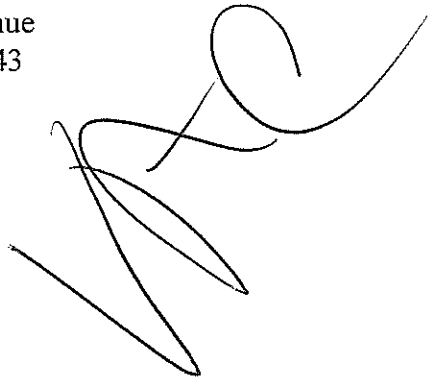




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**Next GOCA Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 7 PM
at Westchester Community Center**

Non-members are welcome to attend Membership Meetings. Any resident, business operator, or property owner in the greater Oella area may join GOCA. Membership is free.



- ▶ Call to Order
- ▶ Treasurer's Report—*Richard Pearl*
- ▶ President's Reports—*Jay Patel*
 - ~Easter Egg Hunt
 - ~Annual Benefit Ball: GOCA donated \$800 to Historical Society toward Oella Cemetery
 - ~4th of July Parade
 - ~National Night Out
 - ~Annual Fall Festival and Oella Reunion
 - ~Oella Community Garden Updates
- ▶ New Business
- ▶ GOCA Board Member Elections 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, October 6, 11 AM to 5 PM
Annual Fall Festival and Oellian Reunion
Benjamin Banneker Park, 300 Oella Avenue
- Tuesday, October 16, 3 PM
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Located at the entrance of Oella Avenue
Across from Trolley Stop restaurant
- Wednesday, October 17, 7 PM
Regular GOCA Membership Meeting
Westchester Community Center
2414 Westchester Avenue
- Friday, October 26, 4 to 8 PM
BricknFire Boo Fest
The Breadery, 418 Oella Avenue
- Saturday, December 15, 12:30 to 3 PM
Annual Children's Holiday Party
Westchester Community Center
- Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7 PM
Regular GOCA Membership Meeting
Westchester Community Center

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS.

THE PRESIDENT'S VOICE

**NOTE* The date for the next GOCA Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 17, at 7 PM. All are welcome.*

Greetings from the GOCA Board Members. We hope everyone survived the flood in May. Thanks to Baltimore County for helping residents get rid of all the debris from the flood damages. Ellicott City is still struggling to resume business.

On a happier note, GOCA once again won the 4th of July parade float award. I was lucky to be honored as a Grand Marshall this year by the 4th of July Committee. It was the best experience of my life. Thanks to all the Catonsville residents for cheering me up. Special thanks to Jeff Baker for the 4th of July portrait and Head Graphics.

Please mark your calendars with upcoming events and take part in those events to join in the fun and meet your Oella neighbors. Fall is on the way... Remember to change your alarm batteries.

I am working on the 2019 Oella Calendar. If anyone would like to place an ad or send a photograph to be considered for inclusion, please contact me, Jay Patel: 410.461.3118.

We hope to see you at the meeting in October. The GOCA Board wishes everyone a very happy holiday season and a prosperous and healthy 2019.

—Jay Patel

Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum 300 Oella Avenue

October Programs: For details, go to...

<https://www.facebook.com/BannekerMuseum/>

...or call 410.887.1081.

In addition, Mr. Banneker's birthday celebration will be held on Saturday, November 10, from 12 to 3 PM.

Look for the New Signs!

In late September, six interpretive signs will be installed in Oella. This project of the Oella Historical Society was funded by proceeds of the 2017 Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage in Oella, Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, Benjamin Banneker Foundation, and Friends of Benjamin Banneker Park & Museum. The signs will be located at the Oella Entrance Garden, the Oella Cemetery, and along the Trolley Trail and will feature the garden plantings and highlight the history and geology of the area. The community is welcome to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2018, at 3 PM at the Entrance Garden is located opposite the Trolley Restaurant.

Upcoming Events at the Trinity United Methodist Church

- Saturday, September 22: Spaghetti Dinner, 4–7 PM.
- Saturday, October 20: Last Flea Market of the Year, 8 AM–1 PM.
- Sunday, October 28: Trunk or Treat, 2–4 PM.
- Saturday, November 3: Pork Dinner, 4–7 PM.
- Saturday, November 17: Christmas Bazaar, 9 AM–1 PM.
- Saturday, December 1: Breakfast with Santa, 9 AM–Noon.

