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**Next Meeting: Monday, April 10, 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.*

*Check us out on the Web at [www.gpca.net](http://www.gpca.net)*

### **Community Meets to Discuss Future of Security Square Mall**

On Wednesday, March 15, 2017, a large room in the Morning Star Baptist Church Renaissance Center filled with elected officials, business owners, community leaders, association representatives, community residents, and others interested in hearing plans for Security Square Mall. Councilman Tom Quirk, First District, and the Security Woodlawn Business Association (SWBA) hosted the meeting. An update on Morning Star Baptist Church's building project was also on the agenda. The meeting began with greetings and opening remarks from Councilman Quirk and Marisol Johnson, President, SWBA. Elected officials and special guests were acknowledged.

Howard S. Brown, Chairman of David S. Brown Enterprises, Ltd., was introduced as a successful, well-known, and respected developer responsible for development of Metro, Owings Mills; Symphony Place, Baltimore City; Boulevard Place, Woodlawn; and many others. Joining Mr. Brown were Michael Glick, of Security Wards, LLC, a real estate investment group that bought the former Montgomery Ward space at the Mall, and their attorney, David Karceski of Venable, LLC. Brown addressed the group about his company's vision for development of Security Square. He informed attendees of the changing face of retail development that has emerged over recent years. Malls and box stores have become less viable and less profitable while the "town center" concept has gained favor as seen in White Marsh, Hunt Valley, and other locations. In Security Square Mall, Macy's and Sears are expected to close; Macy's after the end of the school year and Sears shortly thereafter. The Best Buy in Woodlawn has already closed its doors.

Brown Enterprises has been pursuing development of Security Square Mall for years and has been in litigation for about 5 years. They are now prepared to move forward despite the difficulties encountered trying to strike a partnership with the privately owned smaller businesses that occupy space within the Mall. Without the anchor stores that are leaving, those businesses will find it difficult to survive. Brown expressed confidence that change would be taking place within the year.

David Karceski, explained that an advantage to the development moving forward quickly is the property's existing flexible zoning classification: Business Major/Commercial, Town Center Core (BMCT) that allows the mixed use associated with a Town Center including housing. (Continued on Page 2)

### **April Meeting's Speaker**

Our speaker for the April General Meeting will be Haley Amini, a Natural Resource Specialist from the Baltimore County Government's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability. She will discuss the **Small Watershed Action Plan (SWAP)** including a brief overview of the SWAP process and goals, public input, and education.

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## News of the Neighborhood

### Talking Trash in Baltimore County

If you participated in our clean up on April 8, you already know not all trash winds up in the landfill. But did you know the Eastern Sanitary Landfill (ESL) in White Marsh is the county's only active landfill? Unlike old dumps, such as the former Hernwood Landfill off Hernwood Road, ESL features protective liners, methane gas collection equipment, and other technology to monitor environmental impacts. Currently about half-full with 125,000 tons of trash added annually, the ESL will be filled to capacity by 2053. The goal of modern waste management is to keep trash OUT of the landfill.

Our county's Bureau of Solid Waste Management collects trash and recycling for more than 332,000 homes weekly, and more than 75 percent of the trash goes to the Baltimore City Wheelabrator waste-to-energy facility close to M&T Bank Stadium. There, volume is reduced by 90 percent when converted to steam and used in the City's heating and cooling systems. Steam also powers a turbine that creates electricity that is sold to the energy market. Ferrous metals extracted from the ash are recycled.

Recycling goes a long way to extend the life of our landfill and reduce the Bureau's budget. As of 2015, the residential recycling rate was estimated at only 16 percent of collected tonnage when 50 percent or more of what is collected is recyclable. Incidentally, Granite, you are doing a great job, as our rate was 29.3 percent, the second highest in the county!

Waste prevention and reuse is the most preferred method for managing solid waste, followed by recycling. The key is that the county is paid for recyclables, but pays for trash disposal. To learn more about reducing waste visit:

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And, for all "stuff" that isn't trash, check out the county's Reuse Directory for many donation options: [http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Public\\_Works/solidwastemanagement/reusedirectory2015.pdf](http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Public_Works/solidwastemanagement/reusedirectory2015.pdf)

Submitted by Cathy Wolfson

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### **Security Square Mall's Future**

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Time constraints limited the number of questions allowed, but those expressed clearly pointed to the community's desire for input. Brown emphasized that the type of development planned is the type needed and is what people want to see. Participants were encouraged to make telephone calls and write to express thoughts and concerns as the process moves forward. A Development Review Committee is the vehicle to ensure public comment. However, no one provided specific contact information. Individuals were encouraged to join the Security Woodlawn Business Association.

