



THE EAGLE HARBOR INFORMER

EAGLE HARBOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Paradise on the Patuxent

June–September Catch-Up Edition

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If you missed a meeting this summer, this issue is for you. A lot happened between June and September: the Crab Feast, Town Day, a proposal for a battery storage plant next door, a plan to bring a waterfront lot back into the Town's hands, and new committees you can join. We've pulled it all together in one place, in plain language. Keep this one on the fridge.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Janie Branson, President · president@ehcamd.org

It is a pleasure to welcome the Eagle Harbor Informer back, thanks to the efforts of EHCA Vice President Curtis Prince!

The Eagle Harbor Citizens Association has enjoyed an active and exciting first three quarters of 2026. We kicked off the year by launching our website, ehcamd.org, creating an interactive space to encourage community participation, honor our past, and build lasting memories for the future.

In the second quarter, we hosted the Opening of Town, followed by a successful Crab Feast and Town Day in the third quarter. Thank you to everyone who helped make these gatherings memorable!

Show your Eagle Harbor pride with an EHCA T-shirt, available in white, gold, and green for \$20 each. To purchase yours, please contact Anthony Delaney or me.

As we enter the fourth quarter, we look forward to our annual Friendsgiving fellowship, featuring the Prince George's County Police Rhythm in Blues Band. Good food, good music, and good fellowship—what a perfect combination!

Looking ahead, 2027 promises to be a spectacular year as EHCA celebrates its 100th anniversary! Stay tuned for announcements about our Centennial Celebration and opportunities to get involved.

It is my pleasure and honor to serve as President of the Eagle Harbor Citizens Association. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our community.

Janie Branson

President, Eagle Harbor Citizens Association

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Neighbors, I'll be honest: we owe you a newsletter. We set out to revive the Informer in May, then summer hit. Between the Crab Feast, Town Day, and a full slate of Town business, this issue slipped. That stops now. Starting with this edition, the Informer returns to its quarterly schedule so you never have to wonder what happened at a meeting you couldn't make.

The Informer has done this job before. The back issues I've been reading, from 2007 to 2014, show the Town and the Citizens Association working hand in hand: a President's Corner from EHCA alongside a Commissioner's Update written by the Commissioners themselves. Residents got the news from the people doing the work, in one place, four times a year. We're bringing that partnership back. The Mayor and each Commissioner have a standing invitation to write a Commissioner's Update, and we hope to share their reports starting with the Winter issue.

Here's why it matters. A small town works best when residents know what's coming early enough to weigh in. The Board of Commissioners governs the Town; the Citizens Association is here to make sure you know what's going on and have a way to speak up. This newsletter is one of those ways. The other is showing up on the first Saturday of the month. If you can't make the meetings, call or email me. And vote in the November 3 General Election: by mail, early, or in person. When small communities show up at the ballot box, our priorities get heard in Upper Marlboro and Annapolis.

Thank you to everyone who cooked, sold tickets, set up tents, and cleaned up this summer. Eagle Harbor works because you do.

Curtis Prince Jr., Vice President & Informer Editor

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SUMMER IN REVIEW

What we did together this summer

Annual Crab Feast • Saturday, July 11



JULY 11, 2026 • Annual Crab Feast • Community Center.

This year's Crab Feast did what it has always done: it brought Eagle Harbor together. Neighbors who hadn't seen each other since last summer shared a table, a pile of crabs, and an afternoon of laughter, the kind of tradition that has held this community together for generations. Thompson Seafood brought the crabs, DJ Don Green kept the music going, and the Community Center was full from start to finish. The Crab Feast is EHCA's own event, paid for by ticket sales and run entirely by volunteers. Thank you to Sabrina Littlejohn (kitchen and supplies), Bertha Guerra and Barbara Stanard (50/50 raffle), Anthony Delaney (setup), and every member who sold tickets. You made it look easy, and we know it wasn't.

EHCA Open Meeting • September 12

What came out of the meeting

- EHCA is forming its **2027 Centennial Planning Committee**. Bertha Guerra and Barbara Martin have volunteered to serve. **We still need a chair.** This is EHCA's 100th birthday and it's separate from the Town's 2029 incorporation centennial.
- Anthony Delaney has EHCA shirts left and is looking at a web link for year-round sales.
- The Chaplain seat is still vacant. Nominate someone, or yourself.

