



# Newsletter

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## **URGENT ALERT! YOUR HELP NEEDED TO KEEP POST OFFICE OPEN**

The Harwood Post Office is scheduled to close by the end of February 2004 due to the sale of the property where it currently leases space. The Harwood Civic Association is requesting help from all members and other residents in Harwood in ensuring that the United States Postal Service moves quickly to find another location for a post office in the area defined by zip code 20776. "This matter needs urgent attention and involvement from all Harwood residents," Joan Turek, HCA president, said.

The current Post Office sits on property located at the corner of Harwood Road and Route 2. The property contains two spaces, one of which has been vacant since the closing last year of Whiskers on Kittens, a collectibles and gift shop. According to staff at the Post Office, the property was recently sold to Ken McNew, who has a business relationship with the Eastern Petroleum Corporation. Eastern Petroleum distributes

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## **Aquifer Depletion Issues Make Harwood Ground Zero**

*Water Issues Loom Large, Reilly Taking Action*

State Environmental officials predict that Harwood could be the first community to feel the effects of the depletion of the Acquia aquifer if development in Anne Arundel County and Southern Maryland continues unabated. Harwood sits on a pivotal area near the head of the aquifer, the first major location downstream from the recharge areas of Crownsville and Davidsonville. As more wells are dug in those areas, less water is available to flow into the aquifer beneath Harwood. Meanwhile, wells dug in Southern Maryland continue to deplete the levels of water available in the upper reaches of the aquifer serving Harwood. As the aquifer water levels are depleted on both sides, Harwood finds its future high and dry.

Officials from the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources shared this news with residents of Southern Anne Arundel County at a special meeting arranged by Councilman Ed Reilly. The meeting held June 9, 2003 at Southern High School was arranged by Councilman Ed Reilly on behalf of his district and featured presentations from Matt Pajerowski, Chief of the MDE Water Rights Division and Ed Carlson of the MDE Solid Waste Program.

The key message brought by Hydrogeologist David C. Andreasen, a noted expert with the Maryland Geological Survey, was that continued development in Southern Anne Arundel County and Calvert County has seriously depleted the Acquia. He pointed out that existing studies indicate that the aquifer can support an

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## Letter from the President -

### COUNTY UNDERCUTTING SMALL AREA PLAN, CREATING MORE SPRAWL, FRUSTRATION and EXPENSE FOR AAC RESIDENTS

Recently, Tom Schubert was given permission to construct a building in the triangle bound by the south side of Central Avenue, Stepney's Lane, and the east side of Maryland Route 2, that appears to violate existing covenants regarding use of that land parcel. The drafters of this covenant believe that development on this parcel is limited to the county's public school system. Indeed, they expected the school co-located with the parcel to eventually use this parcel for expansion. Along Sands Road, two development proposals are going forward: one is a variance to permit an extension in time for a previously approved special exception that will permit a mobile home park to expand. At the same time their neighbor, a sand and gravel mine, is before the board of appeals for an expansion of the gravel mining effort. These developments cannot both occur as currently proposed. Since they go to different courts, they were scheduled independently of each other. Indeed, it has become a race to see who gets approval first. In both the Sands Road and the Central Avenue situations, the county, residents and businesses will find themselves expending money to work out the issues in court. Progress will be delayed and enormous social costs will accrue – not the least being increased racial tension.

Why? A lot of factors may be coming into play, but at the end of the day it comes down to political will. Without strong leadership from the County Executive on issues crossing bureaucratic organizational lines and interdepartmental co-operation, these departments may find themselves working along parallel tracks on projects – sometimes contradicting one another-- as in the Sands Road issue. Other times, the County Executive completely ignores the efforts of citizens to exercise control over their environment by crafting agreements with developers governing future land use. HCA believes the county should seek ways of honoring those covenants agreed to by citizen groups and property owners containing no illegal components such as profiling. Currently, they simply refuse to honor any private covenant.

County workers come to work each day wanting to do a good job. They follow procedures and check legalities and respond to the guidance they are given by their supervisors. Their leadership and the county leadership are not providing the guidance necessary for them to best serve their constituencies.

**- Joan Turek, President**  
Harwood Civic Association

### HCA URGES SUPPORT FOR COVENANT OBSERVANCE

*Excerpts from a letter to County Executive Janet Owens sent from the Harwood Civic Association*

[Land Use Covenants] are the product of extraordinary effort and expense by citizens to craft agreements to guide development in a manner that is compatible with community goals. This process is the very essence of citizen involvement in land use planning and ought to be respected by Anne Arundel County in the review and decision-making process for zoning, building and other similar permits and approvals. The Harwood Civic Association believes strongly that Anne Arundel County should recognize and abide by covenants agreed to by citizens groups and property owners.

