



# Citizen Connection

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Late Winter/Early Spring/Summer 2014



## Greetings from the Mayor ~

I must say although this winter season has been particularly cold, I have heard many heart-warming stories of neighbors helping neighbors to get through this bitterly cold season. The Council and I thank you sincerely for your spirit of community. I would also like to acknowledge City staff for their dedication to the well being of our citizens. We have much to be thankful for as we begin 2014.

In this edition I would like to bring your attention to our schools. Our City is blessed to have highly educated teachers and administrators at all four schools. Most of you know the pleasure I receive from acknowledging the Student of the Month at council meetings. Data are showing that our youth are excelling in many areas above the State and National averages as a direct result of the exceptional educational experiences our teachers provide. I believe you will agree that we, as a community, are very fortunate to have award-winning teachers, students, and programs right here in Havre de Grace. Please take a look at the enclosed booklet. Whether you have children attending our public schools or not, the information presented in this booklet gives you one more reason to be proud of our community.

I truly appreciate this opportunity to *connect* with you to share timely reminders, updates and good news. Also, I encourage you to check out our newly designed website: [www.havredegracemd.com](http://www.havredegracemd.com). You will find that it is now very easy to navigate and provides much helpful information.

Best regards,  
Wayne H. Dougherty, Mayor  
[wayned@havredegracemd.com](mailto:wayned@havredegracemd.com)

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## ~ ELECTION DAY ~

Elections for Havre de Grace City Council Seats  
**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014**  
at **ST. PATRICK'S HALL**  
615 Congress Ave.  
from **7am to 8pm.**

**Are You Registered to Vote?**  
**Voter Registration Forms are available at**  
City Hall  
711 Pennington Ave

- ◆ Elections are held every year in the month of May.
- ◆ Each year three Council seats are voted upon.
- ◆ The position of Mayor is voted upon every two years.
- ◆ All are two-year elected positions.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**1st & 3rd MONDAYS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
7 PM

**MARCH 9th**  
Set your clocks **AHEAD** → 1 hour  
It's Daylight Saving Time again!

**MAY 6th**  
**ELECTION DAY**  
Vote for City Council at St. Patrick's Hall  
7AM-8PM



Call 410.939.2100  
or Visit Our City's Tourism Website at [hdgtourism.com](http://hdgtourism.com)  
for the most current events and activities happening all around our town!

# Department of Economic Development

410-939-1800 x-1137



Hatem Bridge Beautification Project is underway! Local artist Ezra Berger has begun the painting of this regionally-themed mural on the underside of the bridge. Once the warmer weather returns, the project will be completed.  
**Funding Source:** Community Legacy Grant from the MD Dept. of Housing & Community Development and MD State Highways Administration.

**What is the value of this mural project to our City's economy?** Consider this: The entrance and underside of this bridge is the gateway to our downtown. The mural is welcoming. It captures the beauty and serenity of our waterfront. All who travel this way - students, faculty and staff heading to our local schools, residents heading to or from work and play, visitors coming to our City...all receive **the subtle message that we value our community.** The mural does not work in isolation, but rather is part of a much larger plan.

One major goal of the Office of Economic Development is to help make the City more attractive in order to foster new business growth that is appealing to our citizens as well as visitors and to assist the existing businesses so that they may continue to grow and prosper. To help meet this goal, we actively seek State and Federal grants to meet our goals. **To date, in Fiscal Year 2014, our office has brought in \$681,375.** You will see these dollars being put to work in our community!



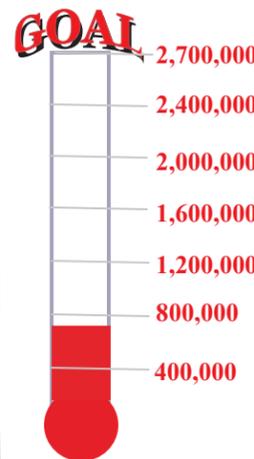
## NEW SCHOOLS = ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

State-of-the-art facilities and programs are a priority when families choose where to live. Great schools have been shown to increase property values. **The Office of Economic Development** is committed to working with local and county legislators and members of the Harford County Board of Education to continue to increase and strengthen educational opportunities within Havre de Grace.

Again...another positive strategy to make our City even better!



## Havre de Grace OPERA HOUSE: RENOVATION UPDATE



To date, the City has raised \$500,000 from State and County funds, and matched this amount with \$250,000 bringing the total to \$750,000 toward the total project cost of \$2.7 million.

