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Cornstalk Heights Historical Community

401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman

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.

### Community Yard Sale Scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in June

A CHHCO community yard sale is being scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June, and is expected to coincide with a City Yard Sale. More details will be provided in the coming weeks. Start organizing for this annual sale now!

## May Festival is coming on (What Else?) Saturday, April 30th

Harriman will again be holding a May Festival on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 4 pm. CHHCO will participate with a booth providing information on the organization's 2022 events and keepsake items for sale. Volunteer to "man" the booth for an hour by contacting Bruce Knobloch at (865) 621-1274 or email at baknob@gmail.com.

### 2022 CHHCO Annual Meeting Recap



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**Members of Cornstalk Heights** met on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, for the Annual Meeting to conduct the business of the Organization required by the non-profit bylaws. Thanks to all

who took time to participate. We know there were other activities and family commitments that precluded some from attending, so we will use this Newsletter to summarize the meeting.

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#### **CHHCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

First and foremost, a big Jhank You! to the CHHCO 2021 Board for the diligent work they performed in a very difficult time coming off Covid restrictions. What is also amazing is that each member of the 2021 Board of Directors (and Officers) is willing to continue for another term! That is in most cases means serving a Fourth Term, and in the case of Aaron Johnson, a Fifth Term! The continuity of Board members over the last 3 years has allowed CHHCO to show unprecedented leadership in the Harriman Historic community. Thank you for your service! Then, the proposed slate of 2022 Board of Directors was presented for a vote. While the current CHHCO By-Laws limit the Board to 12 members (four Officers and eight Directors), we have created "Alternate Director" positions who participate in the Board however if a vote came to a count, the Alternate votes do not apply to any action taken (though split votes are a rarity). The Proposed Slate to include 4 Alternate Directors in addition to the 4 officers and 8 directors at large was approved by voice affirmation. The following is the CHHCO Board of Directors for 2022:

President Bruce Knobloch
 Vice President Dick McPherson
 Secretary Joshua Gillespie
 Treasurer Bob Harnden
 Historian Tom Scandlyn
 Directors at Large Christina Branham

Donna Demyanovich Elizabeth (Liz) Conley

Garry Barton
Joe Jones
Pat Ladue

Ron Becker

Alternate Directors Aaron Johnson
 Joshua Edwards
 Martha Wilkinson
 Neil Van Cura

### TREASURER'S REPORT

CHHCO Treasurer Bob Harnden provided a summary of 2021 financial activities, which in summary increased the year-end bank balances from \$18,277.55 on January 1, 2021 to \$32,160.32 on December 31, 2021. The report reflect significant income from the Hauntings Tour, Christmas Home Tour, and direct donations towards the renovation of Harriman Hall. It was noted that the ending balance of \$32,160.32 is roughly the starting balance on January 1, 2020. In other words, after 2 years of activities, CHHCO is in the same financial standing plus now also having the asset of Harriman Hall to it's Balance Sheet. This is a tremendous feat to have reach at this point!

- January 1, 2021 Accounts' Balance = \$18,277.55
- 2021 Gross Income = \$27,904.70
- \$8,174.96 (\$7,083.25 net) earned from the Hauntings Tour
- \$6,943.28 (\$4,014.96 net) earned from Christmas Home Tour
- \$12,629.57 received in direct donations for Harriman Hall restoration
- 2021 Expenses/Disbursements = \$14,021.93
- \$4,020.03 spent on Hauntings and Christmas tour fundraising events
- \$705.02 spent on administrative activities (insurance, website)
- \$7,995.18 spent on Harriman Hall renovation and taxes
- \$1,000.52 spent on charitable projects & events (Walden Ave., picnics, dinners, donations)
- 2021 Net Income = \$13,882.77
- December 31,2021 Account's Balance = \$32,160.32

Nevertheless, the bank funds will soon be used as intended for the renovation of Harriman Hall – which will be more beautiful and functional structure than its current state. More on that in the discussion on Harriman Hall Renovation.

#### **Primary CHHCO Events**

After summarizing the purpose of CHHCO and the open membership to those that support

restoration, preservation and protection of Historic Harriman (not limited to historic property owners), primary CHHCO events for 2022 were noted as the Hauntings of Harriman tours on October 21 & 22, and Christmas Tour of Homes on December 10 & 11. Other events are in the making, and will be noted in the Monthly Newsletter.

