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Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC

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# Fresh. Local. Fun.

Prince George's County, Maryland

## Your Guide to Farm Fresh Tours, Markets & More!

Greetings!

We are on the Holiday homestretch. There are many fun holiday farm and food events in the County this month from special farmers markets to winter wagon rides, wine tastings, and candlelight tours. For those of you wanting to support your local farmer with some of your holiday dollars, check out our [Christmas Tree Farms](#) page for fresh-cut and CYO trees and holiday greens as well as the Southern MD Agricultural Development Commission's [Holiday Guide](#).

Also, here's a quick reminder to join our [Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC Farms & Food Community](#) on Facebook and follow us on our other social media accounts to stay up to date on the latest farm and food news and events in Prince George's County throughout the year. Always feel free to tag us (@farmpgc) and hashtag us (#farmpgc) on your social media posts so that we can share YOUR local food and farm experience with our Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC community.

Think FRESH. Eat LOCAL. Have FUN!

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P.S. Enjoy a few of our favorite 'Grammable' moments from our local farms and farmers markets sprinkled throughout this newsletter!

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# Fresh Farm & Local Food Events

## Weekend Wine Tastings!



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[Gemeny Winery](#) (Fri, 1-8pm, Sat & Sun, 10am - 6pm)

[Janemark Winery](#) (Fri, 1- 6 pm, Sat, 11am - 6pm, Sun, 12-5pm)

[Robin Hill Farm](#) (Sat, 12 - 6pm, Sun, 12 - 5pm)

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

[Wine Happy Hour Fridays with Gemeny](#) (Dec)

Kick off the weekend with Gemeny every Friday from 1-8pm in their tasting room.

[Music in the Vineyard & Food Truck Friday with the Romano's](#) (Dec)

Join us for wine, food trucks, and music, 6-9pm!

[Villa de Alpacas Open House](#) (Dec)

YOU'RE INVITED! Holiday shopping for fine alpaca

gifts, clothing & textiles.

[Unwined with Yoga Friday's at Janemark](#) (Nov 30)

UnWINEd on Friday evenings with yoga at Janemark - We're hosting Yoga Fridays in the vineyard every last Friday of the month!

[Deaf Ecosystem Happy Hour with Streetcar 82 Brewing Co](#) (Dec 3)

Join Streetcar 82, along with your friends, to appreciate the Deaf ecosystem through conversations and networking. The event is family friendly.

[Cabin Creek Heritage Farm Market & On-line Store](#) (Dec - Jan)

Cabin Creek Heritage Farm has an on-farm market with lots of local products from the farm and other partners on Saturdays, 9-12pm, and by appointment.

[Montpelier Farms Christmas Event](#) (Nov 30 - Dec 23)

Glide through the woods and cornfields on a peaceful wagon ride while enjoying our delightful trimmings, lights and holiday decorations (unlimited rides)!

[Beginner Hands-On Bonsai Class at Behnke's Nurseries](#)

(Dec 1)

With a focus on care and maintenance, learn all the basics of bonsai design. You will learn how to transplant, and discover what the art of bonsai is all about as you create your very own bonsai to take home.

[Simple Pleasures Ice Cafe Offers Holiday Ice Cream](#)

[Delivery](#) (weekends in Dec)

Wow your family, friends, and co-workers this holiday season with our delicious handcrafted ice cream. Our homemade ice cream is a great dessert to take your office



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party, family celebration, or enjoy at home.

### [Linden Hill Christmas Tree Season](#) (Dec - until sold out)

We are a family owned farm featuring Douglas Fir, White Pine, Norway Spruce, Concolor Fir and Canaan Fir Only. Pre-cut Douglas and Fraser Firs also available.

### [Grow & Fortify Value-Added Agriculture Summit](#) (Dec 6)

Meet Maryland's robust and diverse value-added agriculture industry, which includes everything from apples, ales, agritourism and angus.

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### [Medieval Music and Mead Night](#) (Dec 7)

Come get your renaissance buzz on! Join Tower Green for the first (we hope of many!) Medieval Music and Mead night at the new Maryland Meadworks in Hyattsville.

### [Holiday Tea at Montpelier Mansion](#) (Dec 8)

See Montpelier all decked out for the holidays, then enjoy a prix fixe menu of fine finger foods and loose leaf teas.

