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401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman



# Newsletter

April 2023

*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.**



**Living  
in a  
Historic  
District  
Means  
Living  
in a  
Legacy**

*Harriman's Historic Districts* are on the National Register of Historic Places as designated by the National Park Service following federal guidelines that recognize the cultural resources worthy of preservation. Harriman's applications are not only based on Harriman's **Utopia of Temperance** history, but also the historic quality of our buildings.

Living in a Historic District inherently has a connection to history, and property owners are now "custodians for the future." We maintain the legacy of the building's history, but we also become a part of the building's history. What an honor to be part of Harriman's history, and to contribute to society in this way. *That's why we do what we do!*

What we do not only impacts our property, but also the integrity of the Historic Districts. Numerous studies have been performed, and simply put, historic districts enhance property values (Ref: Donovan D. Rypkema, "The (Economic) Value of National Register Listing,"

CRM, 2002, Vol. 25. No. 1). Not that our only interest is financial, but we certainly want to maintain our historic quality, for both our personal benefit and the benefit of our community. Inappropriate changes to the historic character of a property decreases the value, up to and including declassification as a NPS Historic District by loss of historic credibility. That would be a bad investment decision!

Sadly, nearly all of the homes of Harriman's founding fathers have been lost to demolition prior to designation as Historic properties. The home of Frederick Gates, which rivaled Bushrod Hall in elegance, is now the site of the Harriman Middle School. Water Harriman's Home on Margrave Drive was torn down in the mid-1900s to be replaced by a "modern" residence. The only surviving residence of an East Tennessee Land Company Board member is William Russell's home at 525 Cumberland Street, which was renovated by direct decendent Sam Russell in 2016-17.



*Russell's residence on Cumberland St. The Russell residence is the only surviving home of a Director of the East Tennessee Land Company*

Interestingly, the 1892 City Director lists other Board members of the East Tennessee Land Company as either boarding (H. A. Buttrick at the Cumberland Hotel and P. S. Mason at corner of Walden & Devonia), or residing elsewhere (I. K. Funk & A. W. Wagnalls in New York City and Ferdinand Schumacher in Akron, Ohio).

## Does Your House Have a Story You Can Share?

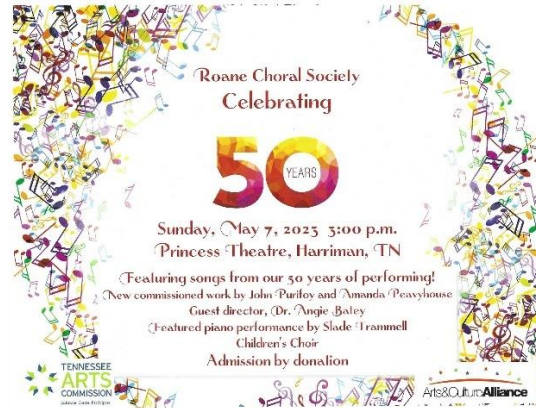
*Now is a good time to remind everyone that anyone may contribute articles to the CHHCC Newsletter.* The Board noted again that several owners have researched the history of their property and that they could/would/should share this story. After all, our inquiring minds want to know!

Any writing or photographic contributions need to relate to the stated purpose of the organization to enhance the physical, economic and social enrichment of the City of Harriman, to promote the restoration, preservation, protection and use of the Cornstalk Heights Historical Community, and to encourage the understanding and appreciation of Harriman's history, culture and architecture.

If interested, please contact Bruce Knobloch, Newsletter editor, at 865-621-1274 or [baknob@gmail.com](mailto:baknob@gmail.com) to discuss your entry. Please respect that all entries are subject to editorial review before inclusion, and alteration of the article may be discussed with the author before inclusion.

### **Live Entertainment Lives in Harriman & Roane County**

Small town living doesn't have to be short on entertainment. Harriman's Princess Theatre and Kingston's Jim Henry Event Center offer nostalgic and quality venues which in May include local, classical and tribute band music. Check out the websites, flyers, and the May Calendar for times and locations.



## **ROANE JAMBOREE**

**MAY 13, 2023**

### **PRINCESS THEATER**

**DOORS OPEN 6:00 P.M., SHOW 7:00 P.M.**

### **THE LARRY STEPHENSON BAND**



### **AUDIE BLAYLOCK & REDLINE**



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## Next Harriman Hall Workday is moved to May 20<sup>th</sup>

Due to the Memorial Day weekend, the next Saturday workday is scheduled for 9 – noon on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Expected tasks to be completed include wipe-down of surfaces in the front (Morgan Ave) meeting rooms and clean-out of rear office space for disposal. Replacement of floor boards are expected to be completed prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> by using Senior Moments.

### Historic Harriman Hall Fundraising

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

## Harriman Hall Workday Also Triggers Senior Moments

*Though rain threatened the Harriman Hall workday* on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, half a dozen volunteers kicked off the priorities for the 2023 season to complete the meeting rooms, restrooms, and office before the Christmas Tour of Homes. The initial steps of cleaning these rooms identified water damaged surfaces and sagging floors.



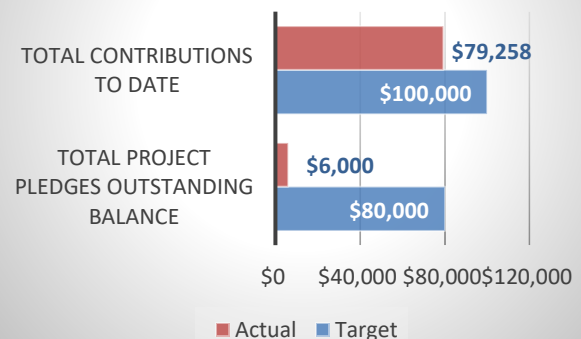
Saturday’s team uncovered the need for floor repairs such as “sistering” across rotted joists and replacement of rotted sill plates on exterior walls. Unable to complete these repairs in the allotted time for a

Saturday workday, it was quickly arranged to reconvene as Senior Moments on Tuesday morning. “Senior Moments” are when retirees in the community can perform renovation tasks on a mid-week schedule. Repairs completed this past Tuesday allow for more efficient use of time during Saturday workdays, where cleanup and preparation can proceed on room finishes.



## RENOVATION FUND RAISING STATUS

As of April 30, 2023



# CHHCO Community Calendar

## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <b>7:00 WORLD TURNING: A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE</b> Princess Theatre	6 <b>10-3 Harriman's May Day Spring Street Festival</b> Walden & Trenton
7 <b>3:00 ROANE CHORAL SOCIETY CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!</b> Princess Theatre	8	9	10 <b>11-2 Food Truck</b> next to City Offices (Walden Ave)	11	12	13 <b>7:00 ROANE JAMBOREE</b> Princess Theatre
14 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	15	16	17 <b>11-2 Food Truck</b> next to City Offices (Walden Ave)	18 <b>7:00 CHHCO Board Meeting</b> 408 Roane, Visitors Welcome	19 <b>5-8 FRIDAY NIGHTS ON ROANE</b>	20 <b>9-noon Harriman Hall Workday</b> <b>5:30 KNOXVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA</b> The Jim Henry Event Center (Kingston)
21	22	23	24 <b>11-2 Food Truck</b> next to City Offices (Walden Ave)	25	26	27
28	29 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	30	31 <b>11-2 Food Truck</b> next to City Offices (Walden Ave)			