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Next Meeting: Julian Jones, Baltimore Co Council President		
Topic: Q & A session with Mr. Jones About the State of District 4		
Monday, October 11, 7:00 P.M. – Virtually via Zoom		
<i>GPCA General Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, except July and August</i>		
<i>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.</i>		
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Okay, What's Everyone doing in 2022? Elections for the GPCA Board are Front and Center.

Hello all, I hope the summer and the beginning of fall has treated you well. I reluctantly pulled my tomato plants and pruned back the NY asters and goldenrod the last of the Maryland bee food flora. As we don the sweatshirts and start the fires, we note that winter is around the corner. With winter comes change. GPCA's calendar year is no different. January of 2022 brings the election of the 2022 board of directors.

The open positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and various director positions. All executive board positions are 1-year terms. The director slots are a rolling 3-year terms. Please consider joining the board of directors. New voices are necessary to make sure all points of view from our community are heard. President: 6-7 hours a month, the time is spent in the monthly general and board of directors meeting on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays of each month except for July. Other duties included in the 6-7-hour monthly time estimate is responding to calls/emails from the GPCA community and working with Baltimore County government offices as necessary. You will not be out on a limb by yourself. The same goes for the other open board positions. Please, you are the right person for the GPCA position. Do not use the "I don't know what to do" excuse. There are many former presidents available to answer questions and make suggestions of how to respond to various issues.

Along with need of new board members comes the need for a new GPCA newsletter editor. I will be resigning from my position as editor effective January 1, 2022. A GPCA newsletter editor takes the articles submitted and formats them into the "Word" application. Monthly articles are submitted by the committee chairs, advertisers, and members of the community. If necessary other news items of note are added. The format of the current newsletter is in Word application. It can be changed into a publishing application the new editor prefers. Please step up to the plate. The editor position takes about 6-8 hours a month. Again, there are past editors to guide you.

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Summary of September 13th, General Meeting – Membership Vote Approving Changes to GPCA By- Laws

By Law changes: Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall requires a vote of the membership in good standing present in a general meeting. Membership in good standing is defined as a member having paid their dues for the current calendar year. There must be a quorum of 15 memberships in good standing to hold a vote. There are 2 proposed changes to the By-Laws from the Board of Directors. The board voted unanimously to make the changes.

First Proposed Change: Change the definition of an Associate Membership to state that it is a non-voting membership and can include organizations.

ARTICLE III Membership, #2:

Current Definition

2. Membership shall be defined as a person in good standing through the annual payment of dues. An associate membership shall be available to anyone living outside the boundaries detailed above.

Approved Change:

The Board proposed that the second sentence of article III-Membership, #2 of the bylaws be changed to read:

2. A GPCA membership with voting rights shall be defined as a person in good standing through the annual payment of dues. An associate, non-voting membership shall be available to person(s) living outside the boundaries listed above. An organization within or outside the GPCA boundaries may also join as an associate, non-voting membership.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by membership to accept the change to Article III - Membership, #2

Second Proposed Change: Clarify the timing of when membership dues for the current fiscal year will be paid.

Change bylaw article V-Dues, #1:

ARTICLE V– Dues CURRENT DEFINITION

1. Dues shall be due at the January meeting.
2. Amount of dues shall be set by a majority vote of members present upon recommendation of the Executive Board. Single and Joint memberships are available.
3. Dues for associate membership will be the same as for regular membership.

Approved Changes:

The Board proposes that article V-Dues, #1 of the bylaws be changed to read:

1. Dues shall be due at the start of the calendar year. All board members must pay their dues prior to the start of their new or continuing term to be considered a member in good standing. Memberships paid within a calendar year are considered payment for the current year unless otherwise designated.”

The Board proposes that article V-Dues, #2 of the bylaws be changed to read:

2. The amounts of annual dues shall be set by a majority vote of members present at a general meeting upon recommendation of the Executive Board. Single, joint, and associate memberships are available.

The Board proposes that article V-Dues, #3 of the bylaws be deleted.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by membership to accept the changes to Article V - Dues, #1, 2, 3.

The last vote by membership was to set the amount of an associate (non-voting) membership to \$10. Please note that the dues for a single (\$20) or joint/family (\$30) membership have not changed.

