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ON THE COVER

This issue we asked for photo samples from our many friends on Facebook. Our fall/winter 2018 cover collage includes:

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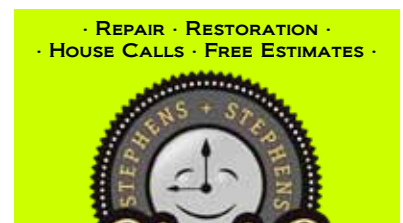
by Malgorzata Baker of Havre de Grace.

Our December First Friday Holiday Parade with Stiltwalker, Mark Lohr

by Adam Rybczynski, Marketing Communications with the City of Havre de Grace.

Fall Pumpkins *by Sean Simmons of Clear Elite Photography.*

Thank you to the photographers. We look to sharing more in the future. Thank you to our creative graphic artist, Anne Fullem-Gasdia, for creating this beautiful cover.



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A busy spring and summer has offered plenty of outdoor events including arts shows and concerts, kayaking and parasailing, sailing, fishing, cruises, plus biking and hiking parks and trails. Add wonderful museum programs, the amazing success of the HdG Youth Sailing Program for ages 7 to 17, bird walks, garden tours, and, of course, our wonderful Independence Day Celebrations and you have an amazing season!

It's difficult to squeeze all that I love about Havre de Grace in an issue. When you include the arts – galleries offering local, regional, and national artists, and the amazing variety of programs for all ages at The Cultural Center at the Opera House, the list begins to get very lengthy!

But none of it works without our interesting shops and boutiques, great antiquing opportunities, splendid eateries and pubs, and the many services that keep us comfortable. Add walks on the promenade and the

Lafayette Trail, sitting on a bench reading or people watching, and you add another wonderful layer of possibilities.

The real element that makes it all work is the individual community members: shopkeepers, restaurant servers, city employees, and the hundreds of volunteers that keep the different parts moving. Stir in the friendly residents and you have a city that truly says, "Welcome!"

In this issue I hope to bring you a teaser of possibilities. From biking to billiards, a different perspective of a local corner, and a myriad of ideas for your holiday gift-giving, we urge you to return often. Fall is an especially beautiful time to visit Havre de Grace. Add the coming Holidays and a beautiful snowy day or two in February and we're certain you'll return again and again.

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I'd love to hear from you. Let me know what you like and what you'd love to see in a future issue. All of my information is in the masthead on page 3.

In the meantime, enjoy the issue and take full advantage of the many ways you might enjoy the City of Havre de Grace ~ the meeting place.

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ROBERT F. LACKEY lived in Havre de Grace, Maryland, for 23 years, spending many afternoons exploring the remnants of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal. He was a member of the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House and served a period as publisher for its newsletter. After moving to Havre

de Grace from North Carolina in 1993, he fell in love with the little town sitting at the mouth of the Susquehanna River and head of the Chesapeake Bay. The area is rich in history and watershed culture reaching back to the beginning of the country. Among the many historic themes coexisting within the nearby sites and lanes, the Canal Era drew the author's attention first.

Stepping outside technical writing to publish his first novel in 2014, Pulaski's Canal, Robert began a family story that has blossomed into a Maryland family saga covering 1839 to 1872. Brazen Deceit now joins the saga as the 5th volume of the planned 10-book series.

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MacGregor's corner circa 1930's

Mini-Retrospective*: MacGregor's corner

... with George Wagner, our "casual historian"

MacGregor's corner present day



We thought it might be fun to share a location with photos and descriptions of the many layers of history that make today's story – a Mini-Retrospective if you will.

Everyone who comes into downtown Havre de Grace has passed the corner where MacGregor's Restaurant is located. That would be the corner of St. John and Franklin Streets. We often make reference to it when a tourist asks where they might eat and enjoy a water view. MacGregor's at the top of the hill and Tidewater Grille at the bottom are always recommended. Each has

indoor and outdoor seating with wonderful views of the water, the Amtrak passing on the railroad bridge, and the Osprey fishing for their dinner. You might even notice a heron quietly stalking its dinner.



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MacGregor's corner circa 1890's

Then the grist mill became the Havre de Grace Banking & Trust Co. From the MD Historical Trust site: <https://mht.maryland.gov>, we learn the following from HA-1181:



MacGregor's corner circa 1920's

This building, the second location of the Havre de Grace Banking and Trust Company was built in 1924 in a style influenced by Renaissance Classicism. It is a two story polygonal building with a limestone ashlar façade with copper trim on the windows and doors. The rear of the building is brick.

From an interview with Cecil Hill, Sr., we share his memory of his first job when he was 12-13 years old (1952-53):

"... back in those days, they gave me a key to the deadbolt in the front – right where MacGregor's door goes in. I'd unbolt it. Go inside. Bolt myself in. Go past all the old cages, past the safe, and on into the room where they make the coffee and serve the ice. Then I'd go downstairs and file cards for a whole summer on Saturdays. They were cards that people filled out and I filed them."



MacGregor's corner circa 1970's

In the 1970s the building became Ruth's School of Beauty Culture, owned and operated by Ruth Sterback (Sterbak). Later her son, Fritz Sterback (Sterbak) bought the building and used it to sell antiques and to build brass beds before moving to Market Street.



