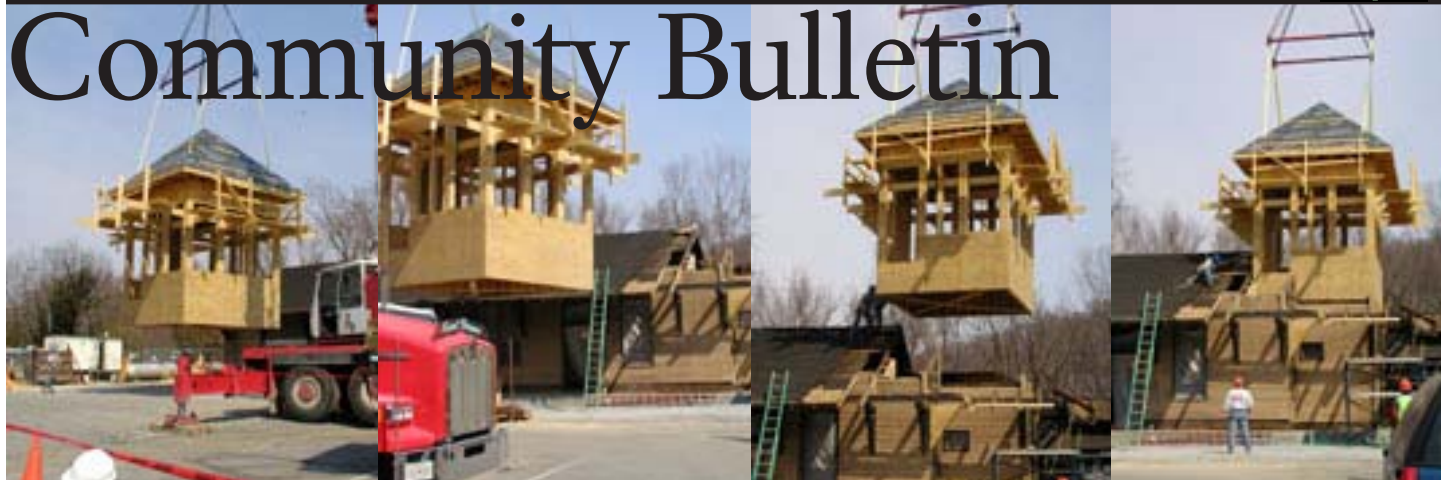




Community Bulletin



Train Station Restoration Raises the Roof

On Friday, March 31, 2006, the restoration of the Harpers Ferry Train Station reached new heights as the newly constructed two-story tower was hoisted into place. Approximately fifty people gathered around the station parking lot to watch the replacement of the prominent architectural feature, which was dismantled in 1950. "I feel like I'm a part of history," said one by-stander. "I've watched this project with great interest and today is one for the history books." Others preferred to watch from, what they considered, a safer distance, although their interest and excitement was just as keen.

Through the years, the Harpers Ferry station has symbolized the growth and change of transportation in this riverside town. For over one hundred years, it has stood a sentinel to the community and its history. Constructed in 1894, the depot has been altered many times throughout the years. Its original location overlooked the scenic confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers; however, in 1931, as part of a series of railroad improvements, the station was moved to its current location. The station survived the B&O's takeover of the C&O Railroad in the 1960s and

was part of the CSX corporation. In 2001, the National Park Service acquired the grounds of the U.S. Armory and this historic station. The restoration project will make the station a welcoming gateway to historic Harpers Ferry.

The restoration project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2006.



Station with tower at present location, circa 1931



Harpers Ferry Train Station's original location, circa 1894-1900.



Student Conservation Association Pitches In

Four Student Conservation Association crews are scheduled to work at Harpers Ferry National

and hiking trails at the Murphy Farm and School House Ridge

- planting 30 to 60 cedar and maple trees on Murphy Farm and in Lower Town
- removal of debris
- installation of 15 exterior interpretive signs on the Harpers Ferry Battlefield

Historical Park from late June through August. According to Steve Lowe, park landscape architect, "We are thrilled to have SCA crews in the park this summer and have lined up a variety of projects for them to complete."

Projects slated for these crews include:

- removal of fence line vegetation
- installation of 1.5 miles of new historic worm fence along Bakerton Road, Route 340 and Bloomery Rd.
- installation of 3 miles of new history

What's New in the Park?

Shenandoah Street Restoration Work - Scaffolding on the building that houses visitor bathrooms will remain in place through the summer of '06 as contractors restore the exterior of the building. Work includes removal of debris, stabilization of existing masonry, new plaster work and final finish coat application.

Summer in the Park

Starting May 27 through September 4, Harpers Ferry NHP will offer three public tours each day on a variety of subjects related to the history of Harpers Ferry. These programs will begin in the Lower Town District of the park at noon, 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Due to the activities surrounding the Niagara Commemoration, public tours will be suspended August 14 through 21.

Shuttle bus summer hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is a nationwide conservation force of college and high school volunteers who protect and restore America's parks, forests, and other public lands. For nearly 50 years, SCA's hands-on approach to conservation has helped to develop a new generation of conservation leaders, inspire lifelong stewardship, and save our planet.

For additional information on the SCA, please log onto their home page at <http://www.thesca.org/>



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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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Upcoming Events

MAY
May 13-14 From Citizens to Soldiers
The Southern Guard will portray a camp of mustering Virginia State Troops during the opening moments in the Civil War when citizens became soldiers and state militia became part of the Confederate army.

May 27-28 Defend and Protect: Arming the American Soldier
Special exhibits and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how soldiers used these weapons for national defense and exploration.

JUNE
June 3 National Trails Day
Join in one of the guided hikes/walks this day or explore on your own. Stop in the Trails Day Tent to find out more about our event partners.

June 24 6:00 p.m. The Fifth Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert with Hank Jones, Jimmy Heath & the Howard Burns Quartet on the grounds of Mather Training Center.