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Next Meeting: Monday, June 13th, 7:30 p.m.

GPCA General Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, except July & August, at the Granite Presbyterian church. Everyone is invited to attend.

MAY MEETING NOTES

GPCA welcomed four of our 10th District delegates. Adrienne Jones, Ben Brooks and Dr. Jay Jalisi each gave short presentations and answered questions.

Adrienne Jones, the Speaker Pro Tem of the House of Delegates gave an overview of the MD budget and education as she serves on the Capital Budget and Education Committees. Ms Jones reported that no taxes were raised and in fact some taxes have been reduced or eliminated such as the taxes on handguns, birth and death certificates. As well, fees for fishing license and vanity license plates were lowered. She also reported the state had a balanced budget for 2016. Jones said that 10 % of the budget went to higher education and that 29.5 % went to Medicaid costs. Ms. Jones reported that there was no agreement between the MD House and Senate on reducing taxes this year as the House wanted to reduce taxes on the middle class taxpayers and the Senate wanted to reduce taxes on higher taxpayers. Ms Jones related that suggestions for bills can be given to delegates as early as June of each year.

Delegate Jones also presented information about summer jobs for youths and scholarships that are available through her office. For more information,

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contact Rep. Adrienne Jones at 1-800-492-7122, ext. 3391 (toll free) or adrienne.jones@house.state.md.us.

District 10 Delegate Ben Brooks related how he spent his first year learning how things work in Annapolis and how to introduce bills. This year he focused on getting the introduced bills through committee. Rep. Brooks is proud that House Bill 1054, which reduces income tax penalties for both individuals and businesses, passed the House and Senate unanimously. Currently, MD charges a 25% penalty on unpaid income taxes. MD has a very high penalties rate compared to many surrounding states. The House 1054 bill reduces the assessment to 5% for the first month of delinquency and 10% for the second and succeeding months.

Other passed bills that Del. Brooks sponsored were House Bill 1404, the Construction Education and Innovation Fund and Bill 1600. Bill 1404 assures that MD has a readily available supply of workers who can perform trades in the construction industry. (continued page 2)

CZMP Hearing

The next Council Hearing is scheduled for June 9th, 2016 at 6:00pm at the New Town High School in Owing Mills, MD. As before, the sign in time is 5:00pm. If you wish to address the District 4 County Council members speaking time is limited to two minutes per speaker.

From The President

Hello All! We are coming up on our last General Meeting for the summer in June. Our guest speaker for June will be Senator Dolores Kelly of the 10th District. We look forward to hearing from her. Thanks to everyone who has come out this year to support GPCA at the General Meetings.

After what I hope will be a pleasant summer, we will pick up again on September 12th. If anyone has an idea for a guest speaker for upcoming meetings, please do not hesitate to contact any officer or board member. We appreciate your input.

At our last meeting, we heard Guest Speakers from the house of Delegates Benjamin Brooks, Dr. Jay Jalisi and Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne Jones. I would like to thank them for coming to talk to us.

Don't forget to "mark" your calendar for the June 9 CZMP Council hearing for District 4 @ 6:00 pm, New Town High School. Sign is @ 5:00pm for those planning to speak. Everyone's support is needed. Wishing an enjoyable, and safe summer to all, and I will see you in the fall.

Save The Dates!!

St. Alphonsus Church 101st Woodstock Festival August 13th and 14th—features fried chicken and ham dinner, homemade salads, local corn and tomatoes, raffles, Bingo, games of chance, Flea Market and a Silent Auction. Look for more info in the August newsletter.

(Meeting from page 1) . Bill 1404 makes sure that MD has a readily available supply of workers who can perform trades in the construction industry. Bill 1600 is a bond bill that provides funding for the Baltimore Humane Society located in Reisterstown. The funds will be used to provide shelter for the animals in the winter and summer months. The plan also will provide installation of a geothermal system that will eliminate greenhouse gases, while saving BHS at least 25k per year in energy costs. Rep. Brooks can be reached at benjamin.brooks@house.state.md.us or 410-841-3103.

