

# ELKRIDGE HERITAGE SOCIETY



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## Welcome to the Elkridge Heritage Society

The Elkridge Heritage Society's headquarters is located at the Brumbaugh House (circa 1870) at 5825 Main Street in Elkridge. The Brumbaugh House is the former home and office of Dr. Bruce Brumbaugh, a beloved doctor who practiced in Elkridge for over 60 years. The Elkridge Heritage Society maintains a medical vignette of Dr. Brumbaugh's office as it used to be. As the owner of the Brumbaugh House itself, The Elkridge Heritage Society is responsible for all maintenance of the house and grounds. Furthermore, as the caretaker of the historical archives of Elkridge, the Society preserves the varied experiences that reflect our heritage; and in so doing, records the diversity and change that this region has experienced. Step inside the house and be transported to days gone by, where there are many books, articles and memorabilia representing the industry of Elkridge, the

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churches, shops, taverns, sports teams, and the private homes of prominent citizens.

The Society holds regular presentations about the area's history on such diverse topics as the role of Elkridge and nearby railroads in the Civil War, Elkridge sports, the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Belmont, a pictorial guide to Lower Elkridge, the history of the area churches, and memories about of the Davis & Hemphill Factory which is now the office space for Hamel Builders, Inc. Our general meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of March, May, July, September, and November, with a special holiday activity at the end of December.

## Wish List for the Brumbaugh House

In September 2012, thanks to a generous gift from Ed Hamel, we had the outside of our headquarters at 5825 Main Street renovated. The painters chose a lighter green paint in keeping with the style of Victorian age during which the house was built. Our curator requested a rust red door, which became one of the accent colors. During the renovations, it became clear where additions were made to the house by stripping off the old cedar shakes in the back. There we exposed the original clapboard. Unfortunately the

clapboard did not extend all the way around the house, so we kept the cedar shakes on the rest.



*The back of the renovated Brumbaugh House.*

There is still much to be done, and we cannot proceed without your help. Here is our current wish list for the house, with estimated costs where possible. For some of the items, we hope to get donations in kind, or volunteer labor.

**Inside:**

A/C: \$7,800

Empty basement: \$ 250 (1/2 Dumpster)

Clean out house: \$ 250 (1/2 Dumpster)

Paint throughout: \$ 5,500.

Upgrade electric: \$ 3,000.

Refinish floors: \$ 1,500

Refurbish kitchen: \$ 4,000

Refurbish downstairs bathroom: \$ 2,000

Fix porch roof

Window finishes

Upgrade displays/cases

**Outside:**

Improve foundation plantings

Clear beds

Grade out rough edges of lawn

Rebuild front wall : \$4,000

**Garage:**

Paint exterior: \$6,000

Repair roof: \$3,000

Replace door: \$500

Finish interior: \$4000

TT Wall AC/Heat: \$2,500

**Operating Expenses: ~\$600.00 a month**

Water

BGE

Insurance

Lawn maintenance

Upkeep (paint, wear and tear)

Postage

Stationary/Office Supplies

Brochure printing

Taxes

**Other Items Wanted:**

Dehumidifier

New (or newer) computer and scanner/printer

New (or newer) vacuum cleaner

**Why Donate to the ElkrIDGE Heritage Society?**

All charitable organizations need donations. Some feed the homeless, some support cancer research, some support animal shelters ... you name a lofty goal, and there is a charity for it. With all the claims for your time and money out there, what good does a historical society such as ElkrIDGE Heritage Society really do? We aren't curing cancer, we aren't saving the planet, and we aren't putting kids through college (at least not yet!).

But we do provide educational opportunities for the young and old alike. We provide mental exercise for all by dredging up old memories about ElkrIDGE. Mental exercise helps us have healthy brains with better memory retention. We preserve historical items which is a way of reducing-reusing-recycling. We provide opportunities for physical exercise with the yard-work and house-work. We provide fun activities and social outlets which are of great importance for a healthy life-style. Finally, we are saving the Brumbaugh House, a beloved ElkrIDGE landmark, from deterioration, demolition, or development. Are not these worthy things? Aren't they at least worth the \$25 annual membership dues?

We are always calling for new members. With just this small annual donation you can help us cover the basic monthly maintenance costs for the Brumbaugh House. Larger gifts and fundraisers will help us with the items on our wish list. So please take a moment and consider if donating to the ElkrIDGE Heritage Society is right for you. We thank you for your consideration.

### How to Donate or Join

Membership: \$25 individual, or \$35 per Family

To Donate or join, mail check to:

The Elkridge Heritage Society  
5825 Main Street  
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Or visit our Website:

[www.elkridgeheritage.org](http://www.elkridgeheritage.org)

For more information, E-Mail:

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Please join us for our next general meeting, "Tavern Night". You do not need to be a member to attend.

The Elkridge Heritage Society  
Presents....

# Tavern Night!



At Daniel's Restaurant and Bar  
5854 Washington Blvd, Elkridge, MD 21075

There will be a presentation on area taverns,  
then and now...

Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 7pm



Meeting is in the back room. There will be a cash bar, and the restaurant will be open, so we hope you will give our host your patronage. Desserts will be provided, compliments of The Elkridge Heritage Society.



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