The Opera House Foundation, a project fundraising arm of the Community Projects of Havre de Grace, a non-profit 501 c(3) organization, has launched a capital campaign to contribute to this project.

The organization will be hosting events, accepting contributions, and has launched a campaign selling naming rights and chairs at the theater.

Visit: [www.operahousefoundation.org](http://www.operahousefoundation.org)

[www.havredegacemd.com](http://www.havredegacemd.com)

Please **WELCOME** these **NEW BUSINESSES!**

### KDI CUSTOMS

Auto, motorcycle, and marine upholstery  
 629 Revolution St. 410-939-9390

### BAHOUKAS GREEN JOY

High end antique furniture, vintage finds and eco-friendly products  
 467 Franklin St.  
[www.facebook.com/GreenJoyHdG](http://www.facebook.com/GreenJoyHdG)

### TAP SNAP

Mobile phone booth  
 443-807-3112 [www.tapsnap.net](http://www.tapsnap.net)

### PAPER BEAD GIRL

Paper beads and crafting classes  
 130 Market St.  
<http://www.paperbeadgirl.com>

**LIN'S HIBACHI - Japanese Restaurant**  
 1007 Pulaski Hwy. 410-939-2888

## War of 1812 Bi-centennial License Plate



To order, visit the HdG Visitor Center  
 450 Pennington Avenue  
 (ph) 410-939-2100  
 or online at  
[www.havredegacemd.com](http://www.havredegacemd.com)

Complete and return form to the Visitor Center - Office of Tourism - along with a **\$25.00 check** made Payable to: MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration)

Do not send form and check to MVA.  
 The HdG Office of Tourism will submit your form to MVA. The plates will then be mailed directly from MVA to the address you provide.

## Community Garden Applications Now Being Accepted



Photo Credit: Ed Rybczynski

A partnership of the City and Havre de Grace **GREEN TEAM** are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of sponsoring **Community Gardens**, with locations on **Market St., Seneca Ave., and near the Community Center** off Rt. 155.

For a \$35 annual fee, each gardener gets a sunny 10 x 10 foot plot, water, and mulch in a fenced area. Plots are available on a first-come basis.

Application forms are available at City Hall, 711 Pennington Ave. or request one by email at: [HdGGreenTeam@gmail.com](mailto:HdGGreenTeam@gmail.com).

You're Invited to Join The C.A.T. Club  
**"Citizens Against Trash"**

The C.A.T. Club is striving to make Havre de Grace the Cleanest City in Maryland! If you enjoy meeting good people, getting some exercise and doing good... Join Us!



We meet at: **Rochambeau Plaza**  
 (corner of Washington, St. John & Green St.)

**8:30 am every Saturday morning for one hour** to pick up litter around town.

To schedule a date when we can work together to clean up your area of concern - Contact: Al Peteraf **443-742-3352**  
 Find us on Facebook or Email: [cat@hdgmd.org](mailto:cat@hdgmd.org)

**Ask us about our Adopt-A-Block Program!**

# Information Technology

Jeff Thompson, Manager 410-939-1800 x 1150



Do you ever wonder how the people who owned horse stables felt about the invention of trains and then automobiles? The Industrial Revolution brought many, many changes that we had to embrace to move forward. If we didn't, you and I might still be riding a horse to get around!

Today, we are in the midst of the Age of Technology! This is evidenced by the rapid changes in how we communicate with one another. Cell phones, Smart Phones, e-mail, texting, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube...what does all of this mean? For the City's Office of Technology, it means we must keep up with the changes to help you get the information you need quickly and easily!

Most recently the Office of Technology has re-designed the City's website based on analytic research and feedback from users to provide you with a cleaner, simpler way to consume information.

Visit the new [havredegracemd.com](http://havredegracemd.com)

**Highlights of the new features include:**  
**HOW DO I** – a page designed to provide users with answers to the questions they may have.  
**CUSTOM MAPS**– displaying the City's assets such as public parks.  
**FORMS** - Improved searching capabilities.  
 New **CONTACT US** form - now included at the bottom of every page.  
 New **Facebook** and **Twitter** pages to keep you updated about recently published posts.



