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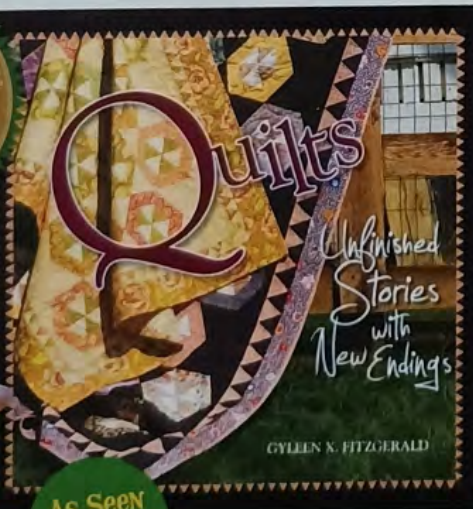


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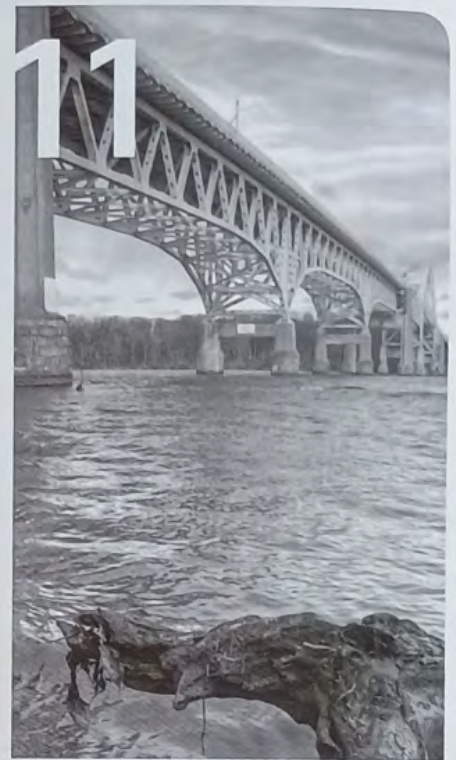
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We will be putting the magazine online as an interactive publication. It will be launched from www.havredegracethemeetingplace.com. Be sure to check it out. We also plan to add articles online throughout the Spring and Summer seasons just to keep things interesting.

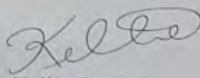
It has been a real pleasure meeting the folks of Havre de Grace. Before, I was generally "behind the scenes" with the magazine. Actually meeting the business owners in town has been wonderful. All have entertaining stories and a friendly, welcoming spirit.

I discovered what all goes into making one of the area's best July Fourth

celebrations happen when Ellie and I sat down to speak with Carolyn Narvell. I met Camay Calloway Murphy and found out why she chose Havre de Grace or more accurately why it chose her. I learned about her and, of course, Cab Calloway, her famous father. For those of you that love music, check out our article on the sounds that will be filling the air these warm months ahead, and as always, check-in at www.havredegracethemeetingplace.com to get all of the details and updates.

The weather is finally warming up. A perfect time to venture around and downtown HdG and buy local. It supports the local stores and artisans and helps sustain these communities where we want to live, raise our children or maybe just to escape to. Please remember to buy local.

As I finish this issue, I am already excited about my plans for the next. Until then, enjoy the warm months, relax and discover something new and delightful!


Kellie Boehm
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On Monday, March 30, 2009, U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law (as Public Law 111-11) the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. Section 5204 of the law designates the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route as a National Historic Trail.

Why should this law matter to me here in Havre de Grace?

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When concluded and put into place the W-3-R trail, we can look forward to welcoming many cultural heritage visitors to Havre de Grace as they follow this trail. These cultural heritage visitors will inevitably visit the museums and historic sites of Havre de Grace, as well as eat at our restaurants and shop in our stores. There is much our town has to offer. Which is why museums, historic sites and businesses in



MAP LEGEND:

- WHITE = main army land route
- BLACK = state boundaries
- GREY = sailing route
- BLUE = major rivers or French fleet route
- YELLOW = British fleet route

Havre de Grace must work together to help each other. When cultural heritage tourism works, it also helps to protect and save our nation's natural and cultural treasures such as the Washington/Rochambeau National Historic Route. For more information please go to the official website: http://www.w3r-us.org/aa_setframes.htm.

