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GPCA Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Will be held VIRTUALLY

Monday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. Update By Patapsco State Park Ranger

GPCA General Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, except July and August

Everyone is invited to attend. During the pandemic meetings will be held virtually. Details to join the meetings will be communicated using email. Contact gPCA21163@gmail.com to add your email address to the GPCA group.

View our Website at www.gPCA.net

Hello Everyone!! It's good to be back and put some "normal" back into life.

Well if this newsletter arrived by snail mail than it means our pandemic safe newsletter process worked. How different the world has become since the last issue was mailed March 3rd. Toilet paper was in great supply as were flour, disinfectant wipes and bleach. Masks were never on my shopping list nor would I have thought to purchase them as gifts. I could still stand in line at stores close enough to the person in front of me to eavesdrop. I never dreamed that Thanksgiving wouldn't be held at our house and the crowd of 26 will dwindle to 3. What the heck??? Socially distanced outdoor coffee chats or happy hours in the backyard are a work-around balm to soothe my frustrations adapting to a new way of life.

Regardless of me, GPCA has adapted. A Zoom Pro subscription was purchased so general and board meetings could be held virtually. Unfortunately, the only way to communicate the details of how to attend the virtual meetings is by email. Please join the GPCA email blast group by contacting the communications chair, Bob Teller: gPCA21163@gmail.com. The email communications switched from Gmail to Mail Chimp which allows the user to unsubscribe and not have to contact Bob to remove your name. Many, many thanks to Jim Raistrick for his time keeping the website up to date and uploading content. The website platform will change but it should be seamless to the viewers.

Elections to the board of directors are scheduled for January. Please see the article on page 2. In addition, GPCA needs volunteers for tasks such as an administer of the GPCA FaceBook page. It would require 1-2 hours a week to upload provided content to our FaceBook. Also, a volunteer to coordinate meeting speakers. The task entails maybe 2 hours a month for phone calls and emails to "book" a speaker and provide them directions and contact information. Many times, the ideas for speakers come from members so don't be discouraged to help because you don't think you know of anyone to speak. The nominating committee needs 2 volunteers. Time spent is 1-2 hours a week from now until late December. No one is expecting a lifelong commitment from volunteers. We/the community need new helping hands and voices. We won't leave anyone in the dark about what to do. Try a role out for 3 months and realize it isn't too much. Last but not least please renew or join The GPCA. Memberships are down 25%. A complete listing of the 2020 membership through Oct 26 starts on page 4 of this issue. Thank you for your support of our community.

I hope each of you and your circle of family and friends stay in good health and/or recuperate quickly. Be patient with yourselves and each other in this challenging season of thanksgiving.

What's inside?

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Annual Election of Board of Directors

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 may again become eligible after a one year lapse. This election cycle Director Carol "Murf" Moorefield's 3 year term expires creating a vacancy for that office. There are no term limits for other officers.

What's the commitment? In addition to attending GPCA's General Meetings the Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Pre-Covid meetings were held in the Granite Presbyterian Social Hall. Since March the Board has met virtually on Zoom making the ability to attend by video / audio equipped and internet connected device necessary. 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 residents." 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). 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. Not ready to make the commitment but want to be involved? Consider serving on the Nominating Committee, we need 2 volunteers!

~ *Cathy Wolfson*

October Virtual General Meeting

The GPCA October general meeting was held virtually via Zoom chat. We welcomed Richard Keller, Recycling, Marketing, and Promotional Manager for the Baltimore County Waste Management Department. Mr. Keller's office coordinates the sale of recycled materials to businesses through a bidding process. Recycling is picked up by third party haulers and taken to the Central Acceptance Facility in Cockeysville (one of three residential drop off stations) or to transfer stations, then Cockeysville.

The trucks make more than 384,000 stops of which 248,000 are picked up from single family homes. The remaining stops are from multi-family dwellings. The Baltimore Co waste system is referred to as a one and one basis, one day of trash pickup and one day of recycling. In addition, about one third of the county gets yard waste collection.

We have convenient single stream recycling where we can put all our recycling in the same container. To reclaim collected items a mechanical and human process is used to remove contaminants, separate materials, and bale them. The materials are then sold to the highest bidder. Baltimore County sells 84,000 tons a year to the highest bidders. Almost all bottles and cans are sold domestically, while most cardboard is exported and sold internationally.

Mr. Keller emphasized residents to ignore numbers found on the bottom of plastic containers to determine whether it is recyclable. The numbers simply designate the type of resin used. (No black plastic items can be recycled because there is no market for black plastic.) Aluminum pie pans are acceptable. Contaminated containers are the number one reason why items are rejected in the recycling process, it is important that our curbside single stream recycling items be as clean as possible. Examples are parts of pizza boxes that are not greasy, ice cream containers, polished like coatings on containers such as milk or juice boxes, wide mouth plastic containers (yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese) are all recyclable if they are well rinsed. Unfortunately, less than half of cardboard boxes from homes gets recycled because they are not free of contaminants. Items most recycled from homes are water and soda bottles, and milk jugs.

