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*to*  
**Lighthouse**

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A Daytripper's Guide  
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## Welcome to the Havre de Grace Experience

...and welcome back to those readers who enjoyed the LTL publication from Spring of 1998 through Spring of 2000 (5 issues). Due to a busy job schedule, I was unable to complete our tourism publication for three issues. But with over 75 advertisers we are back! And we're excited!

### About Lockhouse to Lighthouse

This publication is created twice a year – Spring/Summer, distributed before Memorial Day and Fall/Winter for Labor Day. The large center map and the ad layout are designed to make it easy for you to discover our community. Every effort is made to place the ads as you might walk through town, beginning with Otsego Street at Route 40 (Pulaski Highway) down to Union Avenue, St. John - Washington Street – Congress Avenue – Market Street, out Revolution Street to Route 40 to Otsego. Obviously there are exceptions, but that's the basic concept.

The Calendar of Events is as accurate as we can make it. It is always suggested that you make a phone call to get specific information for any particular event you may want to attend. Of course, we encourage you to plan a return visit to one of the many festivals and celebrations throughout our city. We are proud to note that the volunteers required to accomplish the number and variety of events that take place here in Havre de Grace is a testimony to the diversity and commitment of our citizens.

The center map is large enough for you to find where you are and where you might want to be. It highlights key intersections, the parks, and the 'walking area'

described above. Harford Memorial Hospital and Upper Chesapeake Health Systems support the calendar and map in this issue. (Thank you!)

The articles are designed to give you a sense of place. We are a unique community, full of color and characters, seasoned history and stories, ripe with promise and future. It's an amazingly diverse community with a full roster of volunteers doing everything from education aboard the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS, serving a Thanksgiving meal to those without families (S.M.I.L.E.S.), supporting local museums, taking part in the many sports programs, and even involving themselves in local government. Name the organization or event and there are a handful to dozens of volunteers making it happen.

With the number of restaurants in the area, it is easy to visit, eat, enjoy the scenery and leave. But please take the time to browse through our fine community, shop in the unique businesses and play at our events and in our parks.

We encourage you to write or e-mail and let us know what you think of the publication, area attractions and businesses, and our community. Try to remember to mention *Lockhouse to Lighthouse* when you talk to someone about Havre de Grace. We encourage visitors and hope that some of you may decide to make our city your new home.

And to those of you who live in our city, I encourage you to offer a welcoming smile to each other and visitors alike. In a period of our history when we're wondering how safe and secure we really are, connecting to one another can help. Having a sense of place, a community that we care for and cares about us, is the key to creating sanity in an often-chaotic world. Say 'hello' to friend and

strangers alike. After all, one is only a stranger until we say 'hi.'

So, "Hello" and "Welcome to the Havre de Grace Experience!"

*Ellie*

Ellie Mencer, Editor/Publisher

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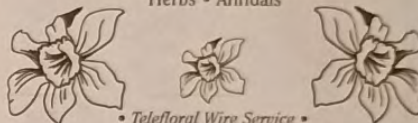
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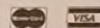


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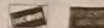
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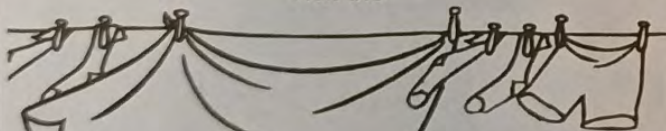


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You will see signs of activity this season as we continue our streetscape program, develop our first Visitor's center in a temporary location, and work to complete Frank Hutchins Park.

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**Streetscapes:** Since our last publication, there have been quite a few changes to our community. The 'streetscapes' program has seen the 100-200 blocks of Washington Street improved with our signature sidewalks, new lamp poles and tree plantings and wiring that went underground. Add the new trash receptacles and benches and "Voila!" - a beautiful look that enhances the city's image.

During May and June of this year, this program continues on the 300 block of St. John Street. Yes, it'll be a bit of an inconvenience at times, but just look south onto Washington Street, you'll smile and realize it won't be long!

The intersection at Otsego Street & Union Avenue and also Union Avenue and St. John are two more areas under construction. These areas should have greater traffic flow, sidewalks on both sides of the street, and be a beautiful entry to downtown Havre de Grace. As a walker, I love the new sidewalks being laid.

**Visitor's Center:** The exciting addition of the temporary VISITOR'S CENTER on Pennington Avenue, where the local police station used to be, should be available to the public this summer. (The police station has moved to their new building on Juniata and Pennington.) The Visitor's Center will be open to welcome you to our city, offer information, insight and assistance. Plans are already in process to create restrooms that will be available behind the present structure and will be open the same hours as our park restrooms. This is just the beginning of our community's efforts to truly say, "Welcome to our city!"

**Building Changes:** There have been many small and large changes to our business area. Just as you enter town from Otsego, you'll notice

the improvements to the building that houses The Country Flower Shop and Starbird Canvas on Union Avenue. New awnings and fresh paint have pulled this area together nicely. The addition of a Garden Center at the flower shop has been a huge success. Continuing on Union, you'll notice the four build-

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ings refurbished by the owners of the Crazy Swede Restaurant. The new buildings offer 14 guestrooms. To make it even more convenient, a property was purchased to create a private parking area for these guests and restaurant patrons, just up the street on Franklin Avenue.

Across Franklin Avenue, you'll notice cleaning and painting as preparations are made to open *Andy & Bill's Collectibles*. They should be open in June. Then looking across Union Avenue, you may notice that Bahoukas is now located on the corner. He switched with Creations Hair Studio, giving him a lot more room. Of course, it's already filled to the rafters.

Just down Franklin Avenue, there are lots more changes. George's Place moved from N. Washington (following a fire in that building) to Franklin St. On each side of George's Place there are two new businesses: Yesterday's Treasures and

Chesapeake Country Candles.

Across St. John you'll notice the beautiful new awnings at the main entrance of MacGregor's Restaurant. There are plans to add another at the banquet entrance. And across Franklin Street, you'll realize that Coakley's Pub has expanded their restaurant and added a large no-smoking dining area. They also have extended their bar to include a no smoking bar area. And if you meander just up the block, Susquehanna Station has been renovating extensively, creating an attractive

façade as well as expanding their dining area and opening up the interior.