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and led the long and difficult march—800 miles—and 40 encampments to Williamsburg, Virginia on September 26, 1781. Two days later the Allied forces march to Yorktown and begin a siege. On October 19, 1781 the British force under Cornwallis surrendered to Washington and Rochambeau. The war is finally over after the ratification of the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

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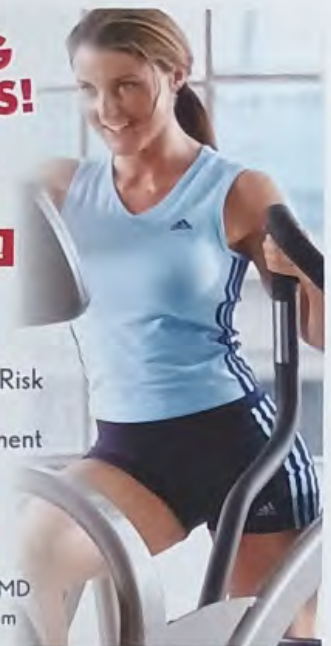
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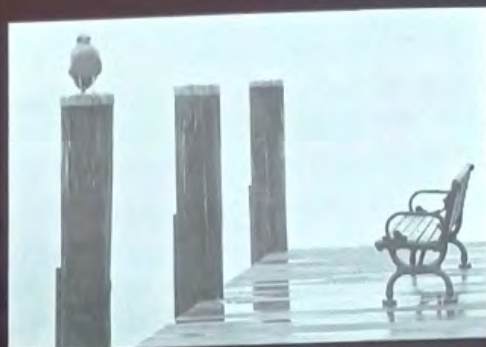
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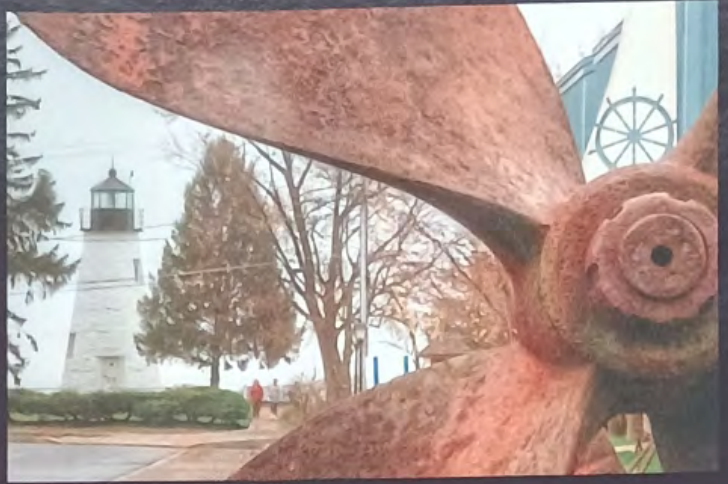
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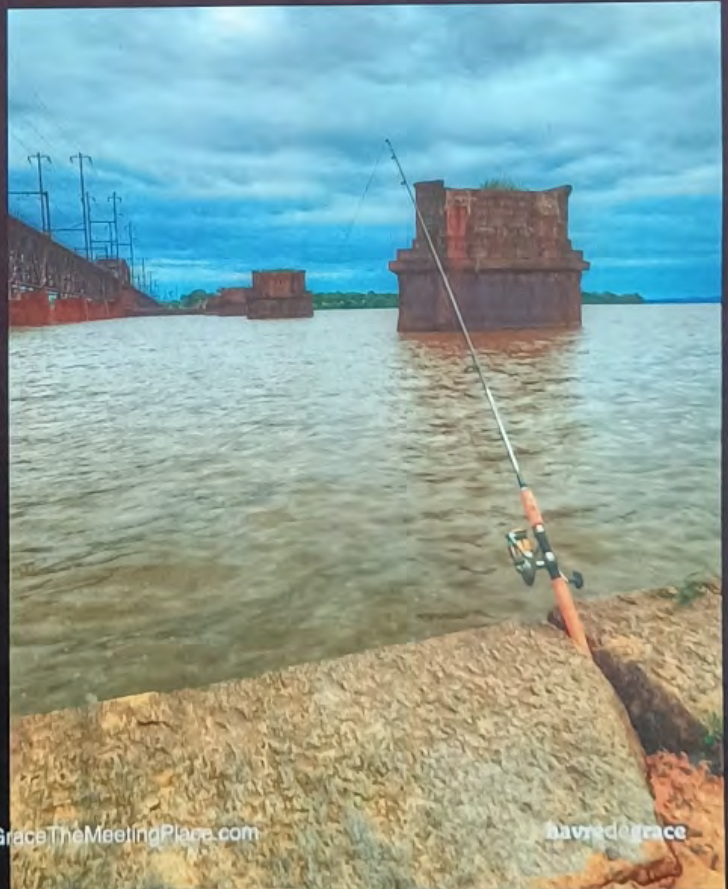
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April 23

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8:30am to 1pm. General clean-up along shoreline of Susquehanna River and its tributaries in HdG from Tydings Park to the Lock House. Peter Green at 410-939-7644

EASTER EGG HUNT AT TYDINGS PARK!