There are six basic materials that are recycled: aluminum cans, which are very valuable; mixed paper, cardboard boxes, glass, plastics, and steel. These are processed back to basics and made into new items, thereby saving energy and helping the environment by reducing the waste going to the landfills. Mr. Keller's final comment was "if in doubt leave it out" of the recycling stream.

A link to detailed information (what materials can and cannot be recycled, why material was not collected, holiday schedule etc.) is:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/publicworks/recycling/collectioninformation.html>

Thanks, so much to Richard Keller for his informative presentation. He can be reached by phone: 410-812-3155 or by email:

rkeller@baltimorecountymd.gov

~Denise Marranto

Small Watershed Community Committee (SWCC)

The Granite Community Small Watershed Group continues monthly stream assessments reports. However, because of the pandemic in person meetings are postponed. Three people are collecting the stream samples and analyzing them. If you are interested to learn more about SWCC activities please join their committee virtual meetings and meet the team. Please contact Bob Teller for more information. You can call 410 461-4988 or email him: g pca21163@gmail.com.

Calling all the “Clean Streams” supporters!! The SWCC team has scheduled a fall cleanup on **Nov 14th from 8-12**. Meet in the Woodstock Inn parking lot. Volunteers will tackle the area around and under the Old Court Rd bridge over the Patapsco river. The team suggests you dress in layers, wear sturdy, water resistant shoes and bring gloves. Hand sanitizer, trash bags, high visibility vests and “grabbers” will be provided. Masks are required and other virus precautions will be taken. More information will be provided in a future email blast. If you are not part of the GPCA email blast group send Bob Teller your email address at g pca21163@gmail.com. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Finally, SWCC has a 2021 initiative to incorporate the monthly sampling results into a report card that can be shared with the community in the monthly newsletter. The raw data will be posted to the GPCA.net website.

~Robert Teller

In Our Neighborhood

Reflections from Offutt Ridge Farm

Good Kids in Today’s World

Josh stopped by yesterday. He is another one of my farm kids. But he was exceptional. He had no contact with animals; chickens, horses, rabbits. He started with learning about chickens. You cannot imagine that putting a waterer together so it does not drain out is hard. But it took several days of redo’s to understand why it leaks when set off center. He willingly learned to clean cages and catch chickens. I was always in a state of rehab from one surgery or another. He was more than a right hand.

Then Josh got to learn about horses. We had colicky horses. Josh would have to walk the horse, keep it up on its feet, let it rest and do it again. We had to watch for poop or he would need to hold the horse for the vet. Then there was Topy’s ability to get her shoe caught in the box wire fence. He had to go find the bolt cutters and cut the wire and release her foot. Yes, he was hesitant about all that but he was willing to work through it. He got to practice this more than once.

Then there was teaching Alina to load on the trailer so she could go off for training. While she had been loaded to bring her home, I had an exceptional horse friend with me to get this basically unhandled horse home. I wanted her to feel comfortable getting on the trailer, so for the rest of her life loading would not be traumatic.

Josh grew up and was so responsible. He was working with me the year the Offutt Rd bridge blew out with flood and he walked through the field to cross the stream for months. In the winter he carried the hot water from the kitchen to the chicken barn. There were times he took my arm and led me to the house and told me to stay in that day because of icy conditions and my ability to get hurt.

Eventually, he was driving the truck to the mill for sawdust and unloading it into the stalls himself. Something we had done together. Now he was taking over. A suburban boy turned farm manager.

A lot of my farm kids became family members for a portion of their lives, and return "home" for visits. I like that I have this kind of extended family. I know some of the good kids in today's world.

-Brenda Creighton

GPCA Communications Update:

Our website is moving to a new user friendly platform that makes it easier to post monthly newsletters, articles of interest and update GPCA changes to pertinent information and links. Our email server has switched from Gmail to Mail Chimp which enables members to unsubscribe from the email group at any time. If you see changes that need to be made please contact the Communications Chair at g pca21163@gmail.com.

Membership Renewals

Thank you renewing and new members!

Below is a **complete listing** of all paid 2020 memberships as of Oct 26, 2020. The membership roster is much shorter than last year at this time. I'm sure more pressing things have been on your mind. Please take a moment to renew or join the GPCA. A membership form is on page 7 and 8. GPCA follows the calendar year. Annual memberships are current in the year in which they are paid no matter what calendar month the payment is received. Please contact me if you have questions about membership. Maribeth Diemer: Maribeth-13@att.net; 410 461- 4988

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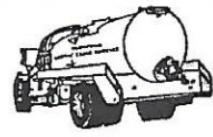
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Thoughts to Ponder:

- To write with a broken pencil is pointless
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.
- A thief fell in cement and broke his leg. He became a hardened criminal.

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 A: With your in-cider voice.

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**GPCA, PO Box 31, Granite, MD 21163 or,
drop off/mail to Maribeth Diemer, 10625 St Paul Ave, Woodstock MD 21163**