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2015 Garbage Recycle Yard Waste SCHEDULE INSIDE

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HELPFUL CONTACTS	PHONE	Updated: 1-23-15
HAVRE DE GRACE		
City Hall	410-939-1800	
Police Department	410-939-2121	
Hospital - Harford Memorial	443-843-5000	
Library - HdG Branch	410-939-6700	
Post Office - U.S.	410-939-2335	
Visitor Center	410-939-2100	
Water Plant	410-939-1070	
Wastewater Plant	410-939-1220	
HdG Elementary School	410-939-6616	
HdG Middle School	410-939-6608	
HdG High School	410-939-6600	
Meadowvale Elementary School	410-939-6622	
Parks & Rec - Activity Center	410-939-6724	
Chamber of Commerce - HdG	410-939-3303	
HARFORD COUNTY		
Animal Control	410-638-3503	
Health Department	410-838-1500	
Mosquito Control	410-841-5870	
Pet License	410-638-3505	
Sheriff's Office	410-879-2782	
Voter Registration	410-638-3565	
Miss Utility - Before You Dig!	800-257-7777	
Baltimore Gas & Electric	410-685-0123 or 1-800-685-0123	
Comcast / Verizon	410-272-7500 or 1-800-837-4966	

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Spring/Summer 2015

Your City Newsletter

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Greetings from the Mayor ~

2015 promises to be an *exciting New Year* for our City! We start off the year with Havre de Grace being named #11 of 50 Best Small Town-Downtowns in America! We know this recognition is not the result of just one person's work, but a shared commitment between our business community, hundreds of volunteers, and the entire City staff working together to make us shine!

As we move into the season of Spring, you will see the completion of several major projects that further enhance the beauty of our City. *(see pg. 4 for details)* This time of year also marks the increase in the number of special events that are fun for all ages. Also this spring is your chance to help decide the future of our City by exercising your right to vote. City elections will be held May 5th for three council seats and mayor.

Again, 2015 will be a busy, exciting time. Take time to relax. I hope to see you and your family enjoying this Best Small Town in America!

BEST CHOICE REVIEWS — BEST TOWNS IN AMERICA

Best regards,
Wayne H. Dougherty, **Mayor**
Elected May 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013
wayned@havredegracemd.com

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Mark your calendar...and be sure to visit www.explorehavredegrace.com for a complete listing of events!

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	Aug.	SEPTEMBER
8 **Daylight Saving Time** Set clocks forward 1 hour	18 **Clean - Up Day** see insert for details	5 **City Election Day**	30 **Carnival** opens at Tydings Park 6pm-10:30pm	5 **HdG's Independence Day Celebration**		7 **Labor Day** Follow Holiday Trash Schedule
	25 **Clean - Up Day** see insert for details	16 **Clean-up Day** w/Paper Shredder		**Parade** - 2pm		19 **City-wide Yard Sale** (see pg.7)
	25 **City-wide Yard Sale** (see pg.7)	25 **Memorial Day** Follow Holiday Trash Schedule		**Carnival** - 4pm (ends today)		**19 Clean-Up Day** see insert for details
				Concert - 7pm		
				Fireworks - 9:15 pm		**26 Clean-Up Day** see insert for details

- Introducing -
HAVRE DE GRACE CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
7 PM - 1st & 3rd MONDAYS
711 Pennington Ave.

Meeting Agendas available on-line at www.havredegracemd.com

Council Meetings televised 1st and 3rd Tuesdays on Harford Cable Network

Committee Appointments

The Council President appoints Council Members to committees to help ensure City Laws and Ordinances are understood and followed. Each committee consists of no more than three Council members, one serving as **Chair**. The Mayor also appoints Council members to serve as liaison to the other various committees, commissions and advisory boards as defined by the City Charter.