MacGregor's corner circa 1980's

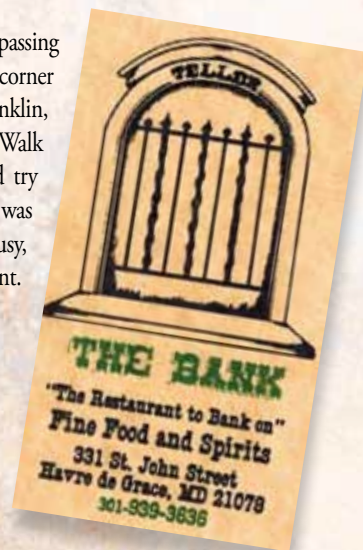
In 1985, Cecil Hill, Sr. purchased the building from the Sterbacks to open a restaurant. From his interview:

"... We bought the building and converted it to a restaurant. None of us (his partners) knew how to run a restaurant. But we ended up more or less putting a feather in our cap in the end. We didn't make any money, but we sold it to Dan Lee who came out of Bel Air from Georgetown North. ... He leased the restaurant for five years. Then he (Dan Lee) bought the business and celebrated 31 years in 2018."

Dan Lee with his wife, Cindy, have renovated the building inside and out, adding a beautiful dining area that offers windows on the Susquehanna River as well as a deck area. Even more recently, they extended the beautiful outdoor deck where it comfortably offers a great view. Stop in and enjoy a fine menu in the pub, the dining area, or on the deck.

The next time you're passing by the MacGregor's corner at St. John and Franklin, stop for a minute. Walk around the area and try to imagine what it was like when it was a busy, commercial waterfront.

Restaurant advertisement circa 1980's



Stay tuned for more Mini-Retrospectives. Be sure to follow us on FB and on our website.

<https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Harford/HA-1181.pdf>

A special "thank you" to our casual historian, George Wagner, who owns and operates Bahoukas Antique Mall and Beer MuZeuM with his wife Barbara. He is also creating a section within his store highlighting Havre de Grace history. Visit his site: <http://bahoukas.com>

*Retrospective - generally, a look back at events that took place, or works that were produced, in the past. For more of Cecil Hill's interview and others, visit: <http://hdgstories.com>



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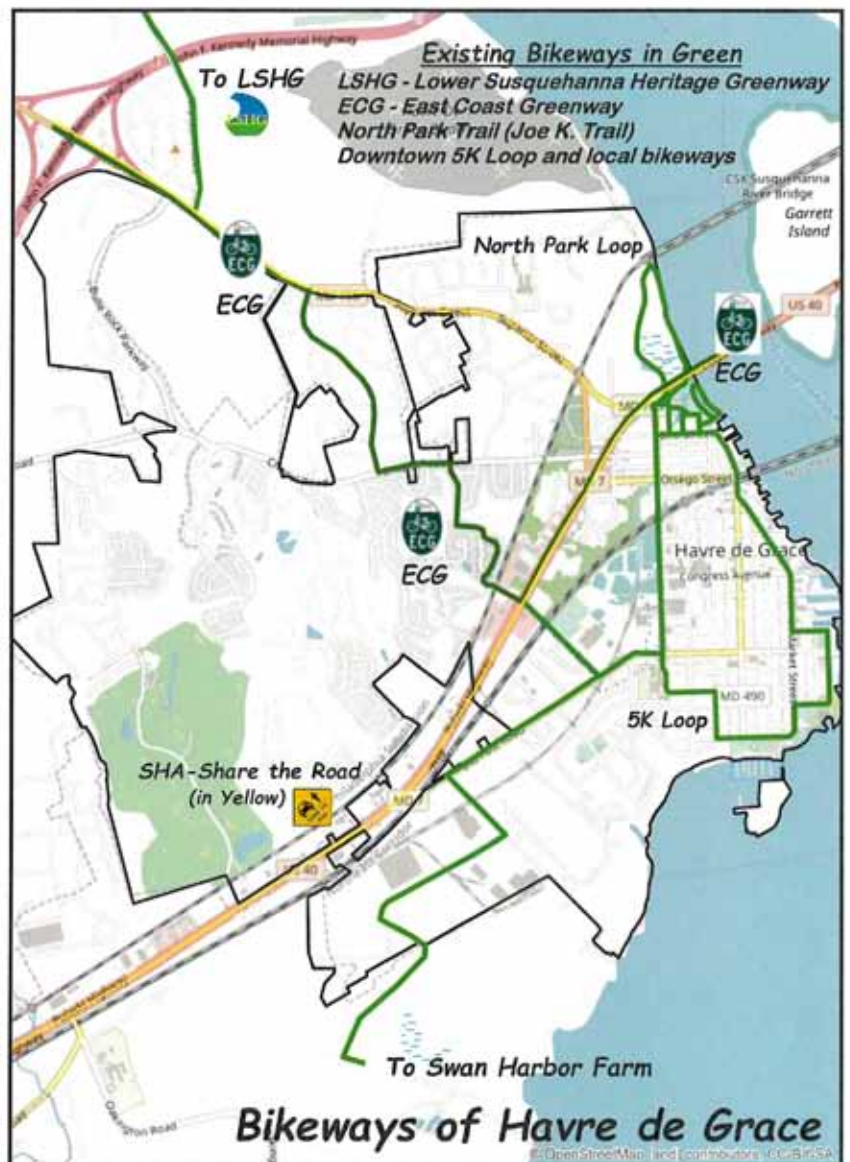
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Map and article
by Dianne Klair, Planner:
City of Havre de Grace



If you are looking for biking or hiking trails this fall season, think about Havre de Grace. Havre de Grace is home to natural trails, like the North Park Loop Trail along the Susquehanna River, and historic trails, like the Lafayette Trail or Surviving Structures of the War of 1812. With our historic waterfront town punctuated by beautiful, established trees, autumn is the perfect backdrop to go trekking our traditional residential streets, explore our downtown, or amble our waterfront.

