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401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman



Newsletter

January 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.

IMPORTANT 2023 EVENTS

CHHCO Annual Meeting & Community Dinner, March 12

Sundae Concert in Killeffer Park, June 11

Hauntings of Harriman Tours, Oct 20 & 21

Christmas Tour of Homes, Dec 9 & 10

CHHCO Annual Meeting & Community Pot luck Dinner

Sunday, 4:00 March 12 at Gates Hall

The Annual CHHCO meeting has been set for 4:00 on Sunday, March 27 at Gates Hall on the 2nd floor of the Harriman City Offices at 408 N. Roane St. All are welcome, including anyone not currently an active member! However only 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 on motions for Approval.

Items to be discussed include a summary of 2022, the upcoming 2023 Objectives, Priorities and Events,



Status of Renovation of Harriman Hall, and a chance for you to provide your feedback and suggestions for CHHCO.

In addition, a Community Pot-Luck

Dinner is added to this Annual Event to further enjoy CHHCO fellowship in the wonderful Gates Hall environment! CHHCO will provide drinks, Board Members will bring meat and main entrée items, and other attendees are asked (but not required) to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please plan to join us for this Annual event!



Harriman's Past as the Utopia of Temperance is only part of its history. If the walls of your house could talk, what would it say?

Does Your House Have a Story You Can Share?

Now is a good time to remind everyone that anyone may contribute articles to the CHHCO Newsletter. In the recent Board meeting, it was noted 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 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.

Welcoming of New Residents and Community Members

CHHCO recognizes that new residents into the Nationally Recognized Cornstalk Heights Historic District are not always familiar with our history, activities, and objectives to maintain the Historic character of our community. Communications with new residents is something the CHHCO Board is looking to improve. Would you be interested in helping to organize and implement this coming year? Ideas that were thrown out include focused communications to property owners and renters (if applicable) as well as welcome baskets with important contact and need-to-know information. This is also a positive way to develop a record of the history of the homes for future generations. Should you be interested in working on this initiative, please contact Dick McPherson at (865) 679-1036 or dickmcperson@rocketmail.com.

Harriman's Got Talent

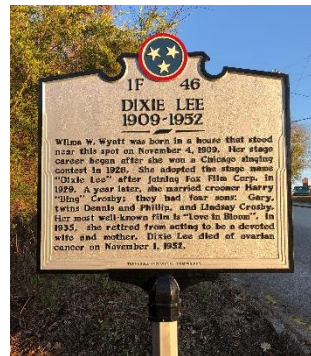
While *NBC's* hit series *America's Got Talent* looks at the "big picture," we can see in Harriman the "significant image" of our talented residents and their contributions to others. Young contributors in our community are being recognized, from elementary school age to those pursuing advanced degrees, as local artists, composers, writers, actors, singers, dancers, athletes, mentors - and the list goes on. Yet, we tend to overlook their achievements as simply home-town ability unless someone is recognized by being on the big screen.



Photo of Bing & Dixie Lee sent to her Aunt Minne Scarborough (Credit: Pulliam's "Blue Book")

Do you remember the story of Wilma (Billie) Wyatt? She was born in a small frame house in the Walnut Hill subdivision of Harriman, and went on to win a blues singing contest in Chicago

in May 1928. That led to her name change to Dixie Lee, and eventual marriage to Bing Crosby in 1930. Though Dixie was more well-known than Bing at that time, her stardom diminished, and her career ended by 1936 as she focused on raising their growing family of 4 boys. Sadly Dixie Lee died in 1952 – 3 days short of her 43rd birthday. Her legacy continues not only through her short professional career as a singer, dancer and film star, but also for her family life for which she was so dedicated.



