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Prince George's County, Maryland

Your Guide to Farm Fresh Tours, Markets & More!

Greetings, Kim!

It's FeBREWary! See below for upcoming events at **Calvert Brewing Company** in Upper Marlboro. Also, our wineries are cranking out all sorts of fun events for Valentine's Day and Mardis Gras, so be sure to check the links below. The four wineries are collaborating on an event that will debut the **Prince George's County's Legacy Wine Trail!** Stay tuned to our [events calendar](#) and next month's newsletter for additional details!

Don't forget that National **CSA Sign-Up Day** is February 23! [Check out our CSAs](#) right here in gorgeous Prince George's for a variety of fresh, locally produced produce, herbs, eggs, and meat.

Finally, there are several food and farming justice events coming up at the end of this month and early March. Check out the **Food Justice Coalition's** film night and the **Food Equity Council's** meeting discussing **race and the Farm Bill**.

Think FRESH. Eat LOCAL. Have FUN!

*Kim,
Norma
&
Ariel*



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Fresh Farm & Local Food Events



[Southern Maryland Vegetable & Fruit Meeting](#)

Provides Private Applicator Recertification & Nutrient Applicator Voucher Recertification. Speakers will provide IPM updates and present on a broad range of production topics.

[Farm Open House: Villa de Alpacas](#) (weekends thru Feb)

The Holidays may be over, but Villa de Alpacas is remaining open to ensure that you have the opportunity to purchase one of their fine alpaca products for your winter adventures. It's fun to shop while enjoying their farm's hospitality that has been well known for over 150 years!

[Weekend Wine Tastings!](#)

[Gemeny Winery & Vineyards](#) (Sat & Sun, 10am - 6pm)

[Janemark Winery & Vineyard](#) (Sat, 12 - 5pm)

[Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards](#) (Sat, 11am - 5pm)

[Romano Vineyards & Winery](#) (Fri, 1 - 6pm & Sat, 12 - 6pm)

[Romano's Music in the Winery](#) (Feb)

Romano's Vineyard & Winery invites you to enjoy music and wine in their tasting room this month!

[Calvert Brewing Company FeBREWary Fun](#) (Feb)

We have lots in store for you this FeBREWary! Stay tuned for events every weekend, including but not limited to, our anniversary party, Ladies Day, our annual Cornhole tournament, a Valentine's dinner, Sip & Spin, and so much more! Plus this year's Cupid's Curse.

[Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards Weekend Valentines Day Celebration](#) (Feb 10)

We're releasing a brand NEW wine, and we'll have yummy gourmet grilled cheese, music from Peter James Live, a fun Valentines photo corner where you can snap an insta worthy shot with your sweetie, and wine tastings of course!

[Mid Atlantic Women in Agriculture Annual Conference](#) (Feb 8)

Join women from across the region, as they come together to EDUCATE! ENGAGE! EMPOWER!

[BUMBA-2018 Beginning Beekeeping Registration](#) (Feb 8- Mar 15)

The Bowie Upper Marlboro Beekeeping Association is now accepting registration for their next "Short Course" for beginning beekeeping.

[Montpelier Mansion's Chocolate Lovers' Tea](#) (Feb 10)

Enjoy quality tea fare and loose leaf tea, featuring that beloved ingredient - CHOCOLATE!

[Valentine's Day Special at Romano's](#) (Feb 10, 17)

We've partnered with Jillian's Fare Gourmet Sweets for a special Valentine's Day treat! Pre-order your locally handmade apple today for only \$12.00!

[Backyard Birding: Walks & Talks](#) (Feb 17)

It's the Great Backyard Bird Count, and we're celebrating all things backyard birds at the Accokeek Foundation! Take a guided walk on the Piscataway Park nature trails and learn how to ID the most common birds in our area. Then join a mini-workshop to learn how to turn your backyard into a bird paradise!

[National Capital Orchid Society presents - The NCOS Orchid Auction](#) (Feb 11)

This live auction will offer over 300 blooming or near-blooming size orchids, from well-known growers coast to coast. There will be lots of very rare and unusual orchids. This is one of the largest Orchid Auctions in the country.

[Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards Mardi Gras Party](#) (Feb 17)

Feel the Creole beat and come celebrate Mardi Gras with us! We'll have King Cakes, beads, and Creole tunes in the air. Enjoy a wine tasting and then take an insta worthy photo in our fun photo corner complete with masks and all!

[Garden Tool Sharpening](#) (Feb 17)

Bring up to 2 garden hand tools per person to Behnke's Nurseries and have them sharpened.

[Accokeek Foundation: Raptor Brunch](#) (Feb 17)

On Sundays we brunch. On THIS Sunday, we raptor brunch. Join the Accokeek Foundation on Sunday, February 18 to take your brunch game to new heights. Enjoy a brunch buffet at the Education Center while you meet some of the fierce and feathered rescues of the Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center.

[Escape Farm: Presidential Edition](#) (Feb 19)

It's the 19th century, and George Washington's Distillery has burned down. What has become of his famous whiskey recipe? Rumor has it that it may be somewhere on the National Colonial Farm...Grab a group of 10 friends, and play this special edition of Escape Farm!

