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401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman



Newsletter

June 2022

Custodians of the Past, Stewards for the Future

CHCO IS OPEN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN PRESERVING AND PROTECTING HISTORIC HARRIMAN. MEMBERS NEED NOT BE A RESIDENT IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT TO BE ACTIVE.

SUNDAY, JULY 10th 2-5 PM

MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT



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CHCO is sponsoring a Candidates Forum at Killeffer Park from 2-5 pm on July 10th, for the elected offices applicable to the Cornstalk Heights Historic District. All

candidates for the following offices have been sent invitations to attend:

- TN State Representative District 32 (Primary Election)
- Roane County Executive
- Roane County Commission District 2
- Harriman City Council

A general Meet & Greet of the candidates will occur from 2-3, and statements from the candidates including audience Q&A from 3-5. Refer to the enclosed Flyer for more information.

Refreshments will be available, and Bring Your Own Lawnchair!

OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS IN UPCOMING MONTHS

Hooray for Harriman, Sept 5

Tentative: Sundae Concert in Killeffer Park, Sept 25

Rotary Luau, Oct 9

Harriman Hauntings, Oct 21 & 22

Christmas Tour of Homes, Dec 14 & 15

Harriman's History Walked on June 11th



Participants in the inaugural Harriman History Walks were educated by

Joshua Gillespie, Jeremy Browne, and RJ Foster on the events in and around Harriman during the Civil War years, the Great Land Sale/early development years, and the 1920s-1950s, respectively. While the quantity of participation was less than hoped, the quality none the less exceptional. What was also a treat was the history and little-known facts added by some of those in attendance.



The presentations included Joshua dressed in full Union Naval uniform accurate to the Civil War period (yes, the US Navy was active on the rivers in TN), Jeremy fit the part of a prohibitionist gentlemen (no, it was not type-casting), and RJ provided the Newsreel type reporting that brought the context of Harriman's events with concurrent world events. In the tour

I attended, long time residents Dr. Julian Ahler and retired attorney Bill Newcomb provided what in the sports world is considered "color commentary." It was great, and brought home the need to capture their living history on recordings for retention into the future!

2nd Friday on Roane is Moved to 3rd Friday in July (15th)



Christmas in July! is happenin' in conjunction with **ROCKIN' ON ROANE**, on Friday, July 15th, in Downtown Historic Harriman. Downtown merchants will extend business hours (until 7 or later) with food trucks, music, sales and expected sightings of a special guest from the frozen Polar region dotting Historic Harriman's "cool landscape" (*no, not the Coca Cola Polar Bear, but keep Thinking Cool and Refreshing!*)



For you Foodies, besides Harriman's own downtown eateries the options available include Johnny's BBQ, Ham n Goody's, the Pastry Princess and Twisted Creations cotton candy.

Harriman also becomes a destination that weekend for the Tennessee State Dixie Youth Baseball Championship Tournament - Ozone League. Harriman Parks & Recreation is hosting this tournament of outstanding baseball teams of 11 & 12 year olds from all across the state from Thursday, July 14th through Sunday, July 17th, at the Flour Mill Flats Ballpark (Carter Ave & Margrave Dr). **Harriman's**

own "Ozone" level team, made up of All Stars from the City's teams, is playing in this championship series under the leadership of Cornstalk Heights resident and Head Coach Andrew Knobloch, and batting stand-out Brayden Knobloch, who plays 1st base or pitcher on the field. Come support our local Harriman Baseball Team! (Editor's bias acknowledged)

The City of Harriman will hold a Community Cook-out at Killeffer Park on Thursday, July 21st, from 6-7:30 pm. This cookout is a time for city officials to fellowship with the community to listen to concerns, gather ideas, etc. **Plan to attend and offer your input!**

Still looking for more Summer Fun?

Come to the *Summer Nights on the Lawn* at the Jim Henry Event Center in Kingston on July 29th from 6-10 pm. Managed by CHHCO Board Director and Cornstalk Heights Resident Christina Branham, the *Summer Nights* event includes vendors, food trucks, bluegrass band, Kid's Area and much more in a "genteel" setting on the shaded lawn of a Historic homestead near downtown Kingston.

