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GPCA Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Monday, May 8, 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 8 Meeting: Kelly Corbi, COO of Northwest Hospital Outreach/Lifebridge

June 12 Meeting: August Ewald of Moody Blues

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GPCA Community Clean-up a Success!

It was a great experience spending the morning of Saturday, April 8 with friends from our neighborhood. Thanks to everyone who gloved-up for the hard but satisfying work on the community's Clean-up Day 2017.

Safety for the volunteers out on the roads was the number one priority. We thank Cathy Wolfson and Butch Oakman for getting out there first to post *Be Prepared to Stop* signs alerting drivers to slow down. Thanks to F.L. Cooke and Sons of Westminster for providing the signs at no charge.

Police Officer Kristie Makowiecki was on duty with another patrol car monitoring traffic and watching over our roadside teams. Many thanks to Officer Makowiecki for arranging the road patrol.

We are exceedingly grateful to the Community Liaison Director of the Woodstock Job Corps Center, Rashein Gibbs, and his team of hard working students who gave up their Saturday morning to lend us a hand. Their time, efforts, and manpower was invaluable. We thank them all for coming out, and kudos for working a tough stretch of county road that sees a lot of senseless dumping! GPCA received acknowledgment of the Job Corps students effort from a resident on Ridge Road, and we passed it on to Mr. Gibbs.

Monitoring the dumpsters remains one of the tougher jobs on Clean-up Day. A collective GPCA shout-out to Bob Teller, Kevin Farmer, George Jones, and Tom McGovern for taking on the thankless job. We all understood that, on occasion, we have to turn away residents with items prohibited by the Bureau of Solid Waste Management. The Bureau will not hesitate to charge for loads with, for example, TVs, monitors, electronics, oil or paint. Thanks, gentlemen, for your surveillance and hard work!

The Clean-up would be nearly impossible to run were not for the ongoing generosity of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Church. Our community joins me in expressing our sincere thanks for the use of the parking lot and for the setup space, even with recent construction and a busy church schedule.

Thanks to the Mathena Family for their support of GPCA and the donation of the portable toilet on Clean-up Day, year after year. In an outstanding example of community generosity, you always remember.

I encourage our readers to check out the Mathena service website at www.mathenaseptic.com.

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Thank you to everyone participating in Clean-up Day 2017. The best way that Greater Patapsco residents can show our appreciation is by keeping our community as clean as our volunteers left it.

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GPCA Clean-Up Day 2017 All-Stars

Clean-up days can define a community: Participants' enthusiasm, diligence, and energy are all tested. The following friends, neighbors, and community members met the tests and have admirably defined the Greater Patapsco Community.

Refreshment Team: Shirley August of Moody Blues Farm, Gail Collins, Brenda Creighton, Brigitte Hisky, Jean Higgs, Denise Jefferson and Sydney Smith

Pick-Up Team: John Cignatta, Cathy Wolfson, Butch Oakman, Wayne Dell, Phill Goarino, Mike Patton, and Wayne Eckert

Dumpster Team: Bob Teller, Kevin Farmer, George Jones, and Tom McGovern

Amanda Court: Chris and Winnie Pieper

Davis Avenue: John and Laurie Tuzynski, Joyce Utmar

Dogwood Road and Wrights Mill Road: Mark Marszal, Kevin Bonds, Eric Hite, and the Autumn Park Community Association team, Sydney Smith, Samantha Bronder.

Seeing this road cleaned cheered longtime Clean-up Day participants Dwight Hartman and Lonnie Brown

Granite Road: Peter Malinovsky and Liz Lamping, Marie Cignatta, Roy Danz, Evan Danz

Hernwood Road: Toney White, Richard Strohmer, Christeen and Joe Culotta, Greg and Colleen Smith, Maurice Ensor, Andy Kochis, Catherine Guidry and Phil Leibowitz, Toney Janoskie

Mardella Run Team: Rhoda L. Jones, Sam Morant, Reinhard Grzanna, Jackie Myster, Terrence Shields, Martin Hunt III, Craig Mullins

Old Court Road: Bob Reisdorf, Jim Raistrick, Andrea De Santi, Brigitte and Michael Hisky, Ruching Hsia, Henry Gregory

We missed having Mr. Ed Stanfield Sr. with us this year and recall fondly his readiness to get out and help. That readiness extended over many years of Community Clean-up Days! It was not quite the same this year.

Offutt Road: Carol Byrd, the Edrich Team

I understand that they worked the Friday before.

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Ridge Road: Lisa Charyszyn, Woodstock Job Corps Team – Rashein Gibbs, Marvin Lockett, Trevor Lowder, John Dise, Anthony Brown, Terryn Hagans, Jalen Ennels

Windsor Mill Road, Frys Lane, and Rice Lane: Mike Patton, Wayne Eckert, Hilton Silver

Special thanks to Marty Kelley and Jackie Webster for staffing the Welcome Table.

Thanks to Carol Link, GPCA Clean-up Day Chairperson, for a successful and safe GPCA Clean-up Day 2017!