Maribeth Diemer

Land Use/Zoning Update:

GPCA continues to follow these sites/issues in our general community:

Chaberton Energy Solar Facility, 2938 Hernwood Road – The Administrative Hearing to approve this facility was held on September 13th, with several GPCA members participating. GPCA did not formally object but raised the serious concern of 5

facilities being concentrated in an area of our community less than 5 square miles. The Judge stated that an approval hearing was not the proper forum for raising that issue and would not be a factor in the decision. The importance of applying all the restrictions and requirements that protect the property were also raised. The decision has not yet been issued.

Patapsco Glen II Development on Johnnycake Road – The Hearing for Appeal of the Plan Approval and Variances Petition was held on 9/14. GPCA joined Mr. Jim Webb, a nearby property owner who appealed, fully participating in raising objections to the Variances matter, but GPCA was excluded from the Plan Approval hearing. A full written statement of GPCA's opposition will be filed on or before October 8, 2021, and will include the objection to being excluded, along with the opposition that would have been presented on that issue. The decision will follow thereafter.

Patapsco Fields PUD on Johnnycake Road - GPCA appealed the approval of the PUD by the Administrative Law Judge in July, listing the objections already raised as well as the validity of the Council resolution enabling it. The hearing for the Appeal is scheduled for October 21, 2021

Serenity Ridge Natural Burial Cemetery – County Council Bill 21-076 authorizing this kind of cemetery within GPCA boundaries has been passed by the Council, allowing the development approval process to begin. GPCA will fully participate.

The Master Plan 2030 - Recommendations process is now underway. Two virtual community meetings for District 4 were held on 6/17 with GPCA members and on 7/6 with the Randallstown communities.

A Community Discussion About Security Mall – Baltimore County Planners will hold a virtual meeting with all interested members of the public on September 28, 2021, at 7pm. A general invitation has been sent around for anyone wanting to join and GPCA will report on what is covered.

In addition, GPCA continues to emphasize the need for much more significant effectiveness in the development process, otherwise remains mostly and

specifically ignored. The NAACP of Randallstown also has recognized this important issue and presented a detailed plan to change Master Plan application to the Baltimore County Planning Department and shared it with GPCA.

You can find more information by searching at: <http://randallstownnaacp.yolasite.com/>

The continuing compilation of Master Plan data being gathered by Baltimore County is available at “Master Plan 2030 Hub”

[Master Plan 2030-bc-gis.hub.arcgis.com](http://MasterPlan2030-bc-gis.hub.arcgis.com)

Important Notes:

Councilmanic Redistricting Commission – new districts have been drawn by the Commission but have not yet been made available to the public.

Kathy Skullney, Zoning Chair

Brooks Clinton Funeral Service has opened inside the Kings Park Shopping Center, 9968 Liberty Road. Currently the business performs weddings and repasts, but they are asking the Planning and Zoning Department to allow them to hold funeral services at the storefront location. Although they are not talking about embalming, they are, however talking about wheeling in caskets and holding the same type of service a church would hold including open caskets.

Adrienne Jones has sent a letter to the Zoning and Planning department requesting that they do NOT support the application.

In Our Neighborhood

Proposed Regulation changes to Baltimore Co Bureau of Solid Waste Management effective January 1, 2022

Below is a summary of the changes:

- Several changes to the “Overview,” “Recycling,” and “Christmas Tree Recycling” sections to better reflect the current collection program and accepted recyclables.
- Update to “Collection Holidays” and “Other Interruptions in Service” sections to include a new “slide” holiday/make-up schedule, which will go into effect January 1, 2022.

- Update to “Bulk Collection” section to reflect the introduction of a bulk collection service on January 1, 2022.
- Trash and recycling container specifications modified to include larger capacity limits when mechanical cart tippers are in use.
- Update to “Yard Materials Collections” section requiring set-out in paper lawn and leaf bags for separate “Y” day collection.

Copies of the proposed regulation revisions are available by email: recycle@baltimorecountymd.gov, calling 410-887-2000, or by visiting a Baltimore County Public Library branch or Council District office.