Race starts at noon sharp! Bring your family to enjoy a spectacular Easter Egg Hunt. Sponsored by the HdG Recreation Committee. Karen Green at 410-939-6724

April 24

EASTER CRUISE ABOARD THE LANTERN QUEEN RIVERBOAT:

3-5pm Reservations req'd Call: 410-939-1468.
www.lanternqueen.com

April 30

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GRAND OPERA

7pm. HdG Arts Commission sponsors Lyric Opera Baltimore at the HdG United Methodist Church at 101 S. Union Street. Offering music from La Traviata, Le Nozze di Figaro, Faust and other favorites. Tickets at the door \$10/adults and \$5/Students or HdG Visitor Center 410-939-2100 or Preston's Stationery in Bel Air 410-838-5858. www.ModellPAC.com

MAY

May 5

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

noon to 1pm - meet at HdG City Hall at 711 Pennington Avenue. Info: 410-939-2464

May 6-8

30TH ANNUAL DECOY & WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

Fri: 6-9pm, Sat: 9-5, Sun: 10-4. Over 140 artists exhibiting and selling their art work, food, live and silent auctions, retriever demonstrations, carving competitions and more. FREE shuttle buses are available to all show locations and downtown. ADM: \$8 for the weekend Info: 410-939-3739 www.decoymuseum.com

May 7

6TH ANNUAL MAY MARKET

9am-2pm. St. John's Episcopal Church at 114 N. Union Avenue, HdG. Jewelry, Crafts, Flowers, Plants, Mother's Day Gifts, Food

WAR OF 1812 RE-ENACTMENT

Visit the grounds of the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House as the British once again storm HdG as they did on May 3, 1813! There will be drill formations, men and women in period attire, troop encampments, craft demonstrations, and discussions on the War and its effect on the town of HdG. Admission: \$3 Kids under 12 FREE 410-939-5780 www.thelockhousemuseum.org

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FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

11am-5pm. Celebrate National Free Comic Book Day! Get your FREE comic book at Washington Street Books Et Music and Just for Fun! www.washingtonstreetbooks.com; www.justforfunmd.com

May 8

MOTHER'S DAY CRUISE ABOARD THE LANTERN QUEEN RIVERBOAT

TWO times available: 2-4pm OR 6-8pm. Reservations req'd Call: 410-939-1468 www.lanternqueen.com

May 12

ELLSWORTH SHANK LECTURE SERIES

"Forging and Testing the Greatest Generation in Harford Et Cecil Counties" presented by Erika Quesenbery. HdG City Hall at 711 Pennington Avenue. 7pm - FREE For details call 410-939-5780. www.thelockhousemuseum.org

May 14

SECRET GARDEN TOUR

from noon-5pm. Celebrate Spring with a lovely tour of some of HdG's beautiful gardens. Get a rare chance to visit some exclusive landscaped yards and gardens throughout the city. Rain or shine - bring your parasol! Registration held at the Maritime Museum starting at 10:00 am. Limited number of Tickets available: \$20. Sponsored by the HdG Maritime Museum. 410-939-4800. www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org

May 14-15

Medieval Days At The Steppingstone Farm Museum

noon-5pm both days. Event features a Medieval Encampment with heavy weapons fighting, arts and sciences demonstrations, period music and dance, artisans, games and more! Admission fee. 410-939-2299. www.steppingstonemuseum.org

May 21

ANTIQUÉ CRAWLS OF HDG

from 9am-4pm. Come to downtown historic HdG to enjoy the many treasures offered by over 50 antique vendors! Food and music available to make this event especially festive. Sponsored by HdG Main Street Inc. Info: 410-939-1811 www.mainstreethdg.org

NATURE/HISTORIC WALK ON THE NORTH PARK TRAIL

starts at 10am. Meet at The Lock House Museum for this FREE, guided tour. Walk takes approx 1 hr. 410-939-5780 www.thelockhousemuseum.org

May 30

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

sponsored by the American Legion Post 47 9am - 11pm. Memorial Day Services begin at Angel Hill Cemetery at 9am. Then proceed to Tydings Memorial Park at 11am. 410-939-0234

JUNE

June 4th

12TH ANNUAL UPPER CHESAPEAKE HOSPICE REGATTA

5-10pm. Join us for a magical evening! Shore Party guests can watch the sail boat race, dance, and dine under a giant tent next to Concord Point Lighthouse. Dinner prepared by prominent Harford County chefs. Entertainment includes live music, dancing under the stars, plant and money wheels, and a silent auction. Proceeds support the services of the Senator Bob Hooper Hospice House. \$75. 443-643-3460 www.uchs.org

