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Next Meeting: Monday, September 12th, 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.

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JUNE MEETING NOTES

GPCA welcomed Senator Delores Kelley of the 10th District as our June meeting speaker. Sen. Kelley provided us with a detailed recap of the bills that she was able to get passed by the Maryland General Assembly and also the bills that she was unable to get passed during the 2016 90-day session. Sen. Kelley gave a summary of four of her successful bills-SB 241, SB 336, SB 417 and SB 481.

Senate Bill 241 requires a landlord who has marketed and leased an apartment residence as a senior building, and who subsequently decides to convert the building to serve the general public, must provide the elderly and/disabled residents with 180 days (6 months) advance notice before such conversion. After receiving such notice, a tenant has the right to terminate the lease with one-month notice at any time before the conversion becomes effective. The landlord cannot withhold any part of the elderly tenant's security deposit, if a tenant moves because of notice of building conversion. The Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office shall enforce provisions of the Act, which is scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2016.

Senate Bill 336 requires MD hospitals to seek to identify a patient's post-discharge home caregiver so the caregiver can be prepared for his or her

aftercare duties when the patient is discharged, but only if the patient or his/her guardian signs up for this free service. Neither the patient, nor the patient's guardian is obligated to identify the home caregiver or to accept post-discharge preparation services from a Maryland hospital.

Senate Bill 417 follows recent revisions of a 1938 federal law which for decades authorized the payment of a sub-minimum wage as low as \$3.88 per hour for persons with developmental disabilities, who work for state and local operators of sheltered workshops. For close to 25 years such operators were not legally obligated to evaluate the productivity of their employees with developmental disabilities. It was presumed that it was a waste of resources to develop training or periodic evaluations of these employees simply because they had one or more developmental disabilities.

Based on guidance from the federal Dept. of Labor, SB 417 requires a plan to phase out the sub-minimum wage in MD by July 2020 and to determine the training and other resources needed for the proper placement of persons with developmental disabilities, as the federal government phases out its 14 (c) certificates for the operation for sheltered workshops. This Bill, also known as the "Ken Capone Equal Employment Act", was named

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Editors Corner

Woodstock Post Office Update

Currently if you have a problem or question about your mail delivery in 21163 you have to go to the **Randallstown Post Office** located at 3608 Offutt Road just off of Liberty Road (across from the CCBC satellite classrooms and a Family Dollar store).

The reason for this is that all the supervisors have been moved to the Randallstown post office. There are no supervisors to deal with your problems or questions at the Waverly Woods location. As well, all the sorting is conducted at the Randallstown branch.

If you ask for a hold or vacation stop on your mail it will be held at the Randallstown post office location. On the date you have requested the end of a stop or hold your mail will be coming out of the Randallstown post office.

There is NO phone number for the Waverly Woods P.O. I know – what? No mail is sorted or processed at the Waverly Woods location. They only sell stamps, maintain the P.O. boxes and take in items to be mailed. These items are then picked up and taken to the Randallstown branch for processing. If you wish to drop off your items in a drop box, there are two walk up drop boxes at the Waverly Woods Shopping center. One is over to the left of Celebree Childcare Center and the other one is located in front of the Waverly Woods post office.

"Times they are a changing." Makes me miss Ms Christine giving me a hard time about some mail issue. Guess we should be glad we even get mail at all.

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(Meeting continued from page 1) for a hard-working young adult who communicates with the use of a computer screen and pointer from his wheelchair, while wearing a helmet fitted with special instruments. Ken and his friend Matt (also in a wheelchair) served as the chief proponents of **SB417**.

In addition to being our 10th District senator, Kelley is a member of the Senate Finance Committee. As the Floor Leader, she was assigned to explain, defend and manage the more than 20 bills which were introduced. She said that getting **SB 481** approved was very challenging. **SB 481** is Equal Pay for Equal Work. This bill was debated on the Senate floor for several days and was finally passed with an amendment. This bill prohibits certain employer practices which hide wage discrimination, based on an employee's sex or gender identity. The Bill limits a 2016 employee who is a victim of wage or career-path discrimination, to 3 years from the date of their last pay check to file any civil complaint in court.