Turning back and heading south down St. John Street, Bank of Memories/Branch Bank have added a third business, Home Branch with their welcoming front door and new awnings. Across the street another new business, Gryphon's, has opened this spring showing off their attractive window displays. You might notice as you travel on that Columbian Bank has merged with Cecil Federal and also have a brand new branch out



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Traveling up the next block on Washington, you'll quickly realize that Washington Street Books has expanded considerably. There's thousands more books available, plenty of room to browse, and a wonderful fresh and comfortable appeal. Looking across the street, you'll see that Joseph's Department Store has spruced up their façade. On the same block, LaCucina's Restaurant brings us

fresh Italian fare.

At this point I must add that we have a wonderful selection of fine eateries. Which one is best? Well, since I'm the diner queen and just plain love to eat, I suggest you return frequently enough to try each one. My guess is that each will have a favorite dish that you'll go back for every now and then.

Kel-ees on Market Street (across from Save-A-Lot) has expanded their offerings and now included a Garden Center. Continuing down Market Street you can't miss the wonderful, light yellow building that now is Bomboy's Candies. And directly across the street, the original home of Bomboy's now offers their homemade ice cream.

Traveling out Revolution Street, if you're a frequent visitor, you might notice that Woody's Service Station is now Havre de Grace Car care. Continuing to Route 40 (Pulaski Highway), you'll enjoy the new addition of Big D's Pit Beef where you can eat in or order out. The newly renovated building is very inviting. And right behind them is Winter Brook Spring

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For a week the For-A-Fly balloon, usually seen over the Ultralight Ultrafun area on the water just behind MacGregor's and Tidewater Grille, had a trailing banner to "VOTE TOME." During Election Day, Tom Fitzpatrick (front) and Councilman Richard Tome (who won his re-election) walked it

over Union Avenue to highlight their election choice! We were quite sure that if they would open their arms, we might have seen them take flight!

It may seem silly, but it's also part of the spirit of this community – imaginative, fun, and with someone often following the steps of a different drummer. This editor enjoys the antics most times of the city's diverse and imaginative people. So, go ahead; shake your head in question now and then. But don't forget to smile at the spirit of it all!

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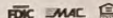

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Warmly, Ellie

### 1. What brought you to visit Havre de Grace?

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### 2. How did you hear of Havre de Grace?

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### 3. What is your favorite attraction in Havre de Grace?

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### 4. How often have you visited Havre de Grace?

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### 5. Do you stay overnight when visiting? If so, where?

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### 6. How many miles do you live from Havre de Grace?

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### 8. Do you have any suggestions for improvements to Havre de Grace and it's offerings?

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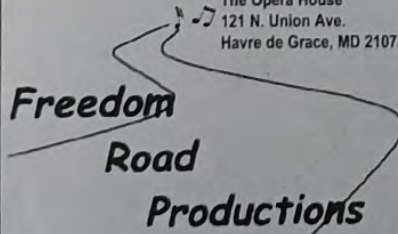


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## MAY 2002 EVENTS

### May 31

**HARFORD HOSPICE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL REGATTA** – Frank Hutchins Park (foot of Congress Avenue), 6 pm, following race – **HARFORD MEMORIAL 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & DINNER** \$ Reservations req'd. Info: 443-643-3460

## JUNE 2002 EVENTS

### June 1

**Freedom Road Productions** presents *Tanglefoot* at 8:00 pm at the Opera House (121 N. Union Ave., HdG). \$12 Visit: [www.FreedomRoadProductions.org](http://www.FreedomRoadProductions.org)  
Info: 410-893-1637

### June 2

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VOLUNTEER & CARVER APPRECIATION DAY** – picnic to honor volunteers & carvers. Info: 410-939-3739

### June 7

**CONCERT IN THE PARK** presenting the Banjo Dusters (Dixieland & Ragtime) – Tydings Park, 7:30 pm (Rain location: Havre de Grace High School on Juniata & Congress), FREE Info: 410-939-5425

### June 7-9

**Tidewater Players** present "NUNSENSE" at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat – 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

**USED BOOK SALE** – Friends of the Library at St. Johns Episcopal Church Nursery School, 121 N. Union Avenue – 10am to 3pm Info: 410-939-6700

### June 9

**SCOTTISH FESTIVAL** – Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Noon to 5 pm. Enjoy pipe bands, Scottish games, sheepherding, storytelling, food, and more! \$5 (12 and under FREE)  
Info: 1-888-419-1762 or 410-939-2299

### June 14

**CONCERT IN THE PARK** presenting Middle of the Road (Country) – Tydings Park, 7:30 pm (Rain location: Havre de Grace High School on Juniata & Congress), FREE Info: 410-939-5425

### June 14-16

**Tidewater Players** present "NUNSENSE" at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat 8 pm and Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

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**June 15**  
**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EVENING OF WINE AND JAZZ**  
 - sponsored by the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum. Location: HdG Community Center - Wine, light refreshments, music, auction. \$25 Call for ticket and directions. Info: 410-939-5780

**June 15-16**  
**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARITIME FESTIVAL** - 10 am - 6 pm at the museum. Fun for everyone includes maritime exhibits, shanty singers, kite flying and maritime games, food and more. FREE Info: 410-939-4800

**USED BOOK SALE** - Friends of the Library at St. Johns Episcopal Church Nursery School, 121 N. Union Avenue - 10 am to 3 pm. Info: 410-939-6700

**June 16**  
**FATHER'S DAY CRUISES** on the Skipjack **MARTHA LEWIS**, leaving at noon, 1:30 pm or 3 pm. Light refreshments served. Reservations req'd. \$15. Call: 410-939-4078

**FATHER'S DAY DINNER CRUISE** aboard the **LANTERN QUEEN**. \$ Reservations req'd. ADA Accessible. Info: 1-888-937-3740

**June 19**  
**WINE CRUISES** aboard the Skipjack **MARTHA LEWIS** includes wines from Fiore Vineyards of Maryland, 7 pm Reservations, \$15 Call: 410-939-4078

**June 21**  
**CONCERT IN THE PARK** presenting Jericho Bridge (Bluegrass) - Tydings Park, 7:30 pm (Rain location: Havre de Grace High School on Juniata & Congress), FREE - Info: 410-939-5425

**June 22**  
**GUIDED NATURE & HISTORICAL WALK OF THE NORTH PARK TRAIL** 10 am meet at 9:45 at Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum - approximately 1 hour - FREE Call: 410-939-5780

**SUMMERTIME BLUES FESTIVAL** - Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road - 2 to 8 pm Live music, beer & wine, food, vendors, museum tours, great outdoor setting! Tickets: \$10 early - \$15 at the door Info: 1-888-419-1762 or 410-939-2299