June 9

ELLSWORTH SHANK LECTURE SERIES

Historians Roundtable - join some of the area's foremost historians as they discuss interesting and controversial issues about HdG's past. Location: HdG City Hall at 711 Pennington Avenue. 7pm - FREE For details call 410-939-5780 www.thelockhousemuseum.org

June 10 to June 11

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: RELAY FOR LIFE OF HDG

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12-5pm. This festival features live Celtic music, clans, vendors, dancing, military encampment, historical crafts and more! 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762 www.steppingstonemuseum.org

June 18

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June 20 to June 25

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June 25th

SUMMERTIME BLUES FESTIVAL

2-8pm. Come to Steppingstone Farm Museum to enjoy lively blues music; food, beer and wine; artisans in an outdoor setting. Rain or Shine event! Advance Tickets Sold. 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762 www.steppingstonemuseum.org

June 26

HDG TRIATHLON

Sprint Distance: Race starts at 8:00 a.m. Transition opens at approximately 6:30 a.m. Presented by: Chesapeake Cycle and Sport/Team Chesapeake to benefit HdG Maritime Museum and Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation Oncology Services and Support Program. Entry Fee: Single Entrant: \$90 Relay Team: \$150. Awards available. For more information contact the Maritime Museum. www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org

June 28 to July 3

HDG'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION CARNIVAL

Bring the entire family to the annual Independence Celebration Carnival held at Tydings Memorial Park! Rides and attractions for all ages. Times vary. 410-939-4362 or 410-939-2100 www.hdgtourism.com

Aberdeen's Twilight Farmers Market Friday's 3-7

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JULY

July 3

ANNUAL HDG PARADE & FIREWORKS

2pm Parade, 9:15 Fireworks (approx.) Come to Union Ave. to watch the area's best parade around! Then, enjoy the carnival at Tydings Park from 6-10pm, with a concert in the park at 7pm and fireworks at 9:15 approx. 410-939-4362 or 410-939-2100

FIREWORKS CRUISE ABOARD THE SKIPJACK MARTHA LEWIS

7:30-10pm. A relaxing evening sail while enjoying wine, beer & soda. Reservations req'd: \$50pp THIS CRUISE DEPARTS FROM HUTCHINS PARK. Call: 410-939-4078. www.skipjackmarthalewis.org

FIREWORKS CRUISE ABOARD THE LANTERN QUEEN RIVERBOAT

7-10pm. Join us as we relax and enjoy a 4th celebration meal as we wait for the fireworks. Reservations req'd Call: 410-939-1468

July 9

PIRATE FEST at The LOCK HOUSE MUSEUM

8-10am. The PIRATE FEST 5K RUN is the kick-off event for the weekend. The race is held Saturday morning on a picturesque course in HdG along the Lafayette Trail. Proceeds raised help support the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse. Registration: 7am. 410-939-5780 www.thelockhousemuseum.org

ANNUAL PIRATE GALA

7-11pm. Let your inner Pirate out to play Dance to the music of Acoustically Sound, feast on Laurrapin Grille's buffet, and mix it up with the weekend pirate re-enactors who always join the crowd. Pirate costumes are not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. A major fundraiser for The Lock House Museum that takes place on their beautiful grounds. Donation: \$50 410-939-5780 www.thelockhousemuseum.org

July 9-10

PIRATE ENCAMPMENT:

10-4 on Saturday / 11-4 on Sunday. Come and meet pirates in a historical encampment. The Lock House features an authentic living history pirate encampment with intermittent pirate

skirmishes, period clothing, and black powder weapons demonstrations. Admissions: \$3 Kids under 12: FREE

July 10th

SUMMER FUN DAY: Lawn Mower Races & Car Show

12-4pm. Steppingstone Farm Museum's event featuring lawnmower races, car show, children's crafts & games, entertainment and food. 410-939-2299 www.steppingstonemuseum.org

AUGUST

August 6

SPRING CHESAPEAKE POSTCARD FAIR

9am to 4pm at the HdG Community Center, 1 Lagaret Lane. \$3.00 For info call Mary Martin Postcards: 410-642-2481

August 12-14

31st ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

at Tydings Park in HdG. Make Plans to Enjoy the CHARLIE DANIELS BAND Friday evening. A family event with local & regional seafood delicacies, charity raffle & auction, artisans and crafts. Fri: 4-8 with CD Band from 8-10pm. Sat: 10-8pm. Sun: 10-6pm. 410-939-1525 www.hdgseafoodfestival.org

