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GPCA General Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2024, 7:00 pm

Social Hall, Granite Presbyterian Church
10637 Old Court Road

History of The Patapsco Valley

Guest Speaker:
Robert Bailey
Maryland Park Service Historian

Robert Bailey, historian and historic planner with the Maryland Park Service, will give a presentation on the history of the Patapsco Valley, with emphasis on the valley's industrial development and ultimate decline. He will describe the valley's early industrialization, which included iron works, flour milling and textiles, particularly in the lower part of the valley. Included will be a discussion of those who worked in these early industries and of the valley's early transportation corridors. Finally, he will talk about the valley's transition

from an industrial valley to a park in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

Don't miss this fascinating presentation!

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Upcoming Meetings:

November 11 – Local Entrepreneurs Social

December 9 – Holiday Celebration

January 13, 2025 – Elections
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Local Businesses - Alert!!

Local Entrepreneurs Social, GPCA Meeting on Nov. 11th

Be sure to join us for the November meeting featuring local businesses.

Contact us at editorgpcanewsletter@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

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President's Note



Fellow Members, Friends and Neighbors,

It's official – with pumpkins, squash, apples, pears, (and even green tomatoes), Fall is here! We have celebrated at the Annual GPCA Picnic, once again as guests of the Maryland Wing CAP/Nike Site. Always a great way to meet, greet, and get to know all our neighbors, near and far! And the outreach continues through our monthly meetings, always about the greater community – its history, its needs, and always its people. See for yourself

next Monday - all about the History of the Patapsco River and Valley.

We remain committed to providing a good forum to address the larger community concerns of our members and neighbors to gain consensus and make our voices heard, no matter how tough the opposition. Staying informed and engaged is one of our greatest strengths. That is the importance of joining us and sharing your priorities as part of the GPCA community.

We may be small, but we are mighty! Join us on October 14th.

~ Kathy Skullney, GPCA President

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Last Meeting

September 9, 2024

CPR/AED and Other Lifesaving Skills

Bob Reisdorf, long time member of GPCA was the guest speaker at the September 9th meeting. He promoted the upcoming cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator (CPR/AED) training being held September 21 at the Granite Presbyterian Church.

The training is a much-needed skill for anyone to learn especially in our rural community because emergency response may take longer than in an urban setting. A person suffering a heart attack is likely to die with no assistance but their chances of survival with any CPR assistance increases tenfold.

Class participants will learn critical skills needed to respond to and manage emergencies until emergency medical services arrive. The class is part training by lecture but mostly hands on learning using realistic dummies and applying live saving techniques.

The class is focused on learning the following skills:

- Performing CPR chest compressions. Mr. Reisdorf stressed that the mouth to mouth assisted breathing is no longer the current protocol.

- Using an automatic external defibrillator (AED). The AED is a user-friendly device that walks the user through the steps to properly set up and engage the automated compressions.
- Controlling bleeding using bandages, applying pressure to wounds, and correctly applying tourniquets when necessary.
- Providing choking relief in adults, children and infants.

The instructors are from Baltimore County Fire and Medical Training, Inc. They will also provide information on responding to asthma attacks, various allergic response emergencies, opioid overdoses using opioid reversal medication, cardiac arrest, thermal burns and venomous snake and insect bites.

As a previous participant in the training, I can assure you that the class is extremely worthwhile and includes much more than CPR skillset. The instructors are professionals from fire and police departments. They share their field experience with commentary on what worked and/or how a scenario could be handled differently. The hands-on learning is engaging and you know when you have completed a lesson successfully. Please consider registering for the training in any upcoming session and learn another way to help your community.

~ Maribeth Diemer
GPCA Secretary

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T'was a Very Nice Day at the GPCA Picnic



We hope you were able to join us as the GPCA Annual Picnic was a great time and well attended! Approximately 75 people showed up to enjoy the beautiful day and comradery at the CAP Nike Missile Site on Hernwood Road. Delicious food was supplied by the SawMill Cafe along with the many desserts supplied by the attendees. In addition to the inside activities, the CAP cadets provided demonstration launches of the model rockets they built

and the Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Department was on hand to display their well-equipped new fire engine. Thanks to all who attended and we will look forward to seeing you at next year's event!

~ Bill Skullney

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Woodlawn Precinct News

The Woodlawn Precinct has a new Captain. His name is Eric Cross. The previous commander, Captain Hartman, has been promoted to Major.



There was also a burglary on Wards Chapel Road. Area Notices: Sept. 5: First Degree Burglary, 4000 Block of Wards Chapel Rd. 21104. An unknown suspect(s) stole property from this location; Sept 24, at 3 am, response to report of criminal trespass involving squatters. This underscores a need for all of us to be more aware of strangers, coming and going in our quieter areas.

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/precinct-news/precinct2?page=1>

~ Officer Makowiecki

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Granite Natural Gas Pipeline

Operation Pipeline Upgrade is in full swing and the Granite phase of the project will install 17,000-feet of new gas lines from the Granite Gate Substation west of the 9200 block of Dogwood Road and run southeast along BGE's right of way to Security Boulevard. The upgrade will replace the original pipeline that was installed in the early 1950s to provide natural gas to customers in Baltimore County and Baltimore City. The new line will run parallel with the existing pipeline which will be abandoned in place. Construction efforts began in September and completion is expected by May 2025. The pipeline will cross Dogwood Road a shy ½ mile from Old Court and at the 90° curve near City Ranch, west of Ridge Road. Work will occur Monday to Friday and will adhere to Baltimore County and State Highway Administration permits. Overnight work is not anticipated; however, weekend work will be required. For more information about the project visit bit.ly/naturalgasinvestments. For questions or concerns, please email

BGEGranitePipelineUpgrade@rkk.com or call 410-205-2404.



