



# Halethorpe Improvement Association

January—February 2015

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## President's Letter



Happy New Year! I hope all of you got to enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

At our November meeting, we were honored to have **Delegate James E. Malone, Jr., and Officer Tom Warehime of the Wilkens Police Department.**

**Delegate Malone** wished everyone well as this would be his last appearance at our meeting as a state delegate. He and **Delegate Steven DeBoy** decided to retire at the end of their term after 20 and 12 years, respectively, of service.

**Officer Tom Warehime, Wilkens Police Community Liaison,** stated that between September 1 and November 10, 2014, there were nine thefts to vehicles and four burglaries. He asked that everyone make sure that your vehicle is secure and

do not keep valuables out in the open where they can be seen in your car.

**Officer Warehime** also explained a little more on putting together a Citizens on Patrol program for our area. The HIA must have a minimum of 4 people participate. There is a one hour training course explaining the process and the administration of the program.

Another program mentioned was "Watch My Car." This is where the car owner places a police-permitted decal on their vehicle which gives the police permission to check the driver of the car between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. if it is on the road. This is the time period when most auto thefts occur. If the driver of the car is not the correct owner, the police will notify the owner and ask for clarification before making any arrests.

Due to the upcoming holidays, November's meeting was short in length. This meant that two of our new state delegates arrived too late for our meeting. They were **Terri Hill, MD, and Clarence Lam, MD.** They had just left two



other community meetings and were hoping to introduce themselves at our meeting. Hopefully, we will see them next time.

Thank you elected officials, special guests, new and existing members for attending November's meeting. I hope to see all of you at January's meeting as well.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2015.

**Carol Mox  
President**

## HIA Meeting

The upcoming HIA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Services** 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.

**Ann C. Garvey  
Melanie Harris  
Norman E. Sturm, Jr.  
Sid Williams, Jr. & Mary Van Divner**

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

### Flag Decorations



At the corner of the Francis Avenue Bridge and Winans Avenue, the flagpole was decorated in tree lights and several flags were waving in the wind highlighting the United States, Christmas and the Baltimore Ravens. How apropos!

After celebrating Christmas, the Ravens made the playoffs by winning the game against the Cleveland Browns on December 28. Then they thrilled us again by winning the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on December 30.

Hopefully, they will continue onward and upward to be a contender for the Super Bowl Game. Go Ravens!

Colorful lights also adorned the flagpole in the shape of a Christmas tree. Nighttime provided a spectacular illumination of holiday color.

A grateful thank you to **Jack Schaefer** for taking care of the flagpole and putting up the decorations. It looks wonderful!



### Holiday Decorations Abound in Halethorpe




 Our community decorators **Diane Koelbel**, her son **Chris Koelbel**, **Mike McAuliffe** and **Sandy Cullen** took to the streets and decorated Halethorpe for the holiday season. The colorful ornaments, lights, and tree trimmings, found along Potomac, Waelchli and Oregon Avenues, were very festive and added to the spirit of the holidays. Thank you for making Halethorpe look so merry!

## Dedication Landmark Taking Shape



For over two years, **Sandy Cullen**, a past HIA president and current HIA treasurer, has expressed her desire to create a landmark dedication to Dr. Barry Lanman for his research work and authorship of the book *Halethorpe Heritage: A Story of a Maryland Community*. Money from the book fund would be used to finance this project.

started construction of this project at the corner of the Francis Avenue Bridge and Second Avenue. It's very impressive. We hope to have it completed by the spring where we will have a formal dedication ceremony to honor Dr. Lanman and the past presidents of the HIA as well as explain the project's design and the unique materials used.

**Michael McAuliffe**, along with assistance from **Bill Carter** and **Joe Powell**, has

## Membership Drive

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 2014-2015 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. We can only exist as an organization with your help as a member.

**Please remember to renew your HIA membership.**

## Signs Down

Two signs were knocked over and repair requests were submitted to the appropriate departments. The "No Parking" sign located on northbound Southwestern Boulevard at Selma Avenue was sheared off its wooden base and a request was submitted into the Maryland State Highway Administration. The second one, a median dividing sign located at Benson Avenue and Sulphur Spring Road, was called into Baltimore County Department of Public Works for repair.