Havre de Grace is connected to the larger region by way of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, with segments through breathtaking Susquehanna State Park and along the shores of Cecil County. Off-road biking is particularly satisfying due to flat, even grades along the west side of the river that are available from the Deer Creek bridge crossing to the Conowingo Dam. The East Coast Greenway connects us to the mid-Atlantic region, with ECG trail-blaze signs that you can now discover in places like Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Annapolis. The East Coast Greenway connects both older and newer communities within Havre de Grace to Bel Air and beyond.



Scenic back roads to and through the Susquehanna State Park are indescribably beautiful this time of year, with favorites like Rock Run Road – that parallels the creek of the same name – or Stafford Road that follows the river and then sweeps you to the village of Darlington. Hidden, unassuming ribbons of trails – high intensity, not-for-the-faint-of-heart work-out trails – thread through the State parklands to the bluffs of Steppingstone. All of these inspire a different outlook, away from the frenzy of the day, with the crisp-air scent of fall. Please enjoy weekends or weekdays (mini-vacations that you gift yourself) as time allows.



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Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenways www.hitouttrails.com

Susquehanna State Park: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/susquehanna.aspx>

Lafayette Trail: bring it up on your phone here: <http://www.explorehavredegrace.com/walkingtour/>

See trails on: <http://www.hdggreenteam.org/cycles-rails-trails.html>

A couple YouTube videos of biking downtown Havre de Grace

(note: I'm not sure it's okay to ride bikes on the promenade, please check before doing so.)

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“Having access to the original gateway Lockhouse, still maintained by the local historical society, was an absolute thrill and it gave me my first backdrop. Once the core characters of the story tumbled out of my imagination and onto the computer screen in front of me, they almost took on their own life. They frequently went in directions I had not planned in the earlier part of the day but evolved as the story evolved. Ben and Sonja, and their sons Isaac and Aaron, ARE the 19th century. Ben was born on January 1, 1800, Sonja in 1805. The Pulaski experience encompasses the national experiences of that century, but through the eyes of a Maryland family on the canals. The Pulaskis travel between Maryland, a slave state, into Pennsylvania, a free state, which awakens them to a higher moral law over the Maryland laws of slavery. As their awareness and commitment grows they become bolder in their actions to free slaves.

Now they are dear friends, and I look forward to keeping their story going through their years to come. Each book is defined by specific sequential years and as the Pulaskis advance toward the culmination of the story. The reader will experience the changes that occurred in our country over the following decades through them.”

Robert is a member of the Historical Novel Society, the Surf Side Writer’s group, and a past president of the South Carolina Writer’s Association. He currently lives in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina with his patient wife, Sandi, who supports his love of Havre de Grace and his frequent returns to the little town he calls “that exquisite gem at the head of the Chesapeake Bay.”



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We'll add a link at the end of game #1.

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From all the jokes about giving and receiving gifts, it's easy to think that some folks have 'the talent' and others never will. It's also easy to understand all the varying emotions people have about giving and receiving gifts.

When I think of gift-giving, the short story by O. Henry, Gift of the Magi, comes to mind. Husband and wife desire to give each other beautiful gifts. She sells her beautiful long hair in order to buy her husband a chain for his pocket watch. He, in turn, sells his pocket watch to buy her ornamental combs for her hair. Of course, now neither of them has a gift they can use. It was the thought, the sacrifice made, that they're left with.

No, I don't have the secret formula for gift-giving choices. But I do have some wonderful ideas to share about the variety available gifts right here in Havre de Grace.

So let's get started.

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Clothing can be a perfect gift if you know the recipient well enough to choose appropriately. Of course, the first shop we'd want to check is Joseph's Dept. Store. They carry practical items like Carhartt as well as casual and dressy fashions. They also carry shoes and other accessories.

Blue Earth Leather offers a variety of handcrafted leather items and can also repair that favorite leather purse or briefcase. Your motorcycle riding friends would love a gift certificate from here!

Maybe for your Holiday Family Get-Together you'd like to create a personalized t-shirt. Stop by and see Gaby at Stick Design Embroidery and Garment Printing (located within Blue Earth Leather). Be sure to plan ahead for this idea!

Is it a hostess gift? Generally it's not a personal gift. Think a beautiful floral gift from Amanda's Florist, a variety of gourmet food ideas from Blue Heron Gifts, a wonderful assortment of French Macarons from Les Petits Bisous, of course, chocolates from Bomboy's Candy always works, or even a "Maryland" oriented gift from a number of shops including Lyon's Pharmacy, Blue Heron, and even the Visitor's Center.