August 20 to August 21

48TH ANNUAL HDG ART SHOW AT TYDINGS PARK

10-5pm. Presented by the Soroptimist International, over 250 artists and crafters from throughout the U.S. display and sell work. Food and entertainment all weekend. Free shuttle from designated parking to show, downtown, and attractions. Boat accessible on Saturday and Sunday. 410-939-9342

SEPTEMBER

September 10

24th ANNUAL DUCK FAIR

9am-4pm at the Decoy Museum. Fair includes decoy carvers and wildlife artists, outdoor hunting guide services, Retriever Dog demonstrations, bake sale and silent auction! Great family fun! 410-939-3739 www.decoymuseum.com

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23rd ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ART FESTIVAL & CONTEST

10am-2pm at Tydings Park. Craft projects, face painting and entertainment for children ages 3-10. Children submit artwork (limit 2 per child) to HdG Public Library for Art Contest from Aug 1 - Sept 1. Open to the public (Rain Location: HdG Activity Center) Sponsored by the HdG Arts Commission. Info: 410-939-2100

CANOE RENDEZVOUS & MARITIME FEAST

Rendezvous 10am-5pm; Feast 6-9pm Join the HdG Maritime Museum folks and enjoy boat building demonstrations & antique canoe identifications during the day. (Bring your antique canoe to show.) In the evening enjoy Bay food & beverages, music, dance and much more. Beautifully restored canoe will be raffled off. Tickets req'd for maritime Feast & Canoe Raffle. Call for details. 410-939-4800

September 14 to September 17

5th ANNUAL HDG PLEIN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION

Artists from near and far can be found throughout the city, capturing the beauty of this area. Preview Gala date: TBA Competition hosted by ArtUnion. 410-939-9342.

NEW THIS YEAR!

FREE HATEM BRIDGE WALK!

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HAVRE DE GRACE CHOSE ME

Walking over to the house of Camay Murphy, I took notice of all of the different styles of homes built along the way. It is one of the many features of Havre de Grace that I find so charming. Camay Calloway Murphy, the daughter of Cab Calloway, a legendary jazz musician has owned a home in Havre de Grace since the 1980's. She divides her time between her homes in Havre de Grace and Baltimore, and is not yet a full-time resident.

Camay has been educator in one form or another throughout her life and has a passionate love for the arts. Although she herself admits to not having a musical talent, you can not deny the

influence her father has left upon the generations within her family. Cochise, her grandson, plays the trumpet and attends Havre de Grace High School. Christopher Calloway Brooks "CB," Camay's son, has the family band and is known as "the Prince of Hi-De-Ho." Christopher credits his time with his grandfather as the cornerstone to his musical education.

Arriving at Camay's home, I was greeted at the door with a gracious smile and immediately felt comfortable, her house was as warm and inviting as the woman herself. Camay had drinks and snacks at the ready (the cookies were delicious.) When I finally got to my first question, I started with the most obvious one, "Why Havre de Grace?" Her answer was simply "Well I think it was more like Havre de Grace chose me," and her story began.

She and her husband, John, were on a train traveling back home from New York after Christmas. Camay glanced out the window looking for familiar signs when she noticed an idyllic looking, romantic little town with boats floating the water, small houses along the water's edge, and a dusting of snow that had turned orange in the setting sun. She asked John if he knew the name of the town.

"Havre de Grace," he answered and explained that as a boy he spent

summers in there with family friends. The house was on Pennington and he recalled tracks that ran down the center of the street ending at Seneca Cannery.

Intrigued by her husband's stories and wanting to see more of the town, Camay suggested a return visit to look for the home on Pennington. After searching for the house and making a few inquiries, they discovered the house had been demolished. The two strolled through the streets the remainder of day and Camay began to fall in love with Havre de Grace. Before leaving she declared to John that they should buy a home in Havre de Grace. John responded immediately with "No, you do not need another home, I will bring you here for anything you want. We can come and visit anytime, but we are not, do you hear me, not buying a home here."

Camay returned home and called a realtor friend, and asked him to look into properties in Havre de Grace. While she waited to hear from him, Camay continued to dream of her idyllic little town. Finally the phone rang with good news; he had found something within her price range, but it was going to require "some fixing-up." Of course, she had to see the house before telling her husband, so she snuck back to Havre de Grace to take a look. To say it was a "fixer-upper," may have been generous, but Camay saw its potential. She negoti-



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a little bit about Cab Calloway

For those of you "without your boots on" (don't know,) Cab Calloway was a famous performer from the 1930s, who continued to perform, in one way or another, until the year of his death in 1994. I say performer and not just musician because he was a man of many talents.

