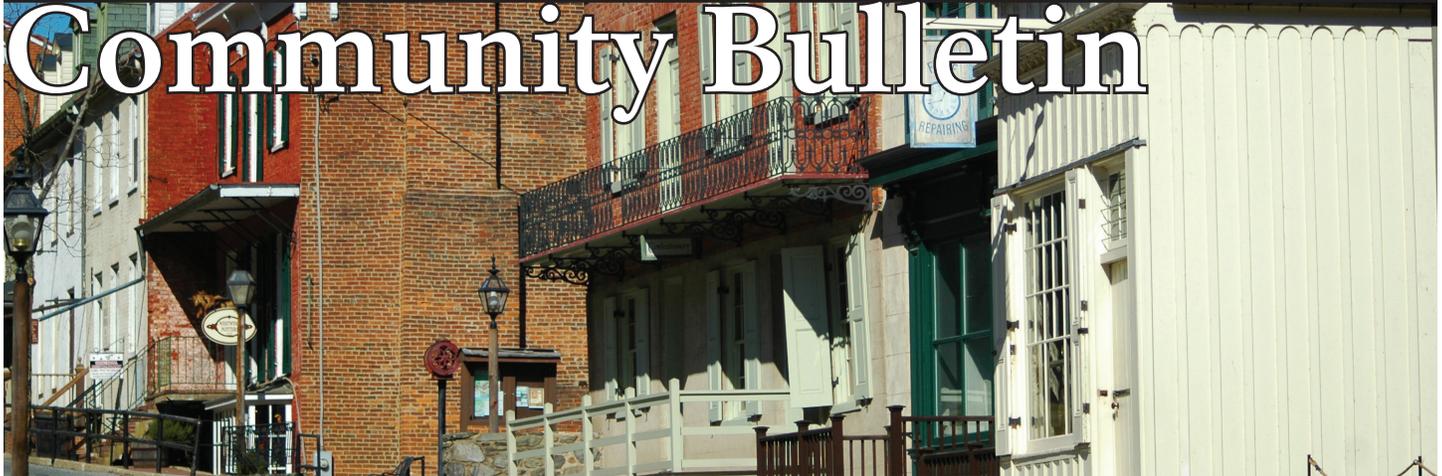




Community Bulletin



“Necessity the Mother of Invention”

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park invites the public to attend a Women’s History Month Program, “Necessity the Mother of Invention” on Saturday and Sunday, March 31st and April 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come see industrial revolution debuted machines, gadgets, and gizmos that helped offer Americans more time, more money and established a burgeoning middle class. Living history staffed exhibits will feature industrial and scientific advances in medicines, home entertainment, food preservation, commercial baking, and clothing production.

Visit the park’s Dry Goods Store exhibit to find out what you could have bought in the 1850s with a 50 cents to 2 dollars a day income. Inspect state-of-the-art goods made by machines powered by water, steam, or the human hand.

Roeder’s Confectionery offers a shift in how food or clothing was made at home. Examine the 1850s transition from locally grown foods preserved in glass jars to the new fangled canned goods from the Baltimore, Maryland canneries. Discover if you would have been able to afford the new 1850s industrial age packaged & processed foods.

At the park’s Armory Machine Shop, discover Harpers Ferry Armory’s American System of Manufacturing that influenced the entire world of manufacturing .

At Philip Frankel’s Ready Made Clothing Store, see how local women sewed men’s garments at home, greatly reducing manufacturing costs to a fraction of what a tailor would earn making the same garments.

This event is made possible through the support of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association. For additional information call the park Information Center at 304-535-6029. See other upcoming park events on our website at www.nps.gov/hafe.

Follow park activities, events and news through our social media sites:

Web page: www.nps.gov/hafe

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/harpersferryhps>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/HarpersFerryNPS>

Park Entrance Fees Increased

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Superintendent Rebecca Harriett announced an increase in the park entrance fee effective April 1, 2012. The new entrance fees will be \$10.00 per single, private, non-commercial vehicle and occupants and \$5.00 per individual (pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.) The price of the Harpers Ferry Annual Park Pass will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for a one year pass. Entrance fees have not increased since 2004. Congress established the fee program at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in February of 1987. Interagency Annual, Senior, Access, Golden Age and Golden Access Passes will continue to be accepted for entrance.

Today, 100% of the money collected at Harpers Ferry stays in the park, to assist with repairing, restoring, stabilizing and maintaining a wide variety of cultural resources and to support operational needs necessary to protect park resources and provide for public enjoyment. The 2012 increase will directly support the park’s transportation system.

What's Old is News! Harpers Ferry Historical Association's Digitized Microfilm Project

Have you ever wondered how you would have reacted to nationally significant news stories from 150 years ago or pondered how these stories would later help establish a national park? Soon, that will be possible through a digitized microfilm history project made possible through the generous support of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association. Association Executive Director Deborah Piscitelli is excited about the project's potential. "Facilitating the process of digitizing historic newspapers is one of the best things we've done to support Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and its programs. I'm excited this project is making these treasured resources available for park and public research." The Association would like to collaborate with other history sites to make the park's historic resources more available to the public.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park has gathered an incredibly unique col-

lection of microfilm resources over the last 50 years. It is not part of the park museum collection, yet it is the most frequently used research resource tool in the park's archives. To allow this collection to be more user friendly and easily searchable, the Association funded a multi-year digitization project to provide text-searchable pdf files of every reel.

The park's aging microfilm and reader used to be the only way to view the town's 19th and early 20th century newspapers, census reports, rare documents, family papers, and manuscripts. The new digitized history project enables the town's former residents and their stories to be readily accessible in a more user friendly format.

The park museum staff hopes to establish a public research center in a virtual space, in the park or at the Historical Association Bookshop.

National Park Service Seeks Public Comment on Shepherdstown Battlefield Special Resource Study/Environmental Assessment

Washington D.C. - The National Park Service (NPS) is conducting a special resource study of Shepherdstown Battlefield in West Virginia and Maryland, located near the town of Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Congress directed the NPS to complete this special resource study on Shepherdstown Battlefield in order to assess the potential of its inclusion within the national park system (as an addition to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park or Antietam National Battlefield). The special resource study will evaluate the battlefield based upon the battle's significance to U.S. history and whether the NPS should manage the area for resource preservation and public

use. The study will also assess public support and alternative strategies to NPS ownership and management. The findings of the study will be reported to Congress, who will make the final decision whether or not it will be included in the national park system.

"Public input is the key to studying additions to the national park system. We look forward to hearing from community members and other stakeholders" said David Hayes, NPS Regional Planner.

The 30-day public comment period will take place from February 13 to March 13, 2012, to solicit public comments on this proposed study. During this period, the public is invited to identify concerns they may have with the proposed study verbally or in writing at the public open houses. Written comments can be submitted electronically at the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/SHBA or by mail to:

Regional Director, National Capital Region
Attn: David Hayes
National Park Service
1100 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20242

Written comments must be post-marked by March 13, 2012, to receive consideration.

Before including a personal address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in a written comment, any one providing written comment should be aware their entire comment—including their personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While anyone wishing to comment may ask the NPS in their comment to withhold their personal identifying information from public review, the NPS cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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