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BricknFire Boo Fest



Friday, October 26, 2018, 4 to 8 PM

at The Breadery, 418 Oella Avenue

Free pumpkin painting (one per child) ☞ Kids' costume contest ☞

Halloween music ☞ Free wine tasting inside The Breadery ☞

10% off tasting wines ☞ Pizza available for purchase ☞

Wear a costume for \$1 off all pizza; bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating.

The Greater Oella Community Association Presents

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

❁ **Saturday, December 15, 2018** ❁ **12:30 to 3:30 PM** ❁

❁ **at the Westchester Center, 2414 Westchester Avenue** ❁

- ❖ 12:30 to 1:00—Christmas Carols
- ❖ 1:00 to 2:00—International Dance Group
- ❖ 2:00—Santa Arrives
- ❖ 2:00 to 3:00—Snack Time

Admission is FREE! If you would like to help with expenses for this event,

please make a donation by writing a check to GOCA.

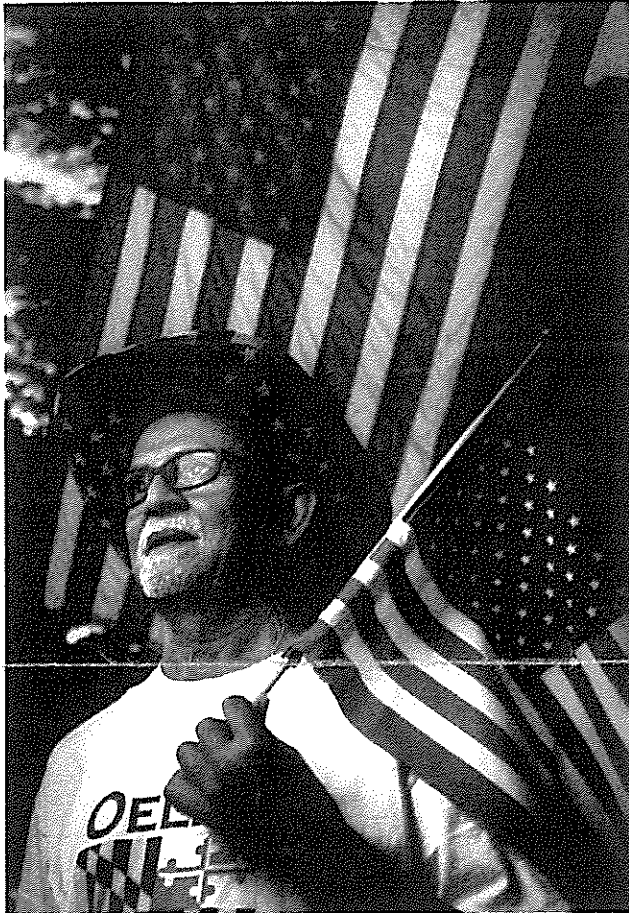
For more information, call Jay's Country Corner Store, 410.461.3118.

❁ ❁ *Thanks to Southern Management and the Oella Mill for their support!!!* ❁ ❁

❁ ❁ *This event is sponsored by GOCA and by our very generous contributors.* ❁ ❁

Jay Patel

2018 Grand Marshal



The Catonsville Fourth of July Committee is pleased to select Jay Patel as this year's Grand Marshal.

Popularly known as the "Mayor of Oella" Jay has been a Catonsville resident since 1983 and president of the Greater Oella Community Association since 1998. Jay owns and operates the Country Corner Store in Oella and is also landlord to several other small businesses in Catonsville. However, what makes Jay special are his 35 years of generous fund-raising efforts on behalf of the community, his involvement with many local organizations, and the endless amount of time he has devoted to promoting and running neighborhood activities. Examples of his efforts include the Annual Benefit Ball dance at the Westchester Community Center, his custom designed Oella calendars, GOCA newsletter, the cleanup of Trolley Trail #9, and historical Oella Cemetery community tree planting, development of the

Community Garden at Banneker Park, the Easter Egg Hunt, Children's Christmas Party, sponsoring the Oella Community float in the Fourth of July Parade, sponsorship of Citizens on Patrol in Oella, and being a Board Member of the Westchester Community Center.

