

# Holly Leaf Newsletter

HOLLY NECK CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, Inc.

November, 2017



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**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**See attached flyer for details!!**



## President's Notes...

Thanks to everyone for making 2017 a very active year for HNCA! Starting with the opening event at Sue Island, we've had 10 events with the final event being the Christmas Party on Dec 11th. We'd like volunteers to join us at our 2018 Planning meeting on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - contact me to get involved ~ Beryl

Thanks to John A. Olszewski Jr. who spoke at the November membership meeting. He will be running for Baltimore County Executive. He is from Maryland and a member of the Democratic Party. He was educated in Baltimore County and served two terms in the Maryland House of Delegates, representing Maryland's District 6 in Baltimore County. He is a former school teacher and talked about growing up on the east side, his professional career, and his ambitions for the county if elected. He briefly spoke about his views on campaign finance reform, schools, environmental, goals and accountability for government officials.

### **Upcoming HNCA Events**

**HNCA Holiday Party** – Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ RiverWatch Restaurant. See enclosed flyer for details – Thank you to Marsha & Jean for coordinating this HNCA event again his year ~ call them to make your reservation!! Hope to see at the party!

**HNCA 2018 Planning Meeting** – Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ Beryl & Jean Sachs home. If you would like to chair an event or volunteer to help, or provide input for 2018 activities, please plan to attend or contact a member of the HNCA board.

## Adopt-A-Road Clean Up

Next Road Cleanup, **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** Meet at the Legacy Sign at Holly Neck and Schaffer's Road.

*For the safety of our volunteers, it would be greatly appreciated if people would respect the 30 mph speed limit or travel somewhat slower when passing clean up volunteers along Holly Neck Road during the 8 am to 9:30 am Saturday morning clean up time. Thank you in advance for your consideration.*

## Thank You!

**FALL FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE** – Thanks to Jas' Filar for chairing the event. THANKS to everyone who helped set up, donated bake goods, or items for the HNCA flea market table & to everyone who participated! The weather cooperated & HNCA sponsored another successful event!

The breakfast table sold out (thanks to Jean Sachs for making the delicious breakfast sandwiches)! Thanks to Mike Butler for volunteering to purchase and make the delicious hot dogs!

There were 18 vendors at the Flea Market. Thanks to everyone who donated to the HNCA donation table (especially Walter Weiss & Kay Belbot for such great items) – at times we had bidding wars!



We would like to thank our **OCTOBER Adopt-A-Road Volunteers** ~ Claude & Lois Profili, Ron & Kay Belbot, Rita Kurek & Mike Butler, Tony & Jeanette Scarr & Jas' Filar.

We would like to thank our **NOVEMBER Adopt-A-Road & Stream Clean UP Volunteers** ~ Kay & Ron Belbot, Rob Edmond, Tony & Jeanette Scarr, Beryl Sachs, Barb Fox, Claude & Lois Profili Karen Sweeney and Rita Kurek.

If we ever forget to include someone's name, please let us know!

## Committee Reports

### Sunshine –

HNCA Sunshine committee welcomes new neighbors into the community and sends get well wishes and thoughts to the following neighbors!

Jean Sachs announced at the last meeting.....

- A get well gift was taken to Karen Sweeney for her recent surgery.
- A dinner was taken to Robert Blake following his recent hospitalization.
- Sympathy card was sent to Scott Gately on the loss of his Aunt, Sophie Wiley.
- Get well gift & wishes to Jack Whelehan.
- A dinner was provided to Kathy Schmidt during her recovery from surgery.

Please remember to notify Marsha Dalton or Jean Sachs if you know that someone is moving into the community or in need of help. We will do our best to get cards /gifts to everyone!

### Scholarship Committee Thank You!

Thanks to Chris Morgan and the Scholarship committee for their hard work this year. Chris advised she will provide their plan in January for next year. The committee received a thank you note from Emma Orndoff for a scholarship.



Environmental – Jim Mitchell attended a seminar on the monarch butterflies and provided some information on how they are being tagged and their migration to Mexico City.

Thanks to Ms. Sofinowski who donated funds for HNCA to purchase blacked-eye susan plants (the state flower of Maryland). Several HNCA volunteers planted them as a border at the Rural Legacy Garden. We look forward to seeing them bloom!



2018 Membership DUES – To continue the positive direction of HNCA, we need your continued membership support. Having a strong membership base is vital to our success and to allow our organization to reach its goals.

Dues are \$10 for individuals and \$20 per household. Please complete the form in the newsletter and please bring to the monthly membership meetings or remit to *Holly Neck Conservation Association, Inc., P. O. Box 16666, Baltimore, MD 21221*. Ad sponsors for 1 year are \$30. If you are interested in becoming an ad sponsor, please contact Kathy Filar – [kfilar@verizon.net](mailto:kfilar@verizon.net) or call (410) 574-6215.

