

GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:  
“GOAT NOTE” FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Come to our rain barrel workshop on Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. in the library. Harvesting rainwater from your roof not only saves money on your water bill, but it also helps your downstream neighbors! Learn all about the benefits of rain barrels with Blue Water Baltimore. We will demonstrate how to build and install a rain barrel, and provide information on how you can purchase a fully assembled barrel or a DIY kit through our native plant nursery. The third in a series of GOAT workshops.

Lobby Our Representatives to the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis! February 17th (President's Day). There is a robust slate of environmental bills before the House of Delegates and Senate again this year. The Maryland Climate Coalition is sponsoring a Lobby Night for constituents to visit their representatives to urge passage of several bills. These include:

- Coal Community Transition from Fossil Fuel to Renewable Energy Jobs;
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reform;
- Renewable Portfolio Standard Revisions;
- Ban on Plastic Bags;
- Chlorpyrifos (pesticide) Ban; and
- Healthy Green Amendment to the Maryland State Constitution.

A delegation from Homewood will join faith and environmental organizations across the state and will gather on President's Day to urge our legislators to pass these bills. Will you please join members of GOAT and other Homewood Friends to raise a Quaker Voice in Maryland for a cleaner environment and a more just society? More detailed information will be available in early February. In the meantime, please let John McKusick ([John.ca.mckusick@verizon.net](mailto:John.ca.mckusick@verizon.net) or 410-830-9225) know of your interest!

Watch for updates in the Silent Announcements and the Homewood FaceBook page. Current GOAT members are Carol Beck, Gary Gillespie (Clerk), Polly Heninger, John McKusick, Bess Keller, and Rachael Neill. GOAT is an open committee that meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. We would love to hear your questions, concerns, and ideas. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16. If you would like to request or suggest an agenda item, please contact Gary at [garygillespie80@gmail.com](mailto:garygillespie80@gmail.com).