



Halethorpe Improvement Association

March—April 2017

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President's Letter



Dear Members:

At our January meeting, we were honored to have **Officer Tom Warehime of the Wilkens Police Department and Michele Wyman, President and CEO of the Good Shepherd Services**

Topics that were addressed at the meeting were as follows:

Office Warehime reported on crime trends in the area. There were two burglaries where a garage and a home were broken into and items taken. He also announced that after 31 years of service, Officer Bill Ruby retired. Officer Boone will now be the new outreach office for the Catonsville area. He also reminded everyone of Citizens Academy. This is a program,

starting in March, where citizens can learn and experience what a police officer faces in the line of duty. Safety issues that were mentioned by members were 1) placing a 4-way stop at Woodside Avenue and Maple Avenue and 2) more lighting needed at the new I-695 ramp.

Michele Wyman conveyed her concern about an article that appeared in the Baltimore Sun on December 16 about Good Shepherd Services. The newspaper reported on several incidences which occurred at the facility. Wyman stated that many of these issues happened over a year ago and steps were taken to address the problems. GSS can house as many as 72 young people, both boys and girls, from ages 13 to 21, who suffer from emotional and behavioral problems. The facility is used as an alternative to a child being institutionalized. As a residential center, it provides psychiatric and psychological treatment for adolescents needing 24 hour supervision.



*Since Michele Wyman's appearance at our meeting, GSS has decided to end its residential treatment program for adolescents. Please see article on page 3.

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

**Carol Mox
President**

HIA Meeting

The upcoming HIA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 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 member.

Connie Ripley

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

A Heartwarming Valentine's Day



Happy Valentine's Day

Our community decorators **Diane Koelbel**, her son **Chris Koelbel**, placed red hearts all over Halethorpe—Potomac, Francis, Oregon and Waelchli Avenues. The spirit of Valentine's Day throughout Halethorpe was very uplifting. Thank you for making Halethorpe look so red and festive.



Drain Fixed



A request for work was sent in by HIA Member **Michael Reilly** to the Baltimore County Bureau of Highways to fix a drain located in the front of 1725 Winans Avenue. The storm drain brick work was falling in, turning into a sink hole, and needed to be rebuilt. On February 10, Baltimore County responded and repaired the drain.

Good Shepherd Services

On February 16, 2017, Good Shepherd Services announced that it was ending its residential treatment program. Since 1864, GSS has been providing adolescents who have mental, behavioral and substance abuse issues psychiatric, psychological and clinical services through its residential treatment program. All children staying at the center will be transitioned to other facilities or residences within the next 30 days. Currently, there are 49 children in GSS's care. All 200 staff members will be employed through the next 60 days. More than 100 additional vendor and contractual employees will also be adversely impacted.

This decision to end the program was brought about due to ongoing operating concerns

by the State of Maryland. According to William Buttarazzi, Good Shepherd Service Board Chair, GSS believed that these issues could have been resolved with constructive dialogue between the State of Maryland and GSS, but the State's sudden action put GSS in a financial corner that left their options limited.

Michele Wyman, President and CEO of GSS, stated "Our residential treatment center has operated as a State approved facility for multiple Maryland state agencies. We historically have been one of the only Maryland providers who accept youth who have exhausted all other options. We do this because we believe that the vulnerable persons we serve are inherently precious and deserving

of our support to help them reach their maximum potential as they move toward a better life. After a full discussion regarding internal and external operating challenges, coupled with ongoing policy-based discussions, our leadership team moved toward making this incredibly difficult decision."

Within 90 days, a task force will be formed to re-evaluate the long-term mission for Good Shepherd in Baltimore.

Within 12 months from the formation of the task force, a new ministry for Good Shepherd will be announced.

For now, **Halethorpe Improvement Association** will still hold its meetings at GSS. If this situation changes, we will let you know.

GSS
Residential
Treatment
Program
to Close

District 12 Delegates

There was standing room only for the attendees of the Town Hall Meeting held on February 8, 2017, by the Maryland District 12 **Delegates Eric Ebersole, Terri Hill, and Clarence Lam**, at the Arbutus Library.

People wanted to hear what issues were being brought up at the Maryland General Assembly as well as voicing their concerns. Some of the topics raised were:

- Trump's reversal of Obama's Affordable Care Act
- Wrap Around—Behavioral Health Service for School Children
- Concerns about education—Maryland was #1 in the nation 4-5 years ago; now it is ranked #5
- Reduction of State funding of education through casino money
- Policing issues—to have diversity training, learn to deescalate situations, and how to handle people with mental illness
- Mandatory Paid Sick Leave
- Death with Dignity Bill—This gives terminally ill patients the option to die after meeting all of the criteria.
- Maryland Trust Act—This would make Maryland a sanctuary state for immigrants without legal status.
- Executive order by Governor Hogan for Maryland school systems to start school year after Labor Day.



The delegates were very appreciative for the help with the setup and donation of refreshments by the HIA at this event. Thanks to **Sandy Cullen** and **Carol Mox** for setting this up.

