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11 Fun Ways to Enjoy Our City!

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It wouldn't be a premier edition if we didn't do our best to introduce you to our fine city of Havre de Grace, to find a variety of reasons for you to visit, and to encourage you to return many times.

The beautiful, historic community of Havre de Grace is not only a recipe for great rest and relaxation but also fun and frivolity! She offers the gamut of restaurant establishments where delighting your palate is easy. Add the pleasing blend of antique and specialty retailers and any shopaholic's desires will be appeased.

With so many choices you just might want to stay overnight in one of our warm and comfortable B&Bs, inns or motels. The next day add a waterfront walk that gives the landlubber breathtaking views. Enjoy sailing, boating, kayaking and fishing for the more adventurous natured.

Following are only 11 of the 101 ideas we can offer for enjoying our community. These are in no particular order. We look forward to having you pick one or two and join us!

1. Civil War and War of 1812 Re-enactors meet to enjoy events at Steppingstone Museum and the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House. When these folks enter the streets of downtown, it can get pretty lively!

2. Car Lovers meet and truly enjoy the antique cars rumbling in. Today's teens with their car speakers blaring share a special moment with seniors as they remember the sounds of revving their engines just to hear the mufflers roar.



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3. Environmentalists may choose to meet during any number of events, including Earth Day activities. The HdG Maritime Museum encourages anyone who doesn't mind getting his/her fingers dirty to join in during the April activities. Of course, throughout town there are always ways to take part in plantings or clean-ups, including RiverSweep in June.



6. Pets, you say? What about my pets? Well, they have their very own meeting place. Visit Pampered Paws where you can purchase gourmet goodies for your favorite 'furkids.' Add our wonderful parks, where you can toss a Frisbee or let those 4-footed water-lovers jump in and doggie-paddle, and your furry friends will beg you to return again and again.



7. Maybe your idea of pets is more in the vein of not owning any, but enjoying what Mother Nature offers up. From bog turtles, ducks, geese, heron, osprey and bald eagles to the antics of coots and the sweep of the hawks, our area can fill that need. It's a photographer's paradise and many of them meet here.



4. Lighthouse enthusiasts meet in our city by the thousands every year. The Concord Point Lighthouse celebrated "175 Years of Light" in 2002. The visitors continue, as does the Light!

5. Maybe you have a unique love of Shakespeare. Well, you won't want to miss the "Shakespeare in the Park" series in July. Meeting for this great family affair is a fun way to enjoy the outdoors under the stars. Don't like Shakespeare? Hmmm... give it a try. I think you'll laugh, cry and enjoy right along with the hundreds of others that bring their lawn chairs and blankets to share a fun evening.



8. And the children. Every festival treats the kids with fun things to do. The Children's Art Festival in September is created just for the kids. Each museum offers specially designed exhibits and activities for kids. Add the parks where they can run off energy and your entire family will have a fine time meeting in Havre de Grace!





9. The Native American Pow Wow presents a unique meeting place where you can experience not only living history, but also the culture of the original peoples of North America. Join in the ceremonies. Listen as they describe the dance and the costume. Then be sure to encourage the kids to take part.



11. There are many reasons to meet friends and visit our city. The final of the 11 presented here is our Promenade that runs from the Concord Point Lighthouse to the City Yacht Basin and Tydings Park. Whether you walk or jog, choose to find a bench and take in the view feeling the warm summer breeze on your face, or just relax and read a book on one of the many benches, the Promenade is the gathering place.



10. Okay, so you just like to stroll the streets of the city. **First Fridays and the Musical Mile** offer music in the street plus merchant and restaurant specials, making it a delightful evening to meet your friends. Add art receptions, book signings, and other special venues and it's just a wonderfully pleasant summer evening.

Welcome to **Havre de Grace—the meeting place®**. We encourage you to return often. Check out the *Calendar of Events* and go to our website for updates and additions. Be sure to e-mail us and let us know your favorite activity. E-mail: ellie@havre-de-grace-md.com
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