Harriman Hall Renovation Progress in June



Harriman Hall may have taken on the appearance of a step backwards,

as nearly all windows (except Morgan Ave) are fully covered with plastic. While this may be digressing, the window openings are actually covered because most window sashes have been removed for renovation! Our “glass lady,” Dianna Grady-Love, is actively working on restoring and painting the entire sash, including replacing missing stained glass panels. It is anticipated that more than half of the sanctuary windows will be ready to re-install in mid-July, at which time the remaining windows will be removed and restored by end of August. *Thanks to all those who have sponsored the window restorations with special memorials and honorariums!*



Periodically we'll look back at where we've been to see where we're going. Here are before & after (in 2 years) photos of Morgan Ave facade



The workday on Saturday, June 25th, tackled prep-work for the remainder of the exterior painting. A painting crew is lined up to paint the facades later this Summer, however many appurtenances needed to be removed such as abandoned phone wires, downspout brackets, and other miscellaneous wiring. Thanks to the dedicated crew that came out despite the heat wave – Bruce Knobloch,

Dick McPherson, Andy & Carie Gecelosky, Diane Sacksteder and Aaron Johnson – to keep the progress going. It may not look like a lot, but in the whole scheme of things they are additional check-marks to the punchlist of items necessary to complete.

Historic Harriman Hall Fundraising

Please consider giving to what matters most to you – the exterior renovation, interior improvements, or where there is the most need. **We're moving forward!** Would you please consider responding with your pledge, one time gift, or designated gift now?

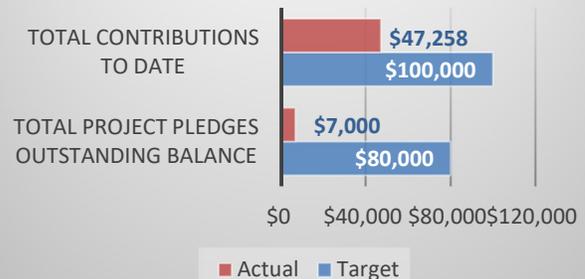
Donation Levels	Cumulative Level of Donations
Preservation Leader	\$25,000 or Greater
Preservation Guardian	\$10,000 - \$24,999
Preservation Steward	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Sustaining Donor	\$1,000 - \$4,999
Supporting Donor	\$500 - \$999
Contributing Donor	\$100 - \$499