Volunteers Needed !

Volunteers are needed for assistance with the **HIA Community Clean Up Day.**

Two-three weeks before:

We need help distributing flyers to notify area residents of our upcoming event. If you could pass these out in your neighborhood, it would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday, May 20, 7:00 AM—Noon

We need volunteers for the event to assist with unloading vehicles, traffic control, and sweeping up debris.

**Please contact
Carol Mox
(410-971-9455)**

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.

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.



Mike McAuliffe reported on the landscaping and maintenance of Halethorpe. As part of the Adopt-A-Road program, **Mike and Maria McAuliffe** picked up trash along Potomac Avenue for November, **Joe Powell** did December, and **Ben Jeremenko** did January. **John Merson and Mike McAuliffe** trimmed brush. A “no parking” sign was also reported down at Southwest and Tom Day Boulevards. Thank you for your efforts.

Community Clean-Up Day

Halethorpe Improvement Association’s Annual Community Clean-Up Day

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Place: Halethorpe Elementary School
4300 Maple Avenue

Dumpsters will be provided for you to dispose of your junk as you do your own spring cleaning.

If you are elderly or disabled and live in the immediate area, you can schedule a pick up for free by HIA. Call 410-247-1296.

Please note we are not allowed to accept some types of debris and hazardous materials due to landfill restrictions such as:

Flammable materials, liquids, asbestos, acids, pesticides, paints, hazardous chemicals, tires over 16” in dimension, tires on rims, computer equipment, televisions, VCR’s, DVD’s, stereos, fax machines, telephones, video display devices, medical or radioactive waste, tree stumps greater than 12” (h) and greater than 36” across, and propane bottles.

Call Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management for locations to dispose of these restricted items (410-887-3188).



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

Please Renew Your Membership

The Halethorpe Improvement Association is promoting its membership drive for the 2016-2017 term. We are looking for existing members to renew their membership and new members to join.

Please consider renewing your membership for the new term. If you receive a renewal application form in the mail or with your newsletter, please take time to complete the application with your help as a member. and send it in with your membership dues. We can only exist as an organization with your help.

Guinness Relay Brewery



A community meeting was held on February 16, 2017, at the Arbutus Fire Hall to announce the proposal of a Guinness Brewing Facility to be built in Relay on Washington Boulevard. The Diageo-owned brand will be creating a version of its Dublin-based Guinness Open Gate Brewery. Diageo Beer Company USA plans to invest \$50 million to build a mid-sized Guinness brewery, a Guinness visitor experience with an

experimental pilot brewery, and a packaging and warehousing facility at the company's existing property in Relay, site of the historic Calvert Distillery which opened in 1933. This project would generate approximately 70 jobs. This brewery would welcome as many as 250,000 to 300,000 visitor in the first full year of operation.

BUT...beer tourism needs your support and Diageo needs your help. Current state law caps the amount of the brewery's beers that could be sold and consumed on site by visitors. Maryland lawmakers need to increase this sales cap to help ensure

this project becomes a reality.

Please call your state legislature and let them know you support the Guinness brewery and beer tourism in Maryland. Our contacts would be **Senator Ed Kasemeyer, Delegates Eric Ebersole, Terri Hill, and Clarence Lam.**

See page 1 of this newsletter state legislative delegation for contact information.

Solid Waste Management

HIA members **Bill Carter, Sandy Cullen, Mike McAuliffe, John Merson and Carol Mox** were in attendance for the Solid Waste Management (SWM) meeting held on January 30, 2017, at the Arbutus Library. The purpose of the meeting was to promote a public discussion on the department's proposed Ten Year Development Plan covering the years 2019-2028.

Charlie Reighart, Recycling and Waste Prevention Manager of SWM, led the panel discussion on solid waste. He was pleased that there were so few people attending. He felt that if SWM wasn't doing its job correctly, then there would be a larger turnout of interested people from the community to voice their concerns about trash pickup.

The panel felt that Baltimore County was in pretty good

shape but that there are always ways to improve waste minimization.

Goals for Baltimore County SWM are to promote waste prevention by increasing recycling, increase resource recovery, decrease the quantity and toxicity of solid waste requiring landfilling.

Going to single stream recycling (being allowed to mix paper, glass, plastic and metal) increased the amount people in the county recycled threefold. Socioeconomic status also plays a role. Higher income areas recycle more than lower income areas. Single family residences also recycle more than multi-family residents (apartment complexes).

For the possible future, Baltimore County SWM is looking into High Diversion Material Recycling Facility (HD-MRF). This facility would have a machine that would take all of

your trash and separate the materials out into recyclables. Many of the items you throw away daily are recyclable. People just don't think about or want to take the time to sort their trash out. SWM would pick up your trash and a machine can separate it for you. We could then do away with single stream recycling. This method would also 1) increase the amount of recycled trash, 2) reduce how fast the Eastern Landfill would fill up, and 3) create more materials that could be sold for recycling, thus producing more revenue profit.