Following the Security Square discussion, the director of the Community Development Corporation (CDC) established by Morning Star Baptist Church (MSBC) provided an update on the progress of its building on the corner of Woodlawn Drive and Security Boulevard. MSBC intends to grow and invest in the community and sees itself "beyond the building". Some of the services that community members expressed as needed--such as a community center and programs for youth and seniors--were areas the church is interested in addressing after establishing its building and programs. The CDC is interested in working with the Security Square Mall developer as well as with members of the community. Bishop Dwayne C. Debnam is the church pastor.

Submitted by Sandy Fallin

### From the Acting President:

By the time you read this, spring will have sprang. Let us hope that no more surprise snowfalls are in store for us this year. Also, let's hope that the new plans for the two malls in our vicinity--Security Square and Owings Mills--do not include any big box stores.

I hope that everyone living within the GPCA boundaries will either join or renew their GPCA membership, as a family or an individual. Your dues help us to continue as a community association publishing the *GPCA Newsletter*. Thanks for your support.

George Jones, Acting President

*Now that spring has settled in, please remember to get outside and enjoy our community. Our proximity to Nature is one of the advantages that makes living in Greater Patapsco so great!*

### **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!

This past month's folding party had Eileen Ciechanowski, Sandi Fallon, Murf Moorefield, Judi Pfeiffer, Bobbie Stanfield, Denise Maranto and Bob Teller on the job.

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 who has published 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.

#### Randallstown Library Progress

From Lori Hench, Librarian

Hello Community Partners: As we are moving into warmer (finally!) weather, our Randallstown branch library renovation is also moving along. The Randallstown staff, dispersed as we are, wanted to keep you updated by letting you know that the building progress remains on schedule and our anticipated reopening is still on track for early June.

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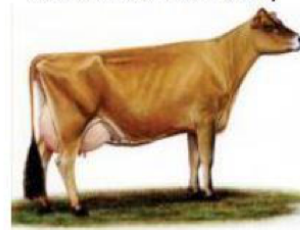
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### The Perfect Picnic?

My venerable Oxford English Dictionary defines picnic as "A pleasure party including an excursion to some spot in the country where all partake of a repast out of doors". That definition can stretch to cover everything from a Big Mac in the park to a catered, multi-course banquet served on china and linen in a remote wilderness refuge.

The location that you choose will, to a large extent, dictate the foods you can bring and the types of pleasures and adventures that you can expect. If you plan to banquet on hand painted china and crystal stemware, transporting it all and preparing an elaborate meal at a remote picnic site will pose serious (but not insurmountable) problems. Conversely, the nearby urban park may offer easy access, wash facilities, covered pavilions, picnic tables, and grills, but only relatively tame adventures and scenery.

The only rule governing picnic menus is: If you want it, you've got to get it there, get it prepared, and get it cleaned up. I imagine that every food item up to and including mastodon tenderloins has appeared in somebody's picnic basket at some point in history. More realistically, picnic experts agree that sandwiches and salads work well because they offer so much variety and taste good cold. Safety also governs menu choices. Raw meats, dairy products, some prepared foods, and anything containing raw eggs should not be left at room temperature, let alone in the hot sun. If you plan to travel more than a few minutes away from reliable refrigeration, use a cooler with ice or a freezer pack. Dry ice, if you can get it and handle it carefully, works even better because it does not leave puddles. Cooking meats also requires some facility to wash your hands. (Continued next page)



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### **The Perfect Picnic?**

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*Clean up is the final act of a successful picnic. Carry plastic trash bags and leave your site cleaner than when you found it.*

*Consulting the Oxford English Dictionary also told me that "Originally [picnics were] a fashionable social entertainment in which each person present contributed a share of the provisions." Considering that, I asked a chef to share his ideal picnic recipes.*

#### **Celery Root Remoulade**

*[Be aware: This recipe uses both celery root and celery. Don't confuse the two.]*

*2 large celery roots, approximately 6 pounds*

*2 cups mayonnaise*

*1/2 cup fresh lemon juice*

*1/4 cup capers, drained*

*1/4 cup snipped chives*

*3 tablespoons grainy Dijon mustard*

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*1/2 cup Italian parsley, chopped*

*1 cup celery, diced with leaves*

*1 tablespoon coarse fresh black pepper*

*1/2 teaspoon celery seed*

*Cut ends off celery root, and then peel with a sharp knife. Cut in half and shred in a food processor. Mix the remaining ingredients together and toss with the shredded celery root.*

#### **Smoked Salmon Roll Ups**

*A flour tortilla spread evenly with Boursin cheese (moderately thick) topped with smoked salmon, topped with very thin blanched asparagus. Roll the tortilla into a log very tightly and slice crosswise. No cooking is required, the flavors blend beautifully, the asparagus adds a crunch, and when sliced and laid on their cut side, you see the white of the cheese, the pink of the salmon, and the green of the asparagus. This pinwheel effect looks like much more fuss than was required.*



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