



*November 2023*

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## HoCo Hot Topics - November



### **Lean about the General Plan - Nov 29th**

As part of our Hot Topic Series, we will host a hybrid meeting starting promptly at 7pm on November 29th.

Representatives from the County Council and Department of Planning and Zoning will discuss the new General Plan. If you plan to attend in person, we will see you at the East Columbia Branch of the Library. If you are unable to attend in person, a zoom link will be sent out. Whether you plan to attend in person, or via zoom, please [RSVP](#) to this event so we know how many to expect.

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## Do you know how to use Quickbooks?

As part of our office move, we are also working to update our technology. To that end, we have migrated off Quickbooks Desktop and are now using Quickbooks Online. If anyone has experience using Quickbooks, we could use your help. We need help with a one-time review of our 'chart of accounts' and help writing up instructions for data entry and running reports.

If you are interested, please email [Linda Frascarella](mailto:Linda.Frascarella).

## **Our Fall Field Trip was a success!**

On Friday, October 20th, our members were invited to a private tour of the new Children's Museum, operated by the Howard County Historical Society, in Historic Ellicott City. A small band of us toured the facilities, learning about the innovative industrial process developed by the Ellicott family in Ellicott Mills, thought to be the first industrial center in the United States. We also learned about Civil War activity in Howard County, and the birth of a Jewish community in Columbia. My nine-year-old granddaughter thoroughly enjoyed trying out the one room school and learning to play marbles in the Children's Museum. If you're looking for a weekend family oriented event, check out the Historical Society Museums, up on the hill behind the old courthouse. Parking is plentiful and close at hand.



Many thanks to Ellen Flynn Giles for hosting us, and to Barbara Russell, Lucie Geinzer, Evelyn Mogren, Betsy Grater, and Ameilia Mettle for coming out on a Friday morning.

--Laura Mettle

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## **Save the Date - January 6, 2024**

Once again, we will host the members of the Howard County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly on the morning of Saturday, January 6, 2024 for our

Legislative Forum. This year we will be holding the event in the Belmont/Hockley Rooms of the Elkridge Branch Library, and the public is most definitely invited to attend. The delegation will discuss their plans for and anticipated legislation to be considered during the upcoming session of the Maryland General Assembly. Breakfast offerings will be somewhat reduced since we will be in the library spaces, but we will still need volunteers for the event. If you are available and interested in volunteering for this event, please call 410-730-0142 and leave a voicemail message or email us at [Office-HoCo@lwvmd.org](mailto:Office-HoCo@lwvmd.org).

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## December Events at the Historical Society

Our friends and partners at the HC Historical Society have invited us to share in two events in December:

### **Holiday Concert: December 1st from 12-2**

*A Special Holiday Concert With  
Organist Nelda Clelland*



The Howard County Historical Society invites you to attend a special lunchtime holiday concert featuring organist Nelda Clelland. She will perform holiday-themed music using our historic 1885/1915 A.B. Felgemacher pipe organ. A specialist in playing historic organs, Ms Clelland has 50 years of experience as a church organist and instrumental/ vocal accompanist.

**Seats are limited. Register online at <https://hchsmd.org/calendar/>, email [info@hchsmd.org](mailto:info@hchsmd.org), or call 410-480-3250 for more information.**

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## **Holiday House Tour: December 10th from 2-5**

Please join the Society for an exclusive holiday house tour of historic Carrollton Hall (1832). Originally dubbed Folly Quarter or Folly Farm, Carrollton Hall and the Shrine of Saint Anthony. share the same historic site in Ellicott City.

Located on a portion of Charles Carroll's Doughoregan Estate, the historic manor house was finally completed in 1832 as a gift from the Declaration of Independence signer to his granddaughter Emily Caton McTavish. Not yet open to the public, you can be among the first to preview this spectacularly renovated historic property - festively decorated for the holidays.



You are also invited to explore the Shrine of St. Anthony (1931), designed as a small replica of the friary and burial place of Saint Francis of Assisi - Sacro Convento of Assisi - and enjoy musical performances by the Marriotts Ridge Madrigals and refreshments.

**Tickets are going fast - please use this website to get your \$75 ticket. <https://ticketsandy.com/e/2023-holiday-house-tour-3037>**

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## **Reminder....**

Our new mailing address is

League of Women Voters of Howard County  
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 312  
Columbia, MD 21046

Our phone number remains the same: 410-730-0142.