*"We plan on continuing to build this site with new dynamic content to keep you engaged and informed."*  
 - Jeff Thompson, IT Manager

# Finance Department

George M. DeHority, Director 410-939-1800 x 1105

Introducing: **DONNA WALLER** ~



**Your Representative and Point of Contact.**

She works for you - dear citizen - to find answers to questions and concerns you may have about billing issues. Donna can be easily reached at City Hall - **Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.** Call her at **410-939-1800 x-1113** or you can email her at: [donnaw@havredegracemd.com](mailto:donnaw@havredegracemd.com)

So, you probably want to know a little about your advocate. In her words, "I have lived in Havre de Grace for 15 years and am now raising my family here. I am the wife of a SHCO fireman, am active in my church and have enrolled my boys in various local sports programs. In my spare time I enjoy taking walks along the Promenade and dining at local restaurants." Donna is a welcome addition to the City Hall staff. She is excited about working for you and shares, "I am blessed to have started this newest chapter in my life at City Hall and look forward to meeting and helping my fellow residents."



Donna's first order of business ~

**"Can I reach you if there is a water leak or sewer back-up on your property?"**

**Do you have a current phone number (home or cell) on file at City Hall?** The City's goal is to *minimize* the damage and cost to you when a **water leak or sewer back-up** occurs on your property. If I cannot reach you, a minor problem can turn into a major issue for you and possibly your neighbors.

**Call or e-mail me with a contact number to reach you for emergencies.**  
 Home phone, cell phone ~ either or both.



# Police Department

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

## Crime Down, Arrests Up

The overall crime for the City of Havre de Grace, reported under the Uniform Crime Report, **was reduced during the 2013 calendar year by a total of 5%** while overall arrests increased by a total of 7% as compared to the 2012 calendar year. Recorded crimes for the report are listed in the chart below.

Uniform Crime Report	2013	2012
Assault	130	182
Burglary	54	75
Homicide	0	0
Larceny	325	285
Motor vehicle theft	17	14
Rape	1	3
Robbery	11	8

## LARCENY: How to PREVENT this Crime!

While the overall reduced crime rate for Havre de Grace is encouraging, the category with the largest numerical increase was that of larceny. Many of the reported incidents involving larceny were **a direct result of vehicles being left unlocked with valuables in plain view.**

*This crime is very easy to prevent!*

The Havre de Grace Police Department continues to urge all citizens, guests, and visitors to **LOCK the doors of vehicles and remove any valuable items.** By doing these two simple acts, your opportunity to become a victim is extremely inhibited.

During the 2013 calendar year, officers arrested 20 more individuals as compared to the total arrests of 2012. Adults: up from 251 to 258 Juveniles: up from 28 to 41.

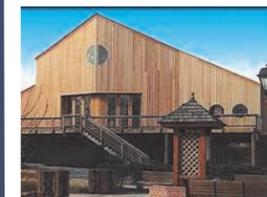
View or Pay your Bill

Look for this button on our website: [www.havredegracemd.com](http://www.havredegracemd.com)

Pay or view your Utility Bill, Property Tax and User Benefit Fee online. It's fast, easy and secure!

## Museums of Havre de Grace

Visit their websites to see the many events they have scheduled!



[hdgmaritimemuseum.org](http://hdgmaritimemuseum.org)



[concordpointlighthouse.org](http://concordpointlighthouse.org)



[skipjackmarthalewis.org](http://skipjackmarthalewis.org)



[decoymuseum.org](http://decoymuseum.org)



[thelockhousemuseum.org](http://thelockhousemuseum.org)



[steppingstonemuseum.org](http://steppingstonemuseum.org)

**Department of Public WORKS** Larry F. Parks, Director 410-939-1800 x 1107

**SPRING CLUTTER CLEAR-OUT! Cleaning up your property? Consider these options:**

1. Participate in the **City-wide Yard Sale** - Saturday, **April 26th, 8:30 am-4pm.**  
(rain date: Sunday, April 27th) No cost to you to advertise, just contact the Visitor Center at 410-939-2100 with your address and they will add you to their published list for this event. No yard, but want to participate? Contact Ron Browning at 410-939-6562 to rent a \$10 table\* at 226 S. Union Avenue.  
*\*All proceeds go directly to Historic Preservation Commission of Havre de Grace.*
2. Take advantage of the **Clean-up Days - April 19, April 26 and May 3\*, 8am-3pm.**  
(\*May 3rd - Paper Shredder on-site this day only from 8am-noon.)