~ Cathy Wolfson

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Monday Oct. 14 - Indigenous Peoples' Day or Columbus Day?

<https://openclart.org/>

President Joe Biden proclaimed the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples' Day in 2021 to recognize the impact of forced assimilation, disease and loss of culture on Native Peoples that was initiated by Columbus' landing and the subsequent colonization of the Americas by Europeans. The Federal holiday remains officially Columbus Day, but it also provides an opportunity to recognize the Piscataway and Susquehannock peoples who were soon displaced after 1608 when John Smith became the first European to discover the Patapsco River.



MD Indigenous tribal areas prior to 1608

Map source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_peoples_of_Maryland

~ Cathy Wolfson

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GPCA Community Sign Grant - Coming Soon (Finally!)

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the \$3,500 community grant applied for by GPCA to erect a large, semi-permanent community association sign at the corner of Davis Avenue and Old Court Road has been awarded. The \$3,500 community grant funds have been released to GPCA and the final sign design plans are getting started. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about the sign, feel free to pass those along to editorgpcanewsletter@gmail.com. Stay tuned!

~Bill Skullney

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Granite Historical Society October Events

**NOTE CHANGE IN SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER
MTG.**

On Tuesday, October 15th at 7PM at Granite Presbyterian Church, Jamie Condon will speak on the history of the Sylvan Dell quarry. Before Sylvan Dell Swim Club was the "ol swimmin' hole " in the early 1950's, it was a working quarry from which some of the hardest granite stone was mined. Join us as we dispel myths, thumb through old pictures, and relive the heyday of the Sylvan Dell Quarries.

On Sunday October 20th the Granite Historical Society will sponsor a Fall History Hike across the former "Quarry Farm" property, a large tract of land owned by the Guilford & Waltersville Granite Company from 1890 until 1925. In addition to farming the property, the quarry company mined feldspar there and the last half-mile of the Waltersville Quarry Railroad ran across the farm. The hike will cover about 2 ½ miles of trails, mostly very flat trails. We will meet at 1PM sharp at the Granite Presbyterian Church parking lot. Please let the GHS know if you will attend by using the "[Contact Us](#)" option at www.granitehistoricalsociety.org. A few days before the hike John Brantley will email some historical information about the farm to those who have expressed interest.

***~ Bill Skullney
GHS Vice President***

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Night of Peace Family Shelter Wishlist and 50/50 Raffle

Over the past few years GPCA has been collecting items at our November and December meetings that our local family shelter, Night of Peace has included on their website's wishlist. They have greatly appreciated all of our donations, but it requires them to step away from their work in the evenings and find room for all the items we deliver. This year we guide you to their

Amazon Wishlist

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/273A79WLB0T3M?ref=gr_search_page_result

to donate items that will be shipped directly to the shelter at their convenience. Additionally, at our November 11 and December 9 General Meetings we will have a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to purchase items from the Wishlist. If you would prefer to donate directly to Night of Peace or would like to know more about their mission please visit their website at <http://www.nightofpeace.org/> Thanks to all of you who have donated generously over the years and shown your appreciation for the good work Night of Peace performs in our community.

~ Cathy Wolfson

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Job Corps Report on Community Relations Council Meeting

On Tuesday September 17th, 2024, I attended the quarterly meeting along with other community participants, including a representative from HUD who gave an inspirational talk having been a Job Corps graduate herself. There are several staff vacancies at Job Corps including social development director. This is currently a serious problem at the center because when there is a vacancy students go without instruction. Please consider reviewing these job vacancies and passing along the information to potential candidates. The number of students at Job Corps currently is 228. The maximum capacity is 428.

Upcoming meetings:

Community Relations Council – Dec. 3, 2024, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm

Work Force Industry Advisory Board – Dec. 10, 2024, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm

Community members are welcome to attend.

~ Carol Link

GPCA Representative

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Fall Green Tomatoes?



Don't know what to do with all of those unripened green tomatoes? How about a Green Tomato Pie? Check it out this old family farm recipe!
 ~ **Kathy Skullney**
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Monarchs in Motion

Scientists & Citizens Monitor Motion through Maryland



Each year thousands of monarch butterflies flutter through Maryland on their migration to Mexico, but scientists have learned something shocking about their stay in the Old Line State – they are not getting enough to eat. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is working to protect and enhance monarch habitat across the state. Read more at:

<https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2024/09/26/monarchs-in-motion-scientists-and-citizens-monitor-the-butterflys-maryland-visit-during-its-spectacular-migration/>

~ **Kathy Skullney**

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Around the Neighborhood

Granite Presbyterian Church Food Truck – October 16th, 4 – 7 pm

Granite Historical Society Fall Hike – October 20th, 1:00 pm. Meet at Granite Presbyterian Church @ 12:45.

Woodlawn Police, Woodlawn Precinct – keep up with what's happening:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/precinct-news/precinct2?page=1>

Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company –



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

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October 16, 2024

4 to 7 pm

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Raw Bar

Oysters

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Pulled Pork BBQ
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Fresh Green Beans
Coleslaw, Garden Salad
Macaroni with Shrimp Salad
Potato Salad

Dessert

Sheet Cake

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