**June 22-23**  
**USED BOOK SALE** - Friends of the Library at St. Johns Episcopal Church Nursery School, 121 N. Union Avenue - 10 am to 3 pm Info: 410-939-6700

**June 28**  
**CONCERT IN THE PARK** presenting Tropical Ensemble (Steel Band) - Tydings Park, 7:30 pm (Rain location: Havre de Grace High School on Juniata & Congress), FREE Info: 410-939-5425

**June 29**  
**"Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Hearth Cooking" & "1781 Soldiers Camp"** - 1 to 5 pm on the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum. Common period dishes and techniques of preparation will be demonstrated and period cookware and utensils will be used & displayed. FREE Info: 410-939-5780

**JULY 2002 EVENTS**

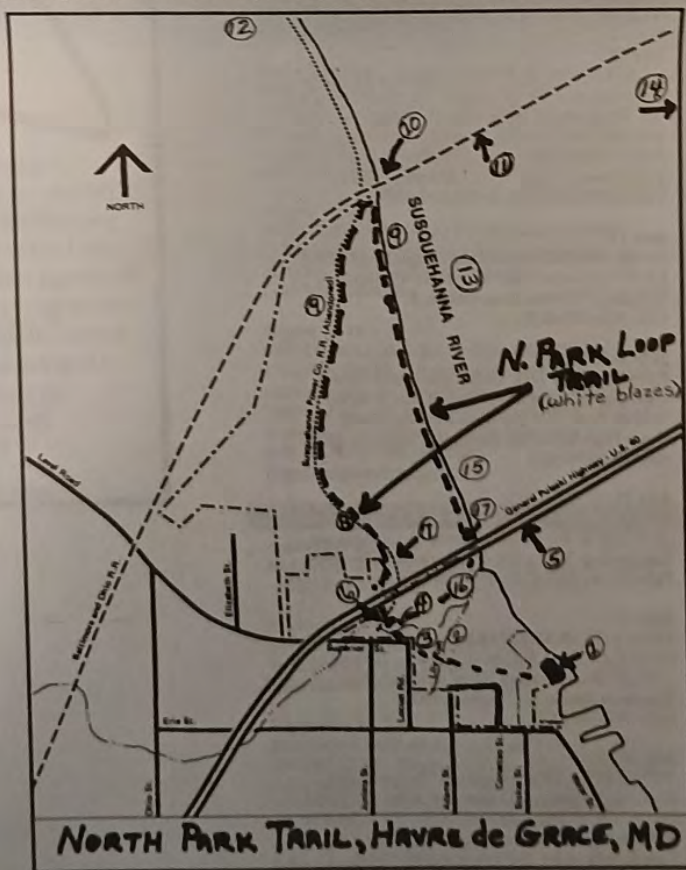
**July 2-6**  
**INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION CARNIVAL** at Tydings Park Info: 410-939-4362

**North Park Loop Trail**

The North Park Trail is about one mile long and identified by white blazes and serves three trail systems: 1) a portion of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, 2) a segment of the Mason-Dixon Trail System and 3) the Loop Trail System in Havre de Grace's North Park. Its location by the playground at McLhinney Park and the easy walk to the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse grounds, makes this a very pleasant area for children and pets alike. Bring a picnic lunch, let the kids run and enjoy the playground, or just sit quietly by the water. This area is a refreshing break from whatever you might be doing.

1. Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse area includes the canal, towpath, swing bridge and the Lockhouse. The canal opened in 1840 and extended 45 miles to Wrightsville, PA - connecting to the Pennsylvania Canal. There were 28 locks, each raised/lowered boats 8 feet to account for the difference in elevation. The Lockhouse served as a residence for the locktender and as the business office. The Canal closed in 1900.
2. Lilly Run - a small stream winding through the City of Havre de Grace
3. McLhinney Park - a playground on Locust Road named for a former Mayor
4. Fountain Run - another small stream originating in the Heights area of the City
5. Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge where U.S. Route 40 crosses the Susquehanna River.
6. Mason Dixon Trail - connects Philadelphia area to the Harrisburg area - marked with blue blazes.
7. Railroad Tracks - built to transport men and materials to support the construction of the Conowingo Dam hydroelectric project 1926-1928. The dam is about 8 miles upstream. The railroad is inactive.
8. Pond on the inland side of the trail - notice turtles, frogs, waterfowl and a beaver lodge that is sometimes active
9. Equisetum hyemale (Horsetail, Scouring Rush) - a good example of a relatively rare prehistoric plant
10. Junction point where the railroad trail meets riverside trail completing a loop.
11. CSX Railroad Bridge - built in 1885 as a part of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad - active.
12. Arundel Quarry - an active granite quarry that is a subsidiary of Florida Rock Industries.
13. Susquehanna River - she's 444 miles long and runs from Cooperstown, NY, meandering through Pennsylvania to the Chesapeake Bay (at Havre de Grace). The river provides about 50% of the Bay's fresh water, with an average flow of approx. 15 million gallons of water per minute at this point. The river is also the dividing line between Harford and Cecil Counties.
14. Garrett Island, approx. 170 acres was named for a president of the B&O RR. It was visited by the explorer John Smith in 1608. It's also been called Palmer's Island and Watson's Island and is presently private property.
15. Pilings (1-3 feet tall) remaining from the structure which stabilized the Canal towpath. Mules were used to pull 90 foot long, 14 foot wide, 100 ton barges in the canal. These piling remnants are visible along the edge of the River at several locations.
16. Canal Basin - the former mooring area for boats awaiting towage or transshipment of good.
17. Tidal gut - a small inlet where direction of flow depends upon water level of the River

The North Park Loop Trail requires ongoing efforts to weed, brush cut and remove litter. The AmeriCorps NCCC has supported this project by spreading gravel on the rail portion. Want to be involved in the development and maintenance of the white blazed North Park Loop Trail? Call Joe Kochenderfer @410-939-4005. Of course, taking home with you any litter that you carry in is one of the most helpful things each and everyone can do.