Dr. Jay Jalisi, also a delegate for the 10th District and a member of the Environment, Transportation and Housing Committees described how he has focused on homeless issues. He states that there were no funds in the budget for homeless issues. Rep. Jalisi put a bill in that provides 3 million dollars to help fund homeless shelter and fund some programs. He said they hope to double the set aside amount for the 2018 budget.

Delegate Jalisi got a bill through that would make it a felony to assault a EMT or firefighter. He related how this is often a problem and has not been addressed in the past. He also got a bill passed in both the MD House and Senate that will provide student loans for everyone in the foster care system or orphans. A Grandparents Rights bill did not pass this year but Delegate Jalisi hopes to get it back for a vote in 2017.

Jalisi related that a task force is being formed to study minors in detention centers and how to better manage their treatment. The concern is that youths who come into the detention centers are being treated more harshly than necessary and may benefit from better treatment based on their behavior. Dr. Jay Jalisi can be reached at jay.jalisi@house.state.md.us or 410-363-6000.

All of the delegates have funding available for scholarships for qualified youth looking for help funding their higher education. Contact information is provided above.

We also heard from Mrs. Sharon Jackson (husband Arthur) regarding their desire to obtain a Special Exception to increase the number of children they care for in Loving Care Day Care that they operate out of their home at 9420 Dogwood Rd and also allow them to continue to use the home as their primary residence. Currently they are only allowed to have 8 children and wish to expand to a Class B facility which would allow them to care for up to 40 children. Mrs. Jackson answered questions. Once a hearing is scheduled, GPCA will present their decision to the administrative judge and see where it goes from there. The newsletter will provide further information about this as it develops.

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Honey Locust and Wood Hyacinths and Horse Shows

Ten years ago, about, it was a cool wet spring like this. I was fairly house bound that season. One day, looking out the window, I noticed a baby tree had made its way up in the side yard. The offspring of the aged honey locust on the other side of the drive. I love shade in the yard and John hates to mow around things. Saving the baby tree was not a matter for discussion; I had to have a plan, a strategy. So I created a flower bed around the baby tree, a small circle painfully dug into the sod of a long established lawn. I bought pentas and ageratum, creating a pink and blue bed. By the time John got to mowing the lawn, I had flowers in place.

Over the years, I repeated the pentas and ageratum, but added in some different perennials that failed. Finally arrived at the wood hyacinth which came in an assortment of white, pink and blue. They bloom early and then I would dig in some annual for summer color. Moving on to the impatiens or the vinca. One year, bought a flat of ground cover plants at an auction and it was pink blooming lamium. The irony being lamium is something I constantly battle in the garden along with creeping charley and henpeck or wild basil. They all look kind of similar with their tiny blue flowers and early appearance. But this pink version has a white laced leaf and has proven itself to be fairly rugged under the now 20 foot tall honey locust. Now the tree is safe from being mowed down. The wood hyacinths come up every year and then the lamium takes over. I no longer plant annuals under the tree. My effort at saving the tree was successful.

I have tried flower beds in a number of places around the farm, but the chickens generally destroy them. So now I have flowers in pots and try to locate them where the chickens do not normally roam. (continued on page 3)

(Honey Locust-continued from page 2) *Although last year I tried planting a bed of impatiens in front of the house and a singular red hen made a daily trip to dig them up. I probably like chickens more than I like flowers, but I keep trying to find ways to have flowers. My mother liked her flowers, and she like pink and blue. I like red and yellow, I like all kinds of colors together. It is way to pass on a memory, I think. Or remind myself of people who grew certain things.*

And jumping to a new thought, horses are the same way for me. As I lose my ability to ride hard and train horses, I want to pass on that information. What it takes to get through to a horse, what you want it to do without creating resistance. Just as it is okay to enjoy flowers and simply appreciate what other people can grow. With horses it is okay to simply ride a horse that someone else has trained. But at some point, there needs to be the person in the greenhouse bringing along the baby plants, just as there has to be the rider with skill and insight setting the groove into the horse's mind. You do not pop the plant or the seed into the ground with one pass and say, "Okay, there it is done" ...it requires persistent care and repeated effort. You may have to pull some weeds as you nurture the plant. With the horse you have to do some severe correction to get a result.