Senator Kelley had nine other successful bills passed in the 2016 session for a complete listing and description of each of these bills go to Delores.Kelley@senate.state.md.us. Senator Kelley told GPCA that she worked very hard to get some other bills passed related to the Maryland Juvenile Services Department's lack of reasonable standard, best practices and good outcomes for children who enter that system. Unfortunately, these did not pass. Senator Kelley will be working with several state officials on a revised package of Juvenile Justice Bills prior to the 2017 Session of the General Assembly. We thank Sen Kelley for her service to the 10th District.

Veterinary Assistant/Receptionist Needed:

There is a part-time vet tech/office assistant position available at Randallstown Animal Hospital. If you are interested please fax a resume to 410-521-6779 or email it to randallstownvet@gmail.com.

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July Morning

While there is no essay to write for the month of July, July is still happening. July has just started. It is a cool and soft morning, the grass green and moist. The horses graze in the field under a cloudy morning sky. This lovely weather tags onto the end of an easy June. Yes, there were a few muggy days that reminded us we do live in Maryland. But we have not hit that heat that lasts day into night and you wake the next morning and go out into the sauna like weather to do chores. I am sure those weeks will come, perhaps during fair week in August. It is therefore important to appreciate this kind and gentle summer weather when it happens.

So I have to sit on my back porch with my morning coffee and enjoy the view. I just got to potting up some flowers the last week of June. I just don't get to things the way I want to. I spend a lot of time thinking about what needs to be done, but very little time actually getting to it. So it is late to buy your annuals the last week of June, but there has to be more people like me that were put off by the long cool and wet spring. I had gone to Home Depot Memorial Day weekend and bought a few plants for the garden and a few flowers to put around. Then by the time I got to Chapman's on Liberty Road a month later, the plants were a little sad looking but they were half price. So finally I have my red geraniums greeting people at the front and back doors, even though no one ever uses the front door. Not put off by flowers that need deadheading and a little miracle grow, just one more kind of rescue, I go about each day repotting and fixing up a few of the 13 plants I bought with Robin Deltuva following me around to carry my selections, while she commented on just what was I going to do with all of those....

It is the same way I approach weeding. It can be one section of the vegetable garden at a time or a few square feet of the garden I have tried to start in honor of my mother. So far, I have two surviving azaleas, one blue spruce, some irises, a peony and four-foot-tall weeds, a collection of horse weeds, some other thing, and golden rod. Once I work my way back to the sign I plan to plant the marigolds and move a potted geranium over there. I can tell you though, if this was a hot and steamy July, (continued on page 3)

(July Morning -continued from page 2) *I probably would just let it all go.*

There are five mommy hens running around with babies right now. A couple of them are pretty ferocious. They cape their wings and charge the cats and the other chickens they do not like, protecting their babies and whatever food they have found and are telling their little ones about, clucking and scratching. Some mommies manage to keep all their babies with them and other mommies lose babies. I have discovered over time that there is only so much we can do with the crazy mommies. If I keep them in a cage they end up scratching and burying their children in the bedding, if I let them roam free some babies lose track of their mommy or the mommy does not keep her children schooled and gathered as she hunts for food or takes them under the weeds to rest. I can go out late in the afternoon and there is a lost chick peeping and I have to find it, catch it and try to figure out which group it belongs to. I usually have a brooder cage in the house, and I say to John, "if I have to catch that chick one more time, I am taking it to the house." Not every offspring has the intelligence for survival.

This lovely morning will have long passed by the time this writing hits the newsletter. I am sure we will be hiding from the heat in that wonderful invention called air conditioning. But I hope you have the opportunity to catch a moment on your porch this summer to simply appreciate the view.

Brenda Creighton

Special Thanks to Paul Dorsey for printing the newsletter and to Marty Kelley, Alice Kloetzli, Jackie Webster, and Eileen Ciechanowski for volunteering to fold the newsletter.

