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401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman



Newsletter

December 2024

Custodians of the Past, Stewards for the Juture

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.



1t seemed everyone wanted to be out on Saturday, and the Home Tour attendance that day exceeded last year's weekend total. Not



only that, but the addition of the *Christmas Market* brought shoppers into a festive shopping environment that impressed everyone on the quality of merchandise and welcoming nature of the vendors. We had many new visitors to the

Christmas
Tour of
Homes,
and
comments
were most
favorable
on the





overall experience. Thanks to all who created this atmosphere, and to those who volunteered to make it happen!

Sunday's rain unfortunately put a damper on the day, but we still had better than

expected attendance considering the weather. The down-side to the rain was, of course, the negative effect on Christmas Market shoppers. Not to fear, our Christmas Tour planners already have ideas up their sleeve on how to resolve the negative aspect of potential weather. More to be reported on that in the future!

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

The Carnegie Library, hosted by [retiring] Tammy Edwards & Staff

Harriman Hall, hosted by Kody Bishop, Bruce Knobloch & Joe Jones

Harriman Methodist Church, hosted by members of the Congregation

First Christian Church, hosted by the members of the Congregation

Donna Marie's Hospitality House, hosted by Beverly Jamison and a "host" of others

Emri & Tonya Basal
Chris & Christina Branham
Randy Byrd & Tony LaMance
Seth & Ariel Francis
Larry Goldston
Pat & Teresa LaDue
Lake & Jordan Lowe
Dick & Paige McPherson
Kecia Smith

<u>Pictorial Album of the Weekend</u>



Here's a sampling of what CHHCO shared this weekend!

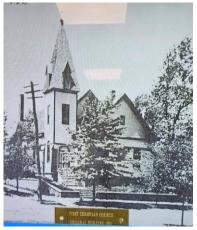








Historic Harriman Hall



Having spent time in Harriman Hall during the Home Tour, I was able to explain our renovation project to those visiting every year, and to those coming for

the first time. In all cases, people are noting they see progress. Those new to Harriman are impressed with the extent of progress when viewing the photos reflecting the condition 5 years ago. We knew it wouldn't be easy, and we knew it would take time. The lack of grant funds also influenced our lack of finishing within the 5 year plan we projected. That said, there are very positive indications the Harriman Hall will play a more active role during the 2025 Christmas Tour of Homes, a true start towards regular use. We're also getting very close to completing the entire renovation project!

We did not totally finish as intended the front two conference rooms, rear office and restrooms by the end of 2024, however we are progressing. Challenges with obtaining volunteer hours are limiting



progress on completing surface finishes (including floor sanding), but we continue working on it. Now funds are in place, and plans for the restrooms and small office in the back will be reviewed by the Board soon before submitting for a Building Permit. Our stretch goal for 2025 includes the repair to the sanctuary ceiling damage (by a contractor), and possibly

finishing wall, ceiling and floor surfaces in the sanctuary, contingent on successfully being awarded the grant we recently applied for.



Regardless, limited work will occur within the sanctuary in support of access to the office and restrooms in the rear.

Your continued support is critical at this time! Please continue as you are able, either through volunteering or supporting Harriman Hall financially with your pledge, one time gift, or designated gift now. There will be expenses beyond what the potential grant would cover, so we *do continue to 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:

CHHCO 401 Morgan Ave Harriman, TN 37748



CHHCO Community Calendar January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31 9 PM Rockin' NYE Midnight City Ball Drop Roane & Walden Sts	Happy New Year's	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	7:00 CHHCO Board Meeting (Harriman City Training Room 408 N. Roane St)	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	7 PM Boys in the Band (THE ALABAMA TRIBUTE) Princess Theatre	18
2-5 PM Makers Matinee Movie & Crafting Princess Theatre	20	21	22	23	24	25 6 PM <i>City Karaoke</i> Gates Hall Free
26	27	28	29	30	31	7 PM Georgette Jones Princess Theater