Health Information: Know the signs of a stroke

The Informer ran this in 2005 and it still saves lives. Think F.A.S.T.: **F**ace drooping, **A**rm weakness, **S**peech difficulty, **T**ime to call 911, even if the signs go away.

When the clocks fall back on November 1, test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Heating season is here.

Eagle Harbor Town Day • Saturday, August 1



AUGUST 1, 2026 • Eagle Harbor Town Day, Saturday, August 1 • Parade & Waterfront Grounds. **VIDEO & PHOTO RECAP:** [EHCAMD.ORG/EVENTS/TOWN-DAY-2026](https://ehcamd.org/events/town-day-2026)

Town Day is the Town's event, and EHCA served as the planning committee. The Honorable Alexander Williams Jr. (Ret.), former U.S. District Judge for Maryland, a son of Prince George's County, and a former Eagle Harbor resident, offered remarks to the crowd. The Town also recognized Bertha Guerra and former Mayor James D. Crudup Sr. for their many years of distinguished service to Eagle Harbor.

The Prince George's County Police Rhythm in Blues Band played, the Gwynn Park High School Marching Band led the parade, and a procession of classic cars rolled down Patuxent Boulevard behind them, chrome shining and horns answering the crowd. On the waterfront grounds, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission set up alongside local vendors, giving neighbors plenty to browse between the music and the food. Mike Watson donated the dinners that fed most of the crowd. Thanks to Tracy Burton (Royal Court), Michelle Delaney (Parade MC), Chiquitta Harris and Tondaleyo Williams (kitchen), Mae Littlejohn (event banker), Joyce Prince and Sabrina Littlejohn (ticket table), and Commissioner Donnie Littlejohn (roads and traffic).



TOWN DAY • President Janie Branson with the Prince George's County Police Rhythm in Blues Band at the waterfront pavilion.

TOWN HALL REPORT

What the Board of Commissioners has been working on.

OFFICIAL MINUTES COME FROM THE TOWN; THIS IS EHCA'S PLAIN-LANGUAGE SUMMARY.

Board moves on the lot next to the Community Center **RESOLUTION 2605**

The vacant waterfront property next to the Community Center on Patuxent Blvd has sat in legal limbo for years. On September 26, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted Resolution 2605, which authorizes the Town to begin the legal process of bringing the property under Town ownership. The Board plans to have the Town attorney review the paperwork before anything is filed, and residents at the meeting raised practical questions about cost, condition, and next steps. The Board said it would report back. EHCA will share updates as the Board makes them public.

Water filter program

Several homeowners said installers showed up with little notice and no paperwork. Commissioner Patricia Crews has volunteered to coordinate the program going forward, and the Board agreed to post the warranty and manual on the Town website and share it with EHCA. **Installed systems carry a two-year installer warranty from the install date.** If you got a system and don't have paperwork, contact Commissioner Crews or EHCA.

IF YOU HAVE A SYSTEM: THE OWNER'S BASICS

- **Sediment cartridge:** change it on the schedule in your system's manual, often every six months. The warranty and manual will be posted on the Town website, townofeagleharbormd.gov. Replacements are inexpensive and available online or at hardware stores. Write the install date on the housing with a marker.
- **Warranty:** two years on the installation, from the install date. Keep any receipt or door-hanger the installer left.
- **Your well test:** homes were tested before installs. If you never got a copy of your results, ask Ridge to Reefs for them. It's your water and your data.
- **Problems:** low pressure, a leak, or a UV light that won't come on — contact Commissioner Crews first so the Town has a record, then the installer.

What residents should expect from any grant partner working in Eagle Harbor: advance notice of a visit (not one day), something in writing that says what's being installed and who to call, and a copy of whatever paperwork comes with it. If that isn't what you got, tell a Commissioner or EHCA so the Board can raise it with the program.

Battery storage proposed at Chalk Point

PSC CASE NO. 9866

Background courtesy of Public Safety Commissioner Harold Bryant II.

Flatiron Energy wants to build a large battery energy storage facility on about 30 acres at the south end of the Chalk Point power plant property, the end closest to Eagle Harbor. The proposal is 400 megawatts to start, with plans to expand in later phases. Phase 1 construction is targeted for late 2027, with completion in early 2029.