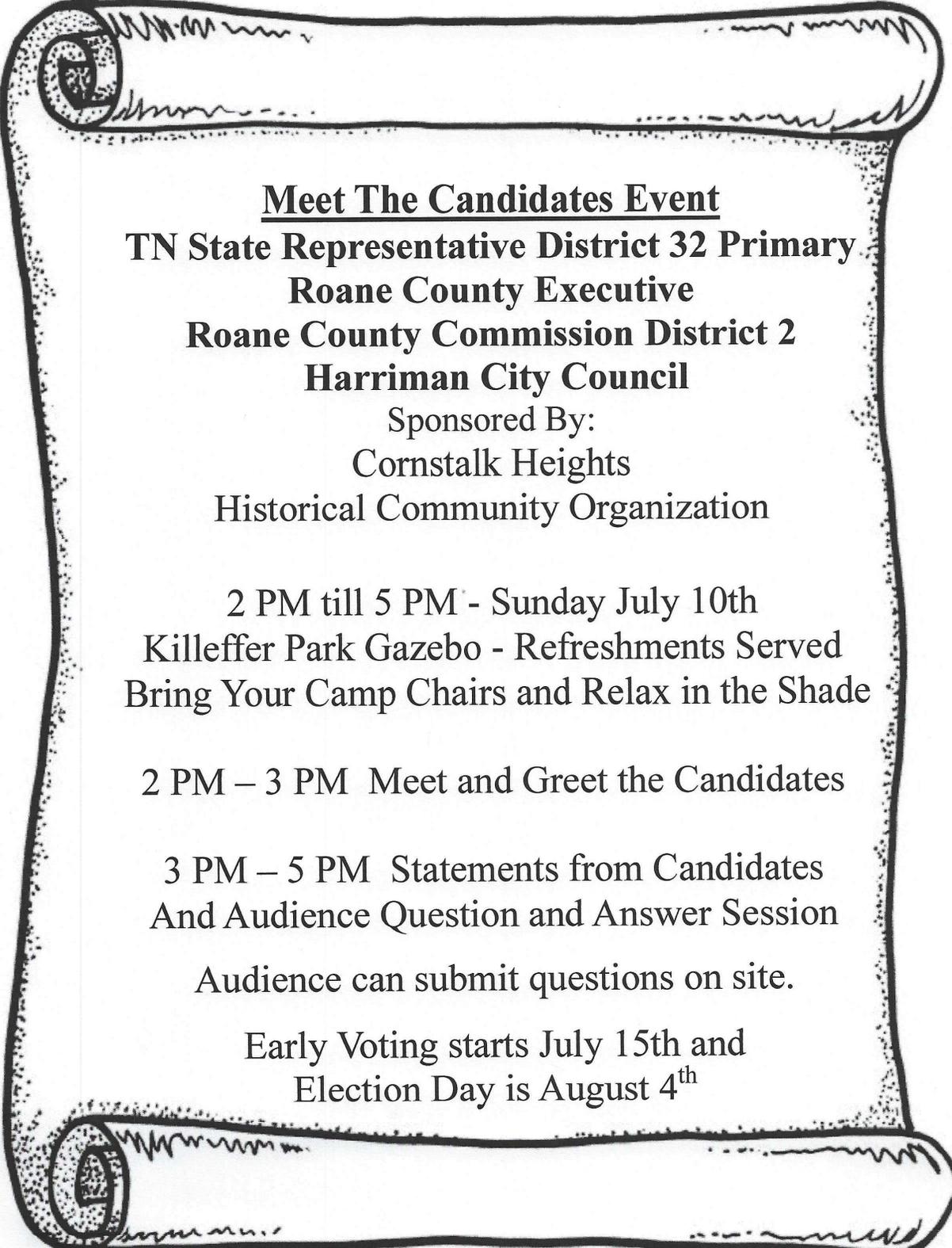
All donations go directly to the renovation of Harriman Hall, and are not used for any of the organization's operating expenses.

Cornstalk Heights Historical Community Organization is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are therefore eligible as a tax-deductible charitable contribution to the full extent of the law. Donations can be sent to:

CHCO
401 Morgan Ave
Harriman, TN 37748

RENOVATION FUND RAISING STATUS As of June 30, 2022





Meet The Candidates Event

**TN State Representative District 32 Primary
Roane County Executive
Roane County Commission District 2
Harriman City Council**

Sponsored By:
Cornstalk Heights
Historical Community Organization

2 PM till 5 PM - Sunday July 10th
Killeffer Park Gazebo - Refreshments Served
Bring Your Camp Chairs and Relax in the Shade

2 PM – 3 PM Meet and Greet the Candidates

3 PM – 5 PM Statements from Candidates
And Audience Question and Answer Session

Audience can submit questions on site.

Early Voting starts July 15th and
Election Day is August 4th

CHHCO Community Calendar

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Happy Independence Day! 	5	6 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	7	8	9
10 2-5 Meet The Candidates Event Killeffer Park	11	12	13 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	14 Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone League Championship Tournament Begins Flour Mill Flats Ballpark	15 5-8 Second Friday on Roane ROCKIN' ON ROANE Trent James Band Mayor's Alley	16
17 Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone League Championship Tournament Ends	18	19	20 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	21 6-7:30 Harriman City Cookout Killeffer Park CHHCO Board Meeting To Follow @ 709 Cumberland St	22	23 9-1 Harriman Hall Workday
24	25	26	27 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	28	29 <i>Summer Nights</i> on the <i>Lawn</i> (Kingston)	30
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