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Newsletter

July 2024

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.

Calling all Ghosts & Goblins!

We continue to recruit for volunteers for the 2024 Hauntings & Home Tours. The Hauntings of Harriman tours are held Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19. The Christmas Tour of Homes is Saturday & Sunday, December 14 & 15. Those considering placing their homes on tour are strongly encouraged to participate first as a volunteer to know what goes into the preparation and logistics. We guarantee you will have a lot of fun during both tours!



2024 CHHCO TOUR INFORMATION ON QR CODE

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Meet the Candidates Event

lightly attended, but well received

It almost goes without saying that CHHCO has a great time whenever we're together, however we wish more City residents attended the Meet the Candidates forum held in Killeffer Park earlier this month. The Event is sponsored by CHHCO each election cycle having candidates of interest to Harriman residents. It is publicized throughout Harriman including signs near to Post Office, Food City, Lowes and Kroger. The City even promoted through their Facebook Events Page, however very few outside of Cornstalk Heights attended the event.



Nevertheless, those in attendance provided questions for candidates vying for Harriman City Council and Roane County School Board District 2, which were all very professionally answered. Besides discussion centered around the direction of the city (which, by the way, everyone agreed was heading in the right direction), information was shared regarding other projects in the works including Riverfront improvements and development at the Midtown Exit. The School Board discussion included debate regarding the pluses and minuses relating to the hot-button issues of state-funded school vouchers and consolidated county high school. Meeting the candidates also meant knowing what's going on in our community, and becoming educated on issues that affect the quality of life in all of Harriman.



Thanks, Candidates!

Thursday, August 15th

The City of Harriman and the Downtown Merchant's **THROWBACK THURSDAY** is to celebrate **Dolly Night in Downtown**



Keep an eye on the City of Harriman website and Facebook page for more details are released of the Music, Food & Fun, and **take time to shop at the merchants staying open 'till 8!**

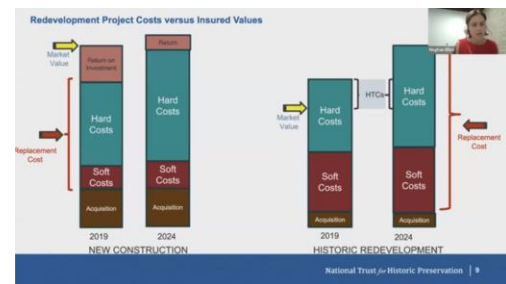
National Trust for Historic Preservation Provides Webinar on Insuring Historic Properties



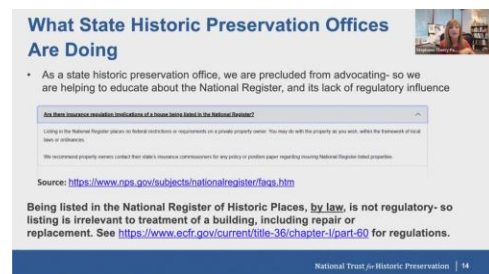
A vast majority of EHTDC membership are property owners of historic properties, and therefore the purpose of the Newsletter is to also convey information of interest to these property owners. Harriman's contact with the East Tennessee Development District (ETDD), Sarah Anderson, recently provided information for Harriman's Historic District property owners related to the challenges of property insurance. The 1 hour Webinar is available for public viewing through <https://youtu.be/pE4Ton3nB0k> where industry experts discuss the issues facing all property owners, not just of historic properties, related to risks within the insurance industry.



The Webinar explains the challenges faced by insurance companies where natural disasters are causing multi-billion dollar payouts per event, regardless of being designated Historic or not. In another segment, a property development expert also discusses the challenges of renovating historic properties whereby return on investment is impacted by renovation costs versus the market value.



Regarding insuring properties within Historic districts, it was noted the National Park Service does not create any stipulations on the insurer for replacement in kind in Historic Districts. While this is true, insurance companies may legally establish their own evaluation criterion whereby older homes, regardless of being in Historic Districts, have risks considered higher due to numerous considerations. Insurance companies when rating historic properties may therefore create an appearance of high insurance cost or denying insurance coverage, however these are market considerations the companies use when dealing with their exposure to large payouts. Be glad you don't live in a Historic home in the Florida Keys!



Great Progress on Interior during Month of July

I don't like to single anyone out at risk of offending someone else who deserves recognition for what they've contributed, however I need to recognize Pat LaDue's work on replacing a long-overdue section of rotted flooring. July was a very hot month, but we fortunately now have AC that makes working in that environment doable.



Pat's patch (pun intended) addressed a constraint on moving forward with sanding the floors. Pat worked during the week to salvage floor boards from the Sanctuary altar (stage) area, and reuse them as

flooring in the future conference room. The installation also required shims under the relocated floorboards to align them with the thickness of original floorboards.

With this necessary repair now behind us, we moved forward with sanding the floor surface. The design intention has been to refinish, but we



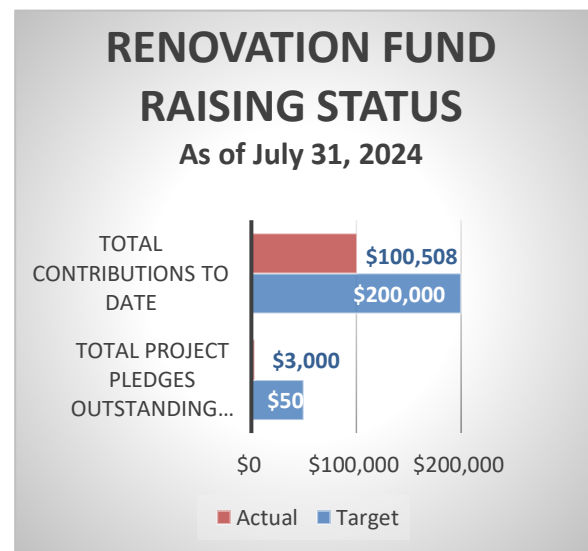
didn't know if the wood condition would be suitable for natural finish or require re-painting. Sanding along the wall edges needs to be completed, however the consensus of those seeing the floor have a very positive direction of coating the floor



with polyurethane and leave the patina (variance in color) as-is.

The sanding took longer than expected, and we were able to only complete one room over the course of the day. Following the touch-up sanding, cleaning of surfaces in that room will proceed with the intention to polyurethane the floor then paint the ceiling and walls. The floor of the second room can proceed at any time now, and will be sanded during the August 24th workday if not sooner.

Next Harriman Hall Workday is August 24th



All donations go directly to the renovation of Harriman Hall and are not used for any of the organization's operating expenses.

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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

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Election Day! 		
4	5	6	7	7:00 CHHCO Board Meeting 408 N. Roane	9	10
11	12	13	14		16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	9-noon Harriman Hall Workday 7:00 PM Big Gun: AC/DC Tribute Princess Theatre
25	26	27	28	29	30	31