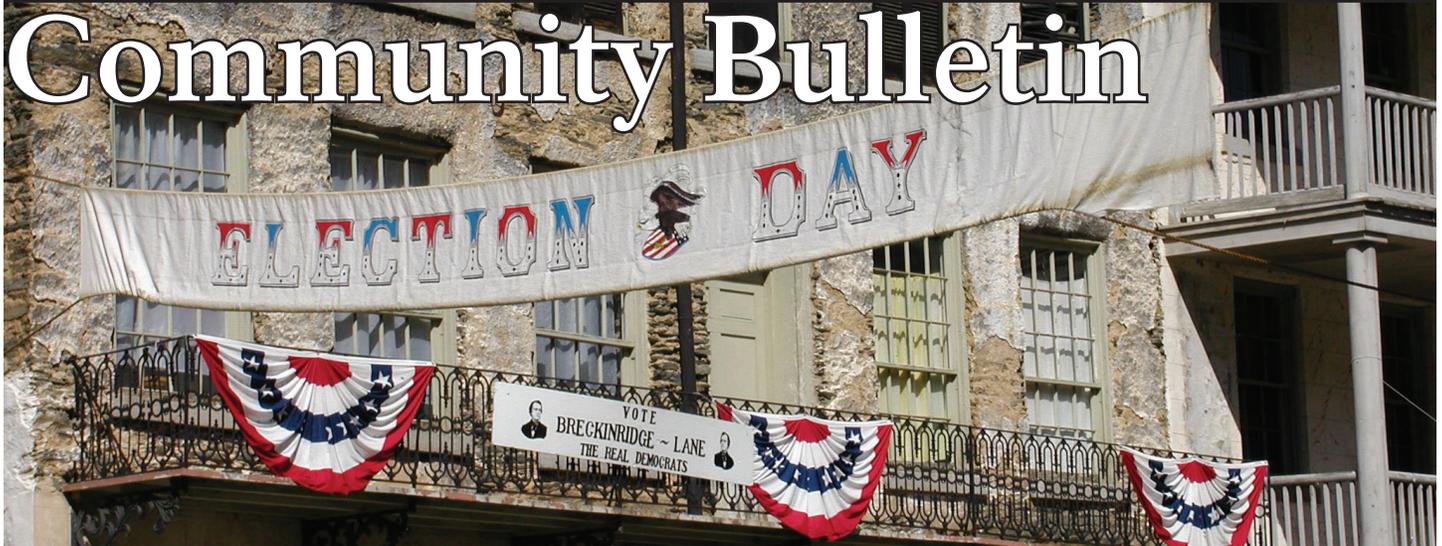




# Community Bulletin



## Harpers Ferry Celebrates Election Day 1860

On Saturday, October 9, 2010, Harpers Ferry NHP invites the public to attend Election Day 1860. Stroll through the community, see a militia competition, review the issues dividing the country, enjoy a military parade, and vote for the 1860 candidate of your choice. In 1859, all eyes focused on Harpers Ferry and John Brown's raid to free 4 million enslaved African Americans. Brown's raid polarized slavery and anti-slavery factions, including national political parties influencing the 1860 Presidential election. This living history program will share diverse points of view with park visitors.

On November 6, 1860, the American electorate cast their ballots for the next President of the United States. This momentous political contest resulted in the election of Abraham Lincoln and provoked secession of southern states. Civil War soon followed.

This year's event depicts the town on that 1860 Election Day. The Republican candidate, Abraham Lincoln, was not on the ballot in the state of Virginia. Politically, the south was Democratic and hatred for the so-called "Black Republican" was intense. The most influential local politician was Armory Superintendent Alfred M

Barbour. Barbour was the local elector for the Northern Democrat, Stephen A. Douglas, and held great sway over his Armory workforce and their vote for President.

Candidates' political platforms will be interpreted at the Orientation Tent on the park green. Displays will illustrate the social, economic, cultural and political divisions that permeated the national scene in the 1860s.

### Schedule of Events

11-12 "A Divided Nation Goes to the Polls: The Election of 1860 and John Brown's Legacy" Ranger guided tour. (Local Reaction Tent)

11:30-12 "The Four Pigs: A Political Fairy Tale" A children's program. (Northern Reaction Tent)

12-1 "Defenders of Freedom" Grand Militia Muster, Parade & Speeches begin on Potomac Street.

1:00 Polls and Campaign Headquarters open.

1-3pm, "Grand Civic Militia Barbeque" How auctions and picnics supported local militia companies in

reaction to John Brown's 1859 Raid. (Master Armorer's House yard.)

