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April 2025





GPCA General Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2025, 7:00 pm



Social Hall, Granite Presbyterian Church
10637 Old Court Road

Open Forum This Month

We do not have a scheduled guest speaker for our April 2025 General Meeting, but we encourage all GPCA members and community residents to attend. This meeting will serve as an open forum or town hall-style gathering, giving everyone an opportunity to bring forward questions, concerns, ideas, or updates for the good of the community. Whether it's a topic you care about or something you'd like to see improved, your voice matters. Let's keep the conversation going and work together to shape the future of our neighborhood.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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President's Note



Fellow Members, Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is in the air, and with it comes renewed energy and connection throughout our community. I'm thrilled to share that our **GPCA Welcome Sign** is now fully installed at the corner of Old Court and Davis Avenues—with new **enhancements added to help keep our community even more informed**. The updated rider panel now allows us to share real-time announcements about upcoming meetings and events, making it easier than ever for neighbors to stay engaged and in the know.



On **Saturday, April 5**, we held our **Annual Community Clean-Up**, and I'm proud to say it was a success—even with a little help from Mother Nature in the form of some rain! Thank you to all the volunteers who came out, braved the weather, and helped make our community look its best. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are a powerful reminder of the pride we all take in where we live.

Please take a moment to carefully read through this month's newsletter. We've got a full slate of upcoming events and opportunities to get involved—and I encourage you to join us! Whether you've lived here for years or are new to the area, there's always something meaningful happening in GPCA.

I want to offer a special thank you to Bill Skullney for doing an outstanding job with the GPCA newsletter. His dedication and attention to detail continue to keep us all informed and engaged—thank you, Bill, for your exceptional work!

Lastly, if you're not yet a member of GPCA, **now is the perfect time to join**. Your membership helps us continue our mission to preserve, protect, and improve our community—and ensures your voice is part of the conversation.

We may be small, but we are mighty!

~ Chris Brock

GPCA President

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Membership News

Thanks to all of you who have supported GPCA with your new and renewed memberships. Those of you who've been members for literally decades join first time members and others who've renewed after a hiatus. So far your donations alone have increased an astonishing 50% this year! We can only conclude that you stand behind our efforts to preserve our open spaces and act as your watchdog for activities that diminish our rural character. While the northern sector of the county grabs most of the headlines in reference to Baltimore County's rural areas, we stand apart here in the western sector. We enjoy far greater diversity and a rich blend of thoughtful residential developments, farms and commercial uses suited to our open spaces than our northern neighbors.

Today, developers, speculative land owners and their supporters cite the nationwide housing shortage to justify expansion of Baltimore County's Urban Rural Demarcation Line (URDL) into the rural areas. They cite a lack of rental units for young people starting their careers and affordable housing stock for first time home buyers. One must question if developers are honestly going to build rental and entry level units if the URDL expands, or will they rush to build profit driven high end, exclusive housing in our green spaces when relieved from the pressure to reimagine and redevelop aging neighboring communities inside the URDL like Randallstown, Woodlawn and Windsor Mill?

~ Cathy Wolfson

Treasurer/Membership Chair

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And Speaking of Development ...

... in our aging communities such as those along the Liberty Road and Security Boulevard corridors the West Baltimore County Redevelopment Authority(WBCRA)

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/county-executive/west-baltimore-county-redevelopment-authority> was established in 2023 by the County Council and consists of 11 members appointed by the County Executive to make recommendations to the County to “acquire, develop, redevelop or dispose of certain land or property in west Baltimore County, which is the geographic area between Liberty Road, Baltimore National Pike, Rolling Road, and the City/County boundary.” The 90 acre Security Square Mall site and the 150 +/- acre campus of the Social Security Administration lie within those boundaries. According to their Charter, members may serve no more than two, 4 year terms, however the member roster currently on its website posts terms ranging from 1 to 3 years.

Curious about the agenda of this organization I attended their March 4, 2 hour meeting where nearly an hour was spent listening to Councilmen, Jones, Patoka and Young, State Senator Charles Sydnor (all who have expressed interest in running for County Executive in 2026) and County Executive Klausmeyer voice their support for the Authority, before the discussion focused on who would serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Members expressed their qualifications and interest in serving in the position before a vote was taken to submit those nominations for a vote at a subsequent meeting. Hopefully future meetings will be more productive.

Given the current trend toward disinvestment in our federal agencies and that impact on Baltimore County’s economy we should expect this Authority to support well planned development to relieve the pressure to expand the URDL, and bolster our local economy starting with Security Square Mall.

