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GPCA Newsletter

November 2024



VETERANS' DAY

**Honor to all Veterans on their
special day.**

Thank you for your service!



GPCA General Meeting

Monday, November 11, 2024, 7:00 pm

Social Hall, Granite Presbyterian Church
10637 Old Court Road

Local Business Night

Featuring 5 Businesses You Need to Know About!

Be sure to join us and meet some of the diverse and great small businesses in the GPCA area – services you sure to appreciate. We are welcoming Lithic Landscapes, LLC (Ezra Link), Powell Creative, LLC (Izzy Powell), Home Baked Goods by Diana, LLC (Diana Cardillo), Playtime

Pastures, LLC (Jamie Condon), and Lenny's Automotive, LLC (Lenny Goldberg). And there will be more to come!

Note: Also joining us will be Yolanda Gregory, our new Community Planner for District 4 .

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Upcoming Meetings:

December 9 – Holiday Celebration

January 13, 2025 – Elections
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President's Note



Fellow Members, Friends and Neighbors,

As the daylight wanes, the beauty of Autumn falls all around us and we are reminded of how fortunate we are to live in our community. We also are very aware of the cautions necessary due to the lack of rain (see DNR note below) in our extended spaces. As we cool, we are not able to enjoy the fires so typical of this season, and hope for relief soon. Meanwhile, as we prepare for the holidays, community itself becomes a bit more special. We always value our neighbors and friends, especially those we may not have met before, and look for new ways to expand our reach and communication ... → like the November meeting with local businesses! So don't miss the special gathering on November 11th.

We move into that special time of year when we begin to look back on what we've done, and look forward to all the good community stuff yet to come. We will always address the larger community concerns of our members and neighbors to gain consensus and make all our voices heard, no matter how tough the opposition. Staying informed and engaged is one of our greatest strengths.

We may be small, but we are mighty!

~ Kathy Skullney, GPCA President

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Last Month's Meeting

October 14, 2024

History of the Patapsco River Valley

Robert Bailey, historian and historic planner with the Maryland Park Service, gave a presentation on the history of the Patapsco Valley, with emphasis on the valley's industrial development and ultimate decline. He described the valley's early industrialization, which included iron works, flour milling and textiles, particularly in the lower part of the valley. Mr. Bailey discussed who were the workers in early industries and of the valley's early transportation corridors.

His presentation included drawings of the early Patapsco Valley, timing of the fires, storms and floods that destroyed towns and the manufacturing sites. He discussed how the Park expanded using private and public funds. One interesting story was that by 1910, the State forester was informally calling the then very small Patapsco Forest Reserve "Patapsco Park." By 1912, a portion of that forest/park had been developed and dedicated specifically for public recreational use. Campers, picnickers, and swimmers flocked out of Baltimore to rusticate alongside the Patapsco River. Many of the campers maintained and lived in their tents all summer.

Mr. Bailey is the author of the book: Maryland's Forests and Parks: A Century of Progress.

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ELECTION

January 8, 2025

Election of Officers and Directors

It's that time again. GPCA By-Laws direct us to hold annual elections at our January general meeting. To be eligible to serve on the Executive Board candidates must be members of GPCA for a minimum of 6 months immediately preceding the election.

Officers are elected for a one year term. The president may serve for 2 consecutive one year terms and may again become eligible after a one year lapse. Directors serve for 3 year terms and can again become eligible after a one year lapse.

2025 Nominations for Officers and Directors

President – Vacant (this could be YOU)

Vice President – Butch Oakman

Secretary – Vacant (or this could be YOU)

Treasurer – Cathy Wolfson

Director – Gabriela Summerer, 3 year term expires January 2028

Note: Directors Ralph Wright and Chris Brock's terms expire January 2026 and 2027 respectively and their positions are not eligible for nominations.

Nominations of candidates are being taken at this time and will continue until the election when nominations will be taken from the floor (even the virtual floor).

All Officers and Directors shall contribute impartially to decisions of the board and support the objectives of GPCA which per our By-Laws are:

“To preserve and enhance the tranquility and beauty of our rural environment and to encourage orderly and positive growth of the community within the framework of prescribed regulations and laws. The Association shall provide a forum for all residents to express their concerns and interests and shall attempt to provide informative and interesting programs that will keep members informed and better able to address any of their concerns or problems. The

Association's objective is also to foster a spirit of community among the residents.”

What's the commitment? In addition to attending GPCA's General Meetings on the 2nd Monday of September to June the Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Not ready to serve on our Board but want to be involved? Consider serving on the Nominating Committee, we need 2 volunteers! If you're interested in serving on the Board, would like to nominate a candidate or have any questions about the process please contact me, Cathy Wolfson, Nominating Committee Chair at 410-245-8708 or oakknob@comcast.net.

~ Cathy Wolfson

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Woodlawn Precinct News



There have been two burglaries in the GPCA area reported during October: 2nd degree on Hernwood Road and 1st degree on Davis Avenue. Details are not available, but it is always important to remain aware and take safety measures.

On another note, and as a reminder, dirt bikes and off-road vehicles are not permitted on public roads without full vehicle registration and licensing, and all such vehicle cannot be operated at all without being registered as off-road. more information can be obtained on the Woodlawn Precinct website:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/precincts/2-woodlawn>

~ Officer Makowiecki

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GPCA Community Sign - Coming Soon (Really!)

