October 2016

"Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits."

-Samuel Butler

Bloomin' PGC: Food Equity Forum & Urban Farm Initiative Kick-Off Event!

Join the Prince George's County Food Equity Council and its partners for the 3rd Annual Food Equity Forum and the kick-off event for Prince George's County's Urban Farm Initiative. The first half of the program will introduce visionary speakers and projects to highlight the role of urban farming in the local food system and economy. A reception in the Field of Greens Community Garden at UMD Extension's Center for Educational Partnership will follow.

During the second half of the program, Soil Conservation District Office, University of Maryland Extension, and non-profit partners will provide an overview of the process and support available to start an urban farm in Prince George's County, Maryland. Come for the first or second half of the program, or both! Visit the registration link for details.

Farmers Market Nutrition Program Checks Must Be Spent by November 30th!

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PA Bowen Farmstead

Mount Airy Mansion Autumn Festival

October 15 -16, 10am-5pm

P.A. Bowen will join Romano's Winery & Vineyard at this year's Mount Airy Mansion Autumn Festival! In addition, they are offering public tours every Saturday at 11 a.m., and now is a great time - the fall weather is perfect for a walking tour, and the groups are small.
Fall has arrived and so have the pumpkins! Click here for details.

Support Maryland Agriculture & Enjoy Maryland Wines!

2016 Maryland Wine Gala

Enjoy sampling wines from eight Maryland wineries while soaking up the atmosphere of the College Park Aviation Museum and the world’s oldest continuously operating airport! Savor hors d’oeuvres

Bowie Patch Highlights Where to Get a Pumpkin in Prince George’s County

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SMAD’s Farm for the Holidays Guide is now accepting applications.

The festive full color guide helps consumers find Southern Maryland farm products and events during the holiday season and through the winter months. Categories include, Christmas Trees & Trimmings, Winter Produce, Wine & Beer, Meats & Poultry, Seafood, Dairy, Firewood, Holiday Agritourism and Farm-made Gifts (honey, baked goods, jams, pickles, etc.).

Southern Maryland farms, aquaculture and other farm-based businesses that offer Southern Maryland produced and/or harvested products, or feature farm-hosted events during the holidays are encouraged to apply. Stores, restaurants, wineries, breweries and other retail venues that feature Southern Maryland farm products are also invited to submit an application. There is no fee to be listed.

Click here for details!

Tea with the Dearly Departed

Montpelier Mansion

October 15, 5pm

Back by popular demand, our Halloween themed tea features ghoulish décor, delicious tea fare, and if you’re so inclined, wonderfully scary costumes! Starting at 7:30pm will be another event, called Tales from the Dearly Departed Talk and Tour, with storyteller Jane Dorfman sharing seasonally frightening stories, folk tales and legends for Halloween. Tea goers who stay for this second program will
as you contemplate your new favorite wines to take home while
listening to live music!

Saturday, October 8, 2016
3 - 7 pm at College Park Aviation Museum
1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive
College Park, MD 20740

Parking at the adjacent College Park Airport.
Handicapped parking available in museum parking lot - directly in
front of museum.

Tickets:
$40 in advance
$50 at the door

Purchase tickets here.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Rotary Club, Fields of First Foundation
and the College Park Aviation Museum

Craving candy or soda? They could be harder to find in
Md. vending machines.

It could get a bit harder for people in Prince George's County to
buy chips, cookies or soda in county facilities, if a bill to limit those
choices and stock vending machines with healthier options is
embraced by the County Council.

Vice Chair Dannielle M. Glaros (D-Riverdale Park) introduced the
bill Tuesday, saying she wanted to address the negative health
impacts of sugary and fatty foods in a county with high rates of
diabetes, obesity and other chronic diseases.

The legislation would require that 50 percent of packaged food and
beverages in machines located on county, municipal and park
property meet federal health standards. For future vending
contracts, 65 percent of items sold would have to be healthy. Read
more...


Clagett Farm is the First Farm Enrolled in MDA’s
Agricultural Certainty Program!

A Prince George's County farm owned and
operated by the Chesapeake Bay
Foundation is the first farm in the state to be
certified by the Maryland Department of
Agriculture under the Agricultural Certainty
Program. Read more...

Food Day
Bowie State University
October 24, 9-4:30

Bowie State University College of Arts
and Sciences, Department of Natural
Sciences in Collaboration with
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and BSU Dining Services will host
this year’s Food Day!

Monday, October 24, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Bowie State University, Student Center
Ballroom
14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, MD
20715

Food Day is a nationwide celebration
and a movement for healthy,
affordable and sustainable food. This
year’s symposium is titled “Community
Programs to Support Food Security
and Reduce Food Waste.”