Where it stands. On October 1, the Maryland Public Service Commission conditionally selected Chalk Point as one of two projects to receive state capacity credits in this round. That is a financial award, not a construction permit. Flatiron still has to apply for permission to build, which means more public hearings on safety, siting, and environmental impact, plus County review. Permitting has not started.

What EHCA did. On October 3, Flatiron presented the project to the Town at the Board of Commissioners meeting. EHCA delivered a letter with a number of written questions covering safety and fire response, water and soil, effects on the Town, and what the community would get in return, with the Board copied. Flatiron accepted the letter and promised a follow-up. We will share what we receive.

Where EHCA stands

EHCA has taken no position for or against the project. Our job is to make sure residents get straight answers. Want updates as they come? Email vp@ehcamd.org with "Chalk Point" in the subject line and we'll add you to the list. Follow the project at ehcamd.org/chalk-point.

ehcamd.org/chalk-point · NO EHCA POSITION · FILINGS:
webpscxb.psc.state.md.us/DMS/case/9866

WHAT IS A BATTERY STORAGE PLANT?

Think of a very large power bank. Rows of battery containers, each about the size of a shipping container, sit on concrete pads. They charge from the grid when power is cheap and plentiful (overnight, midday solar) and send it back when demand peaks. No smokestacks, no fuel deliveries, very few workers on site once it's built. The questions residents ask most are about fire safety and what happens to the batteries at end of life. Those are fair questions, and they're in our letter.

Why your seat at the table matters. Our last membership meeting didn't have a quorum. We can still meet without one, but we can't vote on spending money, and the Bay Trust grant needs a vote. Please come out on November 7.

Coleman Creek

The stream restoration behind Patuxent Blvd and Lincoln Drive continues to draw complaints about overgrowth and invasive plants. The Board met with the contractor, GreenVest, on July 20 and is forming a resident committee to push for proper maintenance.

One point worth knowing: the easements recorded with the County for this project state that the County will maintain the restoration permanently, at its own expense. The easements place restrictions on property owners (no dumping, no digging, no removing plantings) but no duty to maintain the project area. Residents along the creek are not responsible for cutting it. If you'd like to serve on the committee, see "Get Involved."

Town Office renovation

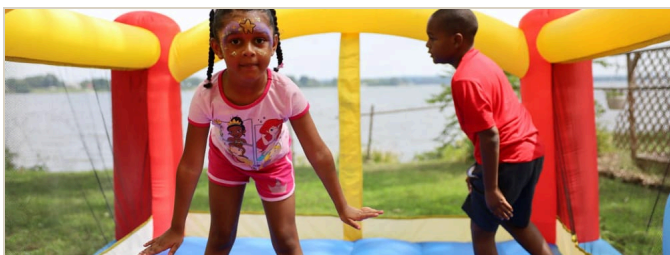
The State enacted \$250,000 in the FY2026 capital budget to renovate the Town Office as a Town Hall and Emergency Operations Center. Before the State releases the money, the Town must have a signed grant agreement with the Board of Public Works and a confirmed contractor. The Board is waiting on an engineer's review. We'll report when funds are in hand and a schedule is set.

Shoreline restoration

Separate from Coleman Creek, the Town has a FEMA-funded shoreline stabilization project along the Patuxent, and the State has set aside \$200,000 for Eagle Harbor flood mitigation. Phase I was design and study. Phase II would be construction and may require new easements from waterfront property owners. If you own waterfront, expect to hear from the Town before anything happens on your property, and ask for the easement language in writing.

Also from the Board

- **Strategic plan:** the Board says a progress report against the 2025 plan is coming shortly.
- **Circuit rider:** the shared town-manager program through the Maryland Municipal League is stalled statewide.
- **Charter review:** the Board floated a special meeting on updating the Town Charter. EHCA supports forming a Charter & Ordinance Review Committee.
- **Tall grass:** The Town now cuts only Town-owned lots. Private lot owners: keep it under six inches or expect a notice.



TOWN DAY • The bounce house never had a quiet moment.

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

What EHCA is working on, and how you can help

Get Involved: Seats Open Now

The Board asked for help and we're taking them up on it. Email vp@ehcamd.org or tell any officer at the November 7 meeting.

