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Dear Kim,

Support YOUR County Fair TODAY!

Do you know that the Prince George's County Fair is the longest running fair in the state of Maryland? And one of the oldest in the country! [Check out the opportunities it offers!](#) The American county fair developed in the early nineteenth century when agricultural reformers in the northeastern United States organized local exhibitions to promote modern farming. Today, a majority of states and counties across the country still have county fairs! In Prince George's county, the fairs have always been associated with one of the thoroughbred race tracks in the county and this year it will be held at *Rosecroft Raceway in Fort Washington, Exit 4 on the Capitol Beltway from September 10-13.*

For more information, visit the [web site](#) or their [Facebook Page](#).

See you at the Fair!

Sincerely,



Karol Dyson

Capitol Area Extension Director

University of MD Extension

## Upcoming Events

**Prince George's County Fair is HERE!** : The annual [Prince George's County Fair](#), starts TODAY, September 10th to September 13th, 2015 at the Rosecroft Raceway located at 6336 Rosecroft Drive, Fort Washington, MD 20744.



**Accokeek Foundation's annual [Food for Thought](#) festival** will be held on September 26 at Piscataway Park. The event will explore strategies for reducing food waste through discussion, theater, DIY workshops, games and - of course - food. Held on the green pastures of the historic National Colonial Farm, this fun and interactive event will feature nationally and locally recognized writers, activists and performers inspiring us to eat sustainably and well. Details are still shaping up; however, author Jonathon Bloom will participate on the panel along with Alex Moore, Director of DC Central Kitchen.

**SAVE THE DATE: Burgers & Brews for the Bay** will be held on October 4, 1-4pm at Clagett Farm in Upper Marlboro. Join us for an afternoon of local food and libations, entertainment and good ole' fun on a picturesque sustainable farm in gorgeous, Prince George's County! Enjoy...

- Delicious sliders made from pastured meats by local chefs
- Thirst quenching craft beers or hard apple cider
- Self-guided farm tours ---wear your walking shoes!
- Live Blue Grass music
- Hay rides, grazing cows & sheep, & great old "working" barns
- Educational activities for kids of all ages and local vendors

On a lovely farm walking circuit, there will be six different food and brew stations highlighting local foods prepared by local chefs and craft beers. The stations are scattered within easy walking distance and highlight interesting parts of Clagett Farm with a 270 member CSA, and

pasture-raised beef and lamb. For more information about the food, beverages, tickets and activities, [click here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: 2015 Crop Hop Cycling Tour** is October 10th, 2015 and co-hosted by the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation and the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, is set to kick off from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Anne Arundel County! [Registration is open](#), and as always, early registration comes with a local lunch, snacks and a commemorative t-shirt. Watch the Facebook [page](#) for updates and announcements at [The Crop Hop!](#)



We are wishing all students, teachers, and parents a safe and fantastic  
2015-2016 Academic School Year!

Thank you to our Prince George's County Public Schools partners.

## 2015 Fall Garden Lecture Series

TOPIC	DATE	TIME	LIBRARY
Houseplant Basics	Saturday, September 5th	2:00pm	Spaulding
Fall Vegetables and Harvest	Saturday, September 19th	11:00am	Oxon Hill

Spring and Summer Bulbs	Saturday, September 19th	11:00am	Glenarden
Fall Vegetables and Harvest	Saturday, September 19th	2:00pm	Greenbelt
Fall Vegetables and Harvest	Saturday, September 19th	2:00am	Accokeek
Trees for the Home Gardener	Saturday, October 3rd	2:00pm	Greenbelt
Container Gardening	Saturday, October 3rd	3:00pm	South Bowie
Houseplant Basics	Saturday, October 3rd	10:00am	Accokeek
Houseplant Basics	Saturday, October 10th	2:00pm	Spaulding
Trees for the Home Gardener	Saturday, October 17th	11:00am	Glenarden
Lawn Care and the New Fertilizer Act	Saturday, October 17th	2:00pm	Greenbelt
Spring and Summer Bulbs	Saturday, October 17th	3:00pm	South Bowie
Houseplant Basics	Saturday, October 17th	11:00am	Oxon Hill

Container Gardening	Saturday, October 17th	12:00pm	Upper Marlboro
Container Gardening	Saturday, October 17th	2:00pm	Accokeek
Soil Amendments, Fertilizers & Mulches	Saturday, October 24th	2:00pm	Greenbelt
Container Gardening (children 5-12)	Saturday, October 24th	3:00pm	Hyattsville
Houseplant Basics	Saturday, October 24th	2:00pm	Mount Rainier

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July 25, 2015

**Attention: Prince Georges County Students, Teachers and Parents.**

The Prince Georges County Master Gardener Program (PGCMGP) announces the **"Friends of Master Gardener Community Service Volunteer Program."**

This program is open to all Prince Georges County middle school and high school students who are in good academic standing and are between the ages of 14-19. Through this volunteer program students will be able to earn community service hours under the guidance of Certified Prince Georges County Master Gardeners.

Students will participate in various gardening programs offered by the PGMGP and learn valuable hands-on experience on food production, flower production, food harvesting, garden maintenance, growing plants from seed and transplants and will participate in creating personalized garden art and accessories that will be used throughout our four demonstration gardens on-site at the extension office at 6707 Groveton Drive, Clinton, MD 20735.

If you are interested in participating in this program please e-mail your name, grade and school name to Esther Mitchell, Prince Georges County Master Gardener Program Coordinator [estherm@umd.edu](mailto:estherm@umd.edu). We will forward additional information and a registration form to you upon receipt of your e-mail.

Thank you for your interest in our program and we look forward to working with you.

*Esther Mitchell*

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## Volunteer at The Gardens!



### Calling all Volunteers, We need you!

Join us at Sheridan Street and Field of Greens Community Gardens located at the Center for Educational Partnership, 6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale, Maryland 20737 for Saturday Workdays. Service learning internships and community service hours are available for all students. Contact Michelle Nelson, [nelsonm@umd.edu](mailto:nelsonm@umd.edu) or Betti Gregus, [bgregus@umd.edu](mailto:bgregus@umd.edu) or via telephone at 301-779-2806 x706 for more information!



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We are looking for ongoing volunteers interested in helping with various projects located at:

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

Community Service Hours will be granted to middle and high school students who attend.

For more information contact:  
Michelle Nelson at [nelsonm@umd.edu](mailto:nelsonm@umd.edu)  
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### Did You Know?

Did you know... our newest faculty and staff members attended the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Faculty and Staff Orientation and Bus Tour last month. The 3-day Orientation and tour includes visits to University Research and Education Center, County Extension Offices, and Urban Agriculture projects across the state.



Left to Right: *Aminta Cross*, FSNE Educator, *Michelle Nelson*, Urban Agriculture Coordinator, *Kim Rush Lynch*, Ag Marketing Specialist, *Nikki Guy-Dixon*, 4-H Faculty Extension Assistant

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