### **Historic Harriman Information**

Updated business directory and historical information pamphlets are currently being prepared as a collaborative between the City of Harriman and CHHCO. A draft "Welcome! to Historic Harriman" has been prepared by Joshua Gillespie, which includes a general location map for historical points of interest and Harriman's Historic Districts on the National Register of Historic Places. Other pamphlets anticipated to be prepared include downtown businesses and a walking tour of the Cornstalk Heights Historic District.

### **Harriman Hall Renovation**

The status of Harriman Hall renovations and goals of 2022 were then presented. Renovation activities have just passed 2 years, and it's easy to miss the progress unless you show the before and after photos side by side.

This year there are ambitious goals to have at least a portion of Harriman Hall "move-in ready" by this year's Christmas Tour of Homes. As noted earlier, fundraising and renovation donations have added a considerable amount of funds to complete this work. It is up to us to ensure we meet the expectation of our donors!

- Complete the Cumberland Street façade renovation including stained glass windows
- Complete renovation of the vestibule and two classrooms/meeting rooms on the primary floor
- Install restrooms towards the office space (southeast corner)
- Install plumbing, electrical and HVAC that will allow use of these renovated interior spaces



Condition of Harriman Hall at start of 2020



Condition of Harriman Hall at start of 2022



# **Historic Harriman** Hall Donation

Andy and Carie Gecelosky (President) of the Harriman Lions Club are also members of CHHCO due to their in Harriman Hall

participation renovations. In attending the CHHCO Annual Meeting, Carie provided on behalf of the Lions Club a surprise donation of \$500 and the pledge of an additional \$1,000 toward the restoration of a Harriman Hall sanctuary window. In presenting the check, Carie stated that while the Lion's Club is focused on vision, they also want to be a club active in the community. CHHCO President Bruce Knobloch noted that the Lion's Club focus on "vision" (eyesight) carries a double-meaning for a shared "vision" (future) with CHHCO for preserving Harriman's past for the future. They also noted the Lions Club intent in continuing to participate in Harriman Hall workdays. Thank you, Harriman's Lions Club!

# **Historic Harriman Hall Renovation**Work Day 9 AM – 1 PM April 23<sup>rd</sup>

The next Harriman Hall workday has been scheduled from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a time where volunteers can come support each other, and in many cases, plan for individual follow-up renovation work activities.

In general, the next phase of renovation work is summarized as:

- Exterior Improvements along foundation walls
- Complete Window Restorations
- Interior Finishes of Front Meeting Rooms

We will be focusing on cleaning/painting the foundation walls and preparing the front meeting rooms for use. Contracting of primary façade painting and stained glass window replacement is being contracted out. Come help provide a solid start to the 2022 goals for completion!

### Historic Harriman Hall Renovation



In case you have not driven bν Harriman Hall lately, the new porch cover is framed and waiting roofing material to collect the runoff from front the roof

structure. The design is to have a tongue and groove ceiling and a 3-dimensional roof slope to the corner scupper and downspout next to the front-left 6x6 post. It's coming along, and soon the first part of controlling heavy rain runoff will be complete.

### 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**

## **April 2022**

| Sun   | Mon | Tue                                       | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|-----|---|--|---|--|---|
|   |     |   |  |   | 1  | 2   |
| 3 3:00 Babahatchie Band Concert @ Harriman High School Auditorium (Donations) | 4   | 5   | 6 <b>11-2</b> Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking              | 7 7 Law and Disorder @ Princess Theatre                       | 4-8 Friday Nights on Roane 7 Law and Disorder @ Princess Theatre (FREE!) | 9 2 & 7 Law and Disorder @ Princess Theatre (FREE!)                   |
| 10  | 11  | 5:00 Historic Zoning Commission 408 Roane | 13 11-2 Lunchtime Food Truck @ old Hosp Parking                    | 14  | 15   | 16  |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20<br><b>11-2</b> Lunchtime<br>Food Truck @<br>old Hosp<br>Parking | 7:00 CHHCO Board<br>Meeting<br>503 Roane,<br>Visitors Welcome | 22   | 23<br><b>9-1</b> Harriman Hall<br>Workday (lunch<br>provided)         |
| 24<br>3 RSCC Music<br>Recital @<br>Princess Theatre<br>(FREE!)                | 25  | 26  | 27<br><b>11-2</b> Lunchtime<br>Food Truck @<br>old Hosp<br>Parking | 28  | 29   | 30<br><b>10-4</b> Mayday<br>Festival @<br>Trenton & Walden<br>Streets |