[Food Justice Coalition: Film for Thought](#) (Feb 22)

Join the Food Justice Coalition of 20743 for their Film for Thought Movie Night!! They'll be hosting a free screening of "The Garden" - a documentary on a community garden threatened by backroom government deals and how the gardeners themselves fought back to save their life's work.

[Southern Maryland Urban Pest Management Conference](#) (Feb 22)

Join us Thursday February 22nd for our Pest Management Conference. This conference will cover Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification (Maryland, Wash. D.C. and Virginia Structural/Institutional, Public Health, Ornamentals/Turf/Right-of-Way).

[CSA Day 2018](#) (Feb 23)

Celebrate community-supported agriculture by signing up for your own CSA share. Shares are available from many participants in Prince George's County.

[Wine and Paint Night with Gemeny Winery](#) (Feb 24)

Join us ON Wheels at the tasting room!!! Online payment required to book your seat. You will be able to purchase wine before and during the event.

[Starting Flowers & Vegetables from Seed](#) (Feb 25)

Join Behnke Nurseries and Carol Allen, Horticulturist, Teacher, ISA certified Arborist, as they discuss the upcoming growing season.

[Food Equity Council Farm Bill Meeting: Does the Farm Bill Have a Race Problem?](#) (March 6)

Join the Prince George's County Food Equity Council, Food Justice Coalition of the 20743, Bloomin' PGC, and ECO City Farms for a potluck and panel discussion about the impacts of the 2018 Farm Bill on growers of color and new and beginning farmers.

[Prince George's County Farm Bureau Annual Banquet](#) (March 17)

The Prince George's Farm Bureau invites you to their Annual Banquet!! Enjoy an evening of great fellowship, a live auction, silent auction, and door prizes.

[Ready to Take Root: Getting Started with Small Fruits](#) (March, April)

The workshop series will provide in depth comprehensive training and resources for the commercial production of small fruits and hops specific to the unique climate and characteristics of the Southern Maryland region, including establishment, growing, sales and marketing.

[View Local Events](#)

Support Your Local Farmers Markets

Although many of our farmers markets are closed for the winter, **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** offers a winter market and **Greenbelt Farmers Market** vendors coordinate efforts to provide a monthly drop-off in Greenbelt for their valued market customers. Click the links below for details.

[Riverdale Park Farmers Market](#) (Thursdays, 3pm - 7pm)

[Greenbelt Farmers Market Vendors' Winter Sales Drop-Off](#) (3rd Sunday of the month - February 18)

And here is MD Farmers Market Association's Maryland **[2018 Guide to Maryland Farmers Markets!](#)**

[Visit Our Farmers Markets](#)



What's Fun on the Menu?



[4-H Livestock Club at the Accokeek Foundation](#)

The Prince George's County 4-H Livestock Club will begin meeting twice monthly in January at the Accokeek Foundation. Youth will have the opportunity to directly interact with heritage breeds of livestock.

[The Tobacco Barn at P.A. Bowen Farmstead](#)

P.A. Bowen is excited to announce the completed renovation of our 1870's Tobacco Barn! It's the perfect location for rustic weddings, corporate events, reunions, farm-to-table dinners, anniversaries, fundraisers, conferences, birthday parties, and retreats.

[Regenerative Agriculture Coordinator for Accokeek Foundation](#)

The Accokeek Foundation recently announced a new opening for their Regenerative Agriculture Coordinator position. This is a full time position, applications will be accepted until February 28, 2018.

[Cabin Creek Heritage Farm Extended Hours](#)

Cabin Creek Heritage Farm is pleased to announce new hours and CSA's for 2018!! Sign-up for yours today!!!

[Wheatley Garden Plots Available!!](#)

Wheatley Garden has a few open plots still available for the upcoming season, beginning March 1st. Spaces are going quickly. Located in Beltsville, MD, Wheatley Garden offers 10x20 and 9x20, for \$50/\$45.

[Owl's Nest Farm Makes Podcast Debut!!!](#)

Owl's Nest Farm invites you to listen to their new podcast series. The series' debut podcast was by none other than Owl's Nest Farm owner/operator Liz Whitehurst!!

[Old MacDonald had an urban farm](#)

"Access to fresh, locally grown food may just get a little easier for residents in this county. The Prince George's County Planning Department is currently rewriting over 1,200 pages of zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations that govern the way certain geographical areas in the county are used. One of

the biggest proposed changes affects the way urban agriculture is defined and zoned."

[Gwynn Park High School Needs Judges for Region 3 FFA Leadership Development Events](#)

Gwynn Park High School will be hosting Region 3 FFA Leadership Development Events on Saturday, March 3rd. We would like to formally invite you to judge our regional event.

[Livestock and Marketing Specialist Hired for So. Md. Meats Program](#)

"The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, today announced Craig Sewell, of Anne Arundel County, as the new Livestock and Marketing Specialist for Southern Maryland Meats, a marketing program created to support the region's livestock producers."

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The Prince George's County office, partially supported by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, serves the community from the main office in Clinton and the Center for Educational Partnership in Riverdale. For more information about Extension programming in Prince George's County, [visit our website](#).

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