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GPCA Newsletter

April 2021

Next Meeting: Small Watershed Community Committee

Topic: Why We Measure What We Measure

Monday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. – Virtually via Zoom

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 gpc21163@gmail.com to add your email address to the GPCA group.

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March Meeting Summary: Pam and Jenn Pahl, Life on the Farm

GPCA welcomed Pam and Jen Pahl from Pahl's Farm and Pahl's Hogs to our virtual March general meeting. The Pahl family are family farmers who have sold their retail produce for six generations. The farm is located at 2730 Melrose Ave., Woodstock, MD 21163. For part of the year a second family lives on the farm and helps with the work, making one large extended family, since everyone has a special closeness to each other and to the earth. The Farm grows fruit, vegetables, berries, and flowers. They have four greenhouses where they raise herbs, perennials, and bedding plants to sell in the spring. The hogs are raised on their Granite farm, hormone and antibiotic free. They raise pigs to sell pork at Farmers Markets. They also raise registered Myotonic Fainting goats. The goats are fully socialized and are sold for pets, showing, and breeding. The pigs are fed locally grown grain and surplus produce from the farm. The hogs run and play outside the way nature intended. Minimal spraying is done only when necessary.

Pahl's Farm specializes in CSA, Community Supported Agriculture where community members buy a share of the farm's production before each growing season. In return, they receive regular distribution of the farm's bounty throughout the growing season usually May through October. A small sampling from recent CSA offering is strawberries, spring onions, potted herbs, and potted flower plants in Spring; blackberries, tomatoes, corn, zucchini, and watermelons in Summer; Asian pears, green beans, kale, collards, and pumpkins in Fall. The CSA membership application form is on the [website:pfarmgranitecsa@aol.com](mailto:pfarmgranitecsa@aol.com). The Farm sells approximately thirty CSA shares each year.

Products from Pahl's Farm can be found at the 32nd Street Farmers Market at E 32nd St and Barclay on Saturdays from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm year round; Baltimore Farmers' Market and Bazaar on Sundays underneath the Jones Falls Expressway (Holliday and Saratoga Streets) from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm beginning on April 4 through December 19, 2021. Last summer Pahl's Farm had a farm stand outside the Randallstown Library on Wednesdays but moved to a location outside CCBC further up Liberty Road at Offutt Road. They will have a farm stand at the Offutt Road location beginning at the end of June this summer. Pahl's Farm is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pahlsfarm. Their phone number is: (410) 461-5445. Many thanks to Pam and Jen Pahl for their fun and informative presentation.

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Baltimore County Master Plan 2030

Thank you Zulma Santiago Ortiz, Kathy Skullney and Cathy Wolfson for volunteering to serve on the GPCA's Patapsco Granite Community Plan review committee. Our community would benefit from more participation in updating the Plan by more folks joining the committee. Much has changed within our boundaries since the adoption of the existing plan by the Baltimore Co Council in 1998. Today we have RC-6 zoning, multiple solar facilities, the Woodlands golf course and Johnnycake Road is under intense development.

We strongly encourage you to attend our May 10th general meeting when the county's western district planners will familiarize us with the Master Plan process and how we can participate in revising our plan to reflect our community's vision of 2030 that will continue to fulfill GPCA's mission to preserve our rural environment. Please contact Kathy Skullney (ksskullney@verizon.net) or Cathy Wolfson (410-245-8708) if you are interested. The existing Plan may be found on our website:

<http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Planning/communityplans/patapscograniteplan.pdf>
~ Cathy Wolfson 410-245-8708

Small Watershed Community Committee



Thanks to the Forever Maryland Foundation which awarded GPCA's Small Watershed Community Committee a \$1,500.00 Citizen Stewardship Grant to support our stream testing and cleanup efforts in 2021. The SWCC will use the grant to purchase stream sampling lab supplies and testing kits as well as supplies for their stream cleanup activities.