In Memorandum

GPCA extends its condolences to the family of Mr. William C. Masemore who passed away on Friday, July 15, 2016. Mr. Masemore was a WWII veteran and a retired member of the Baltimore Co. Police and the Medical Examiners Office. Mr. Bill was a huge supporter of GPCA and he will be greatly missed. I received a wonderful article from Rona Desser about him which I felt many who knew him would enjoy reading. It follows.

Memories of a Friend

My late husband, Irwin Desser, and I had the pleasure of knowing the late Bill Masemore, our neighbor and dear friend for the last forty years. I cannot say enough about him—how he reached out so often to us, as well as to other neighbors on Rices Lane in their time of need, always there to try to be of help! One time

in particular, after a blizzard which occurred about 15 years ago or so-- (Bill was already in his late seventies or early eighties)—it was about 2 or 3 days after the snow had stopped. My husband and I were taking turns on our back patio, shoveling a path around our whole patio, and clearing the drains, to let any melting snow flow away from our house, when all of a sudden there was Bill at the end of our driveway, yelling, "Hey, Rona, do you want me to make a path so you can get out?"

There he was, snow blower in hand, his jacket wide open, snow blowing in circular motion high into the air. He was a sight for sore eyes, and darned if he didn't make us a path. I'm sure he was most likely getting soaked. I hadn't been able to get out before this for two or three days. And lo and behold, afterwards he went next door to help our elderly neighbor, Mrs. Stohworthy. This was just one of many selfless acts that Mr. Masemore performed for so many, and that was just a part of his giving and generous persona.

Bill had started out as a police officer and eventually worked his way up to high office—chief traffic officer—working directly on cases along with a variety of medical examiners. My husband and I were delighted to be included along with Bill's family and friends at his 80th birthday celebration. Sitting next to us was one of the chief medical examiners with whom Bill had worked closely years ago. The medical examiner had come in from a faraway state especially to pay tribute to his longtime dear acquaintance Bill. How glowing were his remarks to me about Bill!

Mr. Masemore was so very connected to life and living, connected closely to his dear son William, Jr., and daughter Michelle, whom he adored, and to his 3 grandchildren. After his wife Marjean's death, for a long time he visited her gravesite almost daily.

His caring for his environment was so very apparent. Bill's grounds around his home were always meticulously kept. Out in his pasture you would find Bebe, his aging horse, a variety of felines he had rescued over the years, a dog he and the kids loved, who by the time we moved on Rices Lane, had aged considerably. During one of my visits, Bill would point out to the back deck where one of his toms was resting, and outside along the perimeter of his home was a cat cemetery with markers for each of the deceased pets he had over the years.

I remember when a mother cat gave birth to her kittens, Bill even built a large, heated house for the little family. What a nature lover he was! And now he has bidden farewell to his last cat, Tom. I would visit and find Tom lying on Bill's lap. Tom was a man's man!

What's Happening in the Area

At the **Howard County Conservancy:**

Aug. 12 *Perseid Meteor Shower*

Friday . 10pm– 1:30am FREE

Aug. 13 *Traditions and Cultural Diversity: Growing Unusual Foods*

Sat. 10am FREE

Aug. 25 *Bugs and Brews* Thurs. 7pm FREE
(\$ for drinks)

Sept. 10 *Games in the Meadows* Sat. 10am

\$5 per person or \$10 per car

More Information? Call 410-465-8877

www.hcconservancy.org

At the **Carrie Murray Nature Center**

Aug. 6 *Our Raven is Smarter than Your...*

Saturday- noon to 2pm

Aug. 19 *Full Moon Insects of the Night* Fri. 7pm-9pm

Aug. 27 *What's Bugging You?* Sat. 12pm -2pm

Sept. 3 *Nature Scavenger Hunt– What's in the Woods?*

Sat. 12pm– 2pm

Carrie Murray Nature Center is now open on the second Sunday of each month- April through November the hours are noon to 3pm.

