the December 9, 2013 Community Input Meeting (CIM) were distributed on Whelan Properties' proposed project on Sulphur Spring Road. This is one of the preliminary requirements to obtain approval before a decision is made on the plan. Whelan Properties then has 12 months from the date of the CIM to submit a Development Plan. I am distributing these minutes to those members who have e-mail. If you would like a hard copy mailed, call Carol Mox 410-971-9455.

Community Members

Christian Grusch, son of HIA members **Joe and Shirley Grusch**, was given an honorable mention in the January 29, 2014 issue of *The Arbutus Times* for his future participation in the 18th Annual Polar Bear Plunge. This event benefits the Special Olympics of Maryland. Although he planned to jump in, this event was postponed on January 25 due to the unsafe weather conditions. Christian collected over \$500 from friends and family to donate to this worthy cause. New plunge date is March 8.

February 19, 2014. She lived on Linden Avenue. Our sincere condolences to her family on their loss.

Dr. Charles Kokoski is recuperating at home after breaking his hip in a fall. He had to undergo hip replacement surgery to aid in his convalescence. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Long time HIA member **Teresa Breivogel** passed away on

State Primary Election Candidates for District 12

The primary elections will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, with early voting scheduled to start June 12, 2014.

Here is a list of candidates running for election in Legislative District 12:

State Senator:
Democratic
 Edward J. Kasemeyer
Republican
 Jesse Tyler Pippy

House of Delegates:
Democratic
 Brian S. Bailey

Jay Fred Cohen
 Rebecca P. Dongarra
 Eric Ebersole
 Michael Gisriel
 Terri L. Hill
 Clarence K. Liam
 Renee McGuirk-Spence
 Adam Sachs
 Nick Stewart

Republican
 Gordon Bull
 Joseph D. "Joe" Hooe
 Rick Martel

UMBC Connection

The UMBC Neighborhood Relations Group meeting was held on January 15, 2014, at UMBC under the leadership of **Lisa Atchin**, Associate Vice President and Assistant to the UMBC President, and attended by **Carol Mox**, President of the HIA, and other community leaders.

If you know of anyone needing employment, UMBC conducts career fairs which are open to the public. UMBC also offers counselor services to students, alumni, and members of the community. However, there is a fee associated with this service. Workshops are also offered in January and June. These seminars can help determine your strengths which can be used to promote your

assets to a potential employer. Also, UMBC can post available jobs online. For information on career services, contact: **Caroline Bodnar, MA, UMBC Career Specialist** (carolb@umbc.edu).

Two projects will be undertaken at UMBC. The first is the Campus Gateway Project. This will address the traffic and safety issues on the campus and includes: 1) a large traffic rotary to be constructed at Hilltop Circle and UMBC Boulevard, 2) a smaller rotary will be constructed as a drop-off point for pedestrians near the administrative building, 3) another traffic rotary will be constructed at UMBC Boulevard



and BW Tech Research Park. Due to construction, UMBC Boulevard will be reduced from 4 lanes to 2 lanes and parking will no longer be allowed along this road. Additional surface parking is being created at Hilltop Circle and Wilkens Avenue. Construction will start June 2014 and end by August 2015.

The second is the Campus Pond Revitalization project. The pond located by the UMBC library has been collecting sediment over the years. UMBC Facilities will be dredging the pond, doing water treatments to promote natural filtration and oxygenation, and planting and new seating to create a more natural setting. Construction

started December 2013 and will end in the Fall 2014.

As a final point, some statistics were given regarding the UMBC Shuttle service. When a student has a pass for the UMBC Shuttle, the swipe card is a transit tracker. It lets UMBC know the time and location of when students get on and off the bus. UMBC has seen a 20% increase in ridership. In 2013, there were 71,240 riders documented for the year. Within the last six months, 42,034 riders were documented. They expect approximately 84,000 riders for 2014. The Arbutus/Halethorpe area students are one of the heaviest users of the shuttle service.

Unbalancing Work and Life Editorial by Marissa Henn

Home and work responsibilities often are at odds with each other. Rather than keeping them in balance, I find myself “un-balancing” them, or wobbling from one to the other. Let’s start with the kids. After all, they’re why we do what we do.

By no means do we have it tougher than anyone else, but two elementary school-aged kids are still a lot to handle. With a son in kindergarten, and a daughter in 4th grade, our time is their time. Between school commitments and during some seasons of the year with two after-school activities per child, there is literally no rest for the weary. My husband and I find that once we get the kids home, fed, showered, books read, and tucked in bed, we may have an hour or two to ourselves...on a good night. If there’s evening softball or tball, then forget about it.

