



THE HERRON-MORTON-TIMES

News from the
Herron-Morton Place
Neighborhood

Herron-Morton Place Association, Inc.

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The next meeting of the
Herron-Morton Place Association is:

7 p.m. Monday, March 2

in the Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Footlite's Advisory Board plays key role

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE FOOTLITE MUSICALS Advisory Board live or work in the neighborhood or close nearby. That list includes Wayne Ashford, Marie Beason, Janine Betsey, Jeanne Chandler, Jackie Nytes, Vop Osili, and Bill Taft. Only one member of the Advisory Board, Gerald Bepko, lives and works outside the area.

The Footlite Advisory Board was newly reconstituted last June and has met quarterly since. Its purpose is to advise the corporation on matters relating to finance, advertising, business administration, and other related operational activities.

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Photos by
Tom Forman



A progressive group

◀ Andrew Lyon and Becky Ruby enjoy the entertainment provided by Footlite performers during the Herron-Morton Place Progressive Dinner. The event was staged Jan. 31 in several neighborhood homes and in the home of Footlite Musicals in Hedback Community Center.

▼ Jason Hummel waits in line for more soup during the annual event.

■ PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Many initiatives call for neighbor action

HELLO NEIGHBORS. THANK you to all who participated in a wonderful Progressive Dinner.

A special Thank You to Carole Veatch for planning the event, and to Becky Ruby, Tiffany Berkson, Wayne and Morna Patrick, Doug and Cyndi Alte and Footlite Musicals for hosting 90-plus neighbors. A good time (and full stomach) was had by all.

If you are a new neighbor to Herron-Morton Place, you'll be the focus of our next neighborhood event, HMP's New Neighbor Party, to be held on Saturday, March 7, at a soon-to-be-determined location. How will you know where the party is? Easy! Just sign up to be a part of our HMP Online Community at www.herron-morton.org. Just click on the link to join, on the homepage. Once you have chosen a username and password, you will be able to receive emails (organized in one daily digest or individually), notifying you of neighborhood functions, concerns, tips, etc.

As well, please email me at kelliewelborn@mac.com with your

name(s) and address, and the date you moved into Herron-Morton Place. All those who have moved in within the last year are considered new neighbors, and will be treated to dinner with your neighbors who have been around the block (some for much longer than others).

There are also several calls for action during our February neighborhood association meeting that I'd like you all to be aware of:

☐ Special crime prevention meeting set: All neighbors in and surrounding Herron-Morton Place are invited to a workshop with Crime Specialist Kevin Keatly, from 6 to 7 p.m. leading into our monthly Herron-Morton Place Association meeting (from 7 to 8:30 p.m.), Monday, March 2, at Joy of All Who Sorrow Church (on the corner of 16th and Delaware streets).

☐ Sidewalk and Alley Repairs: There are *many* sidewalks and alleys in our neighborhood in great need of repair. We are compiling a list of all damaged Herron-Morton Place side-

walks and alleys (including pictures) for our City-County Council representatives. I'd like to have the final list to them by March 15. Please email me your pictures and complaints, including street and actual addresses the damage lies between.

☐ Neighborhood recycling: A blue recycling bin has been placed on the northeast corner of the Herron High School parking lot, which neighbors are encouraged to utilize. The only items which should not be thrown into the bin are large cardboard boxes. Please make your recycling as compact as possible.

☐ Dress clothes donations: Herron High School is accepting gently used formal wear (dresses, suits, tuxes, etc.) for their annual prom. In the spirit of recycling (and making room for new/better-fitting garments in your own closet), please bring your items to Herron High School's Main Office (on the north side of the building) between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on any regular

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Herron High students looking for items to make first prom a reality

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, HERRON High School students will hold the school's first-ever prom at the Project School. Herron-Morton Place neighbors are needed to help with a variety of projects and needs to help ensure that all students who wish to can attend!

Anyone able to help with any of the following should contact Jenny Cox at jcox@herronhighschool.org. Donors will receive a tax-deduction form.

Planning or clothing

- Volunteers to help clean the upstairs of the Project School.
- Donations of formalwear (please drop off at Herron High School's main

entrance during school hours before April 10).

Decorations & Food

- Volunteers to help paint a large city skyline mural on the wall.
- Donations of Christmas lights, Chinese lanterns, and extension cords.
- Donations of beverages and snacks (appetizers, small desserts).
- Donations of silver-and-black plates, napkins and cups.
- Donations of white fabric tablecloths.