William T. Martin, *Council President*
re-elected: May 2014
E-mail: billm@ havredegracemd.com

Committee Assignments:
Administrative, Public Safety, Parks & Harbor

Randolph E. Craig ★
re-elected: May 2013
E-mail: randyc@havredegracemd.com

Committee Assignments:
Parks & Harbor, Public Works, Planning

John Correri ★
re-elected: May 2013
E-mail: johnc@ havredegracemd.com

Committee Assignments:
Public Works, Budget & Finance, Planning

Fred Cullum ★
Elected: May 2013
E-mail: fredc@havredegracemd.com

Committee Assignments:
Planning, Budget & Finance Public Works

Stephen Gamatoria
Elected: May 2014
E-mail: steveg@ havredegracemd.com

Committee Assignments:
Budget & Finance, Administrative, Public Safety

David Glenn
re-elected: May 2014
E-mail: davidg@ havredegracemd.com

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Public Safety, Administrative, Parks & Harbor

Next Elections for City *Council & Mayor* TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015 , 7am to 8pm.
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH HALL located at 615 Congress Ave.

- City elections are held every year in the month of May
- Every year three ★ City Council seats are voted upon
- The position of Mayor is voted upon every two years
- All elected positions are for two-year terms

Are You Registered to Vote?
Registration forms are available at City Hall

Council Portraits: *Leo P. Heppner Photography*

Havre de Grace High School - Class of 2014 -

Total dollar amount offered in scholarships *(academic, merit, senatorial, civic, athletic, etc)* **$2,298,590** !

DELAWARE
University of Delaware
Wesley College

FLORIDA
Hillsborough Community College

NORTH CAROLINA
East Carolina University

NEW YORK
Russell Sage College

PENNSYLVANIA
Delaware Valley College
DeSales University
Drexel University
Elizabethtown College
Harcum College
Lycoming College
Millersville University
West Chester University

WEST VIRGINIA
Shepherd University
West Virginia University

MARYLAND
Bowie State University
Cecil College
Community College of Baltimore Co.

MARYLAND (con't.)
Frostburg State University
Harford Community College
McDaniel College
Morgan State University
Notre Dame of Maryland
Salisbury University
St. Mary's College
Towson University
University of MD, Baltimore County
University of MD, College Park
University of MD, University College

MILITARY APPOINTMENT & SERVICE
U.S. Military Academy - West Point, NY
Army ROTC - Loyola University, MD
United States Air Force
United States Army
United States Marine Corps

Citizens Against Trash Invite YOU!

Join our "Adopt a Block Program" and help us reach our goal of making our City the cleanest in Maryland!
It's easy and fun. For your free kit, contact the CAT club.

Show your community pride and teach your kids and grandkids a lasting civic lesson.

Call **Al Peteraf 443-742-3352**

Calling all Green Thumbs!

The HdG ***Green Team*** has partnered with the City to establish four community gardens. To apply for a garden plot, get an application at City Hall, the Public Library, or email: **HdGGreenTeam@gmail.com**

The Havre de Grace ***Green Team*** is a non-profit organization dedicated to environmentally-friendly initiatives in our community. To learn more about the Green Team's other initiatives (e.g., plant-based pot-luck, recycling, biking, environmental films), visit them on Facebook at **https://www.facebook.com/HavredeGraceGreenTeam**.

YARD SALES ~ All Around the Town ~

Havre de Grace's 14th City-wide Yard Sale, Saturday April 25, 2015 (rain date Sunday April 26, 2915). 8am-4pm

Start cleaning out the basement, attic and garage of unwanted items for this annual event! Stuff your pockets with the money you make from the sale of these unwanted things.

Past City-wide yard sales have totaled 50+ participants and have drawn visitors and shoppers from nearby states including Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia.

Deadline for newspaper listing: April 6, 2015.
No Charge to You for this Service!

Want to participate? Here's what you do:

1. Set up your own yard sale, garage sale or estate sale. For those who reside in apartments, condominiums, etc. and/or cannot hold a yard sale, spaces are available at 226 North Union Avenue for $10 (day of sale), proceeds to benefit the HdG Historic Preservation Commission.

2. Call the **HdG Visitors Center at 410-939-2100 or Ron Browning 410-939-6562** to get your address added to the list. The Havre de Grace Tourism office will help advertise your yard sale location along with other participants in the newspapers, online, in special antique weeklies, and in posted flyers.

Fall City-wide Yard Sale date: September 19, 2015.