1-2 "A Crusade For Freedom: The Northern Perspective" A musical performance by the Indiana Brass Band. (Northern Reaction Tent)

2-3 "A Divided Nation Goes to the Polls: The Election of 1860 & John Brown's Legacy" Ranger guided tour. (Local Reaction Tent)

3-4 Election Day Speeches and Debates in front of the John Brown Museum.

3:30-4 "The Four Pigs: A Political Fairytale" A children's program (Northern Reaction Tent)

4-4:30 "Defenders of Hearth and Home" - State and local militia competition. (Arsenal Square)

4:30 Polls and Campaign Headquarters Close

4:30 "Grand Militia Muster and Parade" (Arsenal Square)

5:00 -5:30 "The People Have Spoken" Election Results (In front of the John Brown Museum)

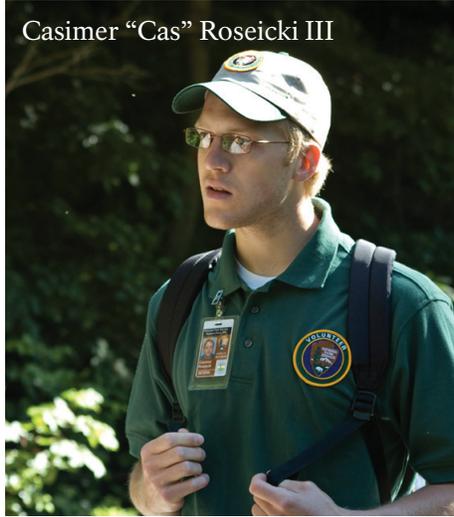
# September Volunteer of the Month

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park would like to recognize the volunteer contributions of Visitor Services Intern, Casimer “Cas” Roseicki III.

His knowledge of Civil War history, re-enacting, communication, his major at Purdue University, made him uniquely qualified for this intern position. Moreover, his dedication to environmental stewardship, especially, recycling, generated daily contributions to park operations. Repeatedly amazed by Cas’ passion for suggesting new ways of doing business, Visitor Services colleagues presented Cas with an award for having the most new ideas in a summer season.

Through his own interest and initiative, Cas became the branch volunteer systems engineer and waste management coordinator. He immediately noticed many places where the park could do more to further recycling and reduce the park’s carbon and waste footprints. Above and beyond

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his full load of Visitor Services duties—battlefield tours, roving and staffing the Visitor Center, Information Center and John Brown Museum—Cas volunteered to design new trash and recycling plans for park offices in addition to cleaning up the river shorelines. Furthermore, Cas researched greener and more environmentally savvy recycling practices by visiting other area National Parks. At Harpers Ferry, he engaged in conversation with various park staff about their own recycling practices and the potential of instituting new operational ideas. Before he left, Cas put his findings and suggestions together in the form of a fact sheet and PowerPoint presentation, “Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Recycling Project” for park managers.

Hopefully, Cas’ hard work will pay off in the long run as the park takes action to become one of the newest members of the Climate Friendly Park Program. In fact, Cas would want to make sure of it, so if this bulletin is printed on hard copy, be sure the paper is recycled - not only for our environment, but for Cas too!

If you or someone you know is interested in interning at Harpers Ferry NHP, please visit us on the web at: [www.nps.gov/hafe/supportyourpark/internships.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hafe/supportyourpark/internships.htm)

# Upcoming Events

**October 2** - Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry 1pm & 3pm Lower Town

Our 16th president comes to life as Jim Getty portrays Abraham Lincoln.

**October 9** – Election Day 1860!

11am - 4pm Lower Town

Attend our living history fall event “Election Day 1860.” Look back 150 years to November 6, 1860, when the American electorate cast their ballots for the next president of the United States. Cast your vote!

**October 16** – At All Times Ready: The U. S. Marines 11am - 4pm Lower Town

Learn how the U.S. Marines reacted to abolitionist John Brown’s October 1859 raid on the U.S. Armory.

**October 30-31** - Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862

11am - 4pm Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Learn about the Battle of Harpers Ferry and see an artillery demonstration. Baltimore Light Artillery presents a military camp. Programs are at 12 noon, 2pm & 3pm.

**November 6-7** - Fall Cider Making

11am - 4pm Lower Town

Enjoy this fall tradition that harks back to happier times for German immigrant Frederick Roeder and his family when the tavern business was thriving.

**December 4-5** - Captain Flagg’s US

Quarter Master City: Approach of Peace 1864 Sat. 12-8pm Sun. 11am-4pm Lower Town

Join this special Yuletide of 1864, when Harpers Ferry soldiers attempted to create Christmas in a war zone. Programs feature local citizens and soldiers preparing for the Yuletide, a Civil War-style Santa Claus dispersing presents to the soldiers, a Victorian Cotillion, Yuletide confections, and special guided walking tours.



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation’s history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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