



The Wickie

Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.

Spring 2013



Greetings

Keepers of the Light:

Our efforts to improve the landscaping of the Lighthouse and Keeper's House are finally coming to a beautiful end just before the bicentennial commemoration of the 1813 British attack of Havre de Grace. As I write this article, the crew is busy ripping out the old roadway of the corner of Concord/Lafayette Street. This is the final large portion of the project.

There are so many people who have been tremendously supportive and helpful during this process. Most of all, Mayor Wayne Daugherty, former Concord Point Lighthouse Board member, has been consistently encouraging and helpful from the beginning of the endeavor. He has encouraged his staff to support us throughout the effort. Larry Parks and Joe Conaway from the Public Works Department did a great deal to help with the sidewalks and surrounding grounds. David McLaughlin assisted with re-hanging our flag and Jay Bautz gave us good information as we planned the project. We would also like to thank our landscape architect, Kirsten Coffen, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to be sure that these improvements will look fantastic for years to come.

Hopefully you will be able to take part in the activities surrounding the bicentennial celebration. There are going to be lots of fun activities and many are going to be right around us at the lighthouse/keeper's house even though

these facilities did not exist until 14 years after the attack. If you want to help us, call Beth Fleming to volunteer to be part of our all day effort.

I will be representing the Lighthouse and its Board of Directors in supporting the city's purchase of the Gamatria property. There will be a letter to the editor of the Patch and Record. Our stance is based on a belief that this would be a wonderful addition to the city's tourism treasures. But, probably the greatest motivation for our positive view of this purchase is that it will greatly enhance the appearance and accessibility to our lighthouse. Certainly what the city does with the property will be far better for us than what a commercial developer would do. Please get out to vote if you live in Havre de Grace on May 7th to support this ballot question.

Jim Dryden, President

Lighthouse Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who attended our St. Patty's Day fundraiser!! We had a great time and are looking forward to bigger and better events in the coming years! This was our first attempt at a St. Patrick's Day event and we hope to make this an annual affair.

The Friends of Concord Point appreciate all of your support for the new improvements to the grounds. Because of the scope and size of these projects, we will be seeking future support for ongoing endeavors and hope that we can count on all of you to continue your endorsement of our mission to restore and maintain the lighthouse and Keeper's House for future generations.

Many Hands Make Light Work (English Proverb 1300's)

Lighthouse and Keeper's House Now Open

for the Season

The 2013 season here at Concord Point has begun and many people have already climbed the tower and claimed their free gift at the Keeper's House.

We are looking forward to a busy Spring with the War of 1812 weekend bringing lots of visitors. This is our chance to really showcase Havre de Grace and Concord Point and share our treasured history with guests coming from all over the country.

Plan to visit and see all of the improvements!!

Just a reminder: We are open on Saturdays and Sundays through October from 1-5pm.

May 3, 4 and 5 – we will be open from 10am-5pm. Lighthouse opens after the reenactment ends on May 4.

War of 1812 Weekend

The beginning of May is going to be very active around Havre de Grace! We are excited to welcome re-enactors onto the Keeper's House grounds as well as the Lighthouse grounds for the skirmish between the British and John O'Neill. There will be a concert with a spectacular fireworks show at the Lighthouse Saturday night. At the same time, a Regency Ball with authentic music and dancing will be taking place at the HdG High School. This should be a wonderful experience for all who attend. We hope to see everyone at some point that weekend!

The schedule is included here and for more information, visit the HdG Visitor Center website: www.hdgtourism.com

Calling all Volunteers!

With new improvements come new responsibilities. We want to keep our grounds looking as great as possible and need some help doing just that.

Do you have some spare time and interest in Concord Point and the Keeper's House?

We are seeking volunteers to:

- Water and maintain the wonderful new landscaping – it will only get better as the plants become established and start blooming!
- Work in our gift shop as greeter and sales associate – we have some fun new items this season!
- Docent in the Keeper's House – if you love history and sharing our story, this is the place for you!
- Be a Lightkeeper – one of our most important responsibilities is to open the tower and share one of Maryland's historic treasures with the public in a safe and welcoming way.
- Help with any and everything during the War of 1812 Commemorative weekend May 3, 4 and 5, 2013.

If you are interested in volunteering, have volunteered in the past or if you have an idea for our organization, please contact us! If you have any questions, please call the office at 410-939-3213 or send an email to our address at: concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net



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Mark Your Calendars and Take Note...

Board of Directors Meetings

Our Board of Directors will now be meeting on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Board Room in the Keeper's House. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage anyone interested in the activities of the Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse to please attend our meetings.

E-mailing our Newsletter

If you would like to help the Friends reduce the cost of printing and mailing out *The Wickie*, please send an email message to concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net to have your email address added to our email database. Thank you!

Important Contact Information

For more information on Weddings, Tours or Events – please call the office at 410-939-3213 or send an email to: concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net

Annual Membership Reminders

It is time to renew your annual membership or to consider becoming a Lifetime member. Please support the Lighthouse and Keeper's House by renewing your membership and tell a friend! Remember, as a 'Friend', you will receive discounts in the gift shop, a newsletter subscription and annual recognition at our membership event, as well as the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to preserve the Lighthouse for future generations.

Membership fees are:

	Individual	Family	Organization
Annual:	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$100.00
Lifetime:	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$1000.00
Lifetime			
Benefactor:	\$500.00		

Calendar of Upcoming and Local Events

April

- 6 Concord Point re-opens for the season!
- 17 Board of Directors Meeting at the Keeper's House, 6:30pm
- 18 Shank Lecture Series at City Hall, 7:00pm
- 19-20 Perry Point Mansion Spring Open House

May

- 3,4-5 War of 1812 Weekend
- 15 Board of Directors Meeting at the Keeper's House, 6:30pm
- 16 Shank Lecture Series at City Hall, 7:00pm

June

- 8 Upper Chesapeake Hospice Regatta
- 9 Concord Point Members Reception

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Become a Friend of the Concord Point Lighthouse!

Membership Application/Renewal Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

New Membership_____ Renewal_____ Gift Membership_____

\$20.00 Annual Individual_____ \$40.00 Annual Family_____ \$100.00 Annual Organization_____

\$200.00 Life Individual_____ \$400.00 Life Family_____ \$1000.00 Life Organization_____

\$500.00 Lifetime Benefactor_____

Other Donation amount_____

Please detach and mail along with contribution to:

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