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Dear Kim,

We are sorry to announce the resignation of **Laura Manzi**, our wonderful 4-H Educator. During her almost 2 years here, Laura restarted the Adventures in Science program on the UMD campus, started an Ag science program at Gwynn Park High school and worked with many volunteers and educators throughout the county to reach new youth with science based 4-H programs. Laura has moved to Connecticut where she will be getting married to Justin Smith. We wish them both all the best.

We are pleased to welcome **Kim Rush Lynch** as our new Ag Marketing Specialist. Kim has been working part time with us since last summer. We know she will continue to do great things to promote our farms, farmers markets and agricultural community.

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**Hope everyone is thinking LOCAL right now.** There are great veggies, meats, eggs, honey, fruits, wine and baked foods being sold throughout the county, and much more! Please mark your calendars for the 2015 [Buy Local Challenge](#) which runs July 18-26. Several of our county's [farmers markets](#) will sponsor activities. More on that next month!

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Sincerely,



Karol Dyson

Capitol Area Extension Director

University of MD Extension

[Contact Us!](#)

## Upcoming Events

- **Community Garden Work Day:** June 20th, 2015 at Sheridan Street and Field of Greens Community Gardens. All are welcome as we water, weed, plant trees, and harvest fresh produce. Contact Michelle Nelson at [nelsonm@umd.edu](mailto:nelsonm@umd.edu) or at 301-779-2806 x706 for more information.
- Farmers Market season is here so be sure to check out the 2015 on-line directory of local Prince George's County [farmers markets](#). The [Buy Local Challenge](#) is coming up next month and several markets will host special activities.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Plan to bring the family to the [Maryland State Fair](#) ! Happening August 28th - September 5th, 2015 at the Timonium Fairgrounds located at 2200 York Road, Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Prince George's County Fair, September 10th to September 13th, 2015 at the Rosecroft Raceway located at 6336 Rosecroft Drive, Fort Washington, MD 20744. Visit the County fair [website](#) for more information!
- **SAVE THE DATE: 2015 Crop Hop is October 10th, 2015,** The 2015 Crop Hop cycling tour, co-hosted by the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation and the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, is set to kick off from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Anne Arundel County! As always, early registration comes with a local lunch, snacks and a commemorative t-shirt. We'll have routes and farms listed by late spring, and registration will be open soon. Watch the Facebook [page](#) for updates and announcements at [The Crop Hop!](#)



**4-H Camp Registration is Still Open!**

We still have spaces available for 4-H Camp! Come to camp with 4-H this summer and make memories to last a lifetime! We are offering two weeks of camp at the Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro.

Explore nature and the outdoors! Have fun at Camp Outside the Box, our residential camp from July 6-10. A full day of activities, great meals and evening fun will include archery, nature hikes, arts & crafts, teambuilding, low ropes course, campfires, s'mores and more!

Cabin space is limited, so register now! If you aren't ready for sleepaway camp, join us for Infinity and Beyond Day Camp, July 20-24. You also have the option for a one night sleepover adventure, July 23-24, as part of this camp! Infinity and Beyond Camp is filled with fast moving days that are shaped by adventures that are out of this world!



**Patuxent River 4-H Summer Camp**  
18405 Queen Anne Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774  
Contact Amanda Wahle for additional information  
410-222-3900 awahle@umhd.edu



**Resident Camp**  
**July 6-10, 2015**  
Ages 8-13 \$315.00

Explore nature, outdoors and have fun at Camp Outside the Box. Campers will have a full day of activities, great meals, and evening fun. Enjoy archery, nature hikes, arts & crafts, team building, low ropes, campfires, s'mores, and more. Our cabin space is limited, so register now! Receive \$30 discount for each new friend that signs up for Camp-Your name must be included as the referral on the new camper registration form in order to receive discount.

**Day Camp**  
**July 20-24, 2015**  
Ages 6-13 \$210.00

Infinity and Beyond Camp is filled with fast moving days (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) that are shaped by the adventures that are out of this world. We will have fun environmental activities, creative games, fantastic crafts, and s'more fun! Camp also means meeting new friends, learning new skills, and creating memories that last a lifetime.

Lunch is included in our price!

Receive \$30 discount for each new friend that signs up for Camp-Your name must be included as the referral on the new camper registration form in order to receive discount.

**\*\*MINI-CAMP Adventure\*\***  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> \$40.00

This is an optional one night sleep over adventure that is great for the first time and/or younger campers. There is plenty of TLC to help the youngest campers through their first experience at an overnight camp.

**You must attend Day Camp to be eligible for Mini-Camp**



The Patuxent River 4-H Center Foundation, Inc. is a tax deductible, nondiscriminatory, educational organization for the development of youth. The foundation offers its programs and facilities to persons regardless of race, color, national origins, sex or handicap.

We will have fun environmental activities, creative games, fantastic crafts and s'more fun! Coming to camp means making new friends and learning new skills. We hope to see you there! Please visit our [website](#) for registration information.

## Did You Know....?

Do you know the 4-H pledge .... "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

### 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



Did you know you don't have to cry when cutting onions . . . To prevent your eyes watering while chopping onions, wipe the chopping board with white vinegar (which won't affect the taste of the onions).





Did you know businesses must have point-of-sale signage when advertising local... Since 2010, businesses that advertise raw meat, eggs, fish, fruits, vegetables, shellfish and processed dairy products as local or being locally grown, regionally grown or produced, or otherwise represented as having originated close by, must have point-of-sale signage indicating the state of its origin. Click [here](#) for more information.