For kids, there are toys old and new. Joseph's Dept. Store has greatly increased their toy department and it's a wonderful selection of quality and desirability. Kids will not be disappointed. At

Havre de Grace the Meeting Place

the same time, some very unique toys and games can be found in our antique shops, comics from Washington St. Books, and every single museum gift shop has an assortment of books and other items perfect for the kids.

A gift certificate for mom or the toddler from City Playroom would make a wonderful stocking stuffer! Or create keepsakes with photos from Kymberly at Flawless Fotos Photography.

At the same time, I'll bet you never thought to stop into JoRetro's for kids. They have a wonderful line of retro-design kids clothing plus candies reminiscent of the 50s! Of course, if someone you know loves Pyrex, this IS the Pyrex Capital.

Is your favorite person a world traveler, or maybe a wannabe world traveler? Stop into Windsong Trading for a selection of fair trade items from across the globe. Or browse the antique shops to discover that perfect something for the world traveler.

Now let's look at choosing that gift from a slightly different perspective. Along with our boutiques and antique shops, there are a number of alternatives.

Health-minded gifts might include a variety of products from Karen's Natural Market as well as items from Lyon's Pharmacy. Spa, Massage and Healing products and services from iON Massage, Par Excellence, Color Images Salon, and others.

Add Yoga from Studio 723, iON Massage, Beachbee Yoga for a few more options. Or consider Get Fit Bootcamps if you're into serious sports performance.



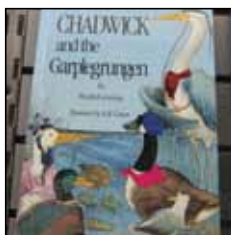
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The Art Rooms



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Slate Art
HdG Decoy Museum



Sculpture
Artists' Emporium

Or give that special beauty treatment to a well-deserving person on your list from shops like Salon Marielle, Crazy Eights, Creations, Rhapsody, and others.

The Arts and Museums

Another layer of choices include the art supplies from The Art Rooms (professional art supplies), Vincenti Decoys (offering supplies for the carver), and even a variety of product from Glyph's.

Possibly you want to purchase art for someone or yourself! Stop by The Artists' Emporium, Arts by the Bay Gallery, and RiverView Arts for a marvelous collection of everything from jewelry, home décor, and sculpture to paintings that will delight every taste.

Consider the individual artists and jewelry makers in our various boutiques, as well as Moon and Sea Creations (located in iON Massage) and the Paper Bead Girl on Market Street.

Each of our museums offer wonderful gift items related to their area of collections and areas of interest. They also have Maryland, and specifically, Havre de Grace related products. Don't forget them as you complete your gift-giving list.

Of course, this area would not be complete without mentioning the Cultural Arts Center at the Opera House. With programs for every age and every taste, you won't go wrong offering a ticket or gift certificate to a particular program. Not only will you support this particular organization, but also our local Tidewater Players and Scottfield Theatre Company.

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Tea Cookies
Bella's Tea Room



Holiday Collectibles
Lyon's Pharmacy



Men's Apparel
Joseph's Dept. Store



Musical Instruments
Bank Gun & Pawn



Gourmet Foods
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Candy
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Les Petits Bisous



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Bomboy's

Speaking of Gift Certificates

Often the best gift you can give is a gift certificate. Any of these businesses and shops as well as our restaurants will help you create a gift certificate for the special gift you have in mind. Or maybe you're in a situation where you'd love to give a gift-a-month or for the next 3 months, etc. Talk with the shop and see if they can help you out.

Need a simple idea to get those creative juices flowing? Maybe grandparents would like to send a small gift a month to their grandchildren – puzzle, a small toy, a book, a 'learn to do it' kit, and a stuffed animal. Or maybe you'd like to send your wife a small bouquet every month.

One other idea for those who love antiques and wish their children/grandchildren did. If you spot something you would love to give, consider presenting it when you have time to share your story. Then ask them to look up information on the internet. If the item, for instance, is connected to an old movie, tv show, or song, have them find it on YouTube. Now you've shared an experience and bridged a generation gap. It may not be a big deal now, but they'll remember this in the future.

Food, Drink and More

Oh, and lest I forget, along with our restaurants, consider our local coffee shops – Java by the Bay and Concord Point Coffee, our wonderful Vineyard Wine Bar or Mount Felix Winery. Add a tea party for a grandchild or a special friend from Bella's Tea Room.

Okay, surely I've piqued your interest in the many possibilities waiting to be discovered in Havre de Grace. And yes, I know I've not thought of everything. There are amazing new and antique time pieces at Stephens & Stephens Clocks (or you can give a gift certificate to someone for maintenance of their grandfather clock). There are beautiful singing bowls, crystals and salt lamps at iON Massage.

So grab your walking shoes and spend some time discovering our community. Spread the word. We no longer want to be a 'best kept secret.'



