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Upcoming Events



Winter Wonderland

[Linden Hill Tree Farm Season](#) (Until Sold Out)

Visit Linden Hill Tree Farm to cut your own holiday tree!

[Holiday Tours at Montpelier Mansion Historic Site](#)

(December)

See Montpelier dressed up for the holidays on these self-guided tours. Rooms decorated in traditional style by local garden clubs, shopping and more! (via Experience Prince George's County)

[A Christmas Carol, the Musical](#) (through December 14)

Visit White Marsh Park in Bowie for an evening of wonderful family entertainment. (via Experience Prince George's County)

[Holiday at Montpelier Farms](#) (through December 22)

Visit Montpelier Farms for weekends of holiday family fun!

[Villa de Alpacas Holiday Open House](#) (through January 5)

Check out Villa de Alpacas for a number of wonderful gift ideas!

[Crafternoon: Gingerbread House Building!](#) (December 5)

It's time for our annual gingerbread house program! Be creative as you craft your own unique house out of milk cartons and craft materials, such as stickers, sequins, fake snow, etc.! Please call the Baden Branch (301-888-1152) to register. (via PGCMLS)

[Winter's Eve](#) (December 7)

Celebrate the season at the Accokeek Foundation's annual Winter's Eve celebration! Tour the National Colonial Farm by candlelight while its halls are decked for the holidays, listen to caroling around the bonfire, and enjoy roast-your-own-chestnuts.

[Story Time at PGAAMC](#) (December 7)

Join PGAAMCC for a story time and craft geared toward children 3-8 years old. Each week will focus on a different theme and engage children through literacy and promote black excellence. (via Experience Prince George's County)

[Holiday Happiness at Robin Hill](#) (December 7)

Join Robin Hill for a day of wine, food, music and more!

[Holiday Open House : Laurel Historical Society](#) (December 7 & 8)

Join us for holiday festivities with light refreshments and shop for unique gifts, including our 2019 calendar and collectible ornament! (via Experience Prince George's County)

[In Concert: Prince George's Philharmonic](#) (December 8)

Concert presented by the Prince George's Philharmonic. Special matinee performance on December 8 at 3 PM. (via Experience Prince George's County)

[1st Annual Adult Spelling Bee Fundraiser - Prince George's County 4-H](#) (December 11)

Join the Prince George's County 4-H Program as they raise funds for their Scholarship and Camping programs!

[Friends of Largo-Kettering Book Sale](#) (December 12)

Come to the Friends of the Largo-Kettering Library Book Sale! All are welcome. (via PGCMLS)

[Home for the Holidays Winter Celebration](#) (December 14)

Join Oxon Hill Library and Friends of the Oxon Hill Library for our annual holiday celebration. (via PGCMLS)

[Ugly Holiday Sweater Day at Janemark](#) (December 14)

The holidays are here! Join Janemark for an evening of wine, friends and fundraising for a local Veterans Home.

[Holiday Teas at Montpelier Historic Site](#) (December 14 & 15)

See Montpelier all decked out for the holidays, then enjoy food, drinks and more! (via Experience Prince George's County)

[Bottles & Blooms at Robin Hill](#) (December 19)

Create a beautiful centerpiece for your Holiday decor! Come relax with a glass of wine while making your own unique fresh local flower centerpiece for the holidays.

[Santa & Country Carolers at Robin Hill](#) (December 21)

Visit Robin Hill for a day of music, food, fun and more!

[The Nutcracker - Presented by the Ballet Theater of Maryland](#) (December 21 & 22)

Experience the wonder of this timeless holiday tradition. Allow yourself to be magically swept away by the tale of the young heroine Clara and her adventures to rescue her beloved Nutcracker from the Rat Queen's evil spell. (via Experience Prince George's County)

[Holiday Pajama Movie: Home Alone](#) (December 23)

Wear your pajamas and bring snacks, as we watch an eight-year-old troublemaker protect his house from a pair of burglars when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during Christmas vacation at Largo-Kettering Library. (via PGCMLS)

Classes, Workshops & More

[Computer Basics for Job Seekers](#) (December)

Learn basic computer skills and get help looking for jobs in an encouraging atmosphere. This class is perfect for beginners and seniors. Limited to 6 students. Times and dates vary by location. (via PGCMLS)

[Free Dental Screenings in the Colgate Van](#) (December 5)

Visit the Spauldings Library as Colgate's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures® offers screenings for kids 3-12 yrs. They also give treatment referrals (if needed), and tooth care supplies. (via PGCMLS)

[Yoga and Healthy Living](#) (December 7)

Visit the Upper Marlboro Library to learn new tips and tricks for maintaining a healthy lifestyle through yoga! No experience required. (via pgCMLS)

[Lawyer in the Library - A Community Lawyering Project](#) (December 9)

Check out Oxon Hill Library for One-on-One Civil Legal Advice. No appointments necessary. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. (via PGCMLS)

[MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture Webinar: Meals on Wheels- Food Trucks, Pop-up Markets, Home Delivery](#) (December 11)

Check out this webinar for information about how "Meals-on-Wheels" can impact your food business. (via University of Maryland Extension)

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Find the full list of county farmers markets [here](#).

Time to Take a New Look at Your Money Habits - Pay down that old debt In the coming New Year!



The New Year holiday creates a feeling of starting fresh and encourages us to set new goals. While diets come to mind, setting new financial goals should be on the top of our lists. As you reflect on the past year, focus on your experiences - build on what worked and what didn't to shape this year's money habits. Here are some ideas to consider as you set your financial goals for the New Year.

New Savings Account for the New Year

Think about what you want to save for the coming year and commit to opening a savings account to reach that goal, whether it's creating an emergency fund or setting money aside for your children's future college tuition. Decide on the type of savings account that will meet your goal and commit to depositing a set amount on a regular basis to get into the habit of saving. For example, if you open a basic savings account, deposit \$25 every month and sign up for direct deposit or automatic withdrawals from your checking account. Increase the amount once you are comfortable with saving. For more information about various savings accounts, click [here](#) and [here](#).

Pay Down Old Debt in the New Year

Confronting your debt and thinking about how to pay it off can be scary and overwhelming. Use the New Year to face your fears. Make a list of your debts, noting the monthly payment, current balance, and interest rate, and make a plan to start paying down the debts. Experts recommend focusing on either debts with the highest interest rates or debts with the lowest balances to pay off. You will likely save more money paying off debts with the highest interest rates; it may be faster to pay off the smallest balances first. Whichever method you choose, start by adding a small amount to one of your current payments. For additional information, click [here](#) and [here](#).

Get Organized

Keeping your finances organized will help you control your money and achieve your financial goals. Some basic tasks to help you start organizing include making a budget, tracking your spending, and putting a system in place to ensure you pay your bills on time every month. Monitor your credit card and bank statements for any unexpected fees or unusual activity. The easier you find mistakes or unauthorized transactions, the easier it is to correct them. As you organize your finances, start small by picking one organizational task and focus on that task for one month before adding another. For example, start by making sure your bills are paid on time by setting up automatic bill pay from your bank account.

Contact Priscilla Graves, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Educator via email pgraves@umd.edu for additional information.

Did You Know

Did you know...



Did you know...A group of 4-H teen girls from Prince George's County attended a career day at Lockheed Martin on Nov 12? Women leaders from Lockheed coached the group in **navigating topics such as personal branding and preparing themselves for a variety of STEM career pathways.** Thanks to Lockheed Martin for hosting, and thanks to National 4-H Council for inviting youth from our county.

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