When the county fails to honor these covenants, it ignores the wishes of its citizens and places them in the position of having to resort to legal proceedings in order to force compliance. This affords the opportunity for corporations with deep pockets to bleed resources from communities and individuals until the cost of contesting the unwanted development becomes too onerous to bear.

Without a strong mandate from county leadership to pay attention to these covenants, administrators at the lowest levels can - and do - issue permits that result in terrible violations of agreements and even go against common sense. Taxpayer dollars spent on traffic studies are ignored. We then see codes created for ensuring safety and smart growth not enforced, wasting the work put into their creation. Civil courts deal with growing numbers of lawsuits and appeals on these issues and the costs to every-one escalate.

We urge you to help end this drain on county resources by requiring all planning and construction approvals to honor existing non-discriminatory land use covenants in the course of issuing permits. Failure to do so sends a strong signal to voters that their concerns do not matter to the county officials and those who are supposed to serve the citizens of Anne Arundel County.

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petroleum products and builds convenience stores. The convenience stores sometimes are given the Paceway name, but other developments have names reflecting the locality, such as “Chesapeake Market.”

According to Donna Wilde, Postmaster of the Harwood Post Office, the previous owners of the property, the Kolb family, initially offered the property to the USPS. However, the current USPS strategy for facility establishment favors leasing of existing space with long-term contracts instead of property acquisition and USPS construction

Postmaster Wilde confirmed the planned closure and said, “The 20776 zip code will still be retained, but facilities for that zip-code will have to operate out of another location until a new site is found.” As for the future, Wilde said that nothing has been determined as of this point. Currently no other built out property in Harwood has been identified as suitable for postal operations, so the Post Office may have service to Harwood provided at a nearby post office, possibly Lothian or Galesville. She added, “However, the Post Office is a business and all decisions will be based on sound business practices.”

The Harwood Civic Association has quickly responded to the news of the impending closure. President Joan Turek made immediate calls to county, state, and federal elected officials serving Harwood. She urged each official to advocate with the USPS to ensure that the Post Office is not lost permanently and that a facility in Harwood is quickly established.

State Representative Virginia Clagett immediately responded by urging all residents to write letters of concern to Representative Steny Hoyer, and Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes. Additionally, she suggested that the HCA organize a petition drive to gather signatures from all residents of Harwood on a document to be sent directly to the USPS.

If no permanent or temporary quarters in Harwood can be found for the Post Office before the February

deadline, this will be first time since the 1800s that a post office will not be located in Harwood. Harwood as a unique community has existed because of the post office and the loss of the designation as a post office could result in different areas of Harwood becoming part of surrounding communities.

“The loss of the post office in Harwood harms our way of life here in the community by taking away our very center. The Harwood Civic Association has begun four initiatives to address the situation,” Joan Turek, HCA President said. “First, we will address the temporary situation with a petition asking the USPS to set up a temporary office until a permanent location can be established. Secondly, we have prepared a letter for residents to use in corresponding with Representative Hoyer and Senators Mikulski and Sarbanes. It urges the USPS to make a special exception to its leasing strategy and build a USPS-owned facility in Harwood. Thirdly, we are focusing on a series of communications about the issue with HCA members and residents, including providing an opportunity to meet with the USPS at our Harwood Harvest Event on November 2. And our fourth initiative is the establishment of a committee to work with the USPS and County in identifying possible locations for a new post office. This is the type of effort that succeeded in Owensville resulting in the West River Post Office remaining in that community.”

A copy of the sample letter to elected officials and the petition form are included in this newsletter. These forms are also available in Microsoft Word format via e-mail. Residents may request a copy of the electronic versions by sending an e-mail to [HarwoodCivic@aol.com](mailto:HarwoodCivic@aol.com) or by calling James Fitzpatrick at (410) 867-2601 and providing an e-mail address for the reply.

The HCA is also seeking 50 volunteers to collect 10 or more signatures each on the petition asking for continued USPS service in a temporary location. People wishing to donate time to collect signatures at the Post Office should contact HCA Board Member, James Fitzpatrick at (410) 867- 2601.

## **WATER ISSUES** *continued from page one*

estimated 2500 additional wells tapped into it before wells in an area stretching from Mayo through Harwood begin to go dry. Currently there are over 7000 undeveloped lots in southern Anne Arundel County alone that have grandfathered rights for development. With the continued rush to develop Calvert County, the pressure on the aquifer is reaching crisis stage. Wells in lower Calvert County now have to go as deep as 400 feet to reach groundwater from the Acquia.