He is best known for his energetic performances and his "get in there" (give it all you got) skat singing, earning him the nickname the Hi-De-Ho man. He not only was a singer-songwriter, he also was a big band leader. Many of the great musicians such as Dizzy Gillespie, Ben Webster, Doc Cheatham and Milt Hinton got their start in his band.

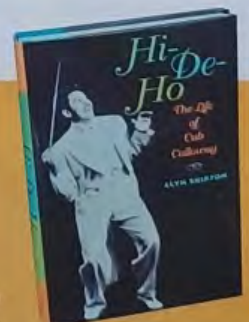
We (I refer to my generation) may know him best for his performance of "Minnie the Moocher"

in "The Blues Brothers" or perhaps his appearance in one of Janet Jackson's music videos "Alright" which is set in the 1930s. You can enjoy some of Cab's performances on Youtube. Calloway's music is always entertaining, sometimes controversial, and his dancing just has to be seen to be believed. He is widely acknowledged, even by Michael Jackson, as having done the first "Moon Walk."

Cab also appeared in movies, which included, but is not limited to, such classics as the "The Cincinnati Kid" and "Stormy Weather." As a theatre performer, he is credited as the inspiration for Sportin' Life, a role he eventually played in "Porgy and Bess." In the 1970s, he starred in "Hello Dolly" as Horace, opposite of Pearl Bailey

and in the "Pajama Game," both plays ran on Broadway. Calloway was one of the first performers to ever be rotoscoped for animated roles, you can see his dance moves in "Betty Boop" cartoons,

If you are interested in knowing more about Cab, Camay will be doing a book signing of *Hi De Ho — The Life of Cab Calloway* by Alyn Shtiption, a newly released biography, here in Havre de Grace. Details for the event will be posted on our site www.havredegracethemeetingplace.com.



ated a price, and then had to convince her husband. Her strategy, she decided, was to tell him that they could fix it up and rent it out. But her husband had no interest in seeing the property, investing in it, or renting it out. Before giving his final answer, John decided that he would send Mr. Lamb, a carpenter he knew, to take a look at the place. In a scene reminiscent of "I Love Lucy," John told Camay if Mr. Lamb decided he could do something with the place then they would buy it. However, if he thought it was not worth fixing, Camay would have to agree to let it go.

Mr. Lamb, arrived first from Baltimore, when he saw the house it was evident to him there was a great deal that need to be done and he was initially pessimistic. However, when Camay arrived she began to describe in detail, all the potential she saw in the house. It was evident to him how much she loved the place, so he made his decision in her favor. Mr. Lamb convinced John it was a good investment and agreed to help her restore the home. The home was purchased and extensive renovations began.

The home was rented several times but eventually Camay realized she no longer wanted to rent out her home. She and her husband began to summer in the house around 2007. The home, being centrally located to family and friends living in and out of state, was the ideal location to hold family reunions and friendly gatherings which occur at least twice a year to this day.

Since Havre de Grace is only an hour from her home in Baltimore, it is an easy commute and she comes to visit often finding much to do in town. There is antiquing, shopping, plays, museums, pancake suppers and more, so much in fact that she has not even been able to get across the bridge to Perryville's Hollywood Casino.

I asked Camay if she knew if her father had ever visited the race track or had been to Havre de Grace, since he had grown up in Baltimore. Although she did not know for certain, she could almost swear that he visited the track. In the 1930's Havre de Grace and its race track were fabled to have been similar to an "old Las Vegas" style of town that regularly



entertained the high society types, from Baltimore and Philadelphia. This was also the type of crowd that patronized her father and he enjoyed socializing with. She feels he also may have visited because her father also had enjoyed being around the horses since his days as a student at Frederick Douglass High School when he held a part time job as a stable hand at Pimlico.


She decorates her home with a French-flair, in honor of Havre de Grace and its connection to the French. Her home is colorful and artfully composed with a mix of old and new. The local thrifts shops, antique stores, and galleries have added a special touch to her decorating. She mentions that she knows "she has gone overboard," when she is greeted at the stores by name!

She takes Havre de Grace with her wherever she goes. For example, after attending a Gala in town, Camay had commented to some friends of hers in Baltimore about the Monet-themed paintings on display. Through that connection, some of the artwork from the Gala will be on loan for display at a Monet-themed tea exposition held by The Peiarians of Baltimore, a society group known for promoting and encouraging the study of the fine arts.

Her husband passed away recently, and coming to her home in Havre de Grace has been her panacea. It was where she came to find some peace, a place to find herself. While talking with Camay, I tried to discover if she planned to become a permanent residence of Havre de Grace anytime soon, but the answer was inconclusive, she has many friends in Baltimore that she would miss, so for now she is a welcomed part-time resident. My last question was what she loved about Havre de Grace the most? Her answer rings true for many of us; "all of the convenience, creativity, diversity and charm that Havre de Grace has to offer."