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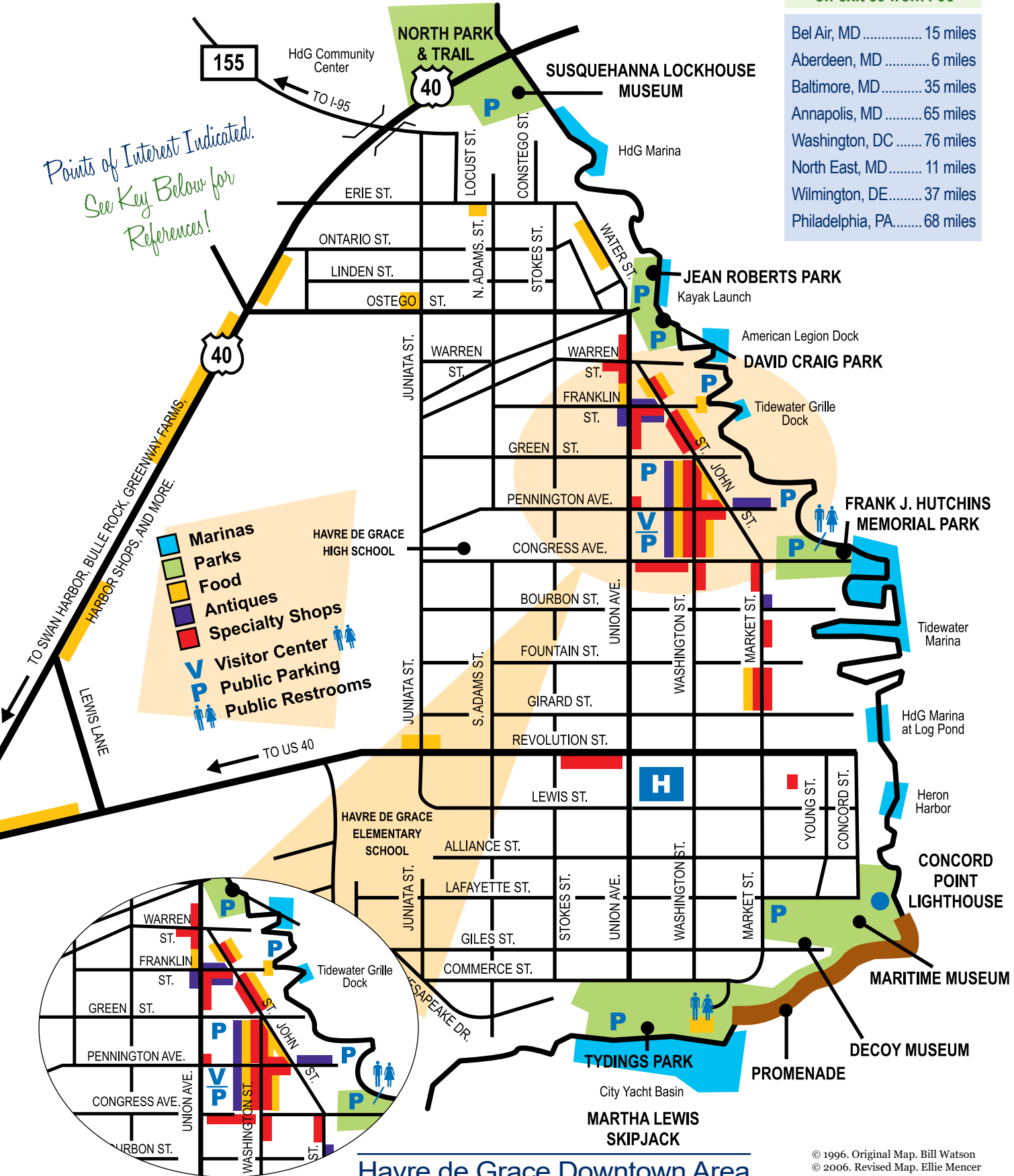
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*Points of Interest Indicated.
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2018/2019 Fall & Winter Events

What's Happening! Havre de Grace really IS the meeting place.

MUSEUMS:

www.DecoyMuseum.com

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215 Giles St • Open All Year

www.HdGMaritimeMuseum.org

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Visit: havredegracefarmersmarket.com

SEPTEMBER

Sept 29 – Sat

PYREX VINTAGE FEST

10am-3pm

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917-885-8914 HdG Alliance

301-980-4481 JoRetro

at 137 N. Washington St

Visit: <https://JoRetro.com>

Sept 29-30 / Sat-Sun

FALL HARVEST & CRAFT FESTIVAL

11am-4pm

Steppingstone's signature event! Features apple
cider pressing & butter making, pumpkin painting,
scarecrow making, hayrides, craft vendors, historical
trades demos, live bluegrass music, food, kids'
activities, & MORE! Pets welcome (must be on a leash)

410-939-2299

Visit: www.SteppingStoneMuseum.org

OCTOBER

Oct 5

FIRST FRIDAY

5-9:30pm

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streets. Bands, café seating at our restaurants, food
trucks, merchandise vendors, store specials, kids zone,
classic car show and more!

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Visit: www.explorehavredegrace.com

Oct 6 - Sat

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9am-3pm at the American Legion Post 47
Arts & Craft Show, Car & Truck Show, with 50/50 raffle,
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410-939-0234

Visit: www.americanlegionpost47.org

Oct 12 - Fri

HdG CRAB FEAST

6-10pm at the HdG Activity Center • 351 Lewis Lane
All U Can Eat Crabs & Beer, Full Buffet, DJ,
Door Prizes, 50/50, Auctions

410-939-6724

TICKETS: HdG Chamber of Commerce

410-939-3303

Visit: www.hdgchamber.com

Oct 13 – Sat

OKTOBERFEST

Noon – 7pm • Hutchins Park Foot of Congress Ave
Enjoy authentic German food while listening to live German
music by Smitty's Polka Band. Fun for the entire family.