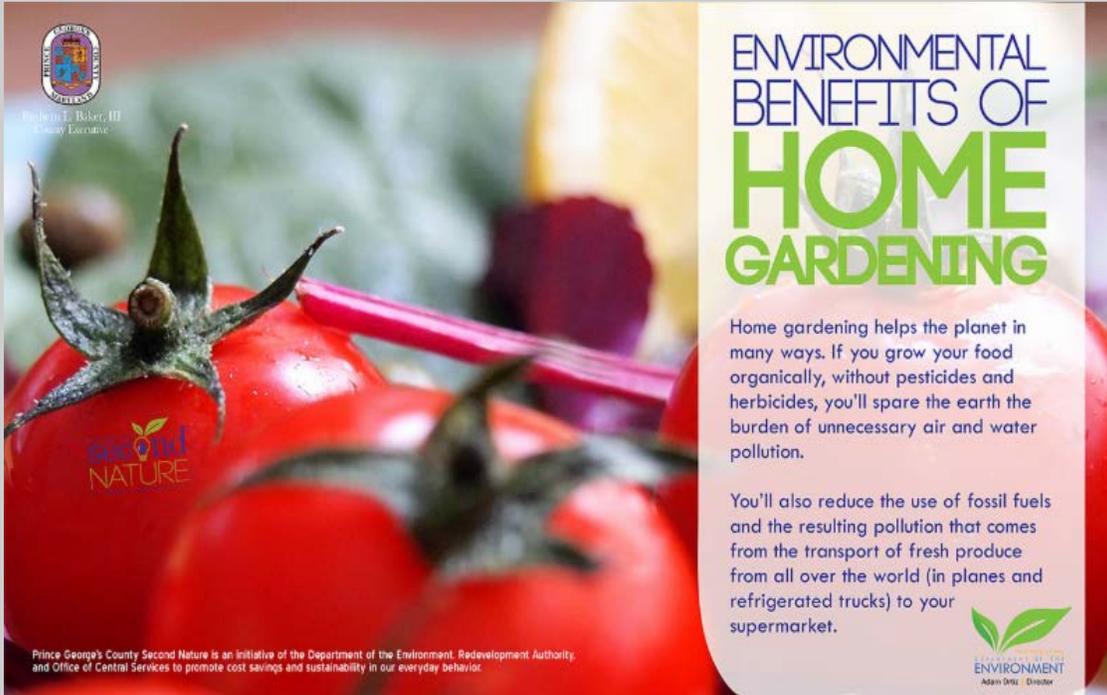
### Recipe Spotlight: Fruit and Spring Greens Salad



Spring is a great time to get excited for fresh, in-season fruits and vegetables! In the spring, leafy greens and strawberries are in season and you will find that they taste the best and are lower in cost at the grocery store.

Get this tasty, seasonal salad recipe [here](#)!

Did you know... Home Gardening is beneficial to the environment. Check out this monthly tidbit from the [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#) about Home Gardening.



  
Richard L. Baker, III  
County Executive

# ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF HOME GARDENING

Home gardening helps the planet in many ways. If you grow your food organically, without pesticides and herbicides, you'll spare the earth the burden of unnecessary air and water pollution.

You'll also reduce the use of fossil fuels and the resulting pollution that comes from the transport of fresh produce from all over the world (in planes and refrigerated trucks) to your supermarket.

  
Prince George's County Second Nature is an initiative of the Department of the Environment, Redevelopment Authority, and Office of Central Services to promote cost savings and sustainability in our everyday behavior.

  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
Adam Ortiz, Director

## County Fair Finds A New Home

The Prince George's County Fair will be held in a new location this year! The fair will be held at Rosecroft Raceway located at 6336 Rosecroft Drive, Fort Washington, MD 20744 from September 10th to September 13th, 2015. Visit the [Prince George's County Fair Website](#) for more information!



## Volunteer at The Gardens!

### Calling all Volunteers, We need you!



Join us at Sheridan Street and Field of Greens Community Gardens located at the Center for Educational Partnership, 6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale, Maryland 20737 for Saturday Workdays. Service learning internships and community service hours are available for all students. Contact Michelle Nelson, [nelsonm@umd.edu](mailto:nelsonm@umd.edu) or Betti Gregus, [bgregus@umd.edu](mailto:bgregus@umd.edu) or via telephone at 301-779-2806 x706 for more information!



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We are looking for ongoing volunteers interested in helping with various projects located at:

Sheridan Street and Field of Greens Community Gardens  
Center for Educational Partnership, 6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale, Maryland 20737

Community Service Hours will be granted to middle and high school students who attend.

For more information contact:  
Michelle Nelson at [nelsonm@umd.edu](mailto:nelsonm@umd.edu)  
Betti Gregus at [bgregus@umd.edu](mailto:bgregus@umd.edu)

## Maryland 4-H Day at Orioles Stadium!



## MARYLAND 4-H DAY

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:35 p.m. vs. Cleveland Indians  
Orioles Cap Giveaway (1<sup>st</sup> 20,000 fans 15 & over)

Upper Reserve: \$14\* Sections 316-356, rows 13-25  
**\*\*\$5 of every ticket sold will benefit Maryland 4-H\*\***

\*There is an additional 10% service charge per ticket.

For any questions or accessible seating, please call 888.848.BIRD (2473) and ask for the Ticket Services team.

### FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

1. Click on the link below
2. Select a quantity of tickets
3. Create a Baltimore Orioles ticket account
4. Purchase and print your tickets

<http://www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h>

Tickets posted for re-sale are subject to cancellation. Offer is NOT valid at the Box Office.

Purchase tickets [here!](#)

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