More Information? 410-396-0808

www.carriemurraynaturecenter.org

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

Aug. 6 *Serpentine Birding Hike* 8am Sat. FREE

Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28 *Feathered Friends*

12pm Sunday FREE

Aug. 9 *Animal Adaptations* 1pm Tue. \$2

Aug. 13 *Maryland's Most Wanted* 1pm Sat. FREE

Aug. 13 *Stargazing* 8pm Sat. FREE

Aug. 31 *Animal Lecture Series* 7pm Wed. \$5

Sept. 4 *Serpentine Barrens Late Summer Butterflies*

1pm Sunday FREE

More information? www.soldiersdelight.org

At the **Baltimore County Library in Randallstown**

Aug. 6 *Computer Know-How* 9am Sat. Learn basic computer skills. Registration required.

Aug. 8 & 15 *Game Afternoon* Monday 1pm

Aug. 9 & 16 *Summer Makers Club*—meets each week to make a different project Tuesday 1pm

Baltimore County Library in Randallstown continued

Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Sept. 7 *Preschool Story Time*—interact with your child to nurture a love of reading Wed. 10am

Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Sept. 7 *Baby Story Time* – connect with your baby through stories, rhymes, bounces and songs followed by playtime. Registration required. Wed. 11am

Aug. 11 & 18 *Randalls Readers*- Share what you are reading and hear about some new books Thur. 1pm

Aug. 11 *Family Movie Night*— bring the whole family to enjoy a popular movie. Friday 5pm

Aug. 13 *Intro to the Internet*— learn basic internet skills Registration required. Saturday 9am

Aug. 20 *Intro to Microsoft Word* Registration required. Saturday 9am

Aug. 22 *Pajama Story Time*— put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs. Monday 7pm

Aug. 24 *Family Make Night*— bring your family to create something together. Wednesday 6:30pm

Sept. 9 *Jazz in the Stacks*— enjoy an evening of live jazz by Definite Friends. This is an after-hours event. Doors will remain open till 8pm. Friday 6:30pm

More information? Call 410-887-0770 or check out

www.bcpl.info/events/datelines-randallstown

ASTRONOMY anyone?

GPCA newsletter is looking for someone to write an article about astronomy, stars, nebulae or any related details. Would you be interested? It does not need to be technical— just interesting. Nor does it need to be lengthy about 250 words would be great. If you are interested please contact me, Marie Cignatta. My cell number and email address are on the back page. Thanks.

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Membership Report

Maribeth Diemer, Treasurer

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

Ensor Family, Alyson Pye-Hopkins and John Hopkins, Charlotte Kohler and Richard Asen, Brenda Logue and Alan Naylor, Thomas and Denise France, Anna Schrad and Manuel Toscana, Wilbert Talley and Wanda Bennett-Talley and Lenny's Automotive.

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 192 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!**

CSA Firstie

This spring I decided to join a CSA. CSA is a Community Supported Agriculture program wherein folks who like fresh produce pay a half or full share to a farm and they get a wonderful bounty of veggie goodies in return. I actually bought a share because I knew that I would get introduced to vegetables that I had never eaten or seen in the grocery store and wondered what they tasted like or how to prepare them if I bought them and I wanted to taste test assorted vegetables before I plan out a small kitchen garden next summer.

The thing about receiving different vegetables each week is that I have learned to love beets. Roasting beets is my favorite way to cook them. Kohlrabi is another vegetable that I discovered. Once I got past the fact that it is in the cabbage family I went on to enjoy it a lot. I also received cabbage, green beans, lots of yellow and green squash, yellow cherry tomatoes, fennel (made a lovely fennel salad with that), and Tuscan kale. It is a fun way to get green, yellow and red veggies in my family's diet. Maybe you can try it yourself?

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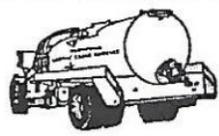
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General Meeting – MONDAY, Sept. 12th
Speaker: TBD
GPCA parade and picnic, SATURDAY, Oct. 1st

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