Deeper underground a parallel aquifer, the Magothy, is separated from the Acquia by strata of clay. The Magothy water contains more iron and other elements that make the water "hard". Homes with wells tapping into the Magothy tend to require water treatment systems that eliminate the sulfuric odor and reduce the staining deposits of iron. While the Magothy offers some relief from the pressure on the Acquia, it too is being rapidly depleted and deeper wells must be dug in order to access its water.

All of the experts stressed the need for further study of the issue and comprehensive state-wide solutions for addressing the pressures of development on aquifers. A bill sponsored by Virginia Clagett to provide that study has become a political football with the Ehrlich administration. Under the previous administration, legislation had been approved for a three year comprehensive state-wide study on water issues facing Maryland. However, Governor Glendinning never convened the panel. Clagett's bill would have extended the study with the existing panel of experts. But Governor Ehrlich vetoed the bill, preferring to have a different set of experts complete a study in one year. At the Harwood meeting, State Senator Janet Greenip stated her support of the Governor's veto of the extension of the water study even though she had personally voted for the Clagett legislation. "We just can't go on spending money when our state is in a fiscal crisis." she said in explanation of her apparent reversal.

Councilman Reilly assured Harwood residents that he would continue to hold similar meetings to keep them informed on the state of the water supply and urged those with water problems to contact his office.

## **APPROVAL FOR SLUDGE COVER RESULTS FROM PST HEARING**

A public hearing regarding an application for a permit for Sewage Sludge Utilization at the PST landfill on Sands Road in Harwood occurred on September 9, 2003. The open forum at Southern High School attracted approximately one hundred residents from Harwood. Citizens expressed concern about a wide range of issues concerning the landfill. The permit has been granted by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

The following are excerpts from the Maryland Department of the Environment Summary of Findings and Recommendations at the September 9 hearing. A copy of the full report is available from A. Hussain Alhija, Chief of the Design and Certification, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 605, Baltimore, MD 21230-1719, Telephone (800) 633-6101:

1. **Councilman Edward R. Reilly** stated that "Our goal is to make sure that the landfill is properly graded, seeded and kept intact for the long term."

**Response:** Applying treated sewage sludge as a fertilizer is to promote vegetative stabilization of the protective soil cover of the closure cap. This is intended to maintain the integrity of the closure cap which is what Councilman Reilly is asking for.

**Mr. Mike Lofton**, a member of the Board of Directors of the Harwood Civic Association, said that he had two issues to address: 1) The closure operation of the landfill is governed by a valid special exception which restricts hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with two Saturdays a month to make up for the last days due to rain. Mr. Lofton added that he realizes that the [MDE] does not regulate this, but urged the Department to modify the hours of operation to conform to the local requirement; 2) A long term monitoring plan for the site; [Lofton] said that this landfill was built with now discredited technology, that he has pictures of materials accepted at this landfill that did not conform to limitations in the regulations, that in time the vegetative cover will penetrate the synthetic cap, and [there is a] need for perpetual monitoring:

**Response:** Regarding the first issue..."Synagro Mid-Atlantic, Inc. agrees to the operational hours currently

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# PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

To John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service and Timothy Haney, Manager of the Capitol District, USPS

We, the undersigned, urge the United States Postal Service to provide ongoing postal services to Harwood, Maryland and the entire area covered by the 20776 Zip Code from temporary facilities located in Harwood until a permanent location within the area can be found for the Harwood Post Office.

**Name**

**Address**

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Please return this form to the Harwood Civic Association, P.O. Box 172, Harwood, MD 20776

## 5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP SAVE THE U.S. POST OFFICE IN HARWOOD

1. **WRITE YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS** to express your concern regarding the impending loss of the Harwood Post Office and Zip Code (see the sample letter in the adjacent column):

**The Honorable Steny Hoyer**

1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2005  
**Phone:** (202) 225-4131  
**Fax:** (202) 225-4300

**The Honorable Wayne Gilchrest**

2245 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2001  
**Phone:** (202) 225-5311  
**Fax:** (202) 225-0254

**Senator Barbara Mikulski**

709 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2003  
**Phone:** (202) 224-4654  
**Fax:** (202) 224-8858

**Senator Paul Sarbanes**

309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2002  
**Phone:** (202) 224-4524  
**Fax:** (202) 224-1651