From the President:

Editor's Note: We welcome our new GPCA President, Cathy Wolfson. We look forward to working with Ms. Wolfson to continue the quality of our neighborhood. If you see her, please extend "congratulations" and "thanks" for taking on this difficult role.

Our sincere thanks goes out to George Jones for leading GPCA as acting president until a willing volunteer accepted the nomination for president. I was elected at the March general meeting and George made the transition seamless. Did you know between the general meeting, board meeting, issuing the newsletter, filing financials, writing minutes, posting notices, and tracking zoning issues, your board, committees, and meeting attendees put in upwards of 100 volunteer hours per month to support GPCA's mission. It is a privilege to work with them and you. (Continued on the next page)

Spring has come to Granite and our trash free roadsides are a sure sign of that. Thanks to Carol Link for orchestrating those efforts that started back in January with the call for dumpsters and nailing down the date. Now, if we could just persuade the motoring public to use trash cans instead of our roadsides....

King's Point Shopping Center at Deer Park and Liberty Roads is applying for variances to accommodate a Tractor Supply location. The owners tried to attract a much-needed grocery store to occupy the former Food Lion site, but were not successful. While Tractor Supply may not be as critical to the greater community as a grocery store, it would be good to see the site occupied.

This month, look for hummingbirds that arrive in late April or early May. Put out a feeder, or two. The nectar you provide helps fuel their real work, eating bugs! Keep feeders out of sight of each other to reduce the territorial tendencies some hummers display. A solution of 1 part granulated white sugar dissolved in 4 parts water is all you need to fill the feeder. Store any extra in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.

Enjoy Granite! Cathy Wolfson

At Our April Meeting:

Small Watershed Action Plan

We welcomed Haley Amini, a Natural Resource Specialist from the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability. She spoke about the Small Watershed Action Plan for our area, the Upper Patapsco Watershed. A watershed is an area that drains to a common collector—usually a lake, stream, or river. Our Upper Patapsco Watershed extends from Randallstown to Woodstock. The County is developing restoration plans for this small watershed and the County's seven other small watershed areas. These SWAPS help us reach Clean Water Act goals.

The storm drain system goes directly into our streams, and, eventually, into the Chesapeake Bay. Our area contains 6.7 percent impervious surface, where water cannot drain naturally and quickly runs off. This percentage is considered "good". Roads, buildings, and parking lots are impervious surfaces where water runs off, contributing to pollution. Land uses for our area--mainly forest, agricultural, and low

density residential--have different pollution loads for the local streams. Ben's Run and Mardella Run are high priority streams for SWAP because of their levels of degradation.

Bob Teller is the GPCA representative who attends Upper Patapsco SWAP meetings where citizens contribute ideas. This group's vision for the Upper Patapsco Watershed is clean, trash-free waters, stemming from an enhanced connection between communities and the watershed by implementing eco-friendly education, increasing public awareness, and continued communication between the County and the community about the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the Upper Patapsco Watershed.

There Upper Patapsco Watershed Plan has several goals and objectives. One goal is to improve and maintain water quality. Sediment and nutrients flowing into the Patapsco River must be reduced, and the impact of impervious surfaces minimized. A second goal is to maintain and improve aquatic diversity. Physical damage to aquatic habitats has resulted from development of land and shorelines, poor land management practices, introduction of exotic invasive species, and obstructions to upstream breeding sites. Streams need to be restored and protected with enhanced forest buffers to filter runoff. A third goal is to encourage community involvement in the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the Upper Patapsco Watershed. Outreach to commercial, farming, industrial, institutional communities, and neighborhoods can educate and encourage actions that reduce pollutant loads to the Patapsco. The community should be educated and engaged in the benefits of forest creation and preservation.

A fourth goal is to reduce the amount of trash in streams through public education and community involvement. Trash contributes toxins and presents a hazard to waterfowl, other wildlife, and people. Reducing trash and increasing recycling is mainly an issue of public awareness and stewardship. By engaging citizens to help clean up the trash and to dispose of trash responsibly, the stage will be set to change behaviors, leading to other positive actions for a healthier Patapsco River.

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Small Watershed Action Plan

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The fifth goal is to promote the protection and preservation of agricultural land and sustainable agricultural practices. Smart growth would preserve the agricultural heritage that exists in the southern portion of the watershed, and green space needs to be preserved throughout. Outreach to the agricultural community can promote environmentally friendly farming practices. Restoration actions can include nutrient reduction, sediment reduction, storm water management, urban tree canopy, trash management, and stream corridor restoration.

In the near future, a call will go out from Baltimore County requesting citizen input for the Upper Patapsco Watershed SWAP. Citizen input will be officially gathered for a 30-day period. This will be our chance to bring up local concerns about the streams in our flood prone area. Haley Amini can be contacted at hamini@baltimorecountymd.gov; her phone number is 410-887-5705. Additional Information about the Upper Patapsco SWAP can be found at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/patapsco.

Denise Maranto

The Best Party In Town?

