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401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman



# Newsletter

October 2022

*Custodians of the Past. Stewards for the Future*

CHHCO 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.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

**Christmas Tour of Homes, Dec 10 & 11**

### **CHHCO Board Meeting Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**



*The CHHCO Board Meeting* will be held 7:00 pm, November 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Training Room at the Harriman City Office Complex (408 N. Roane St). All CHHCO Board meetings are open, and visitors are always welcome to bring a concern/issue to the Board, or to simply listen.

## 2022 HAUNTINGS OF HARRIMAN BEST EVER!!!



*One of the most significant aspects* of the Hauntings tour is the sense of community among



both CHHCO participants and tour guests. The smiles on the faces are only part of the story. The “rest of the story” is literally the story of Harriman being told through the history and experiences shared with those on the tour.

The warming environment of the fire pits gave an opportunity for CHHCO volunteers to interact with guests waiting for their tour time. There were overwhelming positive impressions of the historic community and of Harriman as a friendly small town. All the storytellers were fantastic – informative, engaging, and at times humorous. The opportunity to showcase both Harriman Hall and Temperance Building on the tours also gave guests first-hand glimpses into Harriman’s dedication to preserving our rich and unique history as “The Town that Temperance Built.”



The proceeds from this year’s Hauntings of Harriman are still coming in (If you haven’t purchased your favorite Hauntings t-shirt yet, they are available at the Happy Dashery and at Superlative Vintage & Antiques). However, the net

proceeds resulting from sponsors, tour tickets, concessions, and t-shirt sales to date have exceeded \$8,000! This is a recent record for fund raising, with the proceeds going into the renovation of Harriman Hall.



**THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED WITH YOUR TIME AND TALENTS TO MAKING THIS A SUCCESSFUL AND FUN FUND RAISER!!!**

(All photographs courtesy of Megan Gillespie)

**Save the Dates –  
DEC 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup>**



**CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES**

*Look for more information on the Annual Christmas Tour of Homes at:*

- CHHCO Newsletters
- Facebook @HarrimanCHHCO
- Website [www.cornstalkheights.org](http://www.cornstalkheights.org).

**CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES IS IN ACTIVE PREPARATION**



*As with each of our fundraising activities, preparations are being made behind the scenes*

like a duck's webbed feet feverishly pedaling below the smooth water surface. Donna Demyanovich has agreed to again Chair the Christmas Tour of Homes and has already lined up a full slate of historic homes and churches to compliment the Carnegie Library on the tour route. The excitement of showcasing Harriman's historic homes is in full swing, and we look forward to sharing them with an appreciative audience of home tour guests.

Please don't wait to be asked to volunteer! Should you like to participate in any of the several necessary activities, contact Donna

([donnademy@yahoo.com](mailto:donnademy@yahoo.com), 865-466-2932) or Bruce ([baknob@gmail.com](mailto:baknob@gmail.com), 865-621-1274) for more information or to sign up.

**CHHCO at City Trunk or Treat**



Showing again CHHCO's community spirit, volunteers prepared/decorated our booth and handed out candy and applied

Halloween stickers to the thousands of children and family members during Harriman's October

27<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat. CHHCO's commitment to Harriman is to the community at-large, and it's great to see thousands of



smiles, laughs, and appreciative "Thank You" from everyone there. The night could not have been better, as even the setting sun on the crowd was a blessing from above!

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR THOSE THAT SET UP, DISPENSED TREATS, AND ASSISTED IN THE CLEANUP AFTERWARDS. HARRIMAN TRULY IS A CARING COMMUNITY!**



**October's Trifecta of Activities  
Finishes with a Workday at  
Harriman Hall**



*Thanks to the United Way Day of Caring, the October 29<sup>th</sup> Harriman Hall was a huge success! They may look like a small crew from a distance, but they accomplished big steps with other CHHCO volunteers to allow the*

opening of Harriman Hall’s front rooms during the Christmas Tour of Homes in December! Note the progress on the porch railing and the beginnings of the stair handrails being installed by contractor Emory Site Solutions. The other preparation performed on the workday include scraping layers of peeling paint and wallpaper from walls and ceilings, completion of the gray paint along the Cumberland St foundation, applying a second coat of accent purple on window and door frames, and even the removal of a partition wall in the lower level that dramatically opens the space for future use!