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July 6

**INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE** – begins 2 p.m. all along Union Avenue followed by a **CONCERT** at 7 p.m. in Tydings Park and **FIREWORKS** at dark. **FREE** ADA accessible. Info: 410-939-4362

**DINNER & FIREWORKS CRUISE** – 7 to 10 pm – Watch the Havre de Grace fireworks and enjoy dinner on the Susquehanna River aboard the **LANTERN QUEEN** river paddleboat. Reservations. \$ ADA accessible  
Call: 1-888-837-3740

**FIREWORKS CRUISE** aboard the **SKIPJACK MARTHA LEWIS** – enjoy the best view of the Havre de Grace fireworks. Boat leaves Hutchins Park (foot of Congress Ave.) at 7 p.m. \$40 Reservations. Info: 410-939-4078

July 12

**CONCERT IN THE PARK** presenting The Red Dog Band (Rock, Blues, Jazz) – Tydings Park, 7:30 pm (Rain location: Havre de Grace High School on Juniata & Congress), **FREE**  
Info: 410-939-5425

July 13

**“Candlemaking” & “1814 Tent Program”** – 1 to 5 pm at the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum. Kelly Miller will demonstrate beeswax boiled in cast iron pots, made into candles using both the dip technique and tin candle molds.

Jeff Miller will feature a soldier from the Maryland Militia, a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rifle Battalion. Ongoing program of soldier life with a 1:30 and 3:30 demonstration of the flintlock rifle and discussion of battle tactics. **BOTH FREE**  
Call: 410-939-5780

**HARFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 5k CELEBRATION RUN & 2k FAMILY FUN WALK** – Harford Memorial Hospital. \$ Info: 1-800-515-0044

July 14

**“A MILITARY SALUTE”** – Summer Fun Day w/Lawnmower Races includes ice cream eating contest, frog jumping & turtle racing (bring your own pet), sack races, marble shooting, storytelling, and more – Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Noon – 5 pm \$3 (12 and under **FREE**)  
Call: 1-888-419-1762 or 410-939-2299

July 17

**WINE CRUISES** aboard the Skipjack **MARTHA LEWIS** includes wines from Fiore Vineyards of Maryland, 7:00 pm Reservations, \$15  
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July 19

**CONCERT IN THE PARK** presenting Vintage Entertainment (Sounds of Patsy Cline & more) – Tydings Park, 7:30 pm (Rain location: Havre de Grace High School on Juniata & Congress), **FREE**  
Info: 410-939-5425

July 21

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS EVENT** – sponsored by the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum – Registration: 9 am to Noon, Alexander's Sporting Farm, Golts, MD. Call: 410-939-3739

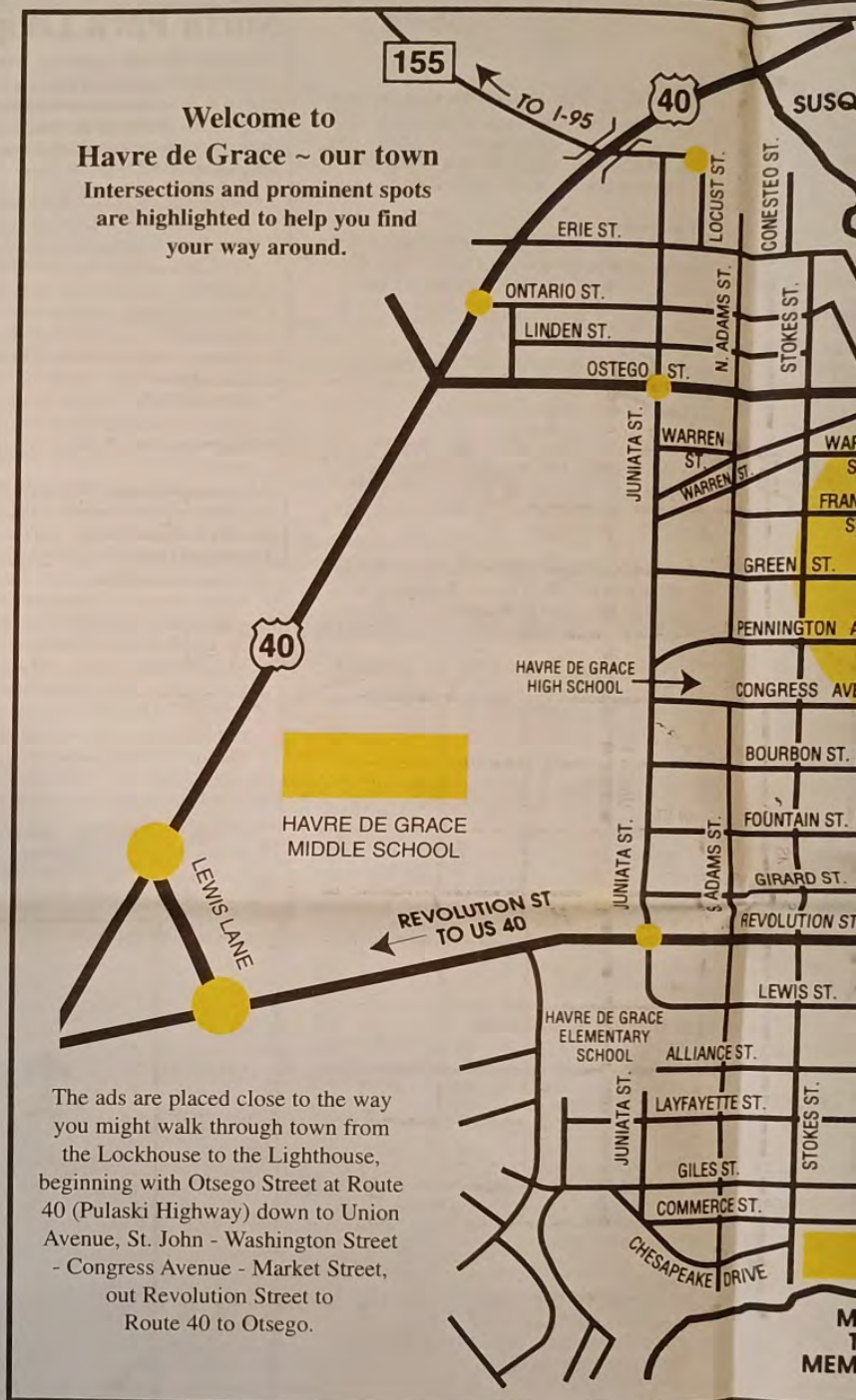
July 26

**CONCERT IN THE PARK** presenting N.Y. Guitar Quartet (Classical & Contemporary) – Tydings Park, 7:30 pm (Rain location: Havre de Grace High School on Juniata & Congress), **FREE**  
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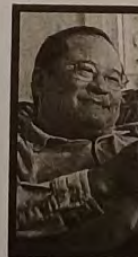
July 26-28