Behind the Scenes at the GPCA Newsletter

Producing the *GPCA Newsletter* requires a team effort. After the editor completes reviewing, editing, and laying-out the text, he forwards a hardcopy to Paul Dorsey, who publishes and delivers the printed copies for collating and folding. Volunteers then collate the pages. On the first Tuesday each month, the pages are folded.

Rumor has it that this folding party is a social event not to be missed!

After the team completes the folding, Maribeth Diemer or Bob Teller delivers the copies to the Ellicott City Post Office for mailing.

Become a volunteer on the Newsletter Team, either monthly or every now and then. Call Marty Kelley at 410.461.5605 to join the party.

A very special "Thank You" to Paul Dorsey, publisher of the Newsletter since April 2012, and to Kevin Bonds who puts it online.

Membership Renewals

Joint Memberships

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Community Notices

GPCA Needs Your Help: The newsletters are GPCA's largest expense and go out to more than 1,500 households. We need everyone to share in the effort. Please take a moment to ensure that you have sent in your annual dues. Use the membership form on the address page of this newsletter.

Patapsco Valley State Park needs volunteers are for their Spring and Summer Events! Get outside, meet new people, and make a difference! We have several options available including caring for injured raptors, removing invasive species, carpentry, sewing, gardening, photography- to learn more check out our website: <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/patapscovolunteer.aspx>, or email to volunteerpatapsco.dnr@maryland.gov

Randallstown Library Progress: From Lori Hench, Librarian: Even though the Randallstown branch is closed for renovation, we have planned a "Community Shred Day". Destroy your household paperwork at our free Community Shred Day. This event is for personal/residential users only, and will take place in the parking lot. Saturday, May 13 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Lasagna Dinner at St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Church, 10800 Old Court Road (at Davis Avenue), Woodstock, Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Adults \$13, children under 12 \$6, carry out \$14. Dinner includes salad, garlic bread, glass of wine, and dessert. Raffle: Basket of Cheer. Homemade Italian cookies for sale. Tickets available at the door, but reservations strongly encouraged. Reservations accepted from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Call 410-465-5744 or 410-549-8403.

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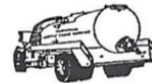
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Baking Magic

I always thought that magic was involved in baking bread; some mystical alchemy that transformed some powdery stuff into lovely, fragrant loaves. In my mind, bread bakers were akin to those medieval wizards converting lead into gold.

After several years of baking my own bread, I am convinced that my initial belief was absolutely correct. It is magic! But, baking bread is magic that anyone can learn.

Different types of wheat and different processing methods give us a variety of flours, each resulting in a different type of bread. The main difference in flours is their protein content. When mixed with liquid, certain proteins form gluten that gives an elastic quality to dough. Gluten enables dough to rise by stretching and trapping the gas bubbles given off by yeast as it grows. The higher the gluten content, the more volume the bread will have.

I favor flours milled by The King Arthur Flour Company. America's oldest flour company, their

products are free of any bleaches, bromates, or other chemicals. Additionally, they design their flours specifically for home bakers and offer a range of helpful advice and resources.

Bread's second essential ingredient, yeast, is a collection of micro flora that eats starch and sugar and spits out alcohol and carbon dioxide. Along with a host of other helpful characteristics, yeasts make bread rise. Yeast is available in active dry or compressed forms, used interchangeably.

It will take a certain amount of trial and error to develop a recipe that works well for you. Various recipes can call for varying amounts of water, milk, sugar, salt, butter, or eggs. Each ingredient will have an effect on the bread. Water produces a crusty loaf with a fairly dense crumb; milk gives a rich and tender crumb and a softer crust. Sugar activates the yeast and adds flavor, increases tenderness, and browns the crust. However, too much sugar retards gluten development. (Continued on the next page)



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Baking Magic

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Taste of Adventure Seeded Rye Bread

2 1/2 cups King Arthur white flour

1/2 cup rye flour

2 teaspoons Kosher salt

2 tablespoons olive oil

4 teaspoons dry yeast

2 tablespoons natural sugar

1 cup warm water

Shortening

2 tablespoons caraway seeds (more if desired)

Thoroughly mix the flour, salt, caraway seeds, and olive oil. NOTE: I use a food processor to mix and initially knead the dough.

In a separate cup, mix the yeast, sugar and water.

Allow to sit in a warm spot until the mix froths.

Slowly add the yeast to the flour, mixing thoroughly.

Only add enough liquid to form a cohesive dough.

You may need to add small amounts of additional flour or water so that the dough forms one ball that does not stick to the mixing bowl.

Remove the dough ball from the mixing bowl and continue to knead it. Use the shortening to completely coat the surfaces of a loaf pan and pat the dough into the pan in an even layer. Sprinkle additional caraway seeds on the surface and gently push into the dough. Set the pan aside in a warm spot and allow the dough to rise for at least 2 hours or until it rises above the edge of the loaf pan. When the dough has risen, bake the loaf in a preheated, 350 degree oven for about 30 minutes; the timing will vary according to your oven's particular characteristics. After the loaf is done, turn it out of the pan and place it on a rack to cool.

For more information about baking bread, check King Arthur Flour Company's Website at www.kingarthurfLOUR.com.



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