Granite Historic Society

On Sunday, October 24th, the Granite Historical Society will host a tour of the Worthington Manor site, home to Thomas Worthington and three generations of his descendants from about 1770 throughout the 19th century. The site is land-locked some three-quarters of a mile northeast of Dogwood Road and we are being granted access through King Memorial Park to within about 200 yards of the site.

We will meet at 1 PM in the parking lot at Granite Presbyterian Church. Since the last quarter mile of the trip is along a somewhat rough gravel road then through a grass field, and in trying to limit the number of vehicles traveling through the Park, we will consolidate all who wish to attend with those who are willing to drive their SUVs. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to info@granitehistoricalsociety.org or use the Contact Form on our website at www.granitehistoricalsociety.org or talk with one of our officers.

It's strongly suggested that you look at the report on Worthington Manor prepared in 2001 by Dr. Joe Tatarewicz in conjunction with the GPCA and

the GHS. That report is available on the GHS web site. Those of you who visited the site in the run-up to that report will now notice significant deterioration in the site's assets, not to mention a lot of undergrowth.

John Brantley, GHS Treasurer

Reflections from Offutt Ridge Farm Time Flies, or Not

Langley the bad pony has a sore foot. I need to soak it in Epsom salts. I take the bucket into the stall and explain to Langley what we need to do. I lift his foot into the bucket and work to hold it in the bucket. My objective is to soak it for 10 minutes, so I set the timer on my phone. Langley keeps fidgeting and trying to pull his foot out of the bucket. Time is moving very slowly, and these ten minutes will take “forever”.

Jenny introduced me to the term “plank minute”, which describes how slowly time goes when one is doing the Pilates exercise called the plank. As the arms, shoulders, and back ache, the seconds tick by very slowly. On the other hand, when we are in a hurry, like when we have a timed exam, we are trying to leave for work, etc. time seems to disappear as we race to accomplish things.

Time is supposed to be absolute, but our perspective of time is not absolute. When we are dealing with life, perception is often reality. When a child is waiting for Christmas or a highly anticipated event, time takes forever. However, if a teenager is out with friends on the weekend the time disappears so fast that one can miss the curfew easily. Time certainly seems to be different depending on what is happening in our day. Anyone who has worked a real job with things like fixed 15-minute coffee breaks or 30-minute lunch breaks knows this. Those times go real fast.

The way we combat the agony of waiting or dealing with uncomfortable happenings is by letting our mind focus on something else. The most severe example of this is sensory deprivation experiments where people are kept from touching, moving, seeing, or hearing, anything. In this case their mind creates hallucinations to deal with the lack of real inputs to the brain. By focusing our mind on something else we escape having to endure the pain or boredom. Similar effects occur if you listen to music or engage in

conversation. The risk is that we are not focusing on the task at hand and so can make mistakes. Sitting in traffic at a red light our mind wanders and when the light turns green, we are alerted by the driver behind us honking.

The trick is to balance the brain by doing something to engage it, but not so much that the task at hand is at risk of being compromised. If you are baking cookies, it is OK to do other tasks in the kitchen while cookies are in the oven, but it is not a good idea to leave the kitchen to do something else. The other trick is to use timers on your phone so that you do not have to estimate time or keep checking the clock.

Multitasking can be dangerous. While driving a car it is not good to text, eat or drink, or look at a map or your phone. Acceptable driving activities could include talking to someone, listening to the radio, or actively moving eye focus from forward, to rearview mirrors, to speedometer, and so on. Driving is not one of those times to let the mind wander too much.

My timer goes off, and it is now OK to take Langley's foot out of the soak bucket. Those 10 minutes went faster than I expected. I guess my mind was wandering.

John Creighton

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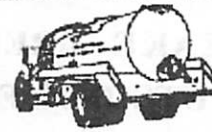
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UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS TOPICS:

NOTE NEW MEETING TIME - 7 pm

October 11 @ 7:00 pm via Zoom
Guest Speaker: Julian Jones, District 4 Councilman
and Baltimore County Council Chairman

November 8 - Guest Speaker to be announced

GPCA 2022 Elections. What's in it for YOU? Look inside.

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GPCA Objectives: 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. The Association will only become directly involved in matters which affect the safety and welfare of the community as a whole. This involvement will be directed at actions which violate existing laws or regulations or which will assist in implementing new laws or regulations to further and achieve our objectives.

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