SWCC: Who's Who in the SWCC

Austin Cohen - a retired mechanical engineer who completed a number of air pollution and water pollution projects during a long career. A member of Chesapeake Bay Foundation, he's interested in keeping this area green and safe for people, livestock and pets.

Laurie Donnelly - Academic background in physics, medicine, and computers. Currently in my 37th year working for NASA as a Software Engineer. Interested in all environmental matters, with special interest in birds.

Andy Grosko - Avid angler, beekeeper, life-long environmentalist and lately, essay contributor to the GPCA newsletter. Active in the SWCC team, the Potomac River Eelway Project, Save Our Streams and the Cownose Ray Workgroup. Formal training in biology and IT systems; earned my living for the last 38 years in IT.

Murf Moorefield - grew up in a family of Naturalists. She got involved in clean water in the 1960's with a Science Fair Project doing water testing in her backyard stream. She continues to work with streams not only in GPCA but also behind her Rock Shop in Catonsville, and those in the Gunpowder Conservancy.

Jim Raistrick - Academic background in computer science and government policy compliance. Runs weather station for use by the Small Watershed Group. Beekeeper. Loves to see a clean roadside and stream area after picking up trash

Bob Reisdorf - Academic background in biology and public health. Later an occupational health and safety professional with emphasis on evaluating equipment used by US soldiers for safety and survival.

David Scheurer - Academic background in biology and environmental science. Currently works as an oceanographer supporting research to protect coastal ecosystems. Interest in helping to restore local waterways.

Bob Teller - Chairman. Academic background in geography & earth sciences. Later an allied health care professional with 15+ years supervising a medical lab & responsible for its certification.

Cathy Wolfson - Collects stream samples. Lifetime resident of Quaker Hill. Endeavors to control bittersweet and barberry on their property.

Carl Wolfson - Collects stream samples. Follows DNR Forest Stewardship Plan developed for their property to promote habitat for local wild turkey population.

Please join the GPCA Zoom meeting on April 12th to learn about what the SWCC team has accomplished and why its work is important to the wellbeing of our community.

In Our Neighborhood

Reflections from Offutt Ridge Farm

I Refuse to Refuse.

These are two different words depending on how they are pronounced. If I say that I refuse (accent on second syllable) to do something it is different than if I say I found refuse (accent first syllable) thrown at the side of the road. Most words can be used as adjectives, verbs, nouns or any other form. Usually there are one or two prevalent forms we think of. Here I use the second word in a verb form.

Every year the GPCA does a spring cleanup along the rural roads. As any know that have participated, “the fields are ripe for harvest”. The variety and extent of trash picked up is truly amazing. Some are fast food bags, some are major appliances dropped off at a quiet curve in the road, and some are everything in between.

The specifics are important. All of us who have worked the spring cleanup have thought about what we find. Why would someone drive out to Old Court Road, or Granite Road, or Offutt Road to drop off their refrigerator? Or how about black trash bags? Why not just put them out for the weekly trash pickup?

One year that I was assisting on Offutt Road I found a large number of small, same brand liquor bottles along a 100 yard stretch of road. The story? I surmised that a husband (or wife, to be non-sexist), on the way home from work, stopped at the liquor store and bought a “pick me upper.” Then, in order to avoid spousal discussions, the empty was tossed out on the way down Offutt Road.

Often we find a brown bag with an empty six pack of beer in it. The story? Some teenagers were driving the country roads drinking and had to jettison the empties. More difficult to explain is when we found a full bottle of Chivas Regal 12 Year in a brush stand near a fence. It was unopened and the seal was unbroken. The story? Again, the consensus seems to go with teenagers, who are always good scapegoats. The thought here is that adults don’t have that kind of discretionary money. Teenagers always buy the best athletic shoes, clothing, and music. An adult knows he

could get a bottle of whiskey for half of what the Chivas Regal 12 Year cost. So, our story is that teenagers bought the scotch, stashed it, and then forgot where they had hidden it.