~Cathy Wolfson

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Islamic Society of Baltimore Petition

The Islamic Society of Baltimore Petition, Case No. 24-058-XA, Board of Appeals was heard in February and written closing arguments were filed on March 21st. The Board deliberated publicly via Webex on April 8th. The Board considered six issues and ruled as follows: 1) there was no legal error in the failure to properly identify the correct RC6 zoning and regulation for a cemetery; 2) the petition is for a “traditional” cemetery as understood in the regulations; 3) all the special exception requirements for a funeral establishment and cemetery were met; 4) evidence of the required uniqueness of the property and resulting hardships making a variance necessary for the funeral building was sufficient and variance was granted; 5) the request for a 5 year period within which to use the special exception was granted; 6) specific requests for traffic studies, environmental evaluations, etc. will be handled by various county departments, and Society use of Salem Road is limited as was stated by the Administrative Judge’s Order.

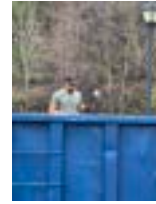
Camp Ground Petition – Kratz Property

The Zoning Hearing for the camp petition was held on Monday, March 24th at 1:30 pm. GPCA participated, taking the position that there is no adequate public access, so the Camp Petition can’t meet the Special Exception requirements. The only ingress and egress is along a very small, very old (1908), shared private right of way along four properties to Old Court Road. There are many similar rights of way throughout the GPCA area and need to be protected. The decision is still pending.

~ Kathy Skullney

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Spring Clean-Up A Success!



The GPCA completed a successful cleanup in the community on Saturday, April 5th. Individuals and teams picked up trash along the Granite area roadways. Four industrial size dumpsters were available for community members to drop off trash; all the bins were filled. The GPCA would like to thank the St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Catholic Church for allowing us to stage the cleanup from their school parking lot. The GPCA Community Clean-up Chair will be organizing smaller cleanups for areas that still need cleaning up throughout the year. Also, thanks to Officer Kristie Makowiecki, BC Police, Precinct 2, who organized the police presence along the cleanup routes. We will ask for volunteers for those efforts as well. Remember, when picking up trash along the roads, safety is the first priority. Please watch this [MDOT SHA video](#) for tips on roadway cleanup safety. Thanks to everyone who participated as a volunteer or organizer for the cleanup.

~Jim Raistrick

GPCA Cleanup Coordinator

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MD State Highway Administration Removes MD 125 From Adopt-A- Highway Program

MD 125 is our portion of Old Court Road which starts just north of Edrich Lumber and ends at the Patapsco River and is maintained by the State Highway Administration. Our Clean-Up Chairman Jim Raistrick has been notified that the agency has terminated their sponsorship of our participation in the state's Adopt-A-Highway program as they have determined the roadway is too dangerous for pedestrians.

Our State Highway Owings Mills Maintenance Shop now has the responsibility of patrolling that roadway for trash. See trash, tires, mattresses or any other debris on that section of Old Court Rd.? Call their

office at 410-363-1315 to request removal.



~Jim Raistrick

GPCA Cleanup Coordinator

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District 10 Unity Night

An Evening with Your State Legislators



GPCA was invited to send representatives to attend "Unity Night" on March 10th in Annapolis. Unity Night is the district night for District 10. Our delegates Jennifer White Holland, Adrienne A. Jones, N. Scott Phillips and Senator Benjamin T. Brooks were hosting. Adrienne A. Jones has been representing District 10 since 1997 and is currently also Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates. N. Scott Phillips is serving as a Maryland Delegate since 2022. Jennifer White Holland was elected to the House in 2023. Benjamin T. Brooks is Maryland Senator since 2023 after serving in the Maryland House of Delegates from 2015 to 2023. This year's Maryland legislative session runs from January 8 to April 7.

Three GPCA board members volunteered to represent the GPCA for this visit. Two buses picked up attendees from Randallstown, Owings Mills and

Catonsville. The evening was kicked off with a buffet and each table had an official seated with them during dinner. Also present was Julian Jones and several high-ranking members of the Democratic party. The GPCA delegation sat with Jennifer White Holland. She explained her work as a delegate and her background in public health. Jennifer is a member of the House Health and Government Operations Committee. Several topics were discussed at the table, among others traffic and trash problems. GPCA was able to talk to Jennifer about the closing of the Job Corps site in Granite and our concerns regarding squatting, vandalism and loitering. We were in particular interested to learn who the de facto owner of the site is and who currently is responsible for upkeep and security. Jennifer was not familiar with any details and asked for a follow up email so that she can do some research. The follow up email has been sent.

