

# PATAPSCO

## Valley Heritage Area

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### *You Can Help Build a Better Patapsco*



Maryland's Patapsco Heritage Area provides a daily reminder of our unique place in history. As we hike and bike on trails in Patapsco Valley State Park, or stroll the sidewalks of our historic towns, the past is always present in the buildings and ruins.

Everyday we hear the whistles as trains travel along the historic stretch of tracks from Relay to Daniels. We see eagles and hear bird calls. We enjoy the sounds of streams tumbling over rocks, as well as the ripple and rush of water as the Patapsco River flows along. When natural or manmade challenges confront us we pitch in to help rebuild, recover, restore and renew the Valley we love.

To learn more about how we are working to advance the interests of the Patapsco Valley and all who share it, read our **2017 ANNUAL REPORT**.

**You can pitch in to help by making an end of year, tax deductible donation. [DONATE HERE](#) to help build a better Patapsco experience for all to enjoy.**

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*Baltimore & Ohio Ellicott City Station Museum -*

Howard County Recreation & Parks is doing it up right just in time for the holiday season! The museum is featuring its Holiday Model Train Garden through January 28th. The trains will run Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 2pm, Friday and Saturday 10am to 7pm and Sunday 12pm to 5pm. **Don't miss this year's famous Lego display.**



**ADMISSION IS NOW FREE!**  
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## *PHG Mini Grant Awards...*

Patapsco Heritage Greenway's Board of Directors awarded a total of \$12,575 in mini-grants to the following non-profit organizations for projects in the Heritage Area.

- \$2,500 to **Community Ecology Institute** to offer four "Forest Forensics" events through the Columbia Families in Nature program to engage families with pre-teen and early teen aged children in socio-ecological explorations of the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area.
- \$2,500 to **Community College of Baltimore County** to develop an historic visitor experience for the Catonsville campus' restored Hilton Mansion
- \$2,500 to **Oella Historic Society** to perform a survey to establish gridlines within the Dickey Mill's Oella cemetery that can be used to accurately plot headstones, markers, paths and other features in the cemetery.
- \$2,500 to the **Baltimore County Arts Guild**, pending the approval of Baltimore County government, to assist with completion of an application process to create a state-designated Arts and Entertainment District in Southwest Baltimore County.
- \$2,000 to **Howard County Conservancy** to provide nature education programs for Baltimore County schools in the Heritage Area.
- \$575 to **Benjamin Banneker Historical Park & Museum** for an educational, interpretive sign for the site's reproduction log cabin and food gardens.

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## *Partner Project : Roots, Tales & Rails*



Howard County Library System's recent **HiJinx** podcast, features guests who share stories relevant to the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area. Hal Sharp, author of **America's First Factory Town**, talks about the important role the valley played in America's industrial revolution. Former Maryland Senator Jim Robey reminisces about his boyhood in the mill town of Daniels. Caitlin Chamberlain, manager of Howard County Recreation and Parks' Heritage Program shares how today's visitors can discover sites of historic

significance in Ellicott City.

**LISTEN HERE**

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## *An Historic Moment... (in many ways)*



The vintage postcard above depicts a "View of Calvert City" citing it as "Home of Calvert Distilling Company, Maryland's Largest Distillery." If you look closely you see the Patapsco River flowing along at the top. The site is now the home of the first Guinness presence on US soil since 1954, and the first ever purpose-built Guinness brewery in American history. We suspect many new postcards will be coming from this very spot in Relay once the new **Guinness Open Gate Brewery and Barrel House** opens the door next spring to its new facility. The Test Taproom is currently open at the site on Fridays 3 - 8pm, Saturdays 11am to 8pm, and Sundays 11am to 5pm.

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## *Pic Pick...*

Have you spotted any Chamber Elves this holiday season? Reports are they've been sighted hiding out in **30 different locations** in Catonsville. Shop the 'Ville and each time you find one you get to enter your name in a grand prize drawing.



Remember to support our local merchants this holiday season!

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## *Of special note...*

Where does your old Christmas tree go? Wondering how to best dispose of your tree after the holidays? [READ THIS](#) helpful blog post.

*Save these dates...* (Click on listing for details)

**December 6 - The B & O's Ilchester Station: A Lost Gem in the Patapsco Valley**

**December 7 - Ellicott City Literary Pub Crawl**

**December 9 - Oella History Hike**

**December 9 - Holiday Tea at Catonsville Historical Society**

**December 15 - Tales of the Tannebaum** (Belmont Carriage House)

December 16 - Columbia Jazz Band at the Museum of Howard County History  
January 7 - Patapsco Valley State Park 7M Hike (Hilltop & Thistle Road Area)  
January 10 - Patapsco Valley State Park 12M Figure 8 Hike (Pickall Area)

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