I have never been much of a horse show enthusiast because it is exhausting. Also, it requires a lot of resources to get there and participate. But I am finding now that it is a good way to inform my young horse girls about what it takes to ride a horse. Instead of arguing the case for repeated practice just because it makes the horse better (like arguing with John I want trees in the yard because I like shade), we go to a show and see how the stress of the environment makes horse after horse have a crazy moment. Then they can

after horse have a crazy moment. Then they can see the value of the practice at home, they can see what needs to be refined, worked on improved on. It is called "getting a feel." Like all the flowers that did not work under my honey locust, not all horses are meant to do all things. But you do not know until you try. Sometimes to be successful, it just takes a little more effort or a slightly different method.

This year, I have a new garden to work on, and the battle will be with the chickens and ducks invading it. I also have a new horse to get back into condition and try to understand what she knows and how she reacts. I will have to approach most of this from the ground with her, instead of from her back. And that honestly is harder for me than just sitting on the horse and feeling what she knows.

As always, where there is a will, there is a way, and I certainly have will.

Brenda Creighton

In Memorandum

Edward Fite Stanfield passed away on May 3, 2016. GPCA extends deepest sympathy to the Stanfield Family. Edward Stanfield was a dairy farmer in Baltimore County for most of his life. By selective breeding, he had improved his herd to include some of the highest milk producing cows in the state. Edward F. & Richard R Stanfield jointly operated Edrich Farm and Edrich Lumber Company.

Special Thanks to Paul Dorsey for printing the newsletter and to Marty Kelley, Marcia Brown, Alice Kloetzli, Jackie Webster, Gail Collins and Kathy Skullney for volunteering to fold and collate the newsletter.

Parade Anyone?

The GPCA Board is looking for a few good people to organize and direct a parade in conjunction with the annual picnic. The date has been set for Oct. 1st. Most of the organizing was done last year. So if you are interested call a Board member. Their numbers and emails are available on the last page of the newsletter.

Deadline for advertisements and articles is the 20th of the month prior to publication. Next deadline is July 20th!

What's Happening in the Area

At the **Howard County Conservancy:**

June 11 *Geocaching: Get Outside for Nature Quest*

Sat. 10am FREE

June 23 *Fiddlers and Fireflies*

Thur. 6-9pm \$10/car

July 9 *Perspectives on Nature Photography for*

Hobbyists Sat. 10am FREE

July 28 *Mt. Pleasant's Diversity Through a*

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More Information? Call 410-465-8877

www.hcconservancy.org

At the **Carrie Murray Nature Center**

June 18 *Summer Solstice Celebration* Sat. 6pm

June 25 *The Great American Camp-out* Sat. 4pm

July 2 *Summer Wild Images* Sat. 11am

July 9 *How to be a Mad Scientist* Sat. 12pm

July 23 *The Great Bug Hunt* Sat. 11am

Aug. 6 *Our Raven is Smarter* Sat. 12pm

Also check out their 6 weeks of Summer Camp for ages 5-13. \$175 per week per child.

More Information? 410-396-0808

www.carriemurraynaturecenter.org

At the **Soldiers Delight Natural Environmental Area (NEA)**

June 19 *Children's Storytelling Hour* 1pm Sun. FREE

July 17 *Children's Storytelling Hour* 1pm Sun. FREE

July 31 *Children's Storytelling Hour* 1pm Sun. FREE

More information? www.soldiersdelight.org

At the **Baltimore County Library in Randallstown**

Beginning June 21, every Tuesday—*Summer Maker*

Club meets each week to make, create, build and explore! Ages— School age to teen

June 23 and July 28 *A Time for Us*— A special story

time for seniors with cognitive challenges and their caregivers. 12:30pm— 1:30pm

They also have many programs for young children as well.