Work-wise I’m fortunate because I have found a great brokerage as a realtor plus a part-time position at the kids school as a teacher’s assistant (TA). My commute to school is just a block away, and some of my real estate work can be done from home. However, when clients call, I must travel for listing appointments, open-houses, or drive home-buyers around until they find that perfect new place. It’s during those times that the laundry piles up, the vacuuming takes a back seat, and my husband has to leave work early to get the kids to their next activities. (Why didn’t I marry one with a trust fund?) The artistry with which I handle competing responsibilities is akin to a dance. It may be a clunky dance on my part, but there is constant motion and very rarely do I feel balanced for an extended period of time.

So what are some of the tricks I’ve found that provide at least partial relief? There are a few. Here are some of the life-hacks that so far, have worked well for our family:

Groupon - shopping online especially around the holidays can be an immense time saver.

Wholesale Club membership (Costco & BJs) - rebate dollars pa for the annual cost, can be a one-stop shop at times, and can be economical for a family of four.

Cooking Light Magazine – I maintain an annual subscription which helps us to eat healthier and plan meals for the week. Note that if you get the print edition, they give you the online version for iPad free.

Mommy Planner” - this was a holiday gift from the kids and has helped me to keep organized and plan out days ahead of time. It is old-fashioned pen and paper, but it works!

Having the **kids help with chores** around the house. The earlier you can start them on this path the better!

Do you have your own suggestions or have a question on real estate? I would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact me via mhenn@comcast.net.

About Marissa Henn

Marissa is an HIA member and has lived in Halethorpe for over ten years. Having grown up in Reisterstown, she is a native Marylander through and through. She enjoys biking the B&A trail when the stars align; otherwise, her interests include sledding on snow days with the kids in winter, and picking steamed crabs for them in the summer. Marissa works for Halethorpe Elementary School, and for Exit Results Realty in Linthicum. If you have a question or comment for her, her email address is mhenn@comcast.net.

Baltimore County Department of Aging Membership Drive

The latest publication from Baltimore County Department of Aging called **Community Resources 2014** has just been released. This annual publication provides baby boomers, older adults, caregivers, families, persons with disabilities and professionals with information for identifying resources and care services that best meet the needs of aging residents. You may view this document online by visiting www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/aging/publications/resources.html.

Community Resources 2014 is also available free of charge at 20 Baltimore County Senior Centers as well as libraries. If you would like a mailed copy of **Community Resources 2014**, please contact [410-887-2594](tel:410-887-2594).

The Halethorpe Improvement Association continues to promote its membership drive. We are looking for existing members to renew their membership and new members to join.

Please consider renewing your membership for the 2013-2014 term. If you receive a renewal application form in the mail or with your newsletter, please take time to complete the application and send it in with your membership dues.

Next HIA Meeting

The next HIA Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Good Shepherd Center.

Membership Dues Will Remain At 1990 Price

Our membership drive continues for the 2013-2014 term. Please consider joining or renewing your membership. At our Board meeting held in January 2013, it was agreed that the yearly membership dues should remain at the same price that it has been since 1990. What a deal! Yearly membership dues will continue at: \$5.00 per Household; \$4.00 per Retired Household, \$3.00 per Individual. And if you care to give additional funds as a donation to HIA or the Grounds Maintenance Fund, we really appreciate that too. Please contact **Carol Mox** for a renewal/application form.

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NOTE: NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

Open Position

The HIA is still accepting nominations to fill one vacant position. We are in search of a **Secretary**. The secretary is responsible for taking notes or recording the meetings and typing the information to present at the next subsequent HIA meeting. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact **Carol Mox** (410-971-9455). Nominations will be accepted (you can nominate yourself). Voting will take place at the next HIA meeting.



Patriotic Volunteers Needed
for
A Memorial Day event to benefit Charlestown's "Benevolent Care Fund" and "Operation Second Chance," a non-profit established to help war heroes move on.

Hubbard Funeral Home and Charlestown Retirement Community will present an exhibition of over 1,000 American flags. Volunteers are needed to assist and join various committees.

For additional information:
Daniel Simons (410-242-3300)
daniel.simons@carriageservices.com

HIA Inclement Weather Policy

The Halethorpe Improvement Association follows Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) for delays and closings. If BCPS closes early due to inclement weather, the HIA meeting scheduled for that day will be cancelled. If BCPS closes for the day, the HIA meeting will also be cancelled for that night.

Halethorpe Improvement Association

The Halethorpe Improvement Association (HIA), chartered in 1957, is a 501(c) 3, dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in our community. The association has forged partnerships with local elected leadership and various public and private sectors to best foster these efforts. Participation is voluntary and open to all households within our boundaries. Currently, we represent over 240 households.

Disclaimer: While HIA has no reason to doubt the accuracy of any of the information supplied, we cannot, and do not guarantee its accuracy. We are not responsible for errors, omissions, misuse or misinterpretation of information contained herein.

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