RAIN DATE: Oct 14 – Sun • 11am – 4pm

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Visit: www.explorehavredegrace.com

Oct 19 – Fri

The NOSTALGIX “Believe”

8-10pm • 121 Union Avenue

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215 Giles Street

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**Oct 27-Sat
COSTUME PARTY**

8pm-midnight
Joseph L. Davis American Legion Post 47
501 St. John Street
Music by Exit 93 Band, door prizes, fun, Costume Prizes
410-939-0234
Visit: www.americanlegionpost47.org

**Oct 28 - Sun
Who Wants to be An Astronaut?**

HdG Arts Commission proudly presents Mary Ann Jung as Sally Ride. Tickets: HdG Visitors Center, Bayou Restaurant, 927 Pulaski Hwy.
Doors Open: 12:30pm - Luncheon: 1pm
Presentation: 2pm • General Adm: \$40 Students: \$25
call 410-939-5425 for info

**Oct 28-Sun
HOWL-O-WEEN TAILS & TREATS PET
FEST & PARADE**

noon-5pm • Concord Park – next to Lighthouse
Vendors and activities for our furry friends, including a costumed pet parade with prizes.
410-939-3213
Visit: www.concordpointlighthouse.org

**Oct 28-Sun
CARVE & CANDY at the DECOY MUSEUM**

4-6pm • Havre de Grace Decoy Museum
215 Giles Street
Carve or paint a pumpkin with a decoy carver. "Trick or Treat" your way through the museum and enjoy games and activities. \$5/child Pre-registration preferred, but not required
410-939-3739
Visit: www.decoymuseum.com

**Oct 30-Tues
HdG HALLOWEEN PARADE**

6pm – FREE
HdG Recreation Committee presents the Annual Havre de Grace Halloween Parade. Meet at the corner of Washington Street and Congress Avenue dressed in costume. Register there for entry number. A truly wonderful family event.
410-939-2100
Visit: www.explorehavredegrace.com

NOVEMBER

**Nov 3-Sat
PICTURES FOR PRESERVATION**

8am-5pm • (Rain Date Nov 4)
Steppingstone Farm Museum
461 Quaker Bottom Road
An entire day of family photos, senior portraits, group pictures and more at the peak of autumn in the best spots at Steppingstone! Join Cinci Photography, Ashley Reherman Photography, Alyssia McCaslin Photography, Lay in the Breeze Photography, Naturally on Purpose Photography, and To Tony Productions a NEW photography fundraiser supporting the preservation of our historic buildings and grounds. For more information on this event, please email. Pets are welcome on the grounds! (must be leashed and cleaned up after)
410-939-2299

director@steppingstonemuseum.com
Visit: www.steppingstonemuseum.org

**Nov 4-Sun
DECOY MUSEUM
32nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

4-7pm • Havre de grace Decoy Museum
215 Giles Street
Cocktail party with small plates, raffles, silent & live auctions. Celebrate with us. Reservations Required.
Call for tickets: **410-939-3739**
Visit: www.decoymuseum.com

**Nov 11-Sun
VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES**

11am • Tydings Park
Post 47 invites everyone to join us in the Veterans Day Service in honor of our Veterans who give all.
410-939-0234
Visit: www.americanlegionpost47.org

**Nov 16-Fri
HARVEST RECEPTION
at ARTS By The BAY**

7-9pm • 307 St. John St.
Join us to view artists new works, pottery, jewelry, and our featured artist. Refreshments will be served.
410-939-1818 or 410-409-1336
Visit: www.artsbythebaygallery.com

**Nov 17-Sat
NORTH PARK TRAIL WALK**

10am FREE • 817 Conestego St
Guided nature/history walk free to the public. Easy walk of 1.5 miles in 90 minutes. All ages, rain or shine, sturdy footwear recommended. Meet at the Lock House
410-939-5780
Visit: www.thelockhousemuseum.org

**Nov 17-Sat
HdG OYSTER FEAST**

4-9pm • HdG Community Center
100 Laraget Lane
A community gathering to support local non-profits. Food by Atlantic Caterers Inc. features oysters on the half shell, steamed oysters, fried oysters, oyster stew, MD crab soup, Old Bay wings, beef-turkey-ham on the pit, sauerkraut & kielbasa, beef bbq, salads, sides, fruit, cheeses, dips, can beer, wine, soda, coffee & dessert.
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Nov 18-Sun

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON ECUMENICAL
SERVICE**

3-5pm

The community of Havre de Grace coming together to worship and give thanks to God for all of His blessings and love.

DECEMBER

Dec 7-Fri

“LIGHT UP NIGHT”

Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade

Our Christmas Parade begins at 6pm on St. John Street and proceeds to Washington St, ending at Congress Ave. Following the parade, Santa, along with our Mayor, will light our Christmas Tree to welcome in the Holiday Season! Santa will be available to hear all of your

Christmas wishes at Santa Land on Washington St.

410-939-2100

Visit: www.explorehavredegrace.com

Dec 8-Sat 9am-5pm

Dec 9-Sun 11am – 3pm

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE at the Lock House

Greens, Gifts, Baked Goods & More

817 Conestee St

410-939-5780

Visit: www.thelockhousemuseum.org

Dec 8-Sat

46th ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR

4-8pm

A self-guided walking tour of selected historic homes, inns, churches and attractions throughout Havre de Grace, decorated and candle lit for the holidays.