City Yacht Basin and Waterfront Parks

Steve Young, Manager 410-939-0015
stevey@havredegracemd.com

City Yacht Basin may have a slip available for your size vessel. Call or email Marina Manager for more information.

Rates: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015
Annual Rental Fees are $58 per foot
Transient Slips are $1.50/foot per night
Launching Ramp Fee is $10. per launch
(Senior Citizen 65+ is free. Must get a Senior Pass from the fuel dock before launching.

KAYAKS & CANOES - Free Launch sites for YOU!
At **Hutchins Park**, **Jean Roberts Park,** and **City Yacht Basin**

The People Behind Our Four Memorial City Parks - a brief history

Millard E. Tydings Memorial Park - Millard Evelyn Tydings was an attorney, author, soldier, state legislator, and served as a Democratic Representative and Senator in the United States Congress from Maryland, serving in the House from 1923 to 1927 and in the Senate from 1927 to 1951. Born in Havre de Grace April 6, 1890 - Died Feb. 9, 1961
For more information about this very interesting man, visit: www.senate.gov/.../Featured_Bio_Tydings.htm

Frank J. Hutchins Memorial Park - Frank Hutchins served as Mayor of Havre de Grace from 1973-1979. Before his time as Mayor, there was no promenade, no museums, only 1 park, and a junk-filled waterfront. "He had a vision for the City, believing its economic salvation lay in developing tourism, with the waterfront and the City's history as the focal points. The first thing that needed to be done, he said, was to clean up the waterfront, improve public access to it and encourage private development along some stretches that were not being used for anything except to accumulate junk." **by Allan Vought of The Record -Posted 4/01/11 - See more at: http://archives.exploreharford.com/news/8535/toehold-column**

McLhinney Memorial Park - Walter McLhinney served as Mayor of Havre de Grace from 1951 to 1957 and again from 1959 to 1961. He established McLhinney's News Depot on North Washington Street in 1922. This popular gathering spot served up Breyer's Ice Cream, in addition to magazines, newspapers and cigarettes. Many young boys had their first job delivering papers for Mr. McLhinney (Walter) and later for his son, Charles. The McLhinneys were a well-liked, iconic family in Havre de Grace, with a favorable reputation of being good role models for others to follow.

Jean Roberts Memorial Park - Jean Sharp Roberts was a lifelong resident, a teacher at Havre de Grace Elementary School and a City Councilmember for one term. During her term, she was liaison to Havre de Grace Recreation Council and stayed on as a member of the Rec Council when her term ended. Jean Roberts originated the plan of a park under the PRR (Amtrak) bridge and was tenacious in getting it funded through Harford County's Program Open Space. Unfortunately she died of cancer before the park was finished. The Council named the park in her memory at the dedication in 1985.

Police Department

Teresa G. Walter, Chief - 410-939-2121

Announcing: **2nd ANNUAL SUMMER SAFETY YOUTH CAMP**

The Havre de Grace Police Department's School Resource Unit will offer its **Second Annual Summer Safety Camp** this July. **Session 1: July 20 - July 25** and **Session 2: July 27 - July 31**. The camp, which is open to Havre de Grace area students, offers a fun, interactive program educating campers about bullying prevention, cyber safety, gang awareness, drug prevention, and community service. The camp is presented by HdG School Resource Officers: **PFC. Dan Petz, PFC Renee Saul,** and **PFC Teresa Adams.**
Follow the Havre de Grace School Resource Unit at **www.facebook.com/hdgsros** or see them at each of the schools during the school year.

For more information, contact PFC. Dan Petz at 410-939-2121.

Economic Development Department

Thomas W. Lofland, Director 410-939-1800 x-1119
toml@havredegracemd.com

YES WE CAN!

New Businesses and New Locations Welcome to Havre de Grace!

A *Community Legacy Grant* from the *Maryland Department of Community Development* was secured to fund this unique beautification project.

Ameriprise Financial 112 N. Washington St. (opening 1st quarter of 2015)
Owned and operated by Bronwyn Martin, this business specializes in Wealth Management.

Kitchen Sister 114 N. Washington St. (will open 2nd quarter of 2015)
Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner by owner sisters Jeannie Malott and Laura Kalb.