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The Rhythm is Gonna Get You

Picture this. You're standing at the south end of Union Avenue looking across Tydings Park to the Chesapeake Bay. The Havre de Grace Seafood Festival is enjoying its first day of a hot August weekend. The wonderful aroma of the food vendors fills the air. The excitement is growing as 1800 people await the sounds of **The Charlie Daniels Band**. In a natural amphitheater created by the swale at the west end of the park, the 40' stage will sit diagonally, slightly to your left. Around it are 120 "inner circle seats," next are 440 reserved seats and finally room for another 1240 lawn seats scattered about on blankets. As the evening sun moves closer to the horizon, the sounds fill the night.

This event is new and highlights the many music venues the City of Havre de Grace offers throughout the year. It's an exciting community with music in the streets during **First Fridays**, and at the Saturday morning **Farmer's Market**, sponsored by the Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc. Many of the local merchants add their own music, for instance **The Sun Stage** at Biller's Bikes, **DaNika** sponsored by Bahoukas, possibly a Jazz Ensemble outside of Distinctive Decor. These events are free.

The Havre de Grace Arts Commission sponsors a variety of programs. Their **Friday Concerts in the Park** in June and July are extremely popular. These take place in Tydings Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, grab a bite to eat and enjoy a diverse selection of music throughout the season. The kids can enjoy the playground and the view is perfect. A new and exciting program this year on April 30th is the

"Highlights of Grand Opera" from the Lyric Opera Baltimore. The **Children's Art Festival** in September brings a delightful variety of performances by and for our young people. The HdG Arts Commission has also brought us several **Military Bands** as well as the **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra!**

The **Maryland Conservatory of Music** brings unique musical element to our community—their Drum Circle, offered every Friday from 5:30 to 6:30. They schedule lessons, recitals and other programs throughout the year.

If you support events such as the **Upper Chesapeake Hospice Regatta**, great food, fun and music will greet you at their event on June 4th. Later that same month Steppingstone Museum offers a **Celtic Festival** and a **Summer Blues Fest**. Both are great fun for the family. Of course a **Margartaville Cruise** complete with island tunes aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis will have you relaxed in minutes!

During our **Independence Celebration**, a popular, local group **LIX** will entertain the crowd before the fireworks on July 3rd. So put on your dancin' shoes and head down to the City Yacht Basin. The **Annual Pirate Gala** at the Lockhouse Museum later in the month will give you the opportunity to enjoy some great music and put the 'arrggghhh' in your voice!

Of course, besides the **Seafood Festival**, August also brings us the **48th Annual Havre de Grace Art Show** sponsored by the Soroptimist International. They'll have entertainment throughout the weekend to enjoy as you browse the many beautiful displays of art and fine crafts.

Add our school and church special programs and the entertainment offered in our restaurants and pubs, and you'll soon realize there's an eclectic variety for any ear. Even Karaoke! One of the latest additions to the music scene is the **Open Mic Night at Frank's Pizza**.

So you can see—or rather, hear—plenty of notes throughout Havre de Grace. Check the *havredegrace Magazine* calendar for updated details. **Visit us often!**



"The Herd" High School Marching Band and Drumline from Buffalo, Minnesota will bring a truck and 5 buses of band members to participate in the parade on their way to Fairfax, Va. They had heard we were a great place to march and many have commented about how well organized our parade is.



It's important to note that although some folks are disappointed that we rarely have the parade on the actual 4th of July, by creating the date as we do, these remarkable bands are able to fit us into their schedule. Local groups including high school bands, scouts, fire companies, etc. are able to participate because they don't have to be in 3 places at the same time on the actual 4th. This is how the committee is able to create our amazing parade with 100 units this year.

The carnival begins the week-long event and with the vendors brings approximately \$35,000 to help offset the Independence Celebration expenses. Each night the park is cleaned and made ready for the next day by volunteers.

The parade brings the same tasks. DPW cleaning trash cans within hours of the event. Firemen and HdG Ambulance Corp. ready for any emergency. Water and ice is made available. Golf carts have been donated for the day to make coordination easier. Cell phones make it simpler to stay on top of all the details of the day. This year's Grand Marshal will be Richard Hauf, highly respected Band Director for Havre de Grace High School.

At 7 pm. on Parade Day, there is a concert just below the carnival at the City Yacht Basin. This year the Harford County Showmobile will feature LIX—a very popular local group offering plenty of dance music for all ages. DJ Jeff Thompson will be Master of Ceremonies and will again prepare the music that is synchronized with the fireworks. The fireworks extravaganza costs about \$22,000.