410-939-5780

Visit: www.thelockhousemuseum.org

Dec 8-Sat from 9am-4pm

Dec 9-Sun from 1-4pm

Concord Point Lighthouse

Visit the Keeper's House for crafts, unique lighthouse gifts, baked goods and more!

700 Concord Street

410-939-3213

Visit: www.concordpointlighthouse.org

Dec 8-Sat

HdG DECOY MUSEUM HOLIDAY OPEN

HOUSE & CANDLELIGHT TOUR STOP

10:30am – 8pm

Tour the Museum, shop for unique holiday gifts in our store, enjoy baked goods and more!

215 Giles Street

410-939-3739

Visit: www.decoymuseum.com

Dec 8-Sat

HARFORD HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

3-4pm

Get a glimpse of historic holiday traditions celebrated in Harford County! The museum will be decorated and the paths and buildings will be illuminated, for families, there will be a make and take wooden ornament station, Punch & Judy shows, and visits with Father Christmas. Enjoy turn-of-the-20th century period cooking demonstrations and Christmas exhibits from Harford County's past. Music and more!

Steppingstone Farm Museum

461 Quaker Bottom Rd

410-939-2299

Visit: www.steppingstonemuseum.org

Dec 16-Sun

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL TEA at
STEPPINGSTONE FARM MUSEUM**

2 seatings: noon-1:30pm and 3-4:30pm

Catch the spirit of the holidays as Dickens comes to life with "A Christmas Carol" as told by Ebenezer Scrooge's sister, Fran. Enjoy a Victorian Tea featuring professional storyteller & historic reenactor Alisa Dupuy. Afterwards, enjoy a tour of our historic Farm House decorated in the spirit of Harford Holiday Traditions.

TICKETS: \$25pp incl: Afternoon Tea (hot tea, tea sandwiches, scones & Sweets), the Performance, farmhouse tour, a great dose of Christmas Spirit, and a donation to the museum. As this is a performance, doors will close promptly at starting time to not interrupt the program. Please plan to arrive within 15 minutes ahead of your seating. Pre-registration required.

461 Quaker Bottom Road

410-939-2299

Visit: www.steppingstonemuseum.org

Dec 30-Sun

Historic Church Tour

2-4pm

Enjoy a free, self-guided tour of the interiors of the beautiful historic Churches of Havre de Grace. There are nine churches open for viewing.

Susquehanna Ministerium **410-939-2464**

Dec 31-Mon @ 10pm

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DUCK DROP
& FIREWORKS**

Being the countdown to 2019 by enjoying our annual Duck Drop and Fireworks. Ring in the New Year by dancing outdoors to music by our local DJ while watching our Duck Drop.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!

JANUARY

Jan 26-Sat

**12th ANNUAL VINTAGE HUNTING &
FISHING COLLECTIBLES**

Numerous vendors will be exhibiting and selling old decoys, oyster cans, guns, ammo boxes, fishing lures, and more. Proceeds benefit the HdG Decoy Museum and the Level Fire Company.

at the Level Volunteer Fire Hall

3633 Level Village Road

410-734-6238 or **410-378-3528**

Visit: www.decoymuseum.com

FEBRUARY

Mardi Gras Parade

TBA

Visit: www.explorehavredegrace.com

MARCH

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Visit: <https://havredegracemagazine.com>

APRIL

April 14-Sun

COTTONTAILS & WEB-FOOTED TRAILS

2-4pm

Join us at the Decoy Museum for a unique twist on the traditional Easter Egg Hunt and enjoy other seasonal games and activities.

215 Giles Street

\$5/child

410-939-3739

Visit: www.decoymuseum.com

Easter Egg Hunt

TBA

Visit: www.explorehavredegrace.com

MAY

May 4-Sat 8:30am-6pm

May 5-Sun 10am-4pm

**38th ANNUAL HdG DECOY &
WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL**

Over 100 artists exhibiting & selling their art work, food, children's activities, silent auctions, retriever demonstrations, carving competitions, and lots more.

LOCATIONS: HdG Middle School & Decoy Museum

215 Giles St

410-939-3739

Visit: www.decoymuseum.com

Please note: We make every effort to be correct, but always visit a website or call before making plans. ENJOY!

I asked Shaun when he became a pro – or considered himself a pro.

I had a dream to be a pro. All tournaments are open these days. If you have the money, you can play. In 2000 or 2001 I played in the US Open. I came in 17th at that time, I was only 20. I actually got kicked out of a number of local pool leagues because I was considered a pro. It was hard on my granddad because I couldn't play in the local leagues. At first, I was pretty upset. But then I took it as a challenge. I now was going to put more work in to beat the pros. It wasn't easy. I would play a number of local pool tours – open, regional events.



Probably around 2006, I recommitted – I was 25. I had spent a few years doing more partying and such, where pool wasn't a top priority. It was still there, but I wasn't quite doing what I loved. My uncle and aunt asked me one day, "Well, Shaun, what do you want to do with your life?" I said, "Oh, I don't know. I just want to play pool."

That was the change. I decided. I decided I'm going to hit the Pro Tour. And that's what I did. In 2006 I won one of my biggest tournaments ever, the North Carolina State Open. I came right back and won the US Open Warm-Up Tournament. That year I also played the US Open – coming in 17th again.