## Delegates Malone and DeBoy Honored



Photo by Dan Miller

HIA was pleased to have **Delegate Jimmy Malone** attend our November meeting. This was his last meeting with us as a state delegate and we honored the 20 years of work that he did representing Maryland and our community by presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation from HIA and the citizens of Halethorpe as well as a gift as a token of our gratitude. Since then, Jimmy has moved north to be the Director of Recreation and Parks for Harford County.

Unfortunately, **Delegate Steve DeBoy** could not join us due to a prior commitment. However, he also received a certificate and gift which was delivered to his office on East Drive. He was very grateful and appreciative for the recognition.

**We wish Delegates Malone and DeBoy continued success in their future endeavors.**

## Elected Officials

On November 4, 2014, the Maryland General Election took place. Besides an upset victory by new **Republican Governor Larry Hogan** over Democratic Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, our state senator was re-elected and several new state delegates were voted in to represent District 12, which includes Halethorpe. They are:

**Maryland Senate**  
**Ed Kasemeyer (D)**  
 (re-elected)

**House of Delegates**  
**Eric Ebersole (D)**  
**Terri Hill, MD (D)**  
**Clarence Lam, MD (D)**

Maryland Senate:  
 33 Democrats  
 14 Republicans

House of Delegates:  
 91 Democrats  
 50 Republicans

When the 2015 General Assembly convenes on January 14, only 11 of the 47 state delegates will return. This election also saw the Republicans gain seats in the House of Delegates and Senate, but Democrats still hold a majority in the Maryland General Assembly:

On the county level, several of our political officials were re-elected into office to represent our area:

**Baltimore County Executive**  
**Keven Kamenetz**  
 (re-elected)

**Baltimore County**  
**Councilman District I**  
**Tom Quirk**  
 (re-elected)



Contact information for the new delegates will not be made available until the Maryland General Assembly reconvenes on January 14, 2015.

**Congratulations**  
**to our elected officials.**

## Baltimore County Police

### 34th Citizens Academy

The Citizens Academy program is looking for those individuals interested in a greater understanding of the functions of a police department.

The program consists of 16 sessions which includes 15 consecutive weekly evening classes and 1 Saturday class.

**Dates:** March 3, 2015 through June 9, 2015  
 (Tuesdays) 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Saturday date is pending  
 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Majority of class will be held at the Public Safety Building

Nomination forms will be accepted through February 10, 2015. Class size is limited to a maximum of 50 attendees.

Information and application for electronic submission is located on the internet:

[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/police/community/citizensacademy.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/police/community/citizensacademy.html)

For more information contact:

Officer Ericka S. Dingle  
 Youth and Community Resources Team  
 410-887-5901 (office)  
[edingle@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:edingle@baltimorecountymd.gov)

## Wyman Accepts Position



Congratulations to **Michele Wyman RN, MSN!** The Sisters of the Good Shepherd and the Board of Directors of Good Shepherd Services announced on December 1, 2014, that Michele Wyman accepted their offer to become President and CEO of Good Shepherd. She has been representing GSS as the Acting President and CEO since January 6, 2014, and has been serving Good Shepherd since 2001.

GSS just celebrated their 150th anniversary this year.

GSS has been very gracious to the HIA over the years by allowing us to use their Activity Room for our community meetings.



**Congratulations**  
**Michele Wyman,**  
**RN, MSN**

**on her**  
**promotion**

**as**

**President**  
**&**  
**CEO**

## Graffiti

The same vandal(s) attacked the train barrier wall with graffiti at Potomac Avenue at Arbutus Avenue a second time within one week after the first defacing was painted over by **Michael McAuliffe and Joe Powell** in November. One last call to **Delegate Jimmy Malone** before his departure got the both sides of the wall and graffiti painted over.

If you see anyone damaging property, please dial **911**.



## Hookah Bar Closes

The business known as Habibah Café & Hookah Lounge at 5304 East Drive has closed its doors. Reason for the closure is unknown. During the summer, residents and business owners in the area expressed concern about the late night activities of this establishment and the other hookah bar, Cloudz, which is located at 5410 East Drive. Cloudz is still open for business.

## Grounds Maintenance

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.