*Clean-up Days are provided by the City of Havre de Grace for residents to clean out the clutter from their homes and property. This service is not for private haulers or commercial businesses.*

**Clean-up Days Details:**

- ◆ **Multiple Dumpsters** on site at the HdG Community Center (100 Lagaret Lane: Rt. 155, to Graceview Dr., to Quarry Rd.)
- ◆ **Help:** Personnel will be on site to assist you with unloading your vehicle.
- ◆ **Residents Only** - you must show proof of residency upon arrival (i.e. Driver's License)
- ◆ **Items accepted:** tires (off rim), mattresses, electronics, clothing, furniture, grills, appliances, batteries, empty propane tanks, empty latex paint cans, metal items.
- ◆ **Items not accepted:** hazardous waste products such as oil-based paints, cleaning products, herbicides, pool chemicals, pesticides, mercury thermometers. **Call 410-638-3417 for information about the Harford**



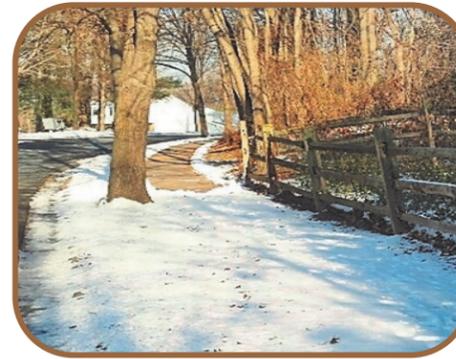
**Important Reminders**

1. **Water Leak or Sewer Back-up** - if you have this problem always **call us first** before you call a plumber! If it is **after 5pm**, **call the Police Station at 410-939-2121.** They will contact our On-Call Person to handle this concern.
2. Make sure the Clean-out is accessible to our workers. If we cannot find it, or if you do not have one, you are responsible from the Main Line to your structure.
3. Trash is to be placed in **trash cans with a lid. This is City Code.**
4. The more we recycle as a City, the less cost we pay for the trash tipping fee. **THURSDAY is Recycle Day!**
5. When shoveling snow, raking leaves or sweeping grass clippings, do **not** deposit in the gutter or roadway. **This is City Code.**
6. **Nothing should be put in a storm drain except rain water.** Everything else can contaminate our River and Bay. **This is City Code.**

**Become familiar with Havre de Grace City Code at [www.havredegracemd.com](http://www.havredegracemd.com)**

**Department of Planning** W. Neal Mills, Director 410-939-1800 x 1122

What is **WRONG** with this picture?



What is **RIGHT** with this picture?



*Pathway has been cleared to edge of sidewalk, but not into street.*



**SNOW / ICE REMOVAL**

Per Chapter 190, Article IV "Snow/Ice Emergencies", of the Code of the City of Havre de Grace, **it is unlawful to fail to remove and clear away snow / ice from the City sidewalks fronting your properties within 24 hours after the end of any weather event resulting in snow or ice. Snow or ice cannot be deposited on any portion of a street after such area has been cleared by City snow removal equipment.** If corrections to the violation(s) are not made, the City may issue a fine and/or correct the violation(s) at the property owner's expense. The safety of our pedestrian traffic is paramount. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Are you familiar with **City Code: Chapter 140 - Property Maintenance?**

"It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant, lessor, lessee, tenant and/or person, firm or corporation in control of any lot, lots, parcels or tracts of land within the City to permit any **junk, trash, refuse, debris, garbage, or rubbish; abandoned or inoperable bicycles, boats, boat trailers, mopeds or motor vehicles; or abandoned appliances, equipment or furniture** to remain on any such lot, lots, parcels or tracts of land if such materials or items are dangerous or detrimental to the adjoining properties or the public health and safety and welfare of the citizens of the City or are the nesting place of vermin."



**Have a Concern with a Property? Contact Code Enforcement Manager Jeff Keithley at 410-939-1800 ext 2108 Monday-Friday - 7am to 3:30pm.**

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**BEWARE**



For information on requirements for **lead paint inspections** contact the Maryland Department of the Environment at (800)776-2706, or go to: <http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/LeadPoisoningPrevention/Pages/Programs/LandPrograms/leadcoordination/index.aspx>

**RENTAL REGISTRATION Reminder**

The **City Code Chapter 147** requires residential rental properties to be registered. If your property is currently registered, **has your information been updated within the past year? Are there new tenants that need to be registered?** Forms are available on the City website, or you may call Marisa Willis (410) 939-1800 x- 1123.