When we had alpacas, they had a particular type of screech sound for predator alert. A predator like a fox or a dog. One night our alpacas were screeching and so I investigated. On Offutt Road near a streetlight, I could see a large orange cat sitting. I went over, talked to it, and picked up the long haired cat. It was very friendly. Nearby I found a Home Depot moving box with a towel in the bottom of it. The story? Someone was moving to an apartment that did not allow pets. Whoever it was did not have the “you know whats” to deal with it so just dropped it off. This falls in the category of leaving living litter. When I took the cat to the vet we found it had one of those dreaded contagious feline viruses and we needed to euthanize it.

You may have your own litter story for the GPCA area, and if so, hopefully you are not the perpetrator of the story, but you are the hero of the story. Our rural enclave would be so much better if everyone refused to refuse.

~John Creighton

Membership Information

Spring Into April Action and Renew or Join GPCA

We have 117 renewals and new members as of March 29th compared to 130 at this time in 2020. There is much appreciation for each of you that submitted your 2021 dues as well as for those of you who also included a contribution. A big shout out for your generosity. GPCA dues only cover the operating costs of the organization.

A membership reminder letter will be part of the May issue. Nudge your friends and neighbors to join GPCA. Memberships can be sent to the Woodstock PO Box or mailed to my home Maribeth Diemer 10625 St Paul Ave Woodstock 21163. A complete listing of current membership is on page 4. The membership application form is on page 7. Contact me if you have questions. Maribeth-13@att.net

2021 Membership Roster as of March 29th

Allen, Patrick and Linda; August, Ewald and Shirley; Bender, Alice; Berg, Mike and Jean; Boehm, Susan M.; Bogan, Shane & Marianne Myrtle; Booker, Joe and Sharon; Boskin, Maureen; Bounds, Jim; Brantley, John and Sue; Brice, Dale and Jan; Brooks, Benjamin and Theresa; Burnham, Howard & Jackie; Butler, Rodney and Melody; Byrd III, Andy and Carol; Chellis, Charles and Paulette; Chenoweth, George; Chesnutt, Greg and Ella B.; Collins, Richard and Gail; Conaway, JD and Melissa; Cornish, Lee and Jackie; Cotter, Charlotte; Cotter, Keith; Cutler, Dee; Dahl, Ken and Marilyn; De Boer, Melanie and Dana Weant; Diemer, Maribeth and Robert Teller; Dixon, Maurice and Evelyn; Dressler, Charles; Easley, Janet & Jeffrey Shultz; Ensor, Maurice & Linda; Evans, Meredith and Ellen D.; Ewell, Craig and Patrice; Fallin, Cassandra; Farmer, Dorothy; Farmer, Jim (George), Jr and Kevin; Federline, Cindy; Fields, Mette & Richie; France, Thomas and Denise; Freeland, Ron and Betty; Gamber, Robert E.; Geiman, Sue E and Judy Downing; Germain, Pamela A.; Giles, Donnell and Ella; Goldsmith, David; Goodmuth, Steven and Karen Koelbel; Grzanna, Carmelita; Guidry, Catherine and Phil Leibowitz; Haddaway, Lee and Patricia; Harrison, Morgan; Higgs, Jim and Jean; Hocutt, Bob and Winona; Hoggard, Dorsey and Pat; Huffman, Tara and Brian; Ivey, West and Anne; Jones, Rhoda; Jordan, Fred & Ann-Eliese; Kahler, Bonnie; Kelley, Marty & Dell, Wayne; King, Tom and Peggy; Klos- Huber, Toni; Kohler, Charlotte and Asen, Richard; Lalomia, Kurt and Jan; Libis, Claude and Anne; Link, Bill and Carol; Linsenmeyer, Joe & Meghan; Mackey, John and Marge; Malick, Adrien and Patricia; Malik, Hans and Hanya Kim; Mallory, T.J. and Irvina; Maranto, Denise; Maranto, Vincent and Victoria; Mathena, Jeff and Linda; McGovern, Tom; McKnight, Barbara; Meekins, Steve and Sue; Merkle, Nadine; Miceli, Carl and Patricia; Moorefield, Carol and Barbara Warnock; Murray, Terilynn; Nemec, Chuck and Diane; Nueslein, Kate and Tony; Oakman, Butch and Mary Jean Scheile; Osborne, Scott and Margaret;