After dinner, Senator Ben Brooks kicked off speeches by introducing Adrienne Jones. Adrienne gave an overview of the priorities of this year's legislative session. To no surprise, the changes in Washington and the consequences for the Maryland's budget were the hot topic. The Legislature is discussing how to adjust to cuts in federal dollars, how to help laid off federal employees and how to fight potentially illegal actions by the Trump administration. The plan to enhance the budget of the State Attorney was met with big applause. Next up were Jennifer and Scott (judiciary committee), giving an overview of their work in the legislature. Scott talked about the protection of sensitive places like schools, hospitals and churches from ICE raids, his concern about the state of the Maryland's detention facilities and supporting small businesses via the Maryland Small Business Administration. A lively Q&A session followed with topics spanning from the raising energy costs, mental health care for children and also the closing of the Job Corps site. Ben Brooks stressed that Maryland is not producing enough energy and needs to increase the production to meet the challenge to supply enough electricity. He stressed that all forms of energy production will be explored like renewable (wind, solar, water) and conventional. He did not exclude the possibility of adding another nuclear facility in Maryland.

After Q&A attendees got the opportunity to take pictures with the delegates and everyone got the choice to either visit the Senate chamber or the House chamber. We opted for the Senate. Senators spend all day in committees. At 8pm the Senate sessions start. We were seated at the visitor balcony. Usually, a session starts with handing out Senate

recognitions. This evening Maryland Olympians and Paralympians, the women of the 6888th central post directory battalion and Laurie Schwartz from the Baltimore Waterfront Partnership received a recognition. Around 8:30pm the debate on the floor starts. Sadly, we had to leave at that time because our bus to take us back to Randallstown was schedule to leave.

Overall, this was an interesting experience, and it was great to meet the representatives of our district in person. It was very enlightening to learn how they work. It was also an important opportunity to represent GPCA and our concerns.

~ **Gabriela Summerer-Herndon**

GPCA Board Member

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Overview of our Spring 2025 Benthic Macroinvertebrate Surveys

What can take the chill off a brisk early March morning more than being greeted by a surprise of Nature? Such was the case when a flock of 25 wild turkeys were startled into flight by our four (4) GPCA/SWCC volunteers. Bundled for the cold morning, buckets, seine and notebook in hand, we were in awe of this rare Granite area sighting. It inspired our walk into Brice Run; no longer were we talking about how cold it was, rather our conversation now turned to the delights of experiencing nature first-hand. And such began our first day of Spring 2025 Benthic Macroinvertebrate surveys. More surprises and “warming events” were to follow.

Some background first. As you will recall. SWCC volunteers, with community backing and financial support, have conducted benthic macroinvertebrate surveys, semiannually, in Spring and Fall for the past 3 years. In conjunction with our monthly water quality sampling and continuous water temperature recording, the macroinvertebrate composition is used to assess the life supporting qualities of our Granite area streams by using a standard Izaak Walton League Rocky Streams protocol and calculations. Over the years, we have honed our skills in collecting and processing the survey samples. Aided immensely by community relationships and the dedicated, resourceful work of our

volunteers, we improve our processes annually. Read on and see whether you can determine some examples of improvements.

The GPCA / SWCC surveys went well this Spring. Yes, it was cold March 4, 5, 7 until the 10th, final survey date. We had great volunteer participation, even after adjusting the original schedule, via Signup Genius, due to extreme, prohibitively cold weather for a couple of days. Others who participated included Don Rubin, Kris Schell, Tony Nueslein, Adam Reed, Suni Grosko, Laurie Donnelly and me. Most volunteers worked multiple days. Judy Plaskowitz. and Pamela Germain. were signed up to work the first Sunday in March. However, when that was weather cancelled, they were unable to participate in the weekday surveys. We strive to set an initial schedule with at least one weekend sampling date, so even our volunteers with full-time day jobs can join us.

Why did we select early March dates you ask? Two reasons. One, we are now trying to correlate our macroinvertebrate surveys to approximately the same dates every year. We think that will make the year-by-year comparisons more meaningful. Two, we noticed that when we waited til late Spring to do the surveys we had holiday conflicts with scheduling and many times the nymphs were transforming into adults before late May. So, we could end up missing them once the weather warmed up. So cold season Spring sampling was adopted.