2. **HELP FIND A NEW LOCATION.** If you know of potentially available space where the Post Office could relocate, even temporarily, contact the HCA at (410) 867-0715 or via e-mail at [HarwoodCivic@aol.com](mailto:HarwoodCivic@aol.com).
3. **COLLECT SIGNATURES ON A PETITION.** Use the petition on the previous page to collect 10 or more names. Volunteer to stand at the Post Office during business hours and collect signatures. Call (410) 867-0715 or (410) 867-2601 to volunteer.
4. **JOIN THE HARWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION LAND USE COMMITTEE** and volunteer to be on the sub-committee addressing this important issue. The committee will look for possible alternative locations, assist with efforts for re-zoning, if required, and generally ensure that Harwood residents are involved with every step of the process.
5. **ATTEND THE HARWOOD HARVEST** and express your concerns directly to the USPS representatives that have agreed to attend and answer your questions. Take advantage of every opportunity to stay informed. See Harwood Harvest announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

## SAMPLE LETTER

[Insert elected official name and title]

[Insert elected official address]

[Insert Date]

Dear [Insert name and title of elected official here]:

As a resident of Harwood, Maryland, I am concerned to learn of the imminent closure of our local Post Office due to a sale of the land and building comprising its current location. The closure of this facility, scheduled to occur by February 28, 2004, will adversely affect our rural community in terms of travel, expense, and lack of a community center for the dissemination of information. Given the rural nature of our community, the short lead time for finding an alternate location, and the profitability of the facility, we need you to work with USPS to ensure that at the very least, a temporary facility is erected to provide continued service in Harwood until a permanent new facility can be erected or found.

The United States Postal Service has stated that it uses sound business practices in determining the locations of its local post offices and its current strategy is to no longer acquire property and building facilities in most areas, but lease existing space. However, given the small amount of commercial buildings and land available for development in Harwood, there is clearly a strong argument for the USPS to acquire land and build a new facility in order to prevent our community from incurring a permanent loss of a facility.

I urge you to work with USPS offices and the State of Maryland to find a solution to this time-sensitive problem so our post office can continue to operate from a location within our existing zip-code. Please assist us in ensuring that the Harwood Post Office which has served as this rural area's defining center since the 1800s continues to exist.

Sincerely,

[Your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address here]

*This letter in an electronic file format will be sent to members requesting a copy via e-mail from the HCA at [HarwoodCivic@aol.com](mailto:HarwoodCivic@aol.com)*

## Harwood History Event – Historic Success

Members of the Harwood Civic Association enjoyed an old-fashioned Sunday afternoon on the front porch of historic Oakwood on July 9. Attendees had an afternoon complete with cool breezes, lemonade, and fascinating stories about the historic homes of Harwood. Presented by Sherri Marsh, Consultant to the Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning, the illustrated lecture pointed out the large number of buildings in Harwood that display significant architectural and historical points of interest. A tour of Oakwood, built circa 1850 by Sprigg Harwood, followed the presentation. Ms. Marsh pointed out the modified Greek Revival characteristics that distinguish the residence now owned by HCA president, Joan Turek.

Putting a human face to the academic, members of several families who owned or had lived in these historic homes shared their recollections of the homes, how they had functioned and/or had come to be altered. Ms. Marsh called an old picture of a farm house on the McDonald property an example of architectural sprawl. Ellie McDonald agreed and explained how some features of the house came to be and how the structure was ultimately replaced with a more functional residence. Others shared the enormous challenge and expense of maintaining an historic property. And all shared their great pride in their stewardship of the land and homes that make Harwood such a wonderful place to live.

Another Harwood History event is planned for next summer. Watch the newsletter for more information.

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### **12th Precinct Pistol and Archery Club**

450 Harwood Road  
Harwood, MD 20776

# THE HARWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Presents

# Harwood Harvest

*An afternoon of fabulous food, important information and good company  
just for members of the Harwood Civic Association!*

**Sunday  
November 2, 2003  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Precinct Pistol and Archery Club**  
450 Harwood Road  
Harwood, Maryland



- **State Representative Virginia Clagett, Guest Speaker**
- **Meet representatives from the U.S. Postal Service and discuss the Post Office closing**
- **Free Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips and Beverages**
- **Meet your neighbors and other members**

***Bring a covered dish to add to our pot luck buffet!***

**There is no admission charge to members of the HCA but your RSVP is requested. Call (410) 867-0715 for more information or to respond. Or respond via e-mail to [HarwoodCivic@aol.com](mailto:HarwoodCivic@aol.com)**

**Members are encouraged to bring potential new members for the HCA to the event.**

# Park and Recreation Survey

## Setting Goals for Southern Anne Arundel County Open Spaces and Activities

The Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks has partnered with the South County Exchange and the Southern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce to survey the residents of South County regarding their recreational needs and desires for the area. The survey was distributed to all households within the boundaries of the South County Planning Area which includes: Davidsonville, Dunkirk, Friendship, Harwood, Lothian, Tracy's Landing and West River. Over 20% of the residents responded to the 9,189 surveys mailed.

