



# Eagle Harbor Informer

Eagle Harbor Citizens Association Newsletter

TOWN OF EAGLE HARBOR, INC., Aquasco, Maryland

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## **President's Corner**

Welcome to Spring residents and members, I hope your Holiday season was safe, pleasant and enjoyable. The Annual Christmas party at the Harbor brought the 2015 year to an enjoyable end. Certainly a good time was had by all. Now that 2016 has arrived, your association officers and commissioners are working to make Eagle Harbor a place we can continue to be proud of and enjoy even more.

We've had many suggestions to increase the summer activities, including selling refreshments and snacks at the community center, a fish fry and possibly a summer concert. All ideas and suggestions are welcome and will be given consideration by the association officers and commissioners. We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with us.

Although we've had only a small number of participants join us at our monthly meetings, we continue to invite all residents and members to look around our town and think about what would make Eagle Harbor a better place. Any changes or improvements can take us in a positive direction further into the future. It is necessary for us to work together to achieve our goal of building a strong and thriving community. By becoming an association member, just \$15.00 per year, you are doing your part to make Eagle Harbor the premier location in Prince George's County. Show your commitment to our town and join us.

On behalf of the Citizens Association, I'd like to welcome the new residents and extend an invitation to all residents to join us at our monthly meetings held on the first Saturday of the Month, immediately following the 11:00 am Commissioner's Meeting

**Barbara Martin, President**  
**Eagle Harbor Citizens Association**

## **Mayor's Message**

Greetings everyone. It seems winter is slowly moving away and for me, the warm weather can't get here fast enough. I'm pleased to report the good news is the town closed out 2015 in pretty good shape and we achieved most of our goals and objectives. We've also started working hard on our 2016 goals. One of our biggest goals for this year is to increase interest in town issues and activities. We need everyone's help to soar higher this year than we did last year. So if you have some suggestions and ideas please come to the monthly meeting and help make things happen.

The April 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting will be a very important meeting because the board will go into detail explaining the results of the town survey that was sent to property owners and residents several weeks ago. This feedback will be used in the five year Strategic Plan we are currently developing that will help us become a "sustainable community" and achieve our vision of being "The Paradise on the Patuxent." The survey is still available on the town website. We will also discuss making changes to and enforcing town Ordinances. You do not want to miss the April Board of Commissioners Meeting.

**James D. Crudup, Sr.**  
**Mayor, Town of Eagle Harbor**

## Commissioner's Update



**Joyce E. Prince**  
**Permits Commissioner:**

Happy Spring. Thank you to all the residents/property owners for your participation in the Town Survey. We are excited about and appreciative of the many thoughtful responses we received from the survey, and look forward to incorporating as many comments/ideas as possible in order to make Eagle Harbor a Sustainable Paradise on The Patuxent. Please review the more detailed comments about the survey in the future edition of the Newsletter. We are continuing to work diligently on updating our Town Ordinances. If you are interested in working on the committee to update the Ordinances, please contact me as soon as possible at, 301-888-2410.

### **Artesian Well Dedication**

Remember to **Save The Date of Saturday, May 28, 2016, for the Historic Artesian Well Dedication**, time to be announced. It will be an outstanding historical event that you don't want to miss!

### **Blighted and Vacant Property**

Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints from residents regarding blighted and unsightly property in the town. Blighted and vacant property has a negative effect on our community in general and our residents in particular. Some of the complaints regarding blighted property include, but are not limited to: unregistered/unlicensed vehicles (cars, trucks, boats) etc., homes with missing storm drains, siding, doors etc., trash openly and unsightly kept in yards that blow to neighbors yards; tall grass and overgrown shrubs; and sadly some structures that have now reached a stage of **condemnation**. If your property has a missing door, broken window, siding missing, unsightly trash, piles of dirt, wood, tires, unlicensed trailers and other old rusted articles, you may be part of the problem we are attempting to resolve. Eagle Harbor is not just a dumping ground for junk. Please clean up your yards and adjacent property. We will continue to work tirelessly to hold property owners accountable for bringing their property in line with the Prince George's County Codes as well as enforcing our own Town Ordinances and By Laws. Please pledge your support to our efforts to make our Town enjoyable for all.

### **Permits**

As spring time approaches, we hope everyone will embrace an energetic approach to sprucing up and making improvements to their property. Please remember to obtain your town permit before starting your project. If you have questions or need assistance with obtaining a town permit, you can visit the town website or leave me a message at 301-882-2410. I will return your phone call as soon as possible. The application for a town permit can be found on the town website @ [www.townofeagleharbrincmd.org](http://www.townofeagleharbrincmd.org).

### **Temporary Modular Office Trailer**

We will be relocating the temporary Modular Office Trailer very soon to Wilson Drive. This location will be more suitable for the trailer and will also allow us to move forward with a Grand Opening and operation of the office. Grand Opening Date to be announced soon.



**Jack B. Martin**  
**Sanitation Commissioner:**

During the most recent town meeting I reminded the town residents of trash pickup schedules during holidays and inclement weather. I also informed the residents of a new anti-littering law in effect in Prince Georges County. (County Council Bill 70-2015). Because the accumulation of litter diminishes property values in the area, county inspectors will be randomly looking for violations and holding property owners accountable. A \$1000 fine will be assessed for each offense. Please avoid this cost by keeping your property clean and free of litter. Thank you.