In addition, in 2008, Jay conceived of and directed the publication of *A Pictorial History of Oella*, a 112-page volume of annotated illustrations and photographs portraying this 200 years old mill town's part in the history of the Patapsco River Valley. He is also responsible for the creation of Oella Village entrance signs at the corners of Frederick Road and both ends of Oella Avenue. Not surprisingly, Jay's extensive community work has resulted in a number of recognition awards from both the Governor and County Executive's offices—for example, last year he was awarded a Special Executive Citation for being the "2017 Neighborhood Hero".

Jay worked in Singapore for 12 years and 2 years in the U.S. Forestry Service fighting fires. He is FAA licensed for helicopter maintenance and test flights. He was a world traveller three times before finally settling in Oella, for which Oella and Catonsville can be very thankful!

THE REAL ESTATE CORNER

PARTIAL SUMMARY OF REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY IN OELLA
MARCH 5 TO AUGUST 12, 2018

These properties have been listed and sold by members of MRIS. The information below has been provided as a courtesy by Oella resident **Ann Whelan**, Associate Broker with Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc. If you have any questions, please call Ann at 410-461-1722 or e-mail her at annwhelan1@verizon.net.

Status	Address	\$ List	\$ Closing	Style	BR	Acres	Yr Built	DOMP
ACTIVE	152 Frederick Rd	214,900		Colonial	2	0.301	1875	32
ACTIVE	2551 Old Frederick Rd	640,000		Farm House	4	1.540	1850	6
ACTIVE	134 Frederick Rd	192,500		Colonial	3	0.037	1875	108
ACTIVE	716 Hollow Rd	255,000		Farm House	3	0.348	1890	93
ACTIVE	786 Glen Ave	319,000		Colonial	2	0.042	1850	92
CNTG/NK	517 Oella Ave	489,000		Cape Cod	4	0.459	1916	8
CNTG/NK	508 Oella Ave	428,500		Colonial	4	0.242	2001	5
CONTRACT	758 Oella Ave	249,000		Traditional	3	0.018	1900	24
CONTRACT	1013 Lillies Ln	549,900		Traditional	3	0.167	1994	99
CONTRACT	126 Starhill Ln	520,000		Colonial	4	0.216	1988	18
SOLD	2538 Frederick Rd	379,999	380,000	Split Foyer	3	1.330	1980	5
SOLD	718 Hollow Rd	289,900	289,900	Colonial	3	0.367	1890	4
SOLD	61 Bryans Mill Way	279,900	289,999	Traditional	3	0.050	1985	11
SOLD	26 Benway Ct	295,000	292,000	Colonial	3	0.050	1985	10
SOLD	30 Benway Ct	305,000	302,000	Colonial	2	0.050	1984	8
SOLD	2 Benway Ct	315,000	315,500	Colonial	3	0.143	1984	4
SOLD	35 Bryans Mill Way	325,000	327,000	Colonial	3	0.101	1985	6
SOLD	118 Frederick Rd	240,000	250,000	Colonial	3	0.065	1875	5
SOLD	1005 Lillies Ln	599,900	587,500	Transitional	3	0.149	1994	4
SOLD	708 Mary Jo Way	498,500	485,000	Colonial	3	0.140	1996	58
SOLD	740 Oella Ave	389,900	350,000	Victorian	3	0.034	1890	32
SOLD	124 Starhill Ln	559,111	555,000	Colonial	4	0.313	1988	3
SOLD	825 Charles James Cir	462,000	462,000	Colonial	3	0.081	1991	0
SOLD	830 Charles James Cir	415,000	393,000	Colonial	3	0.047	1992	238

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Fall Oella Cemetery Cleanup

The next Oella Cemetery cleanup will be on Saturday, November 10, from 10 AM to 1 PM on Rest Avenue.

Come lend a hand and check out the new interpretive sign and the recently installed granite corner markers.

This effort is hosted by the Oella Historical Society and the Patapsco Heritage Greenway (PHG).

You can register in advance on the PHG Events web page:

<http://patapsco.org/events/>

If you have any questions about this event, please call Julia Graham at 443.386.6174.



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PLEASE JOIN the Greater Oella Community Association (GOCA) as it celebrates its 45th year. GOCA provides a forum for community issues and sponsors community events throughout the year. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life in Oella. GOCA meets two times a year at the Westchester Community Center to share information and ideas, promote understanding, and address neighborhood concerns. Membership in GOCA is free. We greatly appreciate any gifts of energy, time, or money that you would like to contribute so that we can continue to provide the kinds of activities that have strengthened our community over the years.

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