- **2027 Centennial Committee** — chair and members
Help plan EHCA's 100th birthday in 2027.
- **Coleman Creek Committee** — residents near the creek especially
Keep an eye on the creek work and make sure it gets maintained.
- **Park & Planning Committee** — Truman Point and the waterfront
Help care for the pier, the waterfront, and the park.
- **Charter & Ordinance Review** — evening Zoom meetings
Read through the Town Charter and ordinances and suggest updates.
- **Newsletter Committee** — writers, photographers, and people who like to share good news
Help put this newsletter together four times a year.
- **EHCA Chaplain** — officer seat, still vacant
Open our meetings in prayer and look in on members in need.

VOLUNTEER FOR A COMMITTEE: VP@EHCAMD.ORG

When we meet

The Board of Commissioners meets the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at the Community Center.

The EHCA membership meeting follows right after, usually around 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome, and members vote.

Our last regular meeting of 2026 is November 7.



2027 CENTENNIAL • Sign up to help plan: scan the code above or click the flyer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meetings and get-togethers through the end of the year

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Sat, Nov 7	EHCA membership meeting · after the 11:00 AM Board meeting	Last regular meeting of 2026. Committee sign-ups and the Bay Trust grant vote. Community Center.
Sat, Nov 14	Friendsgiving Fellowship · 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Potluck fellowship at the Community Center, 23320 Patuxent Blvd. RSVP on SignUpGenius; details below.
Sat, Dec 12	Annual Christmas Party · 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Holiday fellowship at the Waldorf Jaycee Community Center. Details on ehcamd.org.
2027	EHCA Centennial · 1927 – 2027	100 years. Planning starts now. Eagle Harbor, MD.

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY • POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP

Friendsgiving Fellowship 2026

Saturday, November 14

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Eagle Harbor Community Center
23320 Patuxent Blvd, Aquasco,
MD 20608

Bring a dish, bring a neighbor,
and bring your appetite. The
Prince George's County Police
Rhythm in Blues Band is set to
return. Please RSVP and tell us
what you're bringing on
SignUpGenius.



SCAN OR CLICK TO
RSVP

signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAAA82AA1F8C25-66403185-2026



SHOW YOUR EAGLE HARBOR PRIDE • EHCA T-shirts are \$20 each, in white, gold, or green. To get yours, contact Anthony Delaney or President Branson.

Membership & Dues

EHCA is a 501(c)(3). Your dues keep the association running: the Informer, community meetings, and planning for the 2027 Centennial. Annual dues are \$25. Send them to P.O. Box 28, Aquasco, MD 20608. Membership cards are mailed on receipt.

From the Treasurer. The Crab Feast and Town Day are both closed out, and EHCA enters the fourth quarter on sound footing heading into Centennial planning.

New plants for the Welcome sign

EHCA is applying for a Chesapeake Bay Trust mini-grant, under \$5,000, to plant native plants around the Welcome to Eagle Harbor sign. This time we're choosing plants that are deer-resistant and do well in shade. The sun-loving plants from the April cleanup didn't take.

First we'll ask the Board of Commissioners for a letter supporting the Town's part in the project, and then the membership votes. If the grant comes through, we'll clean up and plant in April 2027, with a plan to keep it looking good.

GOOD & WELFARE

Good news, get-well wishes, and remembrance

Celebrations & Good News

Congratulations, Dorothea Smith. Mrs. Smith, an Eagle Harbor property owner, received the Mary Louise Booth Webb Lifetime Service Award from the Charles County Historic Preservation Commission at a ceremony inside historic Maxwell Hall, built in 1768. Ms. Webb herself, now 102, was seated beside her, and former students filled the comments online to say thank you. We are proud to call her one of our own.

Celebrating an anniversary, a new baby or grandchild, or another milestone? Send it to informer@ehcamd.org and we'll share it in the next issue. Notices run by request only.

In Our Thoughts

Notices run at a family's request. Send them to informer@ehcamd.org. We wish a speedy recovery to every member who is under the weather. You are in our prayers.

Centennial: we need your help

EHCA turns 100 in 2027, and we need your help to celebrate it right. We're looking for ideas, volunteers, and sponsors. The sign-up is open now, and we'll keep asking through December so committees are set by the new year.