This survey was very similar in format to a survey conducted in Deale, Shadyside and Galesville in 2001. Each household was requested to note how often members of that household were likely to participate in each of forty (40) listed activities and which were the household's most preferred activities. The poll also sought responses concerning participation in recreational classes and summer programs. The survey was prepared by the Department of Recreation and Parks, distributed with the assistance of the Southern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce and the report tabulated and prepared by volunteers from the South County Exchange.

Recreation and Parks Director Dennis Callahan indicated he was very pleased by the level of response to the survey. "The survey respondents have reflected a broad range of recreational interests with a particular emphasis on the preservation of open space and natural areas as well as the provision of additional active outdoor recreational opportunities", Callahan stated. Information in the survey will be used to guide the County in its long-term planning to meet the recreation and preservation needs of the South County Area.

The activities which were most frequently cited as preferences by respondents included hiking and jogging, indoor fitness programs, an indoor swimming pool, bicycling, children's playground, fishing and power boating. Sports and arts camps were the most frequently requested summer youth activities, and fitness was the most frequently cited recreational class request. In terms of overall recreational needs, open space preservation was prominent in all responses and was most frequently cited in comments added to the survey.

The report has been posted on the Department of Recreation and Parks web page at [www.aacpl.net/rp/Survey/survey.html](http://www.aacpl.net/rp/Survey/survey.html) and is posted on the South County Exchange web page at: [www.chesapeake.net/~exchange](http://www.chesapeake.net/~exchange).

### Harwood Specific Results from the Park and Recreation Survey

12.5% of the respondents to the Park and Recreation Survey for Southern Anne Arundel County were from Harwood. In response to a question asking "What would your household consider the most valuable contribution to the area's recreation needs?", Below is the percentage of Harwood residents indicating household support for the following categories:

Open Space Preservation	46.2%
Outdoor Sports Facility	37.6
Teen Activities	23.9
After school Youth Activities	18.8
All-Purpose Recreation Center	18.0
Senior Activities	13.7
Preschool Childcare	8.6
Transport to Local Recreational Facilities	7.3
Before/After School Child Care	6.6
Transport to Recreational Facilities Outside Area	6.4

The two categories most supported by Harwood residents are also the two most supported by all of the South County respondents to the survey. Joan Turek and Peter and Helen Perry co-authored the report. All are HCA members as well as Board Members on the South County Exchange.

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utilized by the landfill..." Regarding the second issue...types of waste materials accepted and how this landfill was previously operated are not the issues for this public hearing...[Penetration of roots of the vegetative cover into the synthetic liner] is highly unlikely because the roots of the permanent mixture of grasses and legumes that will be planted will typically only be a couple of inches deep, where as the synthetic line is 1.5 feet below the 1/2 foot top soil cover where the legumes will be planted. Therefore this should not be an area of concern...In addition, Mr. Lofton expressed the need for perpetual monitoring. Once again, the ground and surface water monitoring at this landfill is not the issue of this public hearing...Any future monitoring and/or remedial action, if needed, will be determined by the Department based on the results of the ongoing monitoring. It is important to note that in the most recent sampling, June 2003, no volatile organic compounds were detected above the reporting limit and no inorganic constituents were report above the primary Federal Maximum Contaminant Limits (MCLs) in any of the ground water samples collected from the network of 10 monitoring wells at this landfill.

## HCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THE HARWOOD HARVEST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2003, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.  
12<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT PISTOL AND ARCHERY CLUB  
450 HARWOOD ROAD

Our annual member social event includes a great pot luck dinner, interesting guests and the opportunity to meet your neighbors in a friendly and relaxed environment. There is no charge for members, but bring a dish to share with your neighbors. RSVP requested (410) 867-0715

### THE HARWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2004, 7:00 P.M.  
SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER  
SOLOMONS ISLAND ROAD

Our annual membership meeting provides an opportunity for the membership to enact its agenda for the year, approve new officers, meet with elected officials, and hear important presentations on issues affecting the quality of life in Harwood.

## THE HARWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

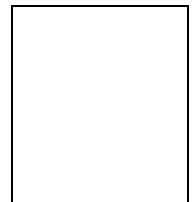
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