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Prince George's County, Maryland

Your Guide to Farm Fresh Tours, Markets & More!

Greetings!

Happy New Year!

We hope that 2019 is off to a great start and that your new year's intentions include supporting your local farms and farmers markets! Farmers and farmers markets in Prince George's County are busy preparing for the upcoming growing season. Stay tuned to this newsletter over the next few months as we announce events and workshops, CSA sign-ups, news about the people who grow our food in the Prince George's County community and more!

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

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Janemark Winery & Vineyard



Weekend Wine Tastings!

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

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

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

[Romano Winery](#) (Fri, 1 - 6pm & Sat, 12 - 6pm) - Open for MLK Day, Jan 21, 12-5pm

[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.

[ECO City Intensive Urban Agriculture Classes](#) (series started Jan 9)

In this intensive course, you will be taught strategies for planning and designing an ecologically-sound urban farm, based on your needs, goals, and resources.

[A Run to the Taproom 5K - Calvert Brewing Co](#) (Jan 13)

Run with us and finish with a cold craft beer and enjoy a fun filled after party including games, food trucks, awards and more.

[2019 Jazz Series at the Meadworks](#) (Jan 18 - March)

We are excited to announce a regular jazz night schedule for the New Year!! The fabulous Luke, Lena, and friends will grace our small stage for a series of regular gigs. We will also have our first lecture on Jan. 19th from 7-9 pm with Norse mythology expert Jessica Cawley.

[Garden Tool Sharpening](#) (Jan 19)

Bring your garden tools to Behnke's Nurseries for sharpening. All proceeds will be donated to a local foodbank. First come, first served.

[Winter Warmer Event with Robin Hill Farm & Vineyard](#)

(Jan 19)

Join Robin Hill for music by John Caine, food by Smokey Oak BBQ Food Truck, and their mulled wine!

[Orchid Diagnostic & Repotting Clinic](#) (Jan 19)

Questions about orchids? Visit with The Orchid Lady, Carol Allen.

[2019 Annie's Project Farm Management Course:](#)

[Southern MD](#) (Jan 23 - April)

Annie's Project focuses on the many aspects of farm management and is designed to empower women in overall farm decision making and to build local networks throughout the state.

[Beginners Yoga at Tripple Springs Farm](#) (Jan 26)

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Join us at Tripple Springs Farm for an hour indoor yoga and healing class! Relax in nature and good vibes while nourishing your body & spirit.

[Prince George's County Food Equity Council Monthly Meeting](#) (Jan 29)

Want to change the food system for the better? Join our monthly food policy meeting where discuss food and agriculture policies and issues in Prince George's County!

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"The farmer is the only man in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and pays the freight both ways."

*John F. Kennedy
Former President*



[Making a Plan for Spring Gardening](#) (Feb 2)

Ever thought about growing vegetables, planting flowers, shrubs or trees? Join Christopher at Behnke's Nurseries as he offers some suggestions to help you plan and transform your garden.

[Institute of Applied Agriculture Open Houses](#) (Feb 18)

The Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) offers a two-year program within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland, College Park. Whether you have already applied to the IAA or are still exploring your options, we invite you to meet us in Jull Hall for our Open House events on February 18, March 11, or April 19, 2019.

[Maryland Organic Food & Farming \(M.O.F.F.A\) Winter Meeting](#) (Feb 23)

News you can use! Presentation, panels, and workshops for farmers and gardeners looking for new ideas, techniques, and inspiration, as well as networking opportunities for consumers and distributors looking for good sources of local, organic food.

[View Local Events](#)

Support Your Local Farmers Markets

[Riverdale Park Farmers Market](#) remains open all winter! check them out on Thursday afternoons, 3-7pm. Here's a message from the market manager:

Get your great fresh and local apples and veggies! Crimson Crisp, Crimson Jonagold, Daybreak Fuji, Empire, Gala, Golden Delicious, Ginger Gold, Honeycrisp apples; free range hen eggs; fresh apple cider, beets, regular cabbage, collards, Dino, green & red bore kale, red & yellow onions, radishes, spinach, arugula & salad mix; sunchokes, potatoes, sweet potatoes, swiss chard, winter squash and other crops while they last. Apple sauce, pastured meats, raw milk cheeses, fresh goat cheese, exotic mushrooms, free range hen & duck eggs, and more while we enjoy the changing seasons.

