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401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman



Newsletter

December 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.



Weather Threats Don't Slow Historic Harriman Christmas Tour of Homes

While the threat of rain persisted during the weekend of the CHHCO Christmas Tour of Homes and Mid-Tennessee experienced heart-wrenching tornadoes, the Tour proceeded without delays or issues. The number of tour guests is down compared to last year's record-breaking season, however, it was on par for typical years. The net proceeds are still being tallied, accounting for tour expenses being subtracted from totals of advertising and ticket sales. Nevertheless, CHHCO is ending 2023 on a very positive note financially – a greater bank balance than any year in its existence – to be primarily applied to the renovation of Harriman Hall.

Special Thanks to those who opened the library, church, and homes:

The Carnegie Library, hosted by Tammy Edwards & Staff

Harriman Hall, hosted by Dick McPherson & Pat LaDue

Harriman United Methodist Church, Pastor John Woods & Congregation

Donna Marie's Hospitality House, hosted by Liz Conley and a "host" of others

Dakota Bishop & Emma Simpson

Chris & Christina Branham
Brian & Nikki Frost
Larry Goldston
Joe & Jewel Jones
Andrew & Christina Knobloch
Luke & Jordan Lake
David & Teresa Pitcock



Historic Harriman Community Shines

Like Never Before

The enthusiasm before, during and after the tours is where the Historic Harriman Community visibly excels. Regardless of planning, obstacles and results, the neighbors pull together with overwhelming openness and hospitality. Those on tour included new and younger families, which reflects an important aspect for the home tour tradition to continue for years to come.

Harriman's newest event venue, Donna Marie's, served as the Hospitality House but gave the welcoming



atmosphere of a special reception for our guests. Thanks to Donna Demyanovich, who offered its use for no charge to CHHCO during the busy holiday season.

It is nearly impossible to honor all those who have created such a strong Historic Community Organization and successful tours (both Hauntings and Christmas). I believe that we can



summarize our motivation is that **what we do with others is for others.** Thank you all for this mission.

Attendance during the Community Dinner on Saturday evening was the

largest ever and included several new neighbors to the community.



The Fellowship Hall at Harriman Methodist Church was filled, and the food never ran out.

Thanks to all our

neighbors who contributed to the evening, but especially to April Burgess who prepared the festive atmosphere and hosted the event as a representative of the Methodist Church congregation (Community Dinner Photo Credits: Teresa Pitcock).

The Home Tour photos in this Newsletter are shared by Jim Hix, retired HHS Band Director and Babahatchie Band member, who was part of the instrumentalists providing music during Saturday's tour. Thanks, Jim, for pulling double-duty!





Historic Harriman Hall

Thanks to the numerous individuals who had a part in our organization, workdays and/or other events this year. Each year is becoming more challenging, as we now focus on



renovation work that requires skills and expertise commonly unavailable in the general public. But we have it here in our community, and our challenge now is having the time to do it!

We did not meet our target occupancy of the front two conference rooms, rear office and restrooms by the end of 2023, however we are moving forward. Electric power is hooked up to the facility, and pulling of wires for new lighting and outlets will resume after heating is added around the first of the year. Sheetrock work can

also resume when heat is available to aid in the drying time of joint compound. Restrooms will be added at the rear of the facility once the layout is approved by the Building Inspector. The lower level will also be cleaned, finished and climate-controlled to allow for transferring of all CHHCO

storage to the Harriman Hall location. Work will also start within the primary



Hall, subject to finance, time and talent availability. Please continue

to support Harriman Hall financially with your pledge, one time gift, or designated gift now. ***We do need your help!***



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:

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401 Morgan Ave
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CHHCO Community Calendar

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9 PM Rockin' New Years Eve Princess Theatre 12 Midnight City Ball Drop	1 <i>Happy New Year's</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 7:00 CHHCO Board Meeting (Harriman City Training Room 408 N. Roane St)	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			