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS FINAL WORKDAY OF 2022.**

A special thanks are also to Scott & Connie Cook, who are “newbies” to CHHCO that attended the Hauntings Tour last weekend and immediately stepped up as active volunteers. To their credit, they have also purchased and are in the process of renovating two Harriman residences near the Cornstalk Heights Historic District. We are blessed to see so many people investing in Harriman and becoming part of the community.



**The Passing of CHHCO Legacy Giver Janice Hutchinson**



Hall workdays in 2022.

We are saddened to share with the CHHCO community that Janice Hutchinson, the donor of the former Christian Church, passed away in October. She had been battling cancer, but still found a way to periodically visit during our Harriman

At the time of the donation, Janice shared with us that as the former Christian Church fell further into disrepair she was encouraged by the County Executive to obtain the structure through a delinquent tax sale. Her vision was to renovate it as a religious institution, however soon found the renovation to be too daunting for an individual effort. She discussed the plight with neighbor Betsy Borum who at the time was a CHHCO Board member. Janice shared with Betsy she would donate the property to CHHCO, provided the facility be used for CHHCO activities and as a community center. This was presented to CHHCO membership at large in the Fall of 2019, and was unanimously approved.

Janice’s foresight and vision for renovation of the former Christian Church, which was Harriman’s first permanent church structure completed in 1891 and renamed Historic Harriman Hall in 2020, will live on as her legacy to Cornstalk Heights and to the City of Harriman at large.

**Historic Harriman Hall Fundraising**



Ways to contribute towards the renovation of Historic Harriman Hall can be done in many ways – by participating in Workdays, creating Senior Moment activities, or involvement in tours as fundraising activities – but ultimately the success of Harriman Hall renovations requires additional funding. Beyond general cleaning, minor repairs, and final finishes & fixtures, most of the interior renovation will require oversight by licensed professionals to comply with building, electrical and plumbing commercial codes. Funding is necessary for us to meet the 2023 goals for interior occupancy.

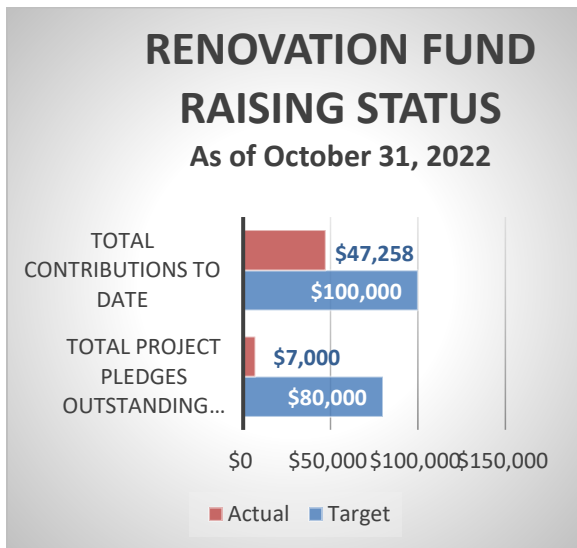
Would you please consider responding with your pledge, one time gift, or designated gift now?

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



# CHHCO Community Calendar

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ City Offices (Walden Ave)	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ City Offices (Walden Ave)	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ City Offices (Walden Ave)	17 7:00 CHHCO Board Meeting (Harriman City Training Room 408 N. Roane St)	18	19
20	21	22	23 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ City Offices (Walden Ave)	24  <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ City Offices (Walden Ave)			