Pahl, Pamela B. and Family; Parson, Jay & Joy; Patterson, Judith Anne; Phillips, Scott N and Valerie; Randall, Bill and Dawn; Randallstown Islamic Center 042015; Randolph, Junus and Gayle Jordon, MD; Redd, Sam and Lydia McCargo-; Regan, Troy and Kelly; Ruxton, Beth Anne; Santiago-Ortiz, Zulma; Sassi, Leggio Joseph (Lee); Shea, Colleen and Gregg Smith; Shields, Terrence and Lois; Simmons, James and Carol; Skullney, Bill and Kathy; Slomski, Skip and Linda; Smoot, Ed and Dee Dee; Stanfield, Sally; Strong, John and Barbara; Tatarewicz, MD Joseph & Joyce Bedi; Tersiguel, Odette; Thomas, Deborah; Tuzynski, John and Laurie; Wade, Robert and Carolyn; Walker, MD. Lawrence & Candice; Warfield, Frank; Weber, Bob and Jennifer; Wilder, Arlene; Wolfson, Cathy and Carl; Wolinski, Doug and Stacy; Wright, Ralph and Brenda; Wynegar, Jr; David & Roni Marie Rinehart



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Local Zoning Update

There are a number of current, significant development and land use activities occurring in our community and surrounding areas about which we all need to remain informed. The projects are as follows:

-The solar facility proposed for 2316 Ridge Road (about 10 acres for panels on 95 acre parcel) has been reviewed by Baltimore Co. Development Review Committee and has been accepted as a minor commercial structure. **No change in status**

- Another solar facility proposal for our area at 2938 Hernwood Road (about 11 acres on 89 acre parcel) has been submitted for Special Exception, but no hearing date yet. **Tentative Special Exception hearing date is April 14th**

- a Special Exception request for a gas station and 7-11 to replace the Golden Dragon Inn on Liberty Road had a hearing on 2/09/2021, with significant opposition from the community, and joined by GPCA, with no decision as yet. **March 11th the Special Exception request was denied by Baltimore Co Administrative Law Judge.**

- a Special Exception request for an expanded assisted living facility at 9917 Liberty Road had a hearing on 2/16/2021, with significant opposition from Hernwood Heights residents, joined by a GPCA member, too soon for a decision yet. **Documents for case are not available in a digitized format. Documents can be reviewed in person at zoning review office in Towson.**

More specific information can be found through Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections (PAI), Baltimore County Department of Planning, and Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings.

For zoning review and enforcement related to ongoing activities and/or property conditions, call 410-887-3391 for review inquiry or 410-887-3351 to file a complaint. Alternatively, visit: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Contact/permitszoning>
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~Kathy Skullney

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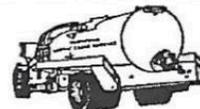


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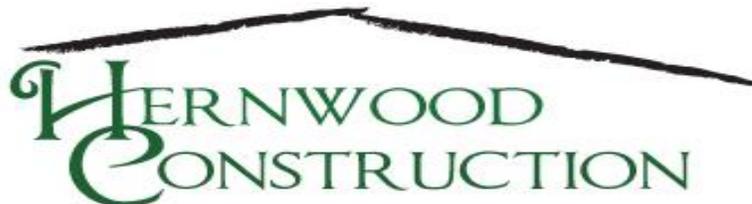
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drop off/mail to Maribeth Diemer, 10625 St Paul Ave, Woodstock MD 21163



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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 10 - Community Cleanup 8am- noon
Pick up your vest and trash bags via drive-thru at St. Alphonsus and be SAFE!

UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS SPEAKERS:

April 12 @ 7:30 Small Watershed Committee Topic:
Why we measure what we measure.

May10@7:30 Western Sector County Planners
2030 Master Plan / Patapsco Granite Comm. Plan

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