This opened up my passion and commitment to pool. Last year I went to the World Games, one of two representing the USA in Poland. He mentions that he's also played in Dubai!

Shaun pauses for a moment, and then continues.

I'm 8 years sober. Yes, I make a living from pool. Of course, I'm fortunate with my family and that I have my grandparents. I live with them. I never knew my dad. My mom, Ginny (Juanita Wilkie) ... I survived cancer. She didn't. I was 14 years old. My grandparents are my mom's parents; I chose to stay with them.

He pauses again, to remember is emotional.

I play pool for her (my mother). She was one of my biggest supporters. I have a memory. I was about 10 and at the carnivals they had pool tables. Here in Havre de Grace, 4th of July 1991, I'm standing with my mom and maybe my aunt, watching the game, and mom says, "Do you want to try?" She gave me \$10. I won the game! I won a lion; it was about 3 feet tall. I still have it.

So what's in your future?

Any plans?

Well, I have a girlfriend, Meredith Lynch. We've been together about 1-1/2 years. She's a massage therapist and a semi-pro player. She's a writer, a kind of side passion. She also loves to draw.



I have one big goal for pool – to get to the Mosconi Cup. I've been close twice. I'm focused for next year!

Hopefully, we'll win because Europe has won the last 8 years in a row.

The Mosconi Cup is an annual 9-ball pool tournament between Europe and the U.S. since 1994. According to Wikipedia, the trophy is named after an American player Willie Mosconi and has been compared to the Ryder Cup in golf. One year they play in Europe (London); the next they play in the U.S. (Las Vegas).

In about 2-1/2 years I'll be 40. I won't quit pool, but I'll play mostly locally/regionally. I've discovered that I'm very passionate about nature and photography. A photographer at the Conowingo Dam saw one of my photos and told me I had a good eye. He encouraged me to get a slightly better camera and lens. I'd like to do nature photography more often. It's becoming a new passion.

We wish Shaun success in his reach for the Mosconi Cup and a win. We wish him well in his relationship with Meredith and his future in nature photography. In the meantime, we'll be enjoying his pool career with updates via Shaun and Rodger's House Tavern. If you're so inclined, you are welcome to take part in the Pool Leagues at Rodger's House or to watch your favorite player. There are many others that do not fit the stereotypes we have. Let this be just one of those articles that help you tilt your head slightly to gain a different perspective.

To Shaun's granddad, John Wilkie, I can only say, "Job well done."

Visit our website for more of the interview.



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What do you think when you see a person with tattoos?
How do you feel when you walk into a pool room?
What comes to mind if someone tells you they play pool for a living?

Meet Shaun Wilkie!

Shaun Wilkie, a Havre de Grace native, plays pool for a living. He has tattoos. You'll find him often shooting pool at Rodgers House Tavern in the center of town. But there are other descriptive words for Shaun that include humble, quiet, Christian, cancer survivor, determined.

You might wonder how this interview came about. When Wayne Meinschein, Jr. of Rodgers House Tavern passed away in May of this year, I wanted to acknowledge his influence in our community. The family-owned, neighborhood bar and billiards club is in an 18th century tavern with a lot of history. Wayne brought an easy smile, conversation, love of sports and plenty of laughter when he was bartending. He also loved pool and encouraged leagues. He was just a warm human being.



It was during this time that I learned about "Get Some" Shaun Wilkie. I had noticed the eulogy he gave for Wayne. It included these comments: *Wayne was truly one of my dearest, closest and most loyal friends on this place we call Earth!!! ... He was there to greet us at the bar, provide food and generosity to customers and also if you are a sports fan, he had plenty of knowledge and arguments to share with others!*

Then I noticed a few social media posts where Shaun was playing in the U.S. Open 10-Ball Championship in Las Vegas, July 2018. I had also forgotten that Shaun had contacted me last April about offering some photographs for the magazine. Now I was curious. I caught up with him in August for an interview.

When and how did you first get interested in pool?

Well, I'm a cancer survivor from Johns Hopkins. I was diagnosed around 6 years old with a stomach tumor; in and out of Hopkins for about two years with radiation and chemo treatments. Thankfully the Lord decided to save me and I had my family all around me. As I was recovering at Ronald McDonald House, I was weak and still in a wheelchair. My granddad noticed the pool table and said, "Hey, you want to shoot some pool or just roll the balls around?" That's actually where I started. My granddad played pool himself.

As I got home and started getting better, getting my weight back up, my hair returning, getting energy back, my granddad would take me to APG, to the Rec. Center, and I'd play ... oh ... maybe 3-4 hours a day for 2-3 years! That's all I wanted to do. It was a process. And I loved it!

*Listening to Shaun, the movie **The Karate Kid** comes to mind and I'm picturing Mr. Miyagi mentoring Daniel (the karate kid) as Shaun talks about his granddad. He continues.*

I would say it was a journey. I didn't know I was going to be a pro. I just kept pushing. My granddad could tell I loved playing pool. It was a blessing.

My granddad taught me all he could. He'd take me to little Junior Tournaments. Then he'd say, "Look, I don't have too much more I can teach you. Go play the tournament. Learn all you can. You're gonna lose, learn from your mistakes. That's okay. That's how you learn. It's up to you now!"

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