Blaze Cigar House 431 St. John St.
Owner Raytron Leaks offers high end cigars. Enjoy in the cozy lounge or take with you!

E Z Tobacco & Gifts 300 St. John St. (relocated from Union Ave.)
Owned and operated by Todd Salkowski offering tobacco products and a variety of gifts.

Beacon Health Center 253 Lewis Ln.
Opened its doors Nov. 2014, this practice provides health care for adults and children.

MD Immediate Care 504 Lewis St.
Owned and operated by Dr. Rehan Khan, MD MS. This practice is a 24/7 health care service.

Royal Farms 801 Pulaski Highway
Newly opened convenience store and gas station.

Lufburrow Dental 415 Pennington Ave. - 1st floor (relocated from Green St.)
Owned and operated by Dr. John and Charlene Lufburrow.

Lufburrow & Company 415 Pennington Ave. - 2nd floor
Owned by Heather Lufburrow. This IT business services companies nationwide.

Arts by the Bay Gallery 307 St. John St. (relocated from Warren St.)
Co-op Gallery showcasing works by member artists. (opening 2nd quarter of 2015)

Joseph's Department Store 126 + 128 N. Washington St. (expanded to adjacent property) Newly upgraded and expanded space offering clothes, shoes, toys, and gifts.

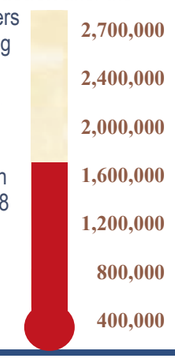
Wilhelm Automotive 843 Juniata St. (relocated from 315 N. Juniata-will open end of March)
Owned and operated by David Wilhelm. A repair service for domestic and import vehicles.

HdG Main St., Inc. 102 N. Washington St. (relocated from Union Ave. - to open 2nd quarter of 2015) Home to a non-profit group dedicated to promoting the downtown business district.

OPERA HOUSE: Renovation Update!

Mid-May 2015 - Projected start date for construction after the Tidewater Players close their spring production of *Les Miserables*.

It is anticipated that construction will take 12 to 18 months.



2015 DESTINATION GUIDE HIGHLIGHTS PARTNERSHIPS TO PROMOTE HAVRE de GRACE

The City of Havre de Grace announces the release of the 2015 Destination Guide. Coordinated by the Havre de Grace Office of Tourism, this brochure highlights Havre de Grace in a big way! It is a useful tool that shows the partnerships with our attractions and businesses. This creative and attractive tribute to our City includes a **calendar of events**, lists of attractions, retail services, area lodging, dining facilities and a locator map. The cover shot, contributed by our City's talented photographer **Adam Rybczynski**, shows a chair waiting and announcing that Havre de Grace is... ***"Always in Season."***

Fifty thousand brochures will be distributed widely. Every welcome center and visitor's bureau in the state of Maryland will distribute the new promotional piece. Additionally, the brochure has been sent throughout Harford County, Baltimore County and reaches into Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Guides are also directly fulfilled to thousands of inquiries each year throughout the United States and internationally.
The brochure is available at the Havre de Grace Visitor Center at 450 Pennington Avenue or by calling **1-800-851-7756**

For more information, contact Brigitte Peters, Tourism Manager 410-939-1800 x1128 brigittep@havredegracemd.com

Department of Public *WORKS !*

Larry F. Parks, Director 410-939-1800 x 1107
larryp@havredegracemd.com

Your DPW is working on the following Major Projects to improve the quality of life for all...

- ☑ **Citizens Park** - The required bio-retention ponds have been completed. Funding was provided by the *Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Critical Area Commission.* City crews will begin the installation of walkways, exercise stations and landscaping. They anticipate the completion of this project, located on Concord St., by end of April.
- ☑ **Concord Park** - The promenade will be extended. The City has been successful securing grant funds from the *Maryland Historic Trust-Heritage Areas Program* to pay for this project.
- ☑ **Living Fence at Water Plant** - A contract has been signed with Shane Custom Metal Fabricators to construct this specialized fence at the Water Plant on St. John St. beginning mid-February. Plantings will occur in the spring.
- ☑ **Paving and Storm Water Improvement Projects** have been scheduled to begin this spring. For this budget year, Juniata Street from Revolution to Alliance Street will be completed.

