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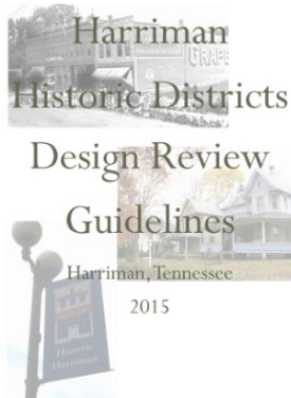


# Newsletter

February 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.



Harriman City Hall, ca. 1915

## What type of Fences to use in the Historic District

*It's not that we aren't neighborly, but most of us have fencing of one kind or another.* As noted in the Historic Design Review Guidelines, walls and fences historically shielded private areas from public view (**Design Review Guidelines, dated 2015, pg 69**). Now days our reasons for fences and walls go further – to provide security of our property and family, and to establish boundaries for outdoor pets. There are also choices ranging from solid to wide-spaced pickets, tall or short. What is the policy for fences in Harriman's Historic Districts?

Fencing can become a touchy subject within historic districts. In most cases, the fence pre-dates the ownership of the property. When needing to be replaced, it may be the intent of the current homeowner to maintain the same style, even if it's chain-link. Or, it may be to install a "maintenance free" vinyl replacement in the same style of pickets. While it's not historically accurate or recommended, it has been common to allow these types of replacements since it is seen as improving the property appearance.

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## CHHCO Annual Meeting Sunday, 3:00 March 27 at The Walden

*The Annual CHHCO meeting* has been set for **3:00 on Sunday, March 27 at The Walden, 503 N. Roane St.** Come early (beginning at 2:30) to meet and visit with other CHHCO members while enjoying refreshments. **All are welcome.** Those who attended the last annual meeting, or who have actively participated in at least one organization activity within the last 12 months, are eligible to vote. Please plan to attend.



Items to be discussed include a summary of 2021, the upcoming 2022 CHHCO Objectives, Priorities and Events, Status of Renovation of Harriman Hall, and a chance for you to provide your feedback and suggestions for CHHCO.

Please come join us for this Annual event!

## Fences in Historic Districts

The underlying Design Guideline is to “Preserve original fences and walls, and new fences should be of renewable materials such as wood, woven wire or brick” (Design Review Guidelines pg 69). Since nearly every existing fence is not original, it’s hard to “preserve” something you don’t have. Nevertheless, fencing is still reviewable by the Harriman Historic Zoning Commission (HHZC), and the review may be based more on the “intent of the law” instead of the “letter of the law.”

Property owners are always encouraged to consider historical design elements when making improvements or replacements to their structure. What is an inexpensive solution nearly always de-values the property. What is called a “maintenance free” product does deteriorate over time, and will require replacement or maintenance. What is a trendy appearance now will fall out of “trend” later.

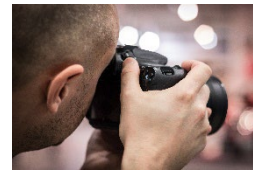
The historical recommendation for front yard fencing is therefore to always consider the best styles for the property, and the best material quality for longevity. Solid walls or fences are never appropriate for front yards in Harriman, however a hedge line using shrubs is an acceptable alternate for defining boundaries and to create screening. In fact, landscaping may serve as an environmentally friendly alternative to fencing as well as being more esthetically pleasing.

The Design Guidelines for fencing and walls are provided on pages 69-71, and it is also recommended to consider landscaping solutions discussed on pages 66-68. Rather than repeating it in this Newsletter, it is highly recommended to consult this section for recommended and approvable choices when considering what to do with your existing windows. **Fencing, except when not visible from the streetscape, is reviewable by the Historic Zoning Commission. Landscaping plantings generally does not require HZC review, however it is recommended to respect plantings in the character and fabric of the Historic District.**

## CHHCO Newsletter is Looking for Guest Articles

*Do you have an interest in writing or photography, and would like to contribute to the CHHCO Newsletter?*

Great idea – we’d love to include guest articles! Any writing or photographic contributions need to relate to the stated purpose of the organization to enhance the