Good News! The \$3,500 community

grant funds for the GPCA community sign have been received!! We have contacted the Fast Signs organization and the initial design of the sign is being worked. We should have this initial design by the time of our meeting this month. Once a final design is approved, the estimated time for delivery of the sign is approximately 2-3 weeks. Thanks to Ru-ching and Patrik we will be installing the sign at the corner of Old Court and Davis Avenue. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about the sign, feel free to pass those along to editorgpcanewsletter@gmail.com.

~Bill Skullney

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Granite Historical Society

On Tuesday, November 19th at 7PM at Granite Presbyterian Church, John Brantley will deliver a presentation entitled "East Lothian: The Second Most Important Tract of Ground in Granite". It's the story of how 1200 acres lying between Old Court Road and the river, originally the property of William Hamilton, evolved into the home of the Woodstock College, Granite Church, St Alphonsus Church, both the old one and the new one, the Mathena Farm, the Quarry Farm, the Pahl Farm, Little Flower School and what John calls "the first attempt at a housing development in Granite history".

On Sunday December 22nd the Granite Historical Society will be sponsoring its second house tour. This tour will feature the 'Granite Schoolhouse' located on Old Court Road at the intersection with St. Paul Avenue. Specific details will be provided in the December newsletter so mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

~ Bill Skullney

GHS Vice President

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Department of Natural Resources Notices

Burn Ban!! - The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is

implementing a statewide ban on open air burning, effective today, November 1, in all Maryland counties.

Extremely dry conditions persist across the state and have led to an above average number of wildfires statewide, and conditions are not expected to change in the near future. The ban will remain in effect until the Maryland Forest Service determines the state has received enough precipitation to reduce the threat of wildfires statewide.

Local Hunting Seasons:

Wild Turkey 11/2 – 11/10

White-tailed deer, archery until 11/29, firearms 11/30-12/14

~ Kathy Skullney

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Night of Peace Family Shelter Wishlist and 50/50 Raffle

As posted in our October newsletter we are once again supporting our local family shelter, Night of Peace. 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 essential support Night of Peace provides for unsheltered parents and their children in our community.

~ Cathy Wolfson

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Islamic Society of Baltimore - Windsor Mill

The Board of Appeals Hearing, originally scheduled for December 3rd has been postponed. A new date has been set for February 19th, 2025. Stay tuned for further information.

~ Kathy Skullney

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Cookbook for GPCA



This is the first of what I hope to be a continuing feature of our newsletter with easy and seasonal selections. I collect recipes, then compile cookbooks for my own use, since they are usually



copyrighted. I specialize in Middle Eastern and Indian recipes.

DIY (Do It Yourself) Hot Cocoa Mix

The website <http://fooddownunder.com> was the unlikely source for this simple cocoa mix. The site did not just have Australian favorites, such as Roasted Kangaroo Tail or Barbecued Shrimp on the Barbie, but there were also recipes from all over the world.

1 cup unsweetened cocoa

2 cups sugar or sugar substitute such as, Stevia, sucralose, Splenda

4 cups dry powdered milk

Mix. Dissolve 1/4 cup to 1/3 cup in an 8 ounce mug of hot or cold water.

Phyllis' Cranberry Punch combines several juices and spices with cranberry juice and ginger ale for a flavorful punch. (Courtesy of Phyllis Spangler)

2 cups water

1 cup sugar

4 cups cranberry juice

4 cinnamon sticks

12 whole cloves

1½ cups lemon juice (fresh or frozen)

2 cups orange juice

2 cups pineapple juice

1 quart ginger ale

Boil water and sugar in a pan until sugar dissolves. Add cranberry juice and spices. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Strain and cool. Add other juices. Chill. Add ginger ale before serving.

~ Joyce Utmar

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Around the Neighborhood

Granite Historical Society Monthly Meeting – November 19th,
7 pm, Granite Presbyterian Church

Granite Historical Society House Tour – December 22nd, The
'Granite Schoolhouse', 10612 Old Court Road

Job Corps (Community members welcome!) –

Open House – November 13, 10:30 am

Community Relations Council meeting – December 3rd, 11:00 am-
12:00 pm

Work Force Industry Advisory Board meeting – December 10th,
11:00 am-12:00 pm

Randallstown NAACP –

Randallstown NAACP Meeting – November 20th, 6:00 pm,
Pikesville Library

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

[https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/precinct-
news/precinct2?page=1](https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/precinct-news/precinct2?page=1)

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

Let your community know!



COMING SOON

A new community center for
Randallstown, featuring a
library and recreation center
all under one roof.

Site of New Project: 8212 Liberty Road, 21244

Your input is needed!

Share your thoughts on recreational, cultural and lifelong learning needs. Bring your ideas to tell us what you would like to see in your library and recreation center.

Monday, November 18 • 6:30 p.m.
Randallstown Branch
8604 Liberty Road, 21133

Friday, November 22 • 6:30 p.m.
Randallstown Community Center
3505 Resource Drive, 21133

Let's work together to build a better Baltimore County and strengthen our Randallstown community.



Festival of Lessons & Carols, 2024

An Advent-Christmas Concert
with Reflections and Caroling

Presented by the Vocal and Instrumental Musicians of
St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Catholic Church
and
Granite Presbyterian Church

with special guests
The Embassy String Quartet

A free-will offering will be taken to offset
the costs of this and future concerts.

Light refreshments will follow the concert.



Adoration of the Shepherds by François Boucher (1733-1777). Boucher, a French artist who was perhaps the most celebrated painter and decorative artist of the 18th century, produced relatively few religious paintings during his lifetime. His paintings are quintessentially Rococo; they feature a lightness and delicacy that is typical of the movement. Image is from The Metropolitan Museum.

Friday, December 6th, 7 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Catholic Church
10800 Old Court Road, Woodstock, MD

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