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Dear Kim,

As we begin the Holiday Season, on behalf of our Extension staff in Prince George's County, I personally want to wish each of you a **Happy Thanksgiving**. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your families. Please let us know how we can continue to help your community in 2016.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome [Dr. Craig Beyrouly](#) who officially started on November 1st as dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dean Beyrouly has been involved in teaching, research, and extension for more than 35

years. He joins the University of Maryland from Colorado State University, where he most recently served as dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences.

The College of AGNR will host stakeholders and friends at three different locations throughout the state to [meet Dean](#)

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[Beyrouty](#). The first location will be on the University of Maryland's College Park campus on December 1st from 3:00 until 5:30 pm at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center. Please **RSVP** to drbeyroutyswelcome@umd.edu with your name and the date/location you will attend. Refer to this [link](#) for additional dates and locations.

[Contact Us!](#)

Dean Beyrouty succeeds [Dr. Cheng-i Wei](#), who served as dean of the College of AGNR for ten years before stepping into a new role as director of the college's international programs office. Extension staff enjoyed working with Dr. Wei over the years and will miss his passion for agriculture, commitment to students and faculty, and his smiling face.

Thank you, Dr. Wei. We wish you well in your new role!

Sincerely,



Karol Dyson
Capitol Area Extension Director
University of MD Extension



UME Extension staff and Dr. Wei enjoying the MD Ag Commission Tour stop at P.A. Bowen Farmstead

Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Community Garden Winter Work Day is Saturday, November 14th, 2015 9 AM to 12 Noon. Check out the flyer [here](#). The Sheridan Street Community Garden and Field of Greens Community Gardens will host volunteers to assist with our end of the season clean up! Please be sure to contact Michelle Nelson, nelsonm@umd.edu or 301-779-2806 x706 to RSVP or find out more information.

'Understanding Acidified Foods Workshop' is November 30, 8:30am to 5pm. This workshop is designed to teach the basics of food safety requirements and regulation in the manufacture of acidified foods in Maryland. Whether you have a business that you wish to expand, or you are just in the planning stages, this workshop will be helpful to you. This workshop will be held at our Extension office in Clinton, MD. See [brochure](#) and [website](#) for registration and course agenda.



Note, both the Prince George's County Farm Bureau and Southern MD Agriculture Development Commission are offering two scholarships. Contact kimrush@umd.edu for details.

2015 Fall Garden Lecture Series: November



The [Master Gardeners of Prince George's County](#) and the Prince George's County Memorial Public Library System will be sponsoring the Fall Garden Lecture Series at various library locations throughout Prince George's County. Topics range from container gardening to edible weeds to houseplant basics. Check out the information below for specific dates, times, and locations of the November lectures and we hope to see you there!

TOPIC	DATE	TIME	LIBRARY	SPEAKER
Houseplant Basics	Saturday, November 14th	11:00am	Glenarden	Carrie Meyers
Houseplant Basics	Saturday, November 14th	2:00pm	Greenbelt	

2nd Annual Community Garden Winter Work Day



**2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARDEN
WINTER WORK DAY**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2015 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP
6200 SHERIDAN STREET
RIVERDALE, MARYLAND 20737

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
COME HELP US WITH WINTER PLOT CLEARING, WEEDING, AND COMPOSTING
RSVP TO NELSONM@UMD.EDU, 301-779-2806 x706
VOLUNTEER HOURS WILL BE GRANTED TO ALL STUDENTS

**SNACKS, WATER, GLOVES, TOOLS
WILL BE PROVIDED**

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

For more information or to RSVP contact:
Michelle Nelson
nelsonm@umd.edu
301-779-2806 ext. 706

MD Ag Commission Tours Prince George's County Farms



The [Maryland Agricultural Commission](#) kicked off its fall 2015 tour at [Miller Farms](#) in Clinton on the crisp autumn morning of October 14. The advisors to the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Commission gather for farm tours in two counties each spring and fall to learn more about the issues and policies affecting agriculture in those counties. This year's fall tour focused on farms in both Prince George's and Charles counties.

After consuming a breakfast of champions, including the bakery's signature homemade donuts and both apple and pumpkin ice cream, the Commission hopped on a wagon and toured this 200 year old farm's brassica fields adorned with clever scarecrows, a pick-your-own kale section and corn maze. The 30 member commission and the Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary, Joe Bartenfelder, also enjoyed the farm store stocked with local goodies and colorful mums before heading to three diverse operations in Charles County. [Read more...](#)

Did You Know...

Did you know... that P.A. Bowen Farmstead, Prince George's County's only dairy, is now selling raw milk for pet consumption? They are the first in Maryland to do this in years. For more information, please check out the following articles:

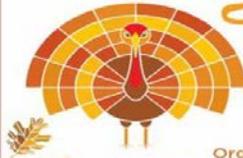
[Raw Pet Milk Now Available at P.A. Bowen Farmstead](#)

[Got Raw Milk? A MD Farm Now Sells the Hotly Debated Drink - for Pets](#)



Did you know... Country Vittles from Critter Hill Farm has turkeys on sale at the Farmers Market at Maryland. Turkeys can be ordered on Wednesdays at the market, via email or by phone. Check out the flyer for more information!

Country Vittles from Critter Hill Farm
No antibiotics or growth hormones; all natural, never frozen!



Turkeys



Order in person at the Farmers Market,
by email critterhillhare@yahoo.com or by phone 717-677-9311
\$20 deposit required. \$4.65/pound | Turkeys range from 12-28 pounds

Pick up at the Farmer's Market Location (outside Cole Field House)
on Friday, Nov 20 between 11 am-1 pm
Orders to be placed by 11/11/15



Did you know... [Ferguson Family Farms](#) is taking thanksgiving turkey orders. Turkeys can be picked up at the [Greenbelt Farmers Market](#) on Sunday, November 22. Contact Lynn Ferguson at lynn@fergusonfamilyfarm.com for details. You can also fill out this [Turkey Order Form](#) to order a turkey from Ferguson Family Farm!



Did you know... It is time for Producers to start their Nutrient Management Plans. Plans need to be completed and in producers hands prior to nutrient applications. Producers need to check their soil test results and make sure they are current. Soil samples need to be taken every three years. If you are planning on liming this fall you should take your samples before you lime to get an accurate pH result. It takes 6-12 months for lime to react in the soil and raise the pH. This is also a good time to make sure all the maps are up to date for your plan. When you have current soil tests, maps and know what the planned crops are for the 2016 growing season then give Chris Dowell is in the Prince George's county office on Mondays and Tuesdays to assist with your nutrient management plans, send him an email at csdowell@umd.edu or call him at 301-868-8783 for more information.

Carrot Apple Soup Recipe

The apple in this simple, scrumptious soup will make the sweet carrots and onions even sweeter. These are all fall/winter ingredients-which makes this the perfect fall or winter lunch.

Kitchen Gear: Cutting board Sharp Knife Measuring spoons Pot with cover Slotted spoon
Measuring cup Blender or food processor (adult needed)

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive or canola oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 pounds carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 apple, peeled (if you like), cored and chopped
- 8 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup Greek or plain low-fat yogurt
(if you want to make it "creamy")



Source: EFENEP, [Carrot Apple Soup Recipe](#)



Did you know...You can prevent soil from escaping through the holes in the base of flowerpots by lining with large coffee filters. As we enter the Winter months, this tip will help with indoor plants and seed starting.

This Thanksgiving, we are especially thank you for our subscribers and we hope you have a wonderful holiday!



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