Website – Take a look at the HNCA website! Beryl continues to update the website & has added clips from HNCA's recent events. Please visit [www.hollyneck.org](http://www.hollyneck.org). If you have a topic or website that would coincide with HNCA's mission, please send to Beryl for review.

Newsletter – Don't forget about advertising items for sale in the newsletter. If you are not receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please advise Kathy Filar by e-mail at [kfilar@verizon.net](mailto:kfilar@verizon.net). Distribution of the newsletter is the most cost effective means of getting important information to members, so we would like to make sure that addresses are correct.

Bayscape Garden Installation – Thanks to all the HNCA volunteers that assisted to install a beautiful bayscape garden at Debbie & Mike Franklin's home on Engleberth. Debbie coordinated with GVC for the plantings, design & on-site coordination.



**HNCA Lightning** ~ Ron, Beryl & Bill recently reviewed the options for solar lights at the entrance to the community and the Osprey monument. It was discussed, voted and approved that \$1,500 would be used from the Osprey lightning grant to purchase additional equipment for current use and backup.

Thanks to Ron who has continued to replace batteries and maintain the lightning @ the Osprey monument. He has also been trimming the landscaping so that the solar lights achieve their maximum sunlight.

**Flag Pole Paint & Repair - Volunteer Needed** ~ If anyone would be able to volunteer to paint a flag pole & replace a rope for an HNCA member, Irma Sofinowski who resides on Silver Lane, please contact Marsha Dalton 410-686-5563. Thank you!

### **Community Crime & Safety Update** ~

Officer Saltzer attended the meeting and updated those in attendance

- There were (33) calls in the area since HNCA's last meeting. Most calls were for thefts from locked & unlocked vehicles, several traffic calls and a few domestic calls. There were several arrests in connection with the thefts.
- Officer Saltzer advised that there will be a Police Explorer program in 2018.
- Baltimore County Citizen's Police Academy is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through June 13, 2018 on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 – 9:30 and Saturday at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Saturday date to be announced.

For more information go to

[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/police/community/citizensacademy.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/police/community/citizensacademy.html).

Officer Saltzer reminded everyone that unfortunately crimes increase during the holidays – **PLEASE DO NOT leave gifts/packages in your vehicles.** DO NOT leave purses or any valuables in vehicles. Please “lock your vehicles” and call police to report crimes.

Please call 911 to report any suspicious activity, break-ins or problems - it is a recorded line.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS.....**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11am - Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum's 4th Annual Martinville Christmas Train Garden.** Martin State Airport. Santa arrives at 11:30am with fire truck escort and children can share their Christmas lists with Santa until 1:30pm. The Train Garden opens at 12pm.

This special holiday display of miniature planes and trains is open during Museum hours Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11am to 3pm through January 13, 2018. The train exhibit is included with Museum admission of \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Add a visit to this train garden to a list of

family holiday traditions. For additional information, call 410-682-6122 or visit [www.mdairmuseum.org](http://www.mdairmuseum.org).

**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> starting @ 5 pm. Middle River Lighted Boat Parade** - approximately 80 boats are currently registered. Limited viewing from Wilson Point Park, 950 Beech Avenue & various waterfront restaurants. Please note Darkhead Cove is closed. For more info go to [www.baltimoreboatingcenter.com](http://www.baltimoreboatingcenter.com) or call Jim High at 410-687-2000.



### **Marshy Point Nature Center** – upcoming events

- **Frontier Fire** - November 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 2:30 pm - Learn how to start a fire, make traps and cook food like those on the Chesapeake frontier had to do to survive. Space is limited and registration is required.
- **Holiday Party – December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00** ~ members are welcome to celebrate the season at this fun-filled family event. Santa will be sure to stop by. Activities include wreath making, carols and songs, popcorn-stringing, and live music. Refreshments are provided but all are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.

For information 410-887-2817 - [www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org)

### ***Important Phone Numbers***

Officer Saltzer & Officer Bakhsh

Community Outreach Unit 410-887-0232

Grinder Pump – Balto Co Bureau of Utilities – 410-887-5210

## ***HNCA Through the years.....***

Since the inception of HNCA in 2000, the organization has saved forestland, planted community gardens, organized clean-ups, participated in zoning issues, organized fund-raisers & fund events, all while enjoying the community and waterfront living.

Donations ~ through the years, HNCA participated in Relay For Life, sponsors Middle River July 4th fireworks, donated to Wounded Warriors, donated to Maryland League of Conservation Voters, donated and participated in cleanups with Back River Restoration Organization.

Scholarships Awarded ~ since 2001 HNCA has awarded over 140 scholarships, sponsoring over 100 children to attend Marshy Point Day & Evening Camps & over 40 scholarships to high school students pursuing environmental studies. Also, HNCA has sponsored high school students to attend the MDE Forestry Camp.