The warmth of St Alphonsus Church basement hall was a welcome relief during our breaks from sorting hundreds and hundreds of macroinvertebrates and carefully identifying them in the shelter of their porch. Thank you to our parish administrator, Dee and Father Brian for opening access to the church porch and basement facilities. We very much appreciate it! It beats hours of streamside processing without the convenience of level ground, rest facilities and good parking, to say nothing of the hot tea and coffee.

Lots of good help and clear communications within our volunteer SWCC team keeps us on track. Most encouraging was the expansion of our volunteer team. Bob Reisdorf participated on every survey and transferred data sheets into the Izaak Walton League Clean Water Hub database where it resides for anyone to access. Once that is complete, we will distribute a full report to the GPCA Newsletter or in an ad hoc GPCA community meeting. Or, if you join our SWCC team, you can see what

Bob has already prepared via insightful queries and extraction from the Clean Water Hub database. And you will get a copy of his prescriptive procedure paper so you can review the database on your own. You can see this initial analysis below, based on Bob's work.

There was some delay in finalizing the results as we consulted with specialists (Mandy DeLeo from the Patapsco Heritage Greenway and Gregg Peterson, who supports the Robinson Nature Center surveys) to verify our identifications of a few macroinvertebrates that were out of the ordinary. These specialists confirmed our initial identification; very satisfying as we all want to learn more and be confident in our skills.

Generally, Granite Run was the cleanest stream with a sediment free and algae free gravel bottom, and the broadest diversity of macroinvertebrates, including many winter stoneflies. Very nice! Dogwood Run had an overwhelming number of midges, bottom covered with brown algae and a 'decay' smell. Very little diversity, and scarcity of good indicators like water-pennies, riffle beetles and the abundance of those good, fingernet caddis we surveyed last fall. What happened since our Fall 2024 survey of Dogwood Run? Although we cannot prove it, my theory is that road salt from this winter decimated sensitive macroinvertebrates there - like the water pennies, riffle beetles and finger-net caddisfly larvae / nymphs.

An overwhelming number of midges (very pollution tolerant), compared to the EPT (Mayflies, Stoneflies and Caddisflies) pushed the water quality ratings down on all streams compared to Spring of 2024, except Granite Branch . Midges on some streams comprised more than 60% of the benthic macroinvertebrates.

Granite Branch had an uncharacteristically low score of 6 in Spring 2024. This spring (2025) the conditions were just the opposite. Granite Branch had the best Spring score of 10 for our 4 streams. The upstream home construction was completed last year and the previously exposed dirt hillside there had ground cover this Spring. So, with no silt source (bare bank erosion) and likely little if any salt applied to the private roadway that paralleled the stream, Granite Run returned to good health. That is only my opinion regarding the roadside salting. I did not visit the stream or private road immediately after any of this winter's snowstorms. The other three streams, Bens Run, Brice Run and Dogwood

Run had public roadway salt sources. Especially Dogwood Run, which parallels a large section of it.

A couple interesting items. We were greeted by a large flock of turkeys at Brice Run on Tuesday morning, March 4th, a first. On at least three of the streams, our seine sample included pre-spawn female sculpins, their belly's so big and round it looked like they swallowed a golf ball. I read they spawn in March, but this is the first spring we found pre-spawn sculpin. Every year we do capture sculpins, but not pre-spawn ones. Last March (2024) we netted a few of their eggs in early March. Guess the very cold winter and snowy conditions delayed their spawn.

It was good to see lots of active winter stoneflies nymphs in several of our streams, particularly Granite Run. One even emerged into an adult and flew onto the rim of a nearby salt bucket. How appropriate!

Don did a terrific job capturing closeups and videos that helped our consulted specialists confirm some of our insect identifications. Another point, our Scientific Collects permit finally came in approved. We had verbal confirmation from Maryland DNR prior to conducting any of this Spring's surveys.



BTW, I witnessed tremendous stonefly and midge Hatches on the Potomac and Patapsco Rivers over the last week, confirming that our survey observations are consistent with other area waterways. Pictures of adult



stonefly on orange salt bucket and Stonefly nymph in our white sorting tray.