Vendors may include:



- Groff's Content Farm
- McCleaf's Orchard
- Cat's Paw Organic Farm
- King Mushrooms
- Stone Hearth Bakery
- I Confect - What's your confection?
- El Piquin Restaurant
- Roy & RT's Kitchen & Garden
- 250 Texas BBQ
- Twin Valley Distillers

Music Acts: Probably not due to cold until we get our cold weather setup under control

Kid Fun: Sidewalk chalk

We have a two week delay for the first appearance of Southeastern Roastery. We'll have their first appearance on January 17th with fresh brewed coffee. AlaskaWild Seafoods is appearing on January 24th

We will only offer a maximum of \$5 in bonus money through Maryland Market Money on EBT transactions. Yes, we're open during rain unless there's a major weather event.

[Greenbelt Farmers Market](#) is hiring and accepting vendor applications for the 2019 season! The vendor application for the 2019 Greenbelt Farmers Market is now available [here](#). Applications are due March 1.

The market master contracts to provide the following services:

- Scheduling volunteers for each market.
- Coordinating with the GFM board.
- Overseeing vendors on market day to ensure compliance with ordinances and market rules.
- Planning and implementing market layout.
- Administering a friendly, safe, healthful, and orderly market environment.
- Coordinating with City staff/police.
- Overseeing set up and take down of the market.
- Reporting accurate market statistics.
- Requires about 10 hours weekly, May through November, including Sundays 8 am to 3 pm. Occasional hours off season.

for more information email info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

In the meantime, here is a [list of our 2018 markets](#). Stay tuned for our 2019 Farmers Market Directory which will be released this spring.

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Visit Our Farmers Markets

What's Fun on the Menu?



[Aquaponics Adventures at Fairmont Heights High School](#)

Did you know that three Prince George's County Public High Schools have an Environmental, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Program using the Curriculum in Agricultural Science Education (CASE)? Gwynn Park, Fairmont Heights, and High Point High Schools are doing some exciting work and career development opportunities in the agriculture and environmental field! Check out their recent aquaponics video.

[Owl's Nest Farm Featured in The Guardian](#)

Liz Whitehurst was featured in The Guardian on December 17. The article was written by Lucia Graves and the photographs are by JM Giordano for The Guardian. A small but growing movement of millennials are seeking out a more agrarian life but the reality of life on the land is not always as simple as they hoped.

[Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission Awards 7 of 15 Farmer Mini-Grants to Prince George's County Farms](#)

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) recently approved fifteen projects through the SMADC Farmer Mini-Grant program for a total investment of \$22,845. Prince George's County farms include Cabin Creek Heritage Farm, Holly Grove Farm, Holly Hill Ranch, James Richards, Stallworth-McKee Farms, Townshend Vogt Farm, and Truman Vineyards.



[Streetcar 82 Brewing Featured in The Washington Post Regarding Its Commitment to Serve the Deaf Community](#)

Sarah Sidlow of The Washington Post wrote a nice feature on December 6, 2018, about Hyattsville's Streetcar 82 Brewing on its commitment to the deaf community. Streetcar 82 in Hyattsville has all the makings of a neighborhood hangout. But the brewery, owned by three Gallaudet University graduates, has a mission that goes beyond beer: It also gives the deaf and hard of hearing a place to work and unwind.

[Hope Honey Farm Featured in The Sentinel](#)

Jessica Ricks of The Sentinel recently wrote an article on Hope Honey Farm about their experience on Maryland Farm & Harvest. In 2014, Maggie Mills started the honey bee farm located in Hyattsville. On Hope Honey Farm, she breeds honey bees as well as sells Certified Naturally Grown (CNG) honey as well as soaps, lip balms, body scrubs, body butter, CNG beeswax and a limited number of nucleus colonies.



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Our mission is to support Maryland's agricultural industry; protect its valuable natural resources; enhance the well-being of families and all individuals, both young and old; and foster the development of strong, stable communities.

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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