Prom Night

- A disc jockey to donate or discount services.
- Donations of location/activities for after-prom.
- Donations of corsages and boutonnieres.
- Volunteers to chaperone the event.
- Donations or discounts on gift items (picture frames, etc) that can be given to prom attendees. ■

School seeks tutors for two programs

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL IS SEEK- ing volunteers to assist with before- and after-school tutoring programs that include study tables for student athletes and a voluntary Peer Tutoring Program.

The Peer Tutoring Program runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m.

Principal Janet McNeal said the program has grown significantly. "At first, kids were nervous about getting help, but now it is pretty popular," especially right before exams," she said. The school is seeking volunteers to help with language arts, math, science and Latin tutoring in particular.

Another tutoring program, Study Tables, focuses on helping student athletes main-

tain their grade-point averages and eligibility for sports. Times vary, but are usually built around practice times and start 30 minutes after school is dismissed.

For those who would like to contribute but aren't available during study table or Peer Tutoring times, the school is also seeking volunteers to drop off healthy snacks for the students to eat before or during tutoring sessions. Many students currently make their way to McDonald's before tutoring begins.

For more information or to volunteer, contact (for Study Tables) Austin Taylor at ataylor@herronhighschool.org or Atticus Westerfeld at awesterfeld@herronhighschool.org, or (for Peer Tutoring) Maurice Gates at mgates@herronhighschool.org. ■

Looking ahead: Easter Egg Hunt is April 11

ALL HERRON-MORTON PLACE RESI- dents are invited to the neighborhood's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11. The event will begin at 10 a.m. in Herron-Morton Park, located in the 1900 block of Alabama Street.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available

for the adults, and eggs filled with treats for the kids.

Please let organizers know how many people to plan for by sending an RSVP with the names and ages of those who will be attending to mariannescottlusk@yahoo.com. ■

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school day.

Footlite Musicals' performances of "High Society" begin on March 13. You can grab your 2-tickets-for-the-price-of-1 coupon at our March neighborhood meeting.

Herron-Morton Place website: Our neighborhood website is under renovation! Please send any suggestions regarding elements you would like to see as a part of our website to me, via email.

I want to take a moment to thank all of our neighbors for being extra diligent in looking out for one another and keeping their eyes open for suspicious activity. The suggestion by our Crime Watch liaison is, if you see

something (*anything*) suspicious, please call 911 immediately. You are allowed to remain anonymous. Just please be sure you have a good description of the activity taking place.

Lastly, I'd like to ask that all Herron-Morton Place neighbors get involved with the neighborhood. Your help with just one event or committee would be of tremendous assistance in improving on the already wonderful neighborhood that it is. Due to the large number of events we have in Herron-Morton Place, it is important that we have volunteers who help make them happen. Please let me know which neighborhood committee interests you most (finance, children and family, public relations, safety and crime, Talbott Street Art Fair, home tour, etc.) and we'll be sure to make the best use of your talents.

— **Kellie Welborn, president**
Herron-Morton Place Association

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The eight members bring expertise in fund-raising, corporate management, business, law, architecture, engineering, government, and community/public relations. Their unique knowledge and skills complement those of the board members in order to more effectively govern Footlite.

"Bravo, you are well organized. Congratulations," Advisory Board member Jeanne Chandler said at the group's first

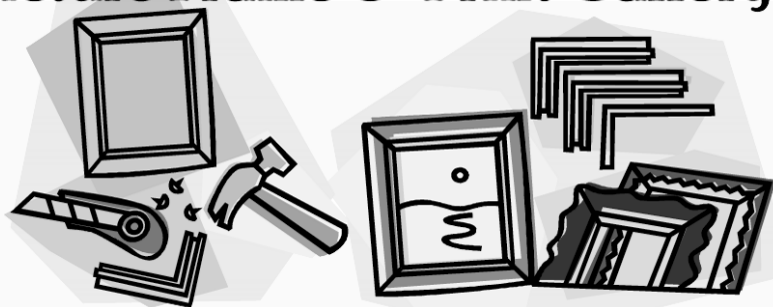
meeting after hearing from Footlite's Board of Directors about the theater's history, operations, structure, and financial information. She said one of Footlite's strengths is that Hedback Theater is a historic theater in a historic neighborhood.

Another strength is that the theater was built for live theater, not as a store, a church, or warehouse converted into a theater. Footlite Musicals is the only local theater that produces only musicals, no plays.

For more information, visit the website at www.footlite.org.

— **Carol Kirk, volunteer**
Footlite Musical

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