What *more* does the Dept. of Public *Works* do?

Our TO DO List is extensive - and is re-prioritized at a moment's notice. Water main breaks, sewer back-ups or harsh storms can change our plans in an instant. No day is what you could call "regular" since needs vary greatly which re-direct our work. However, ***some* of the common daily tasks include:**

- treating 1.89 million gallons of sewage per day
- producing up to 4 million gallons of clean drinking water daily and sending it to homes, businesses and fire hydrants
- repairing potholes, curbs and sidewalks
- maintaining all 56 City properties inside and grounds (including firehouse #2 and the Community Center)
- meter readings and water/sewer installations
- maintaining storm drains
- addressing issues with trash collection services and streetlight outages
- ice/snow removal and/or street sweeping
- supporting 150-200 events held throughout the year

IN THE NEWS around the country -

and here in Havre de Grace!

A costly problem - that is ***preventable!***

- **Jim Gill, Manager of HdG Waste Water Treatment Plant** tells us, "When wipes are flushed down the toilet, a problematic chain of events begins. Wipes, unlike toilet paper, **do not dissolve**. They get stuck in the rough interior of the pipe and then another wipe will get stuck and next thing you know, we are searching for a clump of wipes that have clogged up the lines. Then, the pumps that push the sewage away from your home get clogged with the wipes and damage the pumps beyond repair. The amount of time we spend to unclog this mess and the cost to replace the burned up pumps is considerable."

The Universal SOLUTION?
DO NOT FLUSH WIPES.

Department of Planning

W. Neal Mills, Director 410-939-1800 x 1122
nealm@havredegracemd.com

When hiring a contractor, please be sure they are licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission (MHIC), or the Maryland Home Builder Registration Unit for new home construction.

NOTE: The contractor is required to apply for your permit on your behalf.

Confirm that your licensed contractors have received final approval on all required inspections (building inspections, electrical, plumbing, and/or mechanical.)

If opening a new business in town, a *Use & Occupancy* Permit will be required.

Questions? Please feel free to contact:

City Hall Permits Clerk Colleen Critzer
410-939-1800 x1102 or
colleenc@havredegracemd.com

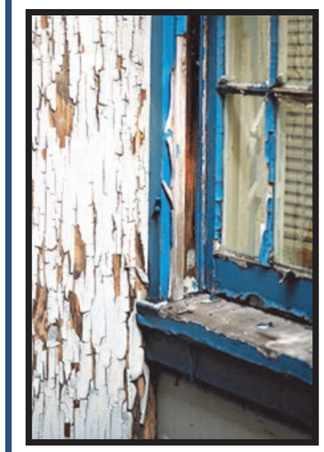
A Building Permit is needed for projects such as these:

PROJECT	PERMIT FEE
Fence or Shed	$50
Garage	$100
Deck	$75
Screen Room	$75 - $100
Addition	$350
Pool (Above Ground)	$50
Pool (In Ground)	$100
Interior Renovation	$75
Framing, Insulation	$75 - $200
Demolition	$100 - $150
Dumpster (On Street)	$50

Attention Rental Property Owners:

Is your paperwork current?
All residential RENTAL properties must be registered with the Planning Department.

Contact ***Marisa Willis***
410-939-1800 x-1123



LEAD PAINT
- A Change in the Law -

As of January 1, 2015, Maryland State Lead Laws apply to **residential rental properties built before 1978**. (previously before 1950)

For more information go to: http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/LeadPoisoningPrevention/Pages/index.aspx

- Property Maintenance -

If you are concerned about a property that has:

- **abandoned or inoperable bicycles, boats, boat trailers, mopeds or motor vehicles;**
- **abandoned appliances, equipment or furniture,**
- **junk, trash, refuse, debris, garbage, or rubbish,**

Please contact Code Enforcement Officer Earl Sweigart:
410-939-1800 ext. 2104 Mon.- Fri. 7am-3:30pm.
Home values and neighborhood quality are negatively impacted when property is not kept up.

REMINDER - To Homeowners and Business Owners

You are responsible for removing leaves, snow and ice from the public sidewalks fronting your property.