It will take close to a year to put the proposed plan together for review and submission to the County Council and the Maryland Department of the Environment for final approval.



When does time change?

Spring Forward One Hour

Sunday March 12, 2017



Donations

The Halethorpe Improvement Association would like to thank the following members for their generous donation(s) to this association for the 2016-2017 term. It certainly isn't expected, but when a member sends in an extra contribution beyond membership dues, 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
 Scott Fisher / Fish Head Cantina
 Francis & Carlene Hannon
 Stephen Mangano & Janice Hedemann
 Charles & Catherine Kokoski
 Dave, Bill & Sue Mason
 Arnold & Tracey Musick
 John E. Pinkerton, Jr.
 Recovermat Mid-Atlantic, LLC
 Michael & Charlene Reilly
 Jeff & Michele Sanders

\$50—\$74

Sandy & Lee Connally
 Wayne & Bonnie Crosby
 Sandy Cullen
 David & Janice Dare
 Gerry Fowler
 Diane Koelbel and Kris Koelbel
 Lamb of God School
 Michael & Maria McAuliffe
 Scott & Sue McClure
 Carol Mox
 Dan & Sarah Peightel
 Charles & Cindy Popp
 Rev. Henry & Carole Thompson
 Paula Wolf & Robert Hughes
 Douglas & Rita Wolfe

\$25—\$49

Ada Birgel
 Allen & Denise Bosley
 Bill Carter
 Bruce & Sandra Charlton
 Vanessa Dotson and Zina Counts
 Patricia & Terry Forgacs
 Christopher & Patricia Gore
 Jim & Jean Greaves
 Kevin & Kim Green
 Willian C. Griffin
 Brad & Melanie Hauck

\$25—\$49

Sara Harman and Bill Cokerill
 David & Pam Hutchinson
 Clem Kaikis / Paul's Restaurant
 Michael & Lisa Kirkpatrick
 Beth Lefebvre
 Edgar & Doris Lowman
 Joan & Bud Lucas
 Kyle & Don Merson
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 Sharon Pollock
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 Lillian Sadler
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 Jay & Betsy Schaefer
 Mrs. L. May Seymour
 George & Peggy Snow
 Jenny Sroka
 Alice V. Speelman & Virginia L. Jaco
 Norman & Debra Sturm, Jr.
 Betty and Beverly Thomas
 Lydia Thomas
 Willy M. Uhlig
 Steve & Sandy Weiss

\$1—\$24

William & Lucille Backman
 Dot Clary
 Roy & Melissa Cole
 Joe Costa
 Jake & Joyce DeBoy
 Lorraine Doucette
 Dusty & Rhona Durst
 Lindell and Robin Flanigan
 Charles & Gladys Gardner
 Hector L. Gonzalez
 Richard & Patty Grace
 Mrs. Jane Hager
 Rita Harthousen

\$1—\$24

Marie Hoddinott
 George Kendrick
 Mary Kokoski
 Jack & Betty Lancaster
 Nancy Longo
 Eileen Martindale
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 Susan Vosloh
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 Dave & Pat Williams
 John & Joann Wink
 Desmond & Prudence Young
 Betty Zirkle

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

**THANK YOU
 FOR YOUR
 SUPPORT!**



CRIME PREVENTION TIPS
BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, WILKENS PRECINCT I

Online Shopping Prevention Tips

Online shopping websites offer great deals, variety and convenience. However, consumers need to be careful and make informed decisions about their purchase. Online shopping tips listed below:

Stick to websites that are known or recommended.

Compare prices and deals, including free shipping, extended service contracts, or other offers.

Search for online coupons, known as promo codes, which may offer discounts or free shipping.

Get a complete description of the item and parts included, and the price. Also, find out the delivery time, warranty information, return policy, and complaint procedure.

Read reviews from other consumers and independent experts.

Pay with a credit card. Federal law protects you if you need to dispute charges.

Use a secure browser. Look for a URL that starts with "https" rather than "http". Also look for a closed padlock icon, usually in the lower right-hand corner of the screen.

Avoid making online purchases on public Wi-Fi hotspots; these may not be secure, and your payment information could be stolen over the network.

Print or save your purchase order with details of the product and your confirmation number.

Any questions or concerns about this document should be directed to the Baltimore County Police Department's Precinct Outreach Team or Community Services Section, Officer Bryan Dietsch @ 410-887-5901

Next HIA Meeting

The next HIA Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at the Good Shepherd Services.

Membership Dues Will Remain At 1990 Price

Our membership drive continues for the 2016-2017 term. Please consider joining or renewing your membership. At our Board meeting held in August 2016, 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

Feeling Hungry!

Try Food Truck Wednesdays

Arbutus Volunteer Fire Dept.
4:00 PM—8:00 PM
Every Wednesday
Lots of food selections!

Get out and have some great food!
Indoor seating available, so don't worry about the weather!



Happy

St. Patrick's Day

March 17



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.

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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