Thank you to all the GPCA/SWCC stream team for your cold weather work! And for all who read this far into this article, thank you for your interest. If you ever want to join us on a survey, just drop us an email to our SWCC leader, Robert Teller. We will certainly welcome your help. And you will have fun doing it. Your GPCA / Small Watershed Conservation Committee

~ Andy Grosko
SWCC Member

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Granite Historical Society

On March 18th, the Granite Historical Society elected officers and board members for the 2025-2026 administrative year. This year's officers and new board members are:

President - Nathan Brantley

Director - Pam Adams

Vice President - Roy Danz

Director - Reed Hellman

Treasurer - John Brantley

Secretary - Emma Lehman

New officers this year include Nate Brantley as President; Pam Adams and Reed Hellman were elected as new Directors. Immediate past President Roy Danz was elected Vice President while John Brantley and Emma Lehman were elected to continue in their roles (GHS very much appreciates their continued service!)

GHS is also pleased to announce our 2025 Spring Hike is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th. We will meet at 1PM in the Granite Church parking lot and then drive to our destination. We will first visit the Marcella Chapel area and graveyard and then hike along Brice's Run on what's known as the "Dogwood Surplus Trail". The hike will be about a mile and a half in length along a mostly flat and well-cleared trail.

Those interested in attending should respond to the GHS website at www.granitehistoricalsociety.org or email John Brantley at treasurer@granitehistoricalsociety.org. As always, a few days ahead of time John will send out some notes about the history of the property we will be visiting to those who respond.

~ Nate Brantley
GHS President

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**CAP's Open House
at the Nike Site
Resumes This April!**



The Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will once again be holding Open Houses at the former site of BA-79, a Cold War era Anti-aircraft Missile Battery. The Open Houses will be held from 1 to 4pm on the following dates in 2025:

27 April	20 July
25 May	24 August
22 June	28 September

This year's new attraction is a completed 1/2 scale mock-up of the Hercules missile and an actual Hercules booster (that needs a lot of work).

CAP is an affiliate of the United States Air Force and, as one of its missions, provides aerospace education to its members and the public. Since the Maryland Wing CAP leases the Nike site from the state of Maryland to use as its headquarters, opening the site to the public is a great way to support this mission of educating the public on aerospace topics.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please contact Tom Reed, project coordinator. His email is treed@cap.gov.

~ Tom Reed

Maryland Wing Facilities Manager

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Patapsco Heritage Greenway Celebrates Earth Month

April is Earth Month and April 22 is Earth Day. While we often think of Earth Day as emphasizing environmental conservation, the history of Earth Day actually runs deeper. Prior to the 1970s, environmental activism was practiced in a rather disjointed way with groups working on various aspects of conservation and often little overlap between rural and urban spheres. Earth Day brought together advocates on issues ranging from the impact of industrialization on natural resources to establishing urban green spaces, both of which are present in the Patapsco Valley. More

importantly, Earth Day helped provide a framework which helped people understand that issues such as pollution, urban sprawl, pesticide use, waste disposal, and wildlife conservation are all interconnected and that confronting them directly highlighted a much larger environmental crisis as well as an opportunity.

At Patapsco Heritage Greenway, we embrace this framework and work to preserve, protect, interpret, and restore the natural resources of the Patapsco River Valley. We uphold the sentiment that as humans we are inherently connected to and part of our environments, and that we are shaped by these environments just as much as they are shaped by us. During April—and throughout the year—we reflect on our connection to nature and remind ourselves that our actions today impact the health of the natural world for future generations. Please join us this spring to help clean up trash from our roadways and waterways, remove invasive plants, plant and maintain trees, and monitor stream health, including our work in partnership with the GPCA's Small Watershed Conservation Committee. Your participation helps to protect and preserve the landmarks and natural resources that make the Patapsco Valley a special and unique place. If you are interested in attending an upcoming environmental event, register via Eventbrite [here](#).

Please be sure to visit us at the Serenity Ridge Earth Day Festival on April 26. Finally, if you are interested in helping out with our Earth Days programs for Catonsville Middle School students at Patapsco Valley State Park-Avalon on 4/22/25, 4/23/25, 4/24/25, and 4/25/25 between 9am and 3pm (Session 1 is 8:15 to 11:30am and Session 2 is 12:15 to 2:30pm), please feel free to volunteer whenever you are available. We'll be hosting stations involving water quality monitoring, bioblitz activities and tree maintenance. Sign up is available [here](#).

~ Aaron Shapiro

PHG Executive Director

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Woodlawn Precinct Alert

Spring is here!!.....Meaning lots of outside work and lots of seasonal equipment coming out. Most of it is readily moveable. Sooooo,

DON'T FORGET to put it all back and LOCK the storage doors or area – even for just overnight. You do not want to find it gone in the morning. For latest Precinct news and information, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/precincts/2-woodlawn

~Officer Makowiecki

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Leaf Language and Root Words: How Plants Communicate

Getting out into nature can be a relief for those of us looking for some peace and quiet. Although the forests, rivers, mountains, or dunes may feel tranquil and devoid of chatter, a barely perceived symphony of plant communication lies just on the edge of human understanding. Click [here](#) to read more at the Maryland Natural Resources website.