**TIDEWATER TEENS** perform “Joseph & His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Avenue, HdG. Fri & Sat 8 pm and Sunday 3 pm Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe \$. Info: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

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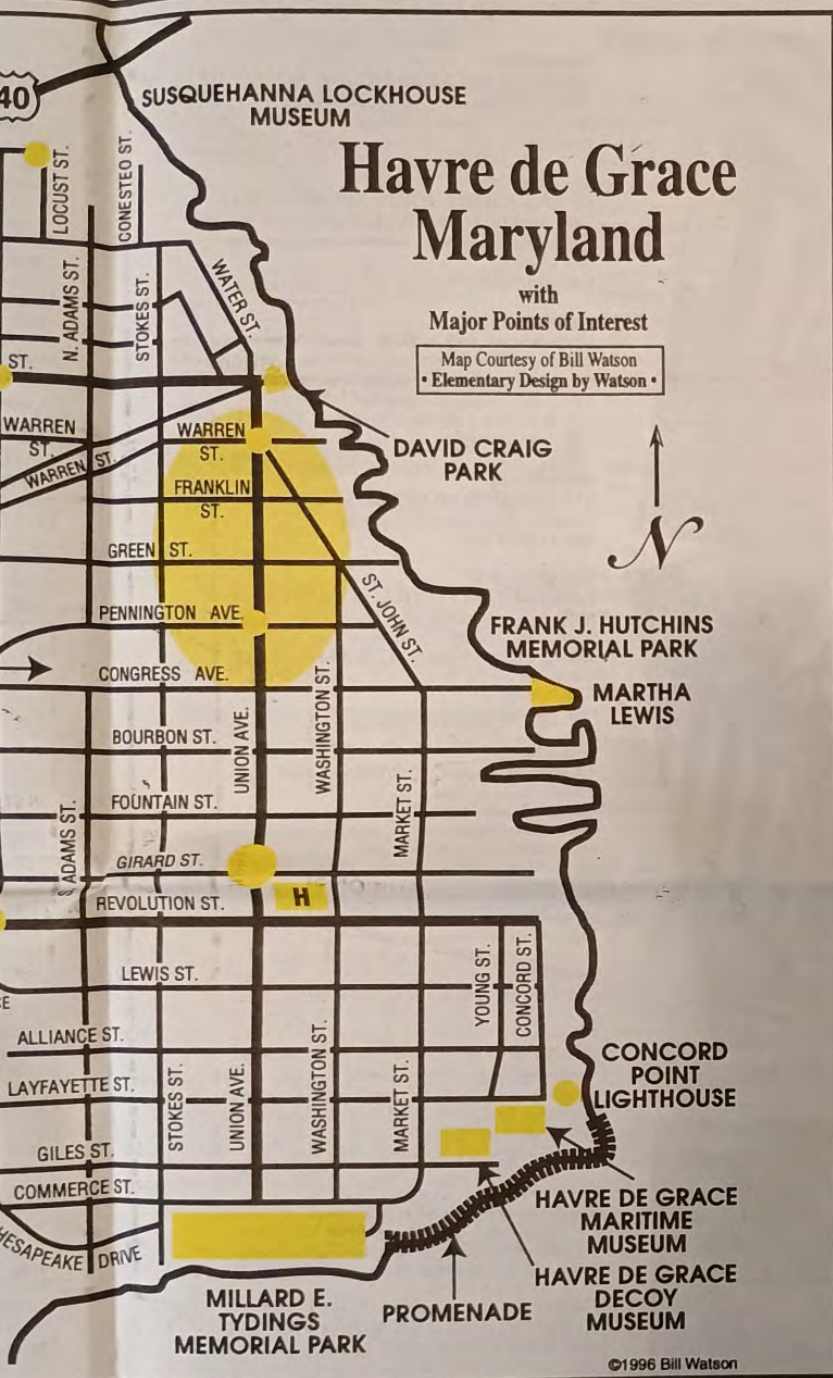


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**July 29 or 30**  
**OYSTER ART PROGRAM** for youth ages 6 – 10 at Havre de Grace American Legion Pavilion & Dock from 10 am – 2 pm. Includes time aboard the Skipjack **MARTHA LEWIS**. Supported by the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. \$5 Reservations req'd  
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**July 31**  
**WINE CRUISES** aboard the Skipjack **MARTHA LEWIS** includes wines from Fiore Vineyards of Maryland, 7:00 pm Reservations, \$15  
Call: 410-939-4078

### AUGUST 2002 EVENTS

**August 2-4**  
**TIDEWATER TEENS** perform "Joseph & His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Avenue, HdG. Fri & Sat 8 pm and Sunday 3 pm Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe 5  
Info: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

**August 6 or 7**  
**OYSTER ART PROGRAM** for youth ages 6 – 10 at Havre de Grace American Legion Pavilion & Dock from 10 am – 2 pm. Includes time aboard the Skipjack **MARTHA LEWIS**. Supported by the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. \$5 Reservations req'd  
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**August 10**  
**"Spinning Demonstration"** from 1 – 5 pm & "1835 Engineer's Tent Camp" at Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum. Kelly Miller will provide a spinning demo and a general background on various textiles, their production and place of domestic manufacture.

Jeff Miller will set up an engineer's tent for the surveying of the long planned for Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal. Surveying equipment will be demonstrated with children and adult programs at 1:30 & 3:30 on "How to use a compass."  
**BOTH FREE.** Call: 410-939-5780

**August 10-11**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL** – Tydings Park – Sat: noon to 8 pm, Sun: noon to 6 pm. Upper Chesapeake Bay Crabcake Challenge, continuous entertainment, silent auction, raffle, family event. ADA accessible. Call: 410-939-1525

**August 14**  
**WINE CRUISES** aboard the Skipjack **MARTHA LEWIS** includes wines from Fiore Vineyards of Maryland, 6:30 pm Reservations, \$15  
Call: 410-939-4078

**August 17-18**  
**39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HAVRE de GRACE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW** – featuring over 250 artists and crafters sponsored by Soroptimist Int'l of HdG, Tydings Park – 10 am to 5 pm Entertainment & food available. Free admission ADA Accessible  
Call: 410-939-9342 or e-mail: [hgartshow@hotmail.com](mailto:hgartshow@hotmail.com)

### SEPTEMBER 2002 EVENTS

**September 6-14**  
**FALL USED BOOK SALE** – Friends of the Library – HdG Public Library. Call: 410-939-6700

**September 7**  
**14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ART FESTIVAL** – Tydings Park 10 am to 3 pm. (Rain location: HdG High School Gym). Call: 410-297-8767

**September 8**  
**BIKE RUN FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS** – Begins at Tydings Park. Registration 7 am. Metric Century & 50 mile loop begins at 8 am. 25 mile loop begins at 8:45 and the family Fun Run starts at 9:15. Check out their website at: [www.bike4breastcancer.com](http://www.bike4breastcancer.com).  
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## Celebrating 100 Years of Service

The Susquehanna Hose Co. of Havre de Grace had a great deal to be proud of on May 11. The community joined them in celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Year with a parade of fire trucks from throughout the state and Pennsylvania, and the Havre de Grace, Edgewood and North Harford High School Bands. Add the Yankee Rebel Drum & Bugle Corp and the mood is set.