Dixie Lee (IF 46) Tennessee State Historical Marker near Wilma Wyatt's birthplace on Oak Street in Walnut Hill

This **Harriman History Moment**

is shared to encourage us to support our family, friends, and neighbors as they fine-tune their God-given talents and interests. Several local events are on the February calendar at the end of this Newsletter,

and we encourage you to take part in as many as you can. Notably, CHHCO is a co-sponsoring the Miss Roane County Scholarship Pageant to be held on Saturday, February 4th. Consistent with the objectives of CHHCO, the Board approved to a \$250 scholarship for the Pageant's winner of the Community Service award. Also note the Children's Theatre on Feb 24th & 25th, as well as other entertainment opportunities in February as a way to break out of Cabin Fever.





Historic Harriman Hall Renovation

2019 vs 2022



It is common at the beginning of a new year to assess where you've been and where you are going in the next year. Sometimes it's hard to recognize the advancements in the short term, so these two photos are to remind us we've made great strides and to encourage us to see the project through. Yep, we're making a difference.

Many of us are anxious to begin working again in Harriman Hall, however chilly and wet weather are deterrents even for us "raised in the North." That said, the Renovation Committee will be meeting as soon as weather permits to lay out plans for implementation. There are a few items on the exterior to address, but the primary focus of 2023 will be the renovation of interior spaces that will permit CHHCO to begin limited occupancy. For this to happen, mechanical and electrical services also need to be completed. In addition there are floor, wall and ceiling repairs to be made before final finishes can be applied. Yeah, it sounds overwhelming, but taking a moment to reflect on the progress to date shows we can do it.

CHHCO continues to be blessed by generous people with their time and money, but we're also coming to the point where certain items need to be addressed by professionals in order to comply with non-residential construction codes. Please continue to support the renovation of Harriman Hall through your physical and financial support. We're not done.



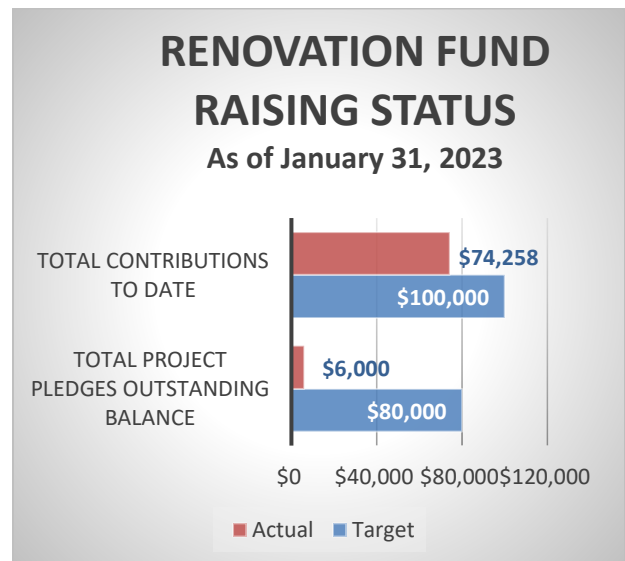
Historic Harriman Hall Fundraising

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:

CHHCO
401 Morgan Ave
Harriman, TN 37748



CHHCO Community Calendar

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11-2 Food Truck next to City Offices (Walden Ave)	2	3	4 6:00 Miss Roane County Scholarship Competition Princess Theatre
5	6	7	8 11-2 Food Truck next to City Offices (Walden Ave)	9	10 7:00 Movie <i>Casablanca</i> Princess Theatre	11 7:00 Prince Tribute Band THE PURPLE MADNESS Princess Theatre
12	13	14	15 11-2 Food Truck next to City Offices (Walden Ave)	16 7:00 CHHCO Board Meeting 408 Roane, Visitors Welcome	17 6-8 The Cumberland Swing Experience and Dinner Gates Hall	18 7-9 Rotary Club's <i>Daddy Daughter Dance</i> Gates Hall
19	20	21	22 11-2 Food Truck next to City Offices (Walden Ave)	23	24 7:00 Children's Theatre ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN Princess Theatre	25 7:00 Children's Theatre ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN Princess Theatre
26 3:00 KINGDOM HEIRS Princess Theatre	27	28				

Coming Up Next Month: March 12th 4:00 CHHCO Annual Meeting & Community Pot Luck Dinner @ Gates Hall