### [Accokeek Foundation: Winter's Eve](#) (Dec 8)

Tour the National Colonial Farm by candlelight while its halls are decked for the holidays, listen to caroling around the bonfire, and roast-your-own chestnuts.

### [ECO City Farm Tamale Workshop](#) (Dec 8)

Join us and learn to make Tamales Oaxaca style from scratch. Tamales are delicious, freezer friendly and can be done with a variety of fillings.

### [Ugly Sweater Karaoke Party with Calvert Brewing Co.](#) (Dec 9)

Grab your ugliest sweater, get your vocal cords ready, and head on into the taproom!

### ["Taking Stock" Book Launch and Holiday Open House](#) (Dec 12)

SMADC is proud to announce the release and debut of 'Taking Stock', a new full-color book featuring glowing photographic illustrations and conversational portraits which reveal the faces and the personalities of the farming families behind SMADC's Southern Maryland Meats (SMM) program.

### [Soiree at the Snowden's at Montpelier Mansion](#) (Dec 15)

Join us for our third annual holiday celebration, featuring live music, and dinner fare donated by local restaurants. Sponsored in part by the Friends of Montpelier.

### [The Country Christmas Carolers at Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards](#) (Dec 22)

Join us for some caroling favorites on the last Saturday before Christmas! We'll have our warm spiced mulled wine and Santa and his Country Christmas Carolers.

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# Support Your Local Farmers Markets



Visit our [website for details](#) or check out our [2018 Farmers Market Guide](#), available for download or at your local community center, Extension office, or farmers market.

**Cheverly Community Market**  
[Holiday Market](#) - Dec 8

**Greenbelt Farmers Market**  
[Holiday Market](#) - Dec 2

**Riverdale Park Farmers Market**  
[Holiday Market](#) - Dec 15,  
12-8pm

Winter Farmers Market - Thursdays, 3-7pm

**The Farmers Market at Maryland**  
[Holiday Farmers Market](#) - Dec 5, 10am - 1pm  
Stamp Student Union in the Prince George's Room



Visit Our Farmers Markets

## What's Fun on the Menu?



**Two Prince George's County Farms Win 'Snail of Approval' Awards**

We are so excited to see that two Prince George's County farms won the Slow Food DC Snail of Approval Award! Congrats to Clagett Farm and Owl's Nest Farm.

**Best Christmas Tree Farms In Prince George's County**

In a recent Bowie Patch article, Dan Taylor tell us that picking the best tree is hard. Here's where - and how - you can find the best Christmas tree in Prince George's County.

**Southern MD Holiday Farm Guide**

This year's guide showcases over 80 farms and agriculture-related businesses in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties. Listings feature 'choose and cut' Christmas trees, quality meats (and

turkeys), award-winning wines and spirits, freshly harvested oysters and seafood, farm-made cheese, baked goods, jams and pickles, unique woven accessories and clothing, plus farm tours and tastings and many more authentic Southern Maryland 'festive finds' for holiday entertainment and gift-giving.

### [What Our Region Grows: Briefing on Newly-Released Agriculture Report](#)

Did you know that less than 3% of the tomatoes, potatoes, and blueberries consumed in the Washington, DC area are grown here? The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (which includes Prince George's County) just released a report that is the closest thing we have to a real-time snapshot of farming in the broader DC foodshed.



### [Hope Honey Farm Appears on MD Farm & Harvest TV](#)

Check out Hope Honey Farm of Hyattsville on Maryland Farm & Harvest TV (MPT)! Also, be sure to check out the scenery closely as Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards was selected for farm background shots for this season!

### [How One Corner Of D.C. And Maryland Became Craft Alcohol Row](#)

Ethan McLeod, writer for DCist, shares how Hyattsville's craft beverage district came to be! Up in Hyattsville, Franklin's laid the groundwork for the downtown area's craft alcohol scene more than a decade ago. Owner Mike Franklin opened a general store there in 1992, and was ahead of his time in selling a variety of craft beer for off-site enjoyment.

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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](#).

**Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC**, a program of the UMD Extension, Prince George's County, invites you to engage with our diverse farming and local food community. Our mission is to promote agricultural economic development and healthy food access in Prince George's County by connecting residents, agricultural producers, farmers markets, food retailers, restaurateurs, and county agencies.

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