The finale was the float portraying the "past, present and future" of the fire companies. Created by dozens of volunteers, Statue of Liberty sculpted by Teresa Yost Bennett, NYC Skyline by Tom Fitzpatrick and Richard Tome among others, and completed with the energy and promise of the youngsters from St. John's Nursery School.

In a community where volunteering is a way of life, this parade was just one more shining example of this attribute. We're proud of our community... and even more proud of the 100 years of volunteer service by the Susquehanna Hose Co. We salute each and every one of you - hoping we may never need you - thankful that you're there if we do!



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September 11

**PATRIOTIC THEME REMEMBRANCE CRUISE** aboard the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS includes wines from Fiore Vineyards of Maryland, 6:00 pm Reservations, \$15. Call: 410-939-4078

September 14

**GUIDED NATURE & HISTORICAL WALK OF THE NORTH PARK TRAIL** 10 am meet at 9:45 at Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum - approximately 1 hour - FREE Call: 410-939-5780

September 14-15

**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DUCK FAIR** - Decoy Museum outside event, Sat. 9 am - 5 pm, Sun. 10 am - 4 pm, features carvers, antique & contemporary decoys, wildlife artists, photography, retriever demos, carving competition, & children's activities. ADA Accessible Call: 410-939-3739

September 18

**ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL FAIR** by the HdG Arts Council at HdG Community Center Info: 410-939-5425

September 28-29

**FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW** - Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, 11 am to 5 pm, includes scarecrow stuffing, apple butter making, country music, square dancing & clogging, storytelling, crafts, food. \$5 (12 and under FREE) ADA Accessible Call: 1-888-419-1762 or 410-929-2299

September 29

**ANTIQUÉ CLASSIC CAR SHOW** - HdG High School - noon to 5 pm (Cars must be registered between 10 and noon \$ ) FREE to public but a donation of canned goods for the Salvation Army is appreciated. Info: 410-939-6600

## OCTOBER 2002 EVENTS

October 11-13

**Tidewater Players** present "Poison for II" at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat - 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

October 13

**1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST STREET FAIR** - downtown 10 am - 5 pm (Raindate: October 20) No Admission Charge. Enjoy music, children's puppet show, plus food, crafts, art, & antiques vendors with lots of fun for all ages. Call: 410-939-3551 or 410-939-6215

October 18-20

**Tidewater Players** present "A Poison for II" at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat - 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

October 19

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October 25-26

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October 30

**DOWNTOWN HALLOWEEN PARADE** - 6 pm registration, sponsored by the HdG Parks & Recreation Call: 410-638-3853

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**NOVEMBER 2002 EVENTS**

**November 2**  
**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER** – for HdG Decoy Museum at the Bayou Restaurant – 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner, \$, Reservations Call: 410-939-3739

**November 3**  
**CONCORD POINT LIGHTHOUSE 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
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**November 22**  
**THANKSGIVING DINNER** – given by S.M.I.L.E.S., HdG High School  
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**DECEMBER 2002 EVENTS**

**Nov 30 – Dec 7**  
**FESTIVAL of TREES & GALA** – HdG Community Center Info: Call 410-939-3303

**December 6-8**  
**Tidewater Players** present “A Christmas Carol” at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat – 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe  
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**December 7**  
**DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE** – 6 p.m. registration, sponsored by the HdG Parks & recreation  
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**December 7-8**  
**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** at the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum  
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**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** – Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Noon – 4 pm  
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**December 8**  
**30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR** of historic homes, churches, B&Bs and businesses. \$ \$10 Businesses Noon to 4 pm, Homes 4 to 8 pm  
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**DECOY MUSEUM SALE & CARVER CELEBRATION** – HdG Decoy Museum, 11 am – 8 pm  
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**December 13-15**  
**Tidewater Players** present “A Christmas Carol” at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat – 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe  
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**December 20-21**  
**Tidewater Players** present “A Christmas Carol” at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat – 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe  
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**December 31**  
**HdG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION ANNUAL DUCK DROP & FIREWORKS**  
 Location tba – midnight  
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**Videos of Havre de Grace**

The Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission has just completed a second video about the history of Havre de Grace. This video enhances the commission's self-guided walking tour publication with more information and commentary, as well as, a wonderful assortment of photographs of Havre de Grace's notable buildings and historic sites. Commission members spent numerous hours in scripting, editing, narration, photography, and presentation of this informative video. Even native Havre de Gracians may learn new facts about their town revealed in the extensive research of the script and narration. The video is entitled, “Havre de Grace Walking Tour.”

This second video nicely compliments the original video presentation of the commission entitled: “Reflections: Havre de Grace's Losses, Part I.” This first video features old photos, sketches, and postcards – all that remains of many of the structures studied. It is a walk down memory lane, taking viewers on a virtual tour of old-town Havre de Grace, much of which no longer exists.

Both videos are productions of the Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission through Miller Productions of Jarrettsville, MD. The cost is \$15.00 each. Videocassettes are available at City Hall, Washington St. Books, Courtyard Books, the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse, or the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum.

The commission is currently working on a third video production of Havre de Grace's gains and changes. Look for it to be out soon!

*Written by Ron Browning, Pres. of the HdG Historic Preservation Commission and owner of La Cle D'or Guesthouse.*

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## Museum Updates

Museums in the area are bursting with energy. Each of them has exciting changes and offers unique opportunities to learn more of the area's history and assets. The Decoy Museum, Maritime Museum, Concord Point Lighthouse and Lightkeeper's House, the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS, the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse, and the Steppingstone Museum are all part of the Small Museum Alliance of Havre de Grace.