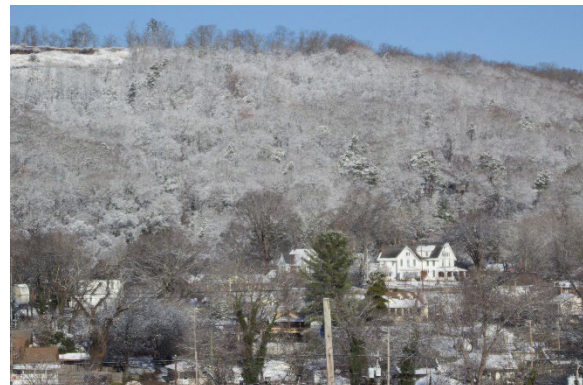
physical, economic and social enrichment of the City of Harriman, to promote the restoration, preservation, protection and use of the Cornstalk

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.

## This Month’s Guest Feature – Walden Ridge Winter 2022

*Megan Gillespie* is sharing with us a view off the Gillespie front porch of Walden Ridge during a recent snowfall. The view from their porch is wonderful at any time, but this is picture perfect!



*Megan Gillespie, photographer*

## Historic Harriman Hall Renovation



*Weather continued to be a challenge in February.* Preparation for the porch roof structure has begun, however construction material availability also caused a temporary “forced stop” to construction. Regardless, paint of the siding and trim around the primary entrance was added which reflects some progress during February.

In addition, CHHCO submitted an Application in February to the Paul Bruhn Grant Historic Revitalization Grants Program. This program does not require the structure to be located in a National Historic District or placed on the National Historic Register, which has prevented applying to other historic preservation grants.

The 2022 renovation goals may seem lofty; however, we are seeing more donations in both money and labor as more progress is observed. As a minimum, the intention is to complete the Cumberland Street façade renovation this year including stained glass windows, to complete renovation of the vestibule and two classrooms/meeting rooms on the primary floor in time for the Tour of Homes in December.

## Historic Harriman Hall Fundraising

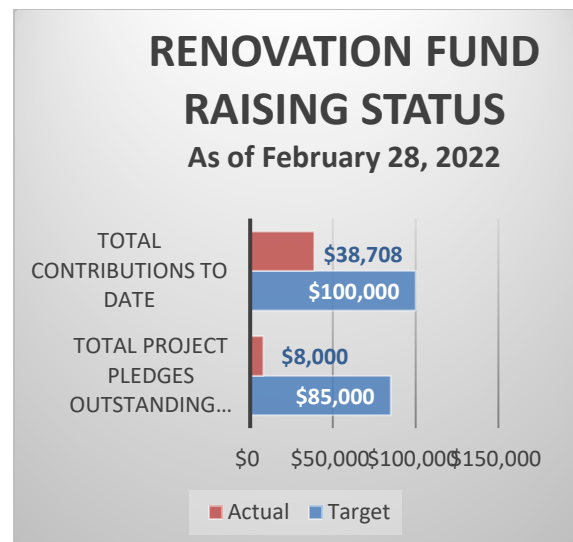
*Please consider giving to what matters most to you* – the exterior renovation, interior improvements, or where there is the most need. We also encourage you to consider sponsoring the renovation of a sanctuary window at the donation level of \$1,500. The windows will have special nameplates to honor or memorialize of the donor’s choosing. Would you please consider responding 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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## CHHCO Community Calendar

## March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	3	4	5 7:00 Roane Choral Society Concert @ Princess Theatre
6	7	8	9 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	17 7:00 CHHCO Board Meeting 503 Roane, Visitors Welcome	18	19 4:00 Rebrand Music St Jude Fundraiser @ Princess Theatre
20 2:30 Social 3:00 CHHCO Annual Meeting @ The Walden	21	22	23 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	24	25	26 7:00 Resurrection: A Journey Experience @ Princess Theatre
27	28	29	30 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking	31		

Coming Up Next Month:

**April 30** Harriman City May Day Festival