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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes from Washington, D.C. and centrally located, discover Prince George's County farms, farmers and food.



JUNE 2014

"In June, as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them."

~Aldo Leopold

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June Farmers Markets

Memorial Day has passed and the Summer Solstice is soon upon us. As it gets warmer, the bounty at our county farmers markets increases. The following markets open up this month:



- **Frank & Gail's (Laurel):** 9am-2pm, Thursdays, June 5
- **Freedom (Ft Washington):** 2pm-7pm, Fridays, June 6
- **Hyattsville:** 2pm-6pm, Tuesdays, June 10
- **Route 1 (Brentwood):** 4pm-8pm, First Friday of each month, June 6 & 8am-2pm, Saturdays, June 7
- **St. Thomas Church (Upper Marlboro):** 8am-12pm, Saturdays, June 7
- **Southern MD Regional Farmers Market Agriculture Wholesale Auction (Cheltenham):** Produce: Thursdays at 7pm, mid-June

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

Going on at Local Markets...

- **Greenbelt:** 6/1 - Eleanor Roosevelt Clarinet Choir; 6/8 - Knob Hall Winery; 6/29 - Elk Run Vineyard
- **Downtown College Park:** 6/8 - Cooking demo from College Park's Azteca Restaurant & Cantina; 6/15 is Environmental Week; 6/22 is Wellness Week.



LOCAL EVENTS

Build & Plant Raised Garden Box
June 8th, 5pm-8pm
Welcome, MD

Each person takes home a edible plant. Suggested donation of \$25 per family, and children are welcome. Hosted by Real Life Consulting's Barb & Mike Haigwood (former managers of P A Bowen Farmstead). Email reallifeconsulting@hotmail.com to reserve your space. Class Location: 9325 Gunston Road, Welcome, 20693

Starting Your Urban Farm/Garden
June 14th, 8am-2pm
ECO City Farm, Edmonston

This course is designed for the small urban farmer, home gardener, community garden member, and to a smaller extent, the container gardener. We apply principles of efficiency from our "market gardening" courses to the personal scale to help you produce a healthy and consistent abundance of vegetables in your plot. We will walk and work through ECO City Farms at



You-Pick Strawberries at Miller Farms

Before they're gone for the season, get over to [Miller Farms](#) to pick your own strawberries: [preserve them](#), make [strawberry shortcake](#) or add them to [salads](#). Open daily from 8am-12pm.

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State Board Certifies Prince George's County Farmland Program

Recognizing the efforts of Prince George's County officials to protect farming in a rapidly growing county, the [Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation \(MALPF\)](#) certified the local farmland preservation program in late April. Certification allows the county to retain a higher percentage of the local agricultural land transfer tax for protection efforts and provides a formal pat on the back for significant work to protect farmland. Read the full press release [here](#).

Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite Public Listening Sessions

The Prince George's County Planning Department is doing a comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. This project will transform the current zoning code to a more user-friendly [21st Century Zoning Ordinance for Prince George's County](#). Over the next few months, your participation in this transformation is critical. Take action TODAY and learn more about how you can help shape the future of development in Prince George's County. [Attend one of the upcoming listening sessions on June 3rd-5th, join their email list for updates](#), and review work in progress.



June is National Dairy Month

The [Maryland Department of Agriculture](#) (MDA) encourages Marylanders to celebrate by enjoying healthy and nutritious dairy products this month and all year long. National Dairy Month celebrates the value of milk and dairy products as part of a well-balanced diet for every American, as

well as the importance of milk production to the agricultural industry. There are 476 dairy farms in our state, which accounted for \$201 million in sales in 2013, according to USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service. There are many great ways to celebrate National Dairy Month. [Find out how!](#)

Edmonston, combining lecture and discussion with hands-on experience. This course is a great complement to our Composting for Urban Agriculture, as we discuss additional strategies for building fertile soil, crop rotation and cover cropping, seedling production and management, garden bed preparation and planting, pests and disease management, and other related maintenance topics.

Cost: \$165, including materials. Registration instructions [here](#).

