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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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discover Prince George's County farms,
farmers and food.



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"In summer, the song sings itself." ~William Carlos Williams

FRESH.

And the Markets Just Keep Coming!

We now have more than 20 markets in our county! The following farmers' markets will open in June:

- Arcadia Farmers Market at Adelphi: Thursdays, June-Oct, 3pm-6pm
- Frank & Gail's (Laurel): Thursdays, June 6-Oct 24, 9am-2pm
- Hollywood (College Park): Saturdays, June 1-Oct 26, 8am-12pm
- Hyattsville: Tuesdays, June 11-Oct 29, 2pm-6pm
- Montpelier (Upper Marlboro): Every other Sat., June 15-Aug 24, 9am-1pm
- St. Thomas Church (Croom): Saturdays, June 1-Sept 28, 8am-12pm
- Suitland: Tuesdays, June 4-Nov 5, 3pm-7pm

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

American Market at National Harbor on Fox 5 Morning News

[Check out this video](#) (go to Morning Show Videos and type "Summer at National Harbor" in the Search box) about the market, as well as an interview with Brad Miller of [Miller Farms](#)!

LOCAL NEWS.

Prince George's County Planning Board Releases New Report: Where & How We Grow

"Prince George's is at a crossroads. This policy paper examines one of the most important topics that the General Plan will address: how Prince George's County's built environment is laid out today and how it should develop in the future. The 2002 Prince George's County Approved General Plan set growth targets by tier and data indicates that the Developing and Rural Tiers were much larger than the target growth, but that the Developed Tier fell short of the mark.

The aim of this paper is to look at where growth has occurred in the county; what the likely growth pattern will be in the future, based on existing policies; and to suggest ways that the General Plan and county policies can be changed so that future growth is in line with the economic development goals of the county." [Read the entire report](#).



LOCAL EVENTS

Livestock Fencing 101
Saturday, June 15th
9:00am-3:00pm
[Accokeek, MD](#)

Ever wonder what is the best fence to use for a cattle herd? Sheep? Horses? Join Accokeek Foundation Livestock Manager, Polly Festa, for Fencing 101 and learn in-depth strategies and factors for fencing various types of livestock. The workshop will include both a classroom lecture as well as a practical, hands-on portion.

Participants are encouraged to come prepared with questions regarding their own livestock fencing needs. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a water bottle and dress appropriately for working outside.

\$40 Members, \$45 Non-Members.
Register [here](#).

The Way of Food
Saturday, June 15th
9:00am-3:00pm
[Accokeek, MD](#)

The National Colonial Farm presents "The Way of Food" - a journey through Maryland's food traditions. Join them for a kitchen table conversation as they introduce you to the epicurean delights of colonial Marylanders. Learn how our tastes and the food itself have changed over

FUN.

Family Fun Day at Hard Bargain Farm



Bring the family to celebrate the Maryland outdoors on **Saturday, June 8th, 11:00am-2:00pm!** Free and open to all. Meet the barnyard animals, help with garden chores, ride a haywagon to the Potomac River. There will be hot dogs and s'mores over the fire, and herb-gathering and salad-making in the Children's Garden. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

RSVP to officemanager@fergusonfoundation.org. Directions and information about Alice Ferguson Foundation at www.fergusonfoundation.org

Farm-to-Table Dinner During Maryland Wine Week!

To celebrate Maryland Wine Week [Robin Hill Farm](#), located in Brandywine, is hosting a Farm-to-Table Dinner on **Friday, June 21, 6:30pm-9:30pm**. [Dream Weaver Catering](#) will prepare some delicious locally produced foods paired with wines from [Romano Vineyard & Winery](#).



Find [event details and registration here](#).

What's Red, Juicy and Only Around for a Short Season?

Strawberries! The season was a bit delayed by our cold spring, but [according to Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, Buddy Hance](#), we should be seeing lots of them soon. You can pick your own strawberries at [Miller Farms](#) in Clinton (try not to eat em as you pick em) and other farms will be bringing them to countywide markets. Grab them while they're available! West Virginia Extension has a good [fact sheet](#) for preserving the ones you don't manage to eat fresh...

FEATURED FARM

Montpelier Farms: Upper Marlboro, MD

Originally known as Montpelier of Moore's Plains through the centuries, the farm - originally patented in 1673 by James Moore of London as part of Calvert County - has a rich history of agricultural production, including tobacco. The farm's current hay, grain, and vegetable operation encompasses over 1,200 acres of adjoining farmland that stretches from Route 301 East to the Patuxent River.

[Montpelier Farm's](#) most recent transformation over the years is to a family fun park with a 7-acre corn maze, hayrides, animals, pumpkin patch, goat walk and other attractions too numerous to mention. The farm's pavilion, event venues and farm store make it an ideal location for family reunions, corporate events and weddings.



300 years as you explore the "receipts" (recipes) and meal preparation.

This month's theme is "Say What?" featuring Muskrat Soup, Pork Cake, and A Liver Pudding. More information [here](#).

Introduction to Horses Short Course Summer Series Starts June 22 1:00pm-3:30pm Cockeysville, MD

This course is designed to build foundational horsemanship knowledge and skills including the nature of the horse as prey animal, proper grooming, tacking and safe riding principles. NOTE: Students will not be riding a horse. Horse simulators will be used to build skills and confidence.

Course Instructor: Jim McDonald, AQHA Professional Horsman, Certified CHA and Centered Riding Instructor

Course Costs: \$175 (\$25 discount for seniors, active military, and students)

Additional details and registration [here](#).

While promoting agritourism and events the managers of Montpelier Farms remain committed to environmental conservation, putting 80 acres of trees into preservation, numerous soil conservation practices, composting, recycling, and future plans for stream restoration, solar/wind and biodiesel.

Make sure to visit the farmers market, held every other Saturday, June 15th-August 24th, 9am-1pm to stock up on vegetables, livestock products and Maryland wines (tastings, too!).

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