



HPCA Harford Park Community Association

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Community Building: 2522 Linwood Rd., Parkville MD 21234
(410) 497-7320 info@harfordpark.org

Easter Egg Hunt —Saturday March 27th!

Although HPCA can't hold our usual Spring Extravaganza this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, we invite you to join us at 1pm for an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids outside the community building! All residents of the neighborhood are welcome.

Stream Cleanup—Sunday April 11th (rain date April 18th)

Join your neighbors from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday April 11th for our Harford Park Cleanup held in partnership with Gunpowder Valley Conservancy. We will meet outside the community building to sign a waiver and pick up gloves and trash bags.

Minors may participate in stream clean-ups, but at least one parent/legal guardian must accompany their child. Masks are required. For more information, contact Cathy Thompson at president@harfordpark.org

<https://www.harfordpark.org/events/stream-clean/>

Save the Date— General Meeting — Thursday May 6th

Our next general meeting is Thursday May 6th at 7:00 pm. Join us on Zoom for neighborhood happenings with HPCA; community news from the County Executive, County Council, and the Mayor's office; and a crime report from Baltimore County Police. Also scheduled is a representative from the Department of Public Works who will answer questions about the ongoing sewer project.

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Meeting ID: 969 5765 0175
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<https://www.harfordpark.org/association/>

Join the Harford Park Community Association to support your neighborhood and all the events and activities you see here

Residence Address _____

Member 1 _____

Member 2 _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dues: _____ # of Members x \$10/member = _____ Total Dues

Drop off or mail this form to 2522 Linwood Road, Parkville Maryland 21234 or sign up online at www.harfordpark.org/association/membership/

Herring Run Relief Sewer Project

This Baltimore County Department of Public Works project involves construction of approximately 11,000 feet of a relief sewer along Herring Run from the City Line to Aiken Avenue, construction of 58 manholes and 900 feet of tunnel under Perring Parkway. This project is necessary to eliminate pollution that is entering the Herring Run and alleviate sewer backups impacting homes in Harford Park. Work includes clearing and grubbing vegetation, relocation of 200 feet of water main, traffic control, trench excavation, trench repair within Oakleigh Road, Darlington Drive, Queen Anne Drive and Taylor Avenue, and landscaping and tree planting at the completion of the project. Recently, the contractor has performed blasting which has been felt by some residents. For questions and concerns related to this project, please contact David Bayer from DPW who can be reached at 410-887-3781.

Water Infrastructure Project

Harford Park is also in the midst of an upgrade to its potable water infrastructure. The first stage of the project was the replacement of the main line which is completed. Rivers construction is in the process of doing the final tie ins of the new water main to the existing system. Service transfers to individual homes continue and they are roughly 70 % complete. Each homeowner will be notified when their connection will occur as service will be briefly disrupted. For questions about the water main construction schedules for work, please contact Patricia Chandler, Project Manager, Rivers Construction Group, Office #301-942-3439.

Stay Tuned— Details to come on a new Greening Grant

HPCA has been awarded a *Keep Maryland Beautiful* grant that will enable us to provide examples of landscaping with native plants, paint storm drains, and provide informational flyers to raise neighborhood awareness about environmental initiatives. To volunteer, contact Cathy Thompson at president@harfordpark.org

Save the Date— Pool Party! — Saturday June 19th



Don't forget to check for the latest HPCA news and events at any of the sources below.

News from HPCA is just a click away

Website: www.harfordpark.org

Email Address: info@harfordpark.org

Mailing list: www.harfordpark.org/mailling-list

Facebook: www.facebook.com/harfordpark

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Dear Harford Park Residents,

The Harford Park Community Association provides public service to the residents of Harford Park and advocates on behalf of our residents to the agencies in Baltimore County and Baltimore City. Our mission for over 80 years has been to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the Harford Park community as well as foster opportunities for neighbors to build relationships with one another.

We need your help! In order to assure the continuing financial stability of the Harford Park Community Association, we are asking for donations to help us renovate the upstairs of our community hall. Fully tax-deductible donations can be made using the donate link on our website (<https://www.harfordpark.org/association/donate/>) or by mailing a check to HPCA at 2522 Linwood Rd., Parkville, MD 21234.

We provide valuable services and activities for the community's residents and families. We arrange a dumpster day where residents can dispose of items that are no longer of use and we file code enforcement complaints with the local governments on behalf of our residents. We hold quarterly community meetings where representatives from the police department and elected officials routinely attend to address questions and concerns from residents. We host activities throughout the year to engage and entertain the community's families and children such as a spring Easter Egg Hunt, summer Pool Party, and fall Halloween Party and sponsor tree plantings and twice-annual stream cleanups.

Thanks to the foresight and responsible stewardship of previous generations of Harford Park residents, the HPCA owns the building at 2522 Linwood Road. This building has been used to host community events and meetings and to celebrate life's milestones such as birthdays and bridal showers. The building is an asset to our community and a rarity in this day and age. Currently though, less than 80 residents from the 940 homes in our community are Association members. Due to this disparity between membership income and operating expenditures, the Association must rely on rentals of our community's hall to provide the funding required to continue operating, but hall rental can create parking problems and other issues for the neighbors on Linwood Road and on Park Drive at Linwood Road.

In an effort to minimize or eliminate the disruptions to neighbors from hall rentals and improve our financial stability, the Association worked with our County Councilperson Cathy Bevins to obtain a zoning change that allows us to lease the infrequently used top floor of the building for use as a small office while retaining the lower portion of the building for continued use by the community. A local five-person small business is interested in leasing the space, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, which would provide a much needed revenue stream that would reduce the number of hall rentals needed and preserve the lower hall for all of the uses that the community currently enjoys.

But this is where we need your help. The space currently does not have any heating or cooling, which must be installed to make it a useful space. We have received estimates for all the necessary upgrades and the cost is approximately \$20,000. If we cannot raise the funds to make these necessary upgrades and secure this revenue stream, the Association may not be able to continue to meet the operating expenses required to maintain the Community Hall. Although we are also actively pursuing other fundraising initiatives, we are asking you to consider donating to the Association. If you cannot donate financially, please consider volunteering your time. Everything helps.

On behalf of the officers and board members, we thank you in advance for your help. It is truly appreciated.

Cathy Thompson, President - David Duvall, Vice President - Keith Wolcott, Secretary
Shannon Sheets, Treasurer - Laura Baltatzis - John Buberl - Erica McGeehan