Composting 101 June 21st, 8am-2pm ECO City Farm, Edmonston

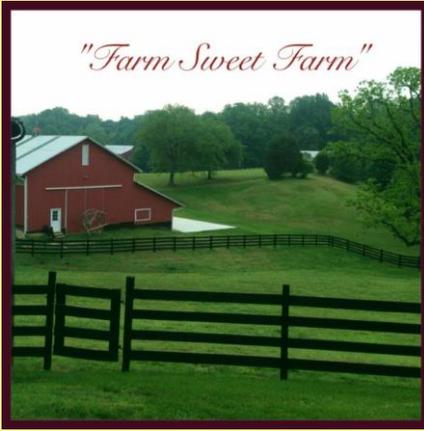
This 6 hour introduction to community composting will: 1) deepen your knowledge and understanding of soil in farming; 2) teach different methods of composting; 3) explore uses and benefits of composting; 4) teach production of nutrient rich vermicompost using worms organic gardening and urban farming.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn from their master compost guru, [Benny Erez](#). \$165, includes materials. [More information and registration here](#).

Modern Homesteading Workshop Series: Composting: Soil, the Soul of Organic Farming June 22nd, 2pm-5:30pm Accokeek Foundation

During the June workshop participants will learn about the composting process and receive helpful hints as the [Ecosystem Farmer](#) highlights the

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Robin Hill Farm & Vineyard Available for Events

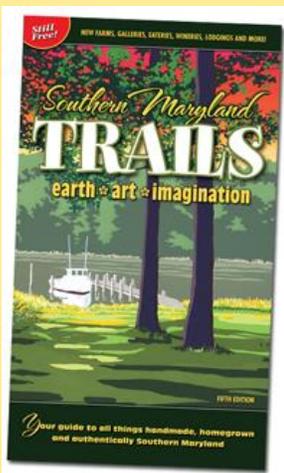
Purchased in 1955, Robin Hill Farm has a [long history](#) of community involvement and hospitality, through their nursery business and annual Fall Festival. Although the farm has been quiet for the past few years, it has recently been renovated and opened to the public as a wedding and event venue. Additionally two acres of grapevines will eventually yield locally-produced wines and a winery.

Learn more about the farm, find event pricing at their [website](#) and [Facebook](#).

Romano Vineyard & Winery in June

You have lots of opportunities to sample, and buy, the [Romano's wines](#) this month. They're everywhere! They're open every Saturday this month, 12pm-5pm.

And since it's summer, it's festival time! Visit them at the 6/10 [Calvert Arts and Wine Festival](#); 6/7-6/8 [Annapolis Arts, Crafts and Wine Festival](#); and 6/14 [Eat Drink Go Local North Beach](#).



Southern Maryland Trails Guide Available!

The Fifth edition of the Southern Maryland Trails: Earth, Art, Imagination guidebook has hit the streets! "Your guide to all things handmade, homegrown, locally harvested and authentically Southern Maryland," the book details the region's best art, food, wine, lodgings and farms in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties.

The 140-page full color publication is available free from partner sites, designated pickup sites and visitor centers in Maryland. For a full list of pick up locations

visit the [Southern Maryland Trails website](#) or order a copy online (small fee applies).

Foundation's composting program. Participants will build a simple "cage" composter during the workshop, learn about worm composting, and help construct the 3-bin system we will use to compost food waste on-site.

Participants should wear suitable clothes and shoes for working outdoors, hiking trails, and getting dirty; bring a water bottle and snack! Each workshop will take place once a month, on Sundays throughout the season from 2pm - 5:30pm (unless otherwise noted). Participation is free; [registration is required](#) online or call 301-283-2113.

Next month's topic: Nature's Bounty: Food Foraging and Wild Edible Plant ID

June 13-23 is Maryland Wine Week!

[Maryland Wine Week](#) is a celebration of Maryland wine, hard cider and mead produced by our 65+ wineries throughout Maryland. Maryland Wine Week is a chance to support the businesses that produce and pour local wine and spread the word about the great fermentations happening in Maryland. [Sign up](#) at their website to participate in Maryland Wine Week. It's free to become an ambassador of locally-produced wine, mead and cider! And the benefits are tasty...



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