~Kathy Skullney

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Spring Holiday Recipes

Easter is April 20. If you plan on dying Easter eggs, instead of buying that little cardboard box of egg dyes, why not try to make your own natural vegetable dyes at home?

Naturally Dyed Easter Eggs from kalofagas.ca - a Greek cooking site 12 room temperature eggs

For Red Eggs

- skins of about 20 medium yellow skinned onions
- 2 Tbsp. white vinegar
- 5 cups of water

For Blue Eggs (blue/aqua)

- 5 cups of finely chopped purple cabbage
- 5 cups of water

2 Tbsp. white vinegar

Add onion skins into a pot with vinegar. Pour enough water to cover by over an inch. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 30 minutes. Take off the heat and allow to cool to warm. Remove purple cabbage or onion skins and place the eggs gently in each pot. Bring back to boil and simmer for 5 minutes then take off the heat.

Allow eggs to cool in the dye then transfer to your fridge to set overnight. Remove the eggs with a slotted spoon and allow to air-dry for about 45 minutes. Dab a white paper towel into some vegetable oil and polish. Place in the egg carton and store in the fridge until needed.

NOTE:

1) Want to make some other colored eggs?

use brown eggs with purple cabbage to get green eggs

use brown eggs with yellow onions to get rusty red eggs

shredded beets with white eggs to get pink eggs

shredded beets with brown eggs to get maroon brown

(All with same water to vinegar to vegetable matter ratio)

for yellow eggs - 2 Tbsp. of turmeric per cup of water

2) I tried boiling the eggs then adding the dye and then boiling the eggs in the dye. The latter works better as the eggs retain their color whereas when you boil them first, the dye can still rub off.

Passover is April 12. My Favorite Jewish recipe is not brisket or kugel, but Chocolate Covered Matzoh or Matzoh Pralines, if you add pecans. They are like Jewish S'mores using leftover matzoh instead of graham crackers.

Chocolate Covered Matzoh

Ingredients:

olive oil cooking spray

4 unsalted matzoh boards, or more to taste

1 cup unsalted butter

1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375° F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Spray with cooking spray. Arrange matzoh to fit into pan; break boards if necessary. Combine butter and brown sugar in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring

constantly until boiling; boil for about 3 minutes. Pour butter mixture evenly over matzoh. Place baking sheet in preheated oven and immediately reduce heat to 350° F. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 325° F, if the matzoh are smoking too much. Remove baking sheet from oven and sprinkle matzoh with chocolate chips. Let stand to melt chocolate for 5 minutes. Spread melted chocolate over matzoh. Place in refrigerator until chilled and set. Break into pieces when cooled.

Serves 10

Prep time: 10 mins cook time 15 mins additional: 5 mins total: 30 min

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: 351 calories; protein 1.9g; carbohydrates 39.1g; fat 22.2g; cholesterol 48.8mg; sodium 138.3mg.

Cook's Note: Add sliced almonds or toasted pecans after chocolate melts, or use white chocolate or white and regular chips mixture.

~Joyce Utmar

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Around the Neighborhood

Granite Presbyterian Church (GPC) Food Truck

GPC will be hosting community food truck events once again this spring and fall. The date are Wednesdays 4/23, 5/21, 6/18, 9/17 & 10/15.

Nike Site Open House

Open House dates for this year are: April 27, May 25, June 22 (in conjunction with Patapsco Heritage Greenway), July 20, August 24, and September 28. More details to follow next month.

Randallstown NAACP

Next general meeting will be April 26th. For more information, check randallstownnnacp@gmail.com.

What's happening in your HOA? What's going on around the neighborhood, along the roads or near you?

Let your community know!



Granite Presbyterian Church

10637 Old Court Road
Granite, Maryland 21163

Food Truck Wednesday

April 23, 2025

4 to 8 pm

- Strohmer's Meat Shack II
 - Capt'n Crabby
 - Once Upon a Potato
 - Food Truck Express &
- Home Baked Goods by Diana
- Live Music (Fruit Jar Howlers)
- Indoor & Outdoor Seating Available
 - Deacons Baked Goods Table
- Sow Wonders (Floral Arrangements)
- Wood + Honey (Beeswax Candles)
 - And More!

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