Since our last publication, the rich natural wood of the **Havre de Grace Maritime Museum** that has drawn your attention, now entices you indoors to visit their exhibits and gift shop. While you're there, you can also view a variety of boats being crafted by the students of the Upper Chesapeake Bay Wooden Boat Builders School.

Under the new director, Brenda Guldenzopf, the museum is thriving.



Havre de Grace Maritime Museum

Brenda tells us that you can be admitted free on Wednesday between 10 and noon by sharing a story about the area that has relevance to the museum. This program is titled, "Maritime Tales" and is bringing a great deal of local information to the museum. Another unique program is "Maritime Traditions," where a different demonstration is offered every week on Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. Topics include the making of crab pots, pottery and chair caning. Admission is \$1 with children 12 and under FREE.

Their Maritime Festival on June 15-16 will include not only the museum exhibits and maritime demonstrations, but also shanty singers, kite making and flying and maritime games. It's most definitely a fun time for the entire family!

The Havre de Grace **Decoy Museum** has added new elements to their exhibits and usually has a carver demonstrating the skill required for their unique craft. Besides a very professional display of decoys (and not just ducks!), there is a fine exhibit called, "Gunning on the Flats" that depicts the history of duck hunting in the area.

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Havre de Grace Decoy Museum

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The **Concord Point Lighthouse** will be celebrating **175 Years of Light** this fall. John O'Neill was appointed by U.S. President John Quincy Adams to keeper of the newly constructed lighthouse on November 3, 1827. John Donohoo, a local contractor, had built the lighthouse using local quarried granite. The lighthouse probably began operation in mid-November, 1827.

The Friends of the Concord Point Lighthouse will be celebrating their 175 years on Saturday, November 2, 2002 from 10 am until 4 pm. Included in the celebration will be a procession of costumed men, women and children, led by a band making its way through town to the lighthouse site. There "John O'Neill" will officially be appointed as keeper of the light by "President John Quincy Adams." Throughout the day there will be musicians, dancers, storytellers, craft demonstrations and other entertainment. The lighthouse and the O'Neill Keeper's House will be open for the public to visit.

And that brings us to more exciting news! The Keeper's House continues through the stages of renovation to restore it to its second phase back in the 1880s. The patience and persistence of the Friends of the Concord Point Lighthouse are truly beginning to pay off. After tearing down the various stages of additions, the present building has been stabilized and a new roof added. The mortar to point the stones has been selected. Now that may sound trite, but it is a major accomplishment to create the color suitable and acceptable to the Maryland Historic Trust, who are helping to fund this restoration. The north wall will be left exposed and the stones pointed to show the original building when it was all granite. In the 1880s the roof was raised and you can see that when viewing the north wall.

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The other three sides will be stuccoed. Window frames are now being installed and then the stucco can be rolled around to the frames. They are presently measuring for window shutters and the roof will eventually be painted in iron oxide red.

Inside the building, the stairs have been installed from the basement to the 1st floor and the 1st to the 2nd floor. The walls are being studded in to divide the rooms. When you enter the building, the 1st floor left will house the gift shop. On your right will be the exhibit area where displays will change periodically.

Straight back is the site of the old kitchen. The Harford County Historical Society did an archaeological dig and artifacts from the dig will be used for the kitchen display. The electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning is

being completed with volunteer support. Upstairs on the left will be the office. The right will offer a small meeting/conference room and its library/archives. There will also be a small bathroom on this floor.

Presently John Narvell, Carol McIntyre and/or Wayne Dougherty meet every two weeks with the architect as they persevere in recreating the Lightkeeper's House. This is most certainly a major task that will give us a clearer vision of the area in days gone by. Be sure to join their celebration of 175 Years of Light.

The Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS has another busy season. And this summer they'll be offering Oyster Art Programs for the kids between the ages of 6 and 10. It's a great program to introduce youngsters to the skipjack where they get to board her and learn how she sails and

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## Museum Updates continued

her value to our history of the Chesapeake Bay. They'll also create an art project and learn about 'spat' and the role of the oyster.

The programs are Monday or Tuesday (July 29 or 30) or Tuesday or Wednesday (August 6 or 7) from 10 am to 2 pm. It's \$5 per child and is supported with grants from the MD Arts Council and the Harford County Government, Havre de Grace City Government and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board.

This program is a direct result of a cooperative effort with the American Legion Post 47. The Legion offers the use of their dock and pavilion and its kitchen. Lunch is included. For further details, give the office a call at 410-939-4078. You must reserve a space for this activity.

The Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS also offers Wednesday evening Wine Cruises through a cooperative effort with Fiore Wines of Harford County. These evenings become more popular each year. Give the skipjack office a call and reserve your space.



Capt. Mark Sanford (left) stands with Joey Jobs, Master Decoy Carver, as he is presented with a Canvasback carved from the old boom of the skipjack MARTHA LEWIS.

At their Bull & Oyster Roast this year, Master Decoy Carver, Joey Jobs created the first Canvasback from the old boom of the skipjack MARTHA LEWIS. It was auctioned off for \$700. There will be more available. Call the Skipjack Office to request information for purchasing your own unique, limited edition, decoy and help support a great historical, educational program for area students.

The Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse had their War of 1812 Reenactment for the third year. This event brings the Havre de Grace's part of the war to life as the

British arrest a landowner and pillage and plunder their home. This occurs at The Picture Show frame shop and Atelier de Teresa clay studio on Greene & St. John Streets.

They also settle a rowdy sailor coming out of the tavern that would have been in the Rodgers House just diagonally across from The Picture Show on Washington Street next to Goll's Bakery. The two photos depict some of these activities.

Steppingstone Museum on Quaker Bottom Road just off Rte. 155 in Susquehanna State Park is often not recognized as part of Havre de Grace's museums. But they definitely are part of the Small Museum

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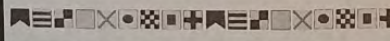
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Encampment, Scottish Festival, and Summer Farm Day to their Fall Harvest Festival, Jack Russell Terrier Trials, Fiber Craft Festival and Christmas Open House. Their upcoming Jazz Festival in June is always a great way to spend a summer afternoon.

So get out and enjoy the area museum exhibits, demonstrations, events and festivals. It's an easy way to learn our history and culture, a fun way to enjoy friends and even make new ones, and a great way to savor the great outdoors. Truly a toast to the wonderful sights, sounds and tastes of Havre de Grace!