More information? www.bcpl.info

Membership Report

Maribeth Diemer, Treasurer

Thanks for the support of your membership dues received from March 21 to April 20, 2016. We appreciate renewals and welcome our new members. The following have renewed or joined for the first time:

Andy and Lynn Kochis, George and Rhoda Jones, Pam B. Pahl, William and Cindy Cox, Jr., Cassandra Fallin, James and Carol McNamara, Jeffrey and Patty Bayer, Phillip and Erin Guarino, Robert Griscavage, Chalotte Gianforte and Pat Taylor, Tekeema Dixon and Milo Meed, Terilynn Murray, Vanessa Booth, Lewis, Jr. and Tanya C. Terry, Maureen Boskin, Patrik M Bavoil and Ru-Ching HSIA, and Ronald and Cheryllisa Harris.

Greater Patapsco Community Association would also like to thank the members who have made generous contributions above their annual dues. Contributions to date total \$750.

GPCA needs your help. Please take a moment and send in your annual dues. The newsletters go out to over 1,500 households. However, only 183 households have renewed their membership or become new members. The newsletter is GPCA's largest expense and we need everyone to share in the cost. **Thank you!**

Editor is looking for several individuals who live in Granite/ GPCA area to write short to medium length articles about life in Granite or history of Granite for the newsletter. The writer would not be expected to submit an article each month just several times a year. Please contact me, Marie Cignatta if you are interested. My cell number and email address are on the back page. Thanks.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

from Issue #108 dated 03/10/1995

By Tom DeMay

As you may know, Granite has recently been accepted into the National Register of Historic Places. If this has sparked your historical curiosity, here's a place to look for more information.

There is a terrific book called The Patapsco: Baltimore's River of History published in 1990, it covers the activities surrounding the Patapsco River from the earliest settlements thru the current day. Included are personalities such as the Ellicotts, Benjamin Banneker, John Wilkes Booth, and Charles Carroll, as well as businesses like the B&O Railroad, the Daniels Company, the Waltersville Quarry and the Elkridge Furnace.

There are tales of Indians, settlers, entrepreneurs, Civil War soldiers and businessmen. Much of the book talks about the mills built alongside the river to take advantage of free water power to turn the mill machinery.

One chapter which I found particularly interesting explained the more violent nature of the river. There have been several devastating floods that changed the river valley and its inhabitants forever.

Several pages are devoted to the Granite/Woodstock Area, including the Woodstock College. Here's a sample taken from the book: "The sleepy village of Woodstock was revived in 1866 when the Society of Jesus, commonly known as the Jesuits, purchased 243 acres of land on the north side of the Patapsco.

On Sept. 26, 1869, Woodstock College, or the College of The Sacred Heart, as it was formally dedicated, opened its doors as the first permanent scholasticate, or house of studies, for the Society of Jesus in North America. Although located in the township of Granite, the institution derived its name from the village across the river which served as its post office."

During the first phase of construction, 9 acres of woodland were cleared. The main building, in the shape of an I, was made of Gray-

brown granite, cut and hauled from nearby Fox Quarry and then placed by hand. The 1.25 million bricks for the partition walls were burned on the premises. The main building, three stories with a dormer type roof, housed classrooms, 298 student rooms, an auditorium, an infirmary, 43 small chapels to accommodate 80 priests for daily Mass, dining rooms, offices, and guest parlors.

As the college grew, the main building was expanded. The east wing and the chapel were added in 1924 and the two towers and the west wing in 1925. The science building was erected in 1927, and the O'Rourke Library, which contained 130,000 volumes, including a priceless collection of rare books and manuscripts from the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries, was built in 1929. The College property expanded to 687 acres and eventually became a self-contained community...."

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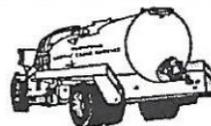
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CZMP Hearing-THURSDAY, June 9th
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