For the month of December, **Mike and Maria McAuliffe** walked around the loop and picked up trash and debris along Potomac Avenue, Waelchli Avenue, Sulphur Spring Road, Oregon and Carville Avenues, and Francis Avenue. Thank you so much for your efforts to help keep Halethorpe looking attractive.



If you are interested in helping, please contact **Mike McAuliffe** (410-247-9470). Choose the month you want and the day. Mike is always looking for volunteers to help clean up Potomac Avenue.

## Oak Creek Café

**Oak Creek Café** opened in December right after the Christmas holidays. Owned and operated by husband and wife, Jim and Sharon Andrews, also owners of the Ship's Café in Catonsville, the former location of Leon's Triple L has been transformed into a brand new bar and restaurant.

The building's exterior was given a completely new look with a lattice wood porch entrance. The interior,

including plumbing, wiring, walls, and kitchen equipment was also given a much needed upgrade. They also have quite an extensive menu offering. To help with the cost of remodeling, the couple received a \$250,000 loan from Baltimore County's Boost Fund.

The new restaurant is located at 5309 East Drive in the heart of Arbutus.

We welcome the Oak Creek Café to Arbutus. Please come and check out the new renovation. It looks great!



Photo Jen Rynda / The Arbutus Times

## UMBC Connection

The UMBC Neighborhood Relations Group, led by **Lisa Akchin**, Associate Vice President and Assistant to the President, met on November 19, 2014, **Carol Mox**, HIA President, also attended the meeting. The purpose of this organization is to establish and maintain a cooperative relationship between UMBC and the surrounding communities. Several topics were covered.

First, UMBC is doing a partnership with Arbutus Middle School. Known as the “Service-Learning, School and Family Connection” VISTA project, UMBC students provide support to students, teachers and parents through tutoring, mentoring and workshops. Its purpose is to engage students identified as “at risk” by assisting

them with their academic studies.

Second, road construction to improve the entrance of the campus is continuing. Two roundabouts, one located at the Hilltop Circle, near the Administration Building, and the other at the Tech Center at UMBC, are being created. This should help improve traffic flow, enhance the front entrance, and improve pedestrian walking areas.

Be aware that there will be new traffic patterns as well as detours directing riders and pedestrians around construction sites. The ramp leading to and from I-195 will be reduced to two lanes. Parking will no longer be allowed along the ramp.

Lastly, UMBC is in the design stage to build a new Events Center. Once built, this will be the arena for convocations and graduations, student life events, and athletic competitions. UMBC is also allowing twenty outside community events per year to be scheduled there. The new Events Center will house 5,000-6,000 seats and can host a dinner for 500 people. Groundbreaking is scheduled for the Fall 2015 with completion expected by Winter 2017.



For more information, visit:  
[www.campusentrance.umbc.edu](http://www.campusentrance.umbc.edu)

## Open Positions

The HIA is 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 either of these positions, please contact **Carol Mox** (410-971-9455). Nominations will be accepted (you can nominate yourself). Voting will take place at the next HIA meeting .

## WPCRO Meeting

The Wilkens Police and Community Relations Organization (WPCRO) is holding their next meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Maiden Choice School, located at 4910 Shelbourne Road, Arbutus, MD 21227. Guest speakers will be Chief James Johnson, Baltimore County Police Department, Captain Douglas Irwin, Wilkens Precinct 1, and Officer Tom Warehime, Wilkens Community Outreach.

# Go Ravens!

# Beat Patriots!



## January 10, 2015

## Next HIA Meeting

The next HIA Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the Good Shepherd Services.

## Membership Dues Will Remain At 1990 Price

Our membership drive continues for the 2014-2015 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. **If you want to receive the newsletter via US Mail, please add \$2 to the membership dues; no additional cost for the e-mail version.** Please contact **Carol Mox** for a renewal/application form.

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**NOTE: NEW E-MAIL & WEBSITE ADDRESS**

**If you can,  
please give a  
donation to the  
HIA General Fund  
or the Grounds  
Maintenance Fund  
when you  
renew your HIA  
membership.**



## 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.

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## 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.

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the front entrance of  
*Good Shepherd Services*  
4100 Maple Ave., Baltimore, MD 21224  
**January 21, 2015**  
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm****