Steppingstone Scottish Festival

War of 1812 Re-enactment  
Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum

## Havre de Grace – the Meeting Place

Because our community is diverse, it seems we are always trying to ferret our identity. With a history related to the water and farming, a rich cultural community throughout the years, the city also identifies itself with the hospital, a suburban community to the larger cities around us, and just a 'small town.' If you add Aberdeen Proving Grounds Army Post and our relationship to Cal Ripkin (he was born here at the Harford Memorial Hospital) and baseball, you have added a bit more flavor. Spice it with golf courses, ultralights, kayaks, and a skate park and it's ever more intriguing. Top it with the variety of interests through our museums and the skipjack, well, we're just difficult to define.

I personally think that "the meeting place" is perfect! Of course, the obvious reason is the fact that the Susquehanna River flows into the Chesapeake Bay right here at Havre de Grace. With the river starting in Cooperstown, NY and meandering through Pennsylvania, the Susquehanna joins the Bay connecting us to points south and also to the world as the Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean. But there's more!

Historically, located just a few miles from the Mason-Dixon Line, the area was one of many places where slaves and indentured servants met courageous people who helped them to freedom in the mid-1800s. The Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal tied the northern area of the country into the southern, moving raw goods south and to sea (via the Bay) and finished goods north and inland. Later the railroads replaced the canal.

We would have really been THE meeting place, had we been made the nation's capitol rather than its present location in D.C.! That was a consideration more than 200 years ago. We lost that opportunity but we live up to the 'meeting place' in other ways today.

The city's five museums and the skipjack MARTHA LEWIS create a unique meeting place for those who share the same interests. From decoy carvers, war history buffs, lighthouse enthusiasts, and various maritime interests to farm history and oyster drudgin', the area is alive with events to share with like-minded folks.

Add our antique and other unique shops, festivals, marinas, and restaurants and you have dozens more reasons to visit. From our free Concerts in the Park series to the Independence Day Celebrations, a pleasant cruise aboard the LANTERN QUEEN paddle wheeler or an adventure aboard the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS, there are interests for everyone – young or old. If you include a walk along our promenade or the North Park Trail, you have two more excuses to congregate here.

Speaking of congregate, we have a selection of churches and a synagogue to satisfy your spiritual needs. And I personally think that the offerings by our local community

theater group, Tidewater Players and Tidewater Teens, add spice to our spirit. The Freedom Road Productions offers unique concerts and Washington Street Books offers concerts and lectures. Need I continue?

Meeting place? Consider the photo with this column. It was taken Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> when Tammy at Blue Earth Leather on Washington Street had her spring open house. The draw? Once a year she opens the doors to munchies, great sales, an opportunity to brag and possibly just a bit of envy for those of us strolling by. The bikers roll in from far and near to celebrate. Blue Earth Leather offers fine leather products, including custom, made to order, and repairs. Of course, that's not all she carries. But the leather products draw the bikers.



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Whether just strolling through our community enjoying the gardens, the architecture, the shops, the waterfront, or taking part in an event, Havre de Grace is truly "The Meeting Place." Who are you planning to meet here?

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Museum gift shops, of course, have many items specific to our area that range from a Christmas ornament to a sweatshirt. They are always an ideal first stop with gift ideas that will certainly say 'Havre de Grace.' The merchants throughout the community also carry an assortment of gift ideas sure to meet everyone's "look what I got you from Havre de Grace" gift list.

Many of the restaurants plus Mystique, Joseph's, Monograms and More, Amanda's, and Bank of Memories carry an assortment of T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other items with our city emblem, or a duck decoy or Concord Point Lighthouse. Blue Earth Leather offers a variety of leather items many that are handcrafted right in the shop. Teresa Yost Bennett of The Picture Show Frame Shop and Atelier de Teresa has some wonderful bronze sculpture pieces, as well as her eclectic and whimsical collection of clay characters, and carries a nice line of prints and some art specific to our area.

Of course, decoys are in a number of shops including Vincenti Decoys. With a variety of prices and styles to fit

everyone's pocket book and collector's shelf, you'll definitely want to keep your eyes open for the perfect carving from a shop, the carvers themselves, or the Decoy Museum. And the antique shops have even more for you to choose from.


Bomboy's Candies is another great 'send it home' Havre de Grace gift idea. In this case 'sending' is the key because it's so tempting not to eat it before you get it home. Goll's Bakery has an apple or cherry tart (I believe that's what they're called) that are to die for. Take home a dozen and you'll surely have folks who want to come with you the next time you visit.

Two ideas you might not have thought about are The Avenue Stained Glass Shop and the Chesapeake Country Candles. Both of these create a wide selection of their product, made right here in Havre de Grace. Add the books by authors from Havre de Grace, or about Havre de Grace, and you've added some very unique items to accommodate your gift list. With Courtyard Books and Washington Street Books, you can't go wrong for your book lover's gift.

Gift certificates are always at the top of a list. Restaurants, shops, the Ultralight Ultrafun, Lantern Queen, museums or Starrk Moon Kayaks are great places to pick up a gift certificate. Then add a bed and breakfast room or an overnight at the Super 8, and you've given a relaxing and fun gift. Museum passes are also a nice complement to any gift from Havre de Grace.

Stephens & Stephens Clocks offer a unique line of gifts for any person with time on their minds. Though not necessarily created here, few clock shops present you with the array of choices - antique to contemporary - available here. You'll want to stop in. Ornaments from Christmas Magic and other shops offer unique Havre de Grace collections. And Karen's Natural Market has an assortment of gift ideas from a variety of educational and fun kits for kids to aromatherapy.

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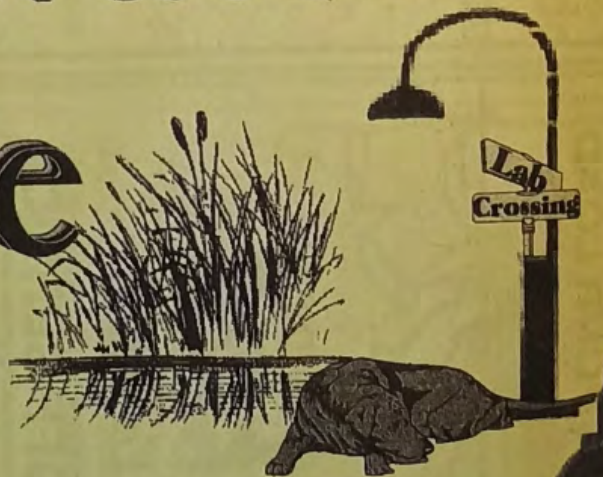
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