Greetings everyone and on behalf of the Board and Clerk/Treasurer we wish you all the very best for the New Year! We ended this historic year in which there was sadness across the entire Town with the passing of three of Eagle Harbor’s lovely and dedicated women; however, we have many warm memories to sustain us. We mourn the loss of Mrs. Cora Guerra, the mother of the Town and Sergeant at Arms of the Eagle Harbor Citizens Association, we mourn the passing of Carolyn Hamilton, a lifelong property owner and staunch supporter of Town activities and Parliamentarian of the Eagle Harbor Citizens Association and we mourn the loss of Romelia Johnson, Secretary of the Eagle Harbor Citizens Association and a dedicated and compassionate member of the Town. All of these ladies will be sorely missed, but certainly not forgotten.

**Election**
The election challenges that the Town endured is now over and on Saturday, November 2, 2019. The following individuals were re-elected as Commissioners: James R. Banks Jr., James D. Crudup Sr., James Green, Jack Martin, and Joyce Prince. Bertha Guerra was also appointed Clerk/Treasurer for the Town.

**A new decade means a New Vision and leadership**
The 2020 decade will open the door for new leadership and possibly a new vision for the Town. Those of you who are interested in leading the Town forward are invited to participate with the current leadership team to learn how municipal management works. A Commissioner in a small Town like Eagle Harbor has many duties and responsibilities. As Mayor, I spend between 24 and 40 hours total a week handling Town business. Each Commissioner has his/her hands full too. Town business is conducted during the day and often requires attending meetings in the evening. I can assure anyone who wants to do a good job as a Commissioner to keep the requirements of the position in mind. This is an appeal to those who want the lead to start early learning the ropes. We as a leadership team have always been transparent and we wholeheartedly invite anyone who wants to be prepared to join us so we can pass the baton as smoothly as possible.

**Ongoing Action**
Work is underway to design a solution to solve the flooding problem with Coleman Creek. A briefing on the project was held in the community center on which has become a big problem especially where the creek passes under Patuxent Blvd has begun. You will see contractors in the Town studying the problem so that they can propose solutions. When the study phase is completed, the Town will be briefed on the options. Another follow-up DNR grant to protect the shoreline from erosion and decay is being negotiated for the near future.

**Cable Service**

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The Town, in partnership and contract with many of the other municipalities in the County, have a contract to allow Comcast to provide cable service to those who desire it. The Town has been wired at the pole level and anyone who wants Comcast cable would need to contact Comcast. A representative from Comcast will be invited to brief the Town in the near future.

**Community Center Upgrades**
The Board is continuing to make upgrades to the community center so that it will be more pleasing and inviting for holding events. We have already remodeled the kitchen with new lighting, new floor and large freezer. We slowed down during the winter months, but things will pick up in the spring. We will be improving the front façade of the center and adding a new bulletin board. Contact Sabrina Littlejohn if you would like to book the center for an event.

**Ordinances**
The Town Ordinances have been updated and the newly proposed Ordinance changes will be presented to the Town at a Town in a future meeting soon to be scheduled. Please plan to attend and provide your input. One of the major changes to the Ordinances will be stronger laws against the storage of junk, old boats, old cars and other unsightly items visible on property in the Town. A major goal of the Town this year will be to really clean up the Town so that we can move closer to our vision of becoming the “Paradise on the Patuxent.”

**90th Anniversary Holiday Celebration**
There is no other way to end this historic year but to go out in memorable style. As you may recall, we started the anniversary year off with a Dr. Martin Luther King program in January, the Anniversary Gala in April, the Mother’s Day brunch, the Seafood Festival in July and in August, the biggest Town Day Celebration in the history of Eagle Harbor. Then, we closed out our 90th Anniversary year with a fabulous gala and honors holiday celebration on December 14th at Martins Crosswinds, Greenbelt, MD. While this event was not as big as the gala in April, it was a Town celebration that left us all feeling very proud. In addition to honoring some well-deserved friends of the Town,

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The Town is grateful to committee representative and town resident Noah Waters, PhD and to Linda Moore-Garoute CCP, and too many others that aren’t named but greatly appreciated for the outstanding work done to complete the “Changing Landscape: Farmsteads and Resort Towns” project. This project captured and documented the rich history in video and written word of the Baden, Aquasco, Cedar Haven and Eagle Harbor communities.

**Census 2020**
Will you be counted? Of course you will if you are a permanent resident in the Town. A host of goals and objectives are planned to see that everyone is counted. Come to the monthly Town and special meeting, visit the Town website and look out for email blast from the Board of Commissioners related to the upcoming census.

Respectfully,

**James D. Crudup, Sr.**
Mayor Town of Eagle Harbor MD

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