HNCA's Sunshine Committee ~ started over 15 years ago by our dear friend Sue Johnson, HNCA sends get well gifts, welcome gifts & expressions of sympathy throughout the community & has collected food, assembled and delivered numerous baskets to community members during the holidays.

Ways & Means Committee ~ HNCA has coordinated over 20 successful flea market & bake sales, organized & sponsored 13 Basket Bingo & Bake Sales, powerless poker run events, family nights, free outdoor movie nights & holiday dinner parties.

Community Cleanup, Adopt A Road & Stream Cleanup ~ For over 15 years HNCA volunteers walk a 3 mile area along the roadside collecting trash & removing items illegally dumped in the critical areas on the peninsula. HNCA has partnered with Boy Scouts and students to allow them the opportunity to achieve their community service requirements & participate in the preservation of wetlands and their community. HNCA has partnered with Gunpowder Valley Conservancy & adopted Sue Creek stream. HNCA has organized 15 Community dumpster cleanup events.

Community Liaison ~ HNCA participates in the CZMP Zoning Process, communicates to Baltimore County community concerns, participated in zoning for cell towers in the community, in 2008, HNCA volunteers participated in the 5 day Charrette zoning process & closely worked with residents of the community, invites speakers to monthly membership meetings from Baltimore county, government & local businesses, as well as other community leaders, HNCA volunteers worked closely with Baltimore County and other community volunteers on the Lower Back River Neck Community Action Plan, HNCA sponsored meetings with community residents and Baltimore County during the installation of the Holly Neck pumping stations and grinder pumps, HNCA members volunteered in 2007 to work with Baltimore County and other community leaders on the Community Action Plan Advisory Committee.

Grants ~ HNCA & volunteers obtained grants from Baltimore County & designed/planted 3 community gardens (one has been placed into preservation under the Coastal Legacy Program), HNCA & volunteers obtained a grant from Baltimore County, worked with the State of Maryland, and then organized & raised funds to install "The Osprey Nest Sculpture" @ Md Route 702 roundabout celebrating the preserved habitat. Solar lights were installed & are maintained by HNCA volunteers. HNCA obtained a grant & placed several purple martin houses throughout the community,

Environmental Issues ~ HNCA volunteers have planted over 9,000 bulbs along the preserved areas of the community over the past 8 years, HNCA coordinated 15 community dumpster days & with community volunteers has recycled electronics, tires and mulch yard debris and removed residential hazardous waste products. HNCA has worked with Baltimore County in an effort to resolve dumping issues, HNCA officers attended meetings with State Critical Area Commission, HNCA members built, installed and/or maintained houses for ducks, birds and bats. HNCA recently partnered with Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, a non-profit organization in an effort to allow our community to benefit from environmental projects. HNCA volunteers joined GVC steering committees, hosted Clear Creeks Projects, hosted rain barrel workshops, bayscape & bay garden workshops to install gardens, and volunteered at GVC fundraising events. HNCA board & volunteers participated in negotiations with Holly Neck Limited Partnership, Dr. Berger & Baltimore County to preserve forest on Holly Neck Peninsula, located on lower end of the Back River Neck Peninsula. HNCA negotiated with the property owner, who eventually donated more than 300 acres to the state through the Rural Legacy Program, created in 1997 to protect large, contiguous parcels.

HNCA negotiated with Holly Neck Limited Partnership throughout the growth allocation process with Baltimore County to eventually sign an Agreement for a development that was satisfactory to the community, developer and owners.

## **HNCA Officers**

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## **Standing Committees**

### **Ways and Means**

Jas Filar (chair)	Michelle Stiller
Jean Sachs	Dave Edwards
Linda Bafitis	Kay Belbot
Katie Mitchell	Laurie Mann
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**HOLLY NECK CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION'S HOLIDAY PARTY**

*Celebrate the holiday season with neighbors & friends!*

**Date:** Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 PM ~ 10:00 PM (buffet begins @ 7:15)  
**Place:** RIVERWATCH RESTAURANT  
207 Nanticoke Rd, Essex, MD 21221

*HNCA members \$10.00 and \$5.00 for children 12 & under*

**Buffet featuring.....**  
*tossed salad, meat & cheese lasagna, garlic bread, baked chicken,  
rolls & butter, brownies & cookies, water, soda, coffee & tea)*

**~ CASH BAR ~**

*For reservations please contact*

*Marsha Dalton (410) 686-5563*

**OR**

*Jean Sachs (410) 391-5924*

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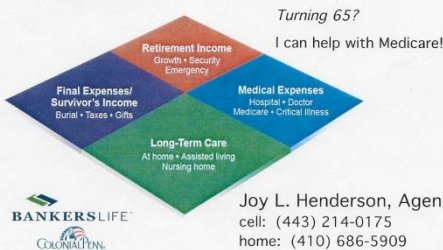
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