## Commissioner's Update



**James R. Banks**  
**Public Safety Commissioner:**

**Loose Dogs:** Recently we have had incidents of an unleashed black dog that is running loose in the town. The dog has confronted one resident at his front door and another property owner was approached by the dog. I talked to the owner of the dog and explained that no dogs can be unleashed and running free in the town. The owner assured me they will contain the dog and is going to purchase a "dog pen". Any residents who observe any dogs running loose, please call PG Animal Control. Also call me at (202) 396 – 5607 home or (202) 246 – 8237 cell so that I can follow-up with Animal Control.

**Solar Energy:** I am continuing to look at commercial programs that have grants for the town that we can use.

### **Prince George's County Animal Control**

The town needs your help. The town has an Ordinance against dogs roaming and not on a leash. If you see dogs roaming the town or have other animal concerns, please call the following number.

**(301) 780-7241**

**The Animal Management Division (AMD) responds to calls from citizens and residents regarding the following concerns:**

Injured animals, Sick animals, Vicious animals, Cruelty complaints, Dead animals, Nuisance animals or animals running at large.

NOTE: Permission to trap wild animals must be obtained first from Maryland Department of Natural Resources at 1-877-463-6497.

#### **Information Required When Calling With a Concern**

You should have the following information ready when you call:

- Name, address, phone number (this information will be kept confidential)
- Type of animal
- Color of animal
- Address where last seen
- Animal's physical condition



**Anthony Littlejohn**  
**Road Commissioner:**

Hello citizens , property owners, board of commissioners and civic association. I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. We survived snowzilla and spring is on it's way. The roads look good with the exception of some potholes and street signs needing to be repaired or replaced. Commissioner Prince and myself are working on a strategic plan and permitting for the Trueman point project, gathering ideas and input from other waterfront communities and our own property owners. We had a fire in the town at 2:00 am on the 20th of February. I was unable to respond. I had backup George and Clara Thomas who called the fire department and attempted to alert the property owner and Mayor, thank you guys job well done. Thank you all and looking forward to a most enjoyable spring.





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**Health & Bereavement**



We wish a speedy recovery to all of our members who may be experiencing illness including

**Helen Patton  
 Stanley Harrison**

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**Upcoming Events**

Saturday, May 28th, 2016 - 12:00 pm  
**Town Opening /Artesian Well Dedication**

Saturday, July 9th, 2016 - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
**Annual Crab Feast**

Saturday, August 6th, 2016 - 11:30 am to 4:30 pm  
**Town Day**



January 2016	
13	Gloria Shelton
15	Jack Martin
February 2016	
23	Carrie Weaver
24	Joyce Prince
March 2016	
3	Helen Patton
12	Dorothea Smith
April 2016	
25	George Thomas
25	Barbara Martin

May 2016	
5	Rosa Jacobs
17	Clara Thomas
June 2016	
11	Bertha Guerra
July 2016	
5	Cora Guerra
7	Cheryl Jackson-Lewis
9	Bernadette Banks
24	Patricia Huggs
24	Angela Ayres
August 2016	
11	James Banks
15	James Green



If you have any items you would like to include in the Newsletter, please contact us by mail at:  
 Newsletter c/o EHCA, Town of Eagle Harbor, Inc, P.O. Box 28, Aquasco, MD 20608 or Email the Editor at [EHCAnews@gmail.com](mailto:EHCAnews@gmail.com)

## Town Financial Accountability

Greetings! Welcome to Spring.

This is to report to you on our Town Financial Accountability. Each year, the State requires that we submit a Town Budget by July 1. The Fiscal Year is July 1 to June 30. The Town Charter requires that we publicize and hold a Budget Hearing to present a Proposed Budget to the Town for approval. At the end of the Fiscal Year, we are required to submit to the State and the County, a Certified Audit and Uniform Financial Report (UFR). I am pleased to report that these requirements were met for the past Fiscal Year and our Financial House is in order.

Regarding Town business, a Financial report is made at every monthly meeting. After each report, everyone is invited to raise any question/comment on any financial report. All disbursements must be accompanied by a receipt that has been approved for payment. All checks written require two (2) signatures thus insuring that we have safe and sustainable checks and balances.

Town Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each Month. Board of Commissioners at 11am and Citizen Association immediately following the Board Meeting. I encourage everyone to attend the meetings to know what's going on in your Town.

Bertha A. Guerra  
Clerk Treasurer

## IN MEMORY OF HENRY PINKNEY



Eagle Harbor recently lost a longtime and devoted friend. If you've ever spent any time in Eagle Harbor, you must have known Henry Pinkney. He was a caretaker of many properties in Eagle Harbor. It was not uncommon to see Henry and his wife Alice early in the morning or late in the evening tending to someone's property. They were both so loved and respected, they were considered "honorary citizens" and they were invited to all Town activities and social affairs.

Henry was a kind and caring person who would do anything for anybody. He was extremely dependable and a man of great character. You didn't need a contract with Henry, his word was his bond. As we look back over the years, almost everyone in Eagle Harbor had some relationship with Henry. He would help people with their septic systems, house repairs, lawn care and give his assistance to anything that contributed to the upkeep of the Town.

Who can ever forget that every Eagle Harbor Town Day, Henry would make, decorate and enter the Town Day float for the Commissioners and other dignitaries to ride in the Town Day Parade. He would equip the float with an audio system that would play marching music for the Parade. After the Parade, throughout the whole day, he would give rides around the Harbor on his float. This was especially enjoyable to all of the kids around.

Henry will be sorely missed by all but he will certainly never be forgotten. Eagle Harbor was Henry's Town.

Rest in Peace Henry.

The Town of Eagle Harbor, Inc.