Volunteers for the Parade Event receive t-shirts created by Dan McClure. They can be purchased for a mere \$5 at various locations including First Friday events, HdG Visitor Center, and on parade day. Each year is a new design. They are very popular and help to publicize this great family event.

It's difficult in this short article to give full accounting for this event. But it's well documented, has excellent bookkeeping procedures, and dozens of unseen tasks behind the scenes handled flawlessly. From sand being placed in the butt cans (cigarettes, that is), to signage, to keeping the parade line in order and traffic flowing, the various volunteers and City of Havre de Grace employees create a wonderful week for celebrating the Independence of our country.

This year the committee has a new website that we encourage you to visit. Their history, committee information, photos, sponsorship/donation opportunities, and latest news will be available, www.HavredeGraceJuly4.org. Kudos to this committee and to the community of Havre de Grace for a wonderful celebration.

If you've not headed down to the City Yacht Basin for the carnival, concert and fireworks following the parade, it's a real treat! There's something wonderful that occurs with the excited crowd, music and dancing, the squeals of the folks enjoying the carnival, the lights, and, of course, the food! Add the music that plays while you watch the amazing fireworks, and then smile as you enjoy the ooooo's and aaaah's of the crowd. It's worth the patience needed to handle the crowd and the drive home. I'll see you there—waving my flag and taking photos!



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Just like I imagine the birth of our country, Havre de Grace celebrates July 4th with an event that brings thousands of folks to our city creating what may appear to be “organized chaos.” It’s a week-long event that includes a carnival, parade, concert and a grand finale of music and fireworks! We took some time to interview Carolyn Narvell, who was a long-term member of the Independence Celebration Committee, to learn more of the behind-the-scenes details of this event.

Where to start?

First let me describe the scene. June 29 – July 3, 2011: The carnival offers the joy of rides for young and old—bumper cars are still one of the favorites, the smell of hot dogs, burgers and cotton candy, and games. Families from all around the area enjoy the carnival.

Then consider the perfect parade route—a straight, wide, tree-lined street slightly over a mile long that ends at Tydings Park overlooking the Chesapeake Bay! Fire engines, majorette/dance units, floats, color guards, marching bands, local organizations and dignitaries, clowns, racing vehicles, custom cars, equestrian units, and patriotic crowds. Porches with bunting draped over railings, excited children with little hands waving flags, family picnics, and old friends gathering for the day. Norman Rockwell would have loved Havre de Grace during our Independence Celebration week.

The finale is the concert and fireworks at the City Yacht Basin! It’s great fun that includes music and dancing while waiting for the fireworks. Plenty of blankets spread out around the park. Folks line up on the Promenade. It’s a beautiful site as the sun sets and you see the outline of the boats with their lights glowing all around the harbor. It’s a magical moment just before the fireworks begin.

Carolyn explains that it’s a small committee of nine that organizes this very popular community event. Charlie Mike is the present chairman. Over the years, they’ve actually developed an operating manual to be able to pass to others the steps to creating this successful event. The present committee took over the event in 1987 with their first parade in 1988. This year is their 23rd year organizing the event. In total, this is the 63rd year of celebrating our country’s independence in

this manner. Carolyn reminds us that before 1948 there was a Fireman’s Parade to celebrate July 4th and the only time there wasn’t a parade was during WWII.

Carolyn believes the marching bands are the ‘heart of the parade’ and shares the comment she hears most often from these groups, they love how “animated and wonderful the crowd is.” If you’ve been here, you’ve witnessed it. Bright-eyed children, cheers and clapping from the crowd, lots of standing—hats or hands over their hearts—to honor each and every honor guard that marches past, and plenty of firetrucks, floats and entertainment exciting the crowd.

Behind the scenes this group of nine coordinates a week of activities with the help of 30+ volunteers for the parade, the City of Havre de Grace Mayor and staff, police and DPW folks, Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps, harbor master, and Susquehanna Hose Company. Add to that the many sponsors, including WXCY again this year, the various local groups who help to keep the park clean and the Havre de Grace Lyons Club that moves among the parade crowd to accept donations for the event.

But there’s more. It begins with accepting applications and organizing the parade units. There is no registration fee. The 20-30 bands do receive an honorarium of \$650-\$3500, depending on distance and needs. The total cost for the parade bands is about \$40,000. There is also \$5,000 in prize money in various categories. The judges are from Harford Community College.

Some of the bands travel a great distance adding us to their scheduled July 4th events. The Philippine Heritage Band from Ontario, Canada, has participated for several years. This year,

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