SCAN OR CLICK TO
SIGN UP

The Centennial Kickoff, a vision and plan for the year, will be presented at a regular first-Saturday meeting, likely in January 2027. Sponsorships and donations will also help fund Centennial scholarships. We still need a committee chair. Could it be you?

signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAAA82AA1F8C25-66403342-2027

HISTORY CORNER • COUNTDOWN TO 100

Eagle Harbor was founded in 1927 by Walter L. Bean, a Washington, D.C. real estate developer, as a summer resort for Black families who, in the era of segregation, were shut out of other beaches on the Bay. It was incorporated as a town in 1929, making it one of the few municipalities in Maryland founded by and for African Americans. The Eagle Harbor Citizens Association was founded in 1927, so next year, in 2027, EHCA turns 100. (The Town's incorporation centennial follows in 2029.)

As EHCA gets ready for its centennial, we're collecting **photos, letters, programs, and stories**, especially from the 1930s through the 1970s. If you have a shoebox in the attic, we want to see it. We'll scan and return originals. Bring items to any meeting or email informer@ehcamd.org.

Starting this issue, every Informer through 2027 will carry one piece of Eagle Harbor history. Next issue: the original lot sales and what a waterfront lot cost in 1926.



PARADISE ON THE PATUXENT • The shoreline that drew Eagle Harbor's first families.

SPECIAL DAYS

October through December 2026

OCTOBER • BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- 12** Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 31** Halloween

NOVEMBER • NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- 1** Clocks fall back
- 3** General Election Day — Polls open 7 AM – 8 PM. Early voting and mail-in drop boxes are available across Prince George's County. Please vote!
- 11** Veterans Day
- 26** Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 21** First day of winter
- 25** Christmas
- 26** Kwanzaa begins
- 31** New Year's Eve

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A poem from an Eagle Harbor newsletter dated January 1973, reprinted in the Winter 2005 Informer, and still so very true today with our Eagle Harbor family of friends.

Let's Be Friends

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
And nobody helped us along
If every man looked after himself
And good things went to only the strong
If nobody cared just a little for you
If nobody thought about me
And we all stood alone in this battle of life
What a dreary old world this would be.

Life is sweet because of the friends we've made,
And for the things in common we share
We want to live on, not because of ourselves
But because of the people who care.

It's living and doing for somebody else
On THAT life's splendor depends
And the joys of living when you've summed them all up
Is found in the making of friends.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



NEIGHBORS • Friends and family at the pavilion on Town Day.

EAGLE HARBOR TRIVIA

Eagle Harbor Trivia: The town has 29 streets (Trail, Road, Path, Drive, Boulevard). Can you find them? Names can run across, down, diagonally, or backwards. Brought back from the Winter 2005 Informer.

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 · JUNIPER · LEACHMAN · LINCOLN · LOCUST · MAPLE · OAK · PATUXENT · PINE · SPRUCE · SYCAMORE · THOMAS ·
 TRUMAN POINT · WALNUT · WEAVER · WELLS · WILSON · WOODLAND

SAFETY CORNER

A few reminders to keep your home and family safe

Burning leaves or brush? Prince George's County requires an open-fire permit. Get it before you light it. Ask the Town office or EHCA for the application.

County permit & application info:
princegeorgescountymd.gov

Scam season is year-round. No government agency, utility, or bank will call and demand gift cards, crypto, or a wire transfer. If a caller says "don't tell anyone," that's the tell. Hang up and call the company back using the number on your bill. Seniors: if something feels off, call a family member or call me. There's no embarrassment in checking.

PG County Family Services (Aging):
princegeorgescountymd.gov

Winter prep for well and septic homes. Most of Eagle Harbor is on a private well and septic. Before the first hard freeze: insulate the well head and any exposed pipe in the pump house or crawl space, and put a heat lamp or heat tape on a thermostat, not a timer. Know where your pump's breaker is. For septic, keep the drain field clear of parked cars and don't let a running toilet go all winter; a flooded field in January is a spring problem you don't want. If you run a generator, keep it 20 feet from the house and never in a garage.

Report a road or utility problem: pgc311.com or dial 3-1-1



TOWN DAY 2026 • The Gwynn Park High School Marching Band and its dance line lead the parade down Patuxent Blvd, Saturday, August 1.

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ehcamd.org/events/town-day-2026

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