

How Can You Share in HARBEL?

The *HARBEL Community Organization* receives support from churches, member organizations, individuals, businesses and various grants and contracts.

Individuals may participate in *HARBEL* by serving on the Board, working on a special project, serving on a committee, or volunteering in one of *HARBEL'S* programs.

Any group or organization may apply for membership in *HARBEL*. Application forms are available on request.

The **NORTHEAST CITIZENS PATROL** welcomes volunteers who drive through the neighborhood and report concerns directly to the police via two-way radio.

HARBEL'S Board meets bi-monthly to establish policies and determine which issues, problems, or opportunities *HARBEL* should address.

HARBEL'S Community Forum series presents information and speakers on current issues, as well as providing guidance and development for future community leaders. Forums are held quarterly and are open to all. Please call *HARBEL* for the dates of upcoming forums.

HARBEL

A private, non-profit 501(c)(3) agency comprised of neighborhood and business associations, churches, schools, service organizations and institutions. A full-time professional staff provides a wide range of services to groups and individuals.

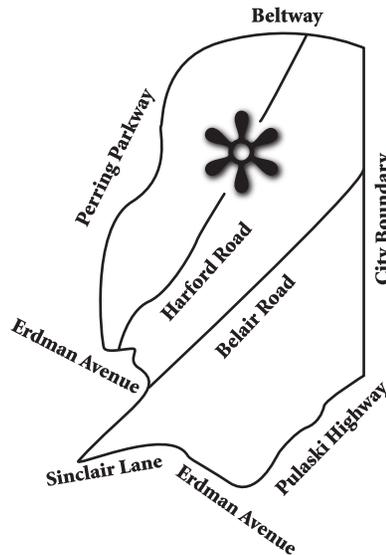
PURPOSE

To unite organizations in order to define and solve those problems common to the community.

GOALS

- To develop services for the community
- To provide a forum for community improvement

HARBEL AREA



NORTHEAST CITIZENS PATROL

(a partnership of HARBEL and the Northeast Police District)

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WHAT IS THE NORTHEAST CITIZENS PATROL (NECOP)

The NorthEast Citizens Patrol is an 800 plus member volunteer group committed to helping reduce crime in the neighborhood. Organized in 2000, the Patrol is a partnership between **HARBEL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**, the umbrella group representing 25 community associations, and Baltimore City's Northeast District Police.

The Patrol grew out of citizens' deep frustration about escalating nuisance, quality-of-life crimes, and their seeming inability in reducing it. With leadership from then-Major, now Hagerstown Police Chief Art Smith and Major Michael Hilliard on the law enforcement side, and Naomi Benyowitz, **HARBEL'S** Executive Director, the Patrol recruited members and rolled out for the first time in January 2000. The Patrol continues to enjoy the enthusiastic support of the current Northeast District Commander.

A command car for the Patrol's use was donated by the Al Packer Ford Enterprises. Funds to erect a communications tower as well as illuminated rooftop signs which identify each car on patrol were also donated. The Northeast Police Department donated two-way radios when they upgraded their equipment to a different frequency.

NECOP patrols assigned routes and report any concerns directly to the police in the command via the two-way radio. There is no need to call 911. Response is instant. Numerous arrests have been made thanks to the diligence of Patrol volunteers. It is proving to be an effective method of bringing stability to the neighborhoods and increasing communal participation in activities.

HOW NECOP WORKS

Patrol members gather at the Northeast District Police Station for an update before each shift. The Patrol goes out from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday. One of the officers from the Community Relations Division briefs the volunteers and issues each member their post's bag of equipment. The bag contains a map of their area and a note pad for maintaining a log of events, as well as any other supplies individuals may need. Members pick up their illuminated sign before exiting the station and affix the sign to their car's rooftop. This provides excellent visibility to residents, visitors, shoppers, and business owners.

After a numbered call-in to assure that all vehicles are ready to begin the evening's shift, cars exit the station and proceed to their assigned post. Usually the post is the member's own neighborhood. This system provides extensive coverage, as members are most familiar with their own and immediate surrounding neighborhoods. In addition to the neighborhoods, assignments include the Harford Road, Belair Road, and Loch Raven commercial corridors. This shift pays special attention when there are shoppers present to assure their safety going to and from their vehicle.

HOW TO JOIN

NECOP welcomes all inquiries. For additional information or to request an application, please call

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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Arcadia Improvement Association
Belair-Edison Community Association
Beverly Hills Improvement Association
Cedmont Community Improvement Association
East Rosemont Community Association
Ednor-Gardens Lakeside Civic Association
Frankford Improvement Association
Glenham-Belhar Community Association
Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association
Harford Park Community Association
Lauraville Improvement Association
Loch Raven Improvement Association
Mayfield Improvement Association
Moravia-Walther Community Association
Morgan Park Improvement Association
North Harford Road Community Association
Original Northwood Community Association
Overlea Community Association
Perring Loch Community Association
Perring Loch Covenant Association
Valley Park Community Association
Waltherson Improvement Association