Program Highlights

Guest Speakers, presentations from
students, faculty and research
scientists, community groups, Panel
and Break out discussions
Student Posters and food related
Exhibits
Food System Experts presenting new
and innovative approaches to food
recovery
Strategies used to recover wasted
food with the purpose of closing the meal gap
Don't forget that many farmers markets in the county are still open! Visit [www.pgcountyfarmfun.com](http://www.pgcountyfarmfun.com) for more information!

Find the full list of county farmers markets [here](http://example.com).

Download and print our [2016 Farmers Market Guide](http://example.com).

**LOCAL**

Burgers and Brews for the Bay showcases Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s farm-to-table food

The slow, deliberate engine buzz of a tractor could be heard pulling a wooden wagon loaded with passengers of all ages down the dirt roads of the sprawling 285-acre of Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Clagett Farm in Upper Marlboro Sept. 25.

The roving tour was part of serene - yet festive - landscape as more than 200 concerned people attended a Burgers and Brews for the Bay event.

"The purpose of the event is to not only introduce people to the idea that pasture-raised animals are delicious, but that also they're good for the Chesapeake Bay and they're good for farmers," Michael Heller, Clagett Farm manager, said. "Farmers make more profit when they're raising their animals on grass. Grass is very good way to protect the land. Whereas, if I have to grow com, plow the land, fertilize the land, spray herbicides, harvest it, haul it to the cows and the cows stay in the barn - what good is that?" [Read more...](http://example.com)

-Bobby Jones, Andrews Gazette

Fall Fun at Calvert Brewing Company

Every 1st Thursday is **Open Mic night**
Every 2nd Thursday is **Game Night**
Every 3rd Thursday is **Thirsty Mutt Thursday** - bring you dog and enjoy a pint 10% of sales goes to the featured Animal Shelter first one is Bowie Claws
Every 4th Thursday is **Paint & Pint Night**

**Special Events as Follows:**

- **Healthy cooking demonstrations** aired live on television
For more information, visit their [website](http://example.com).

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**SAVE THE DATE!**
**Small Farm Conference**
University of MD Eastern Shore
November 11-12

Former U.S. Congressman Wayne T. Gilchrest is keynote speaker for the 13th annual Small Farm Conference at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore on Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12.

An event that is popular on the Lower Eastern Shore and beyond, the two-day conference promises up-to-the-minute, practical information for ag related ventures among farmers, landowners, entrepreneurs, aspiring business owners and supporters of agriculture.

Visit their [eventbrite link](http://example.com) for more information!

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**The Crop Hop**
October 22

The 2016 Crop Hop cycling tour, co-hosted by St. May's County Division of Tourism, is set for Saturday, October 22nd in St. Mary's County!

As always, early registration comes with a local lunch, snacks and a commemorative t-shirt. We'll have routes and farms listed by late spring, and registration will be open soon. Watch our [Facebook page](http://example.com) and [website](http://example.com) for updates and announcements.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**
**Prince George’s County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting**
Baden Firehouse
November 15
10/6 - **First Open Mic Night!!** 6-9 PM at the Tap Room 15850 Commerce Ct. Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

10/7 - **Tour with the Brewer** 5:30-6:30 PM at the Tap Room and Production Brewery 15850 Commerce Ct. Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

10/8 - **Public Tour** 5-6 PM at the Tap Room and Production Brewery 15850 Commerce Ct. Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

10/15 - **Oktoberfest!** Ron is preparing brats and german sides. We will have the Beer Olympics with prizes starting at 2pm. Live music at 4pm.

10/22 - **Public Tour** 5-6 PM at the Tap Room and Production Brewery 15850 Commerce Ct. Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 - **Halloween Party and Costume Contest**, 5-9pm!

Every Friday night - **Classic Car Cruise-In** 5-9 PM. Bring your own classic car or just come look!

Every Saturday - food truck from 12-9 PM, Live music 4-8 PM

For more information, visit their [website](#).

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**Prince George’s County Planning Department is Still Accepting Comments Regarding the Resource Conservation Plan**

The **countywide functional master plan** combines the related elements of **green infrastructure planning** and **agriculture** and **rural character conservation** into one functional master plan in order to streamline the process, meet state requirements for planning elements, and more efficiently update existing plans and maps. For more information, please contact Gül Güleryüz at 301-952-4982 or gul.guleryuz@ppd.mncppc.org.

Please be advised that written testimony will be accepted up to October 12, 2016 for inclusion in the public hearing record. E-mails or faxes will not be considered unless followed by an original mailed to the Clerk of the Council. Written comments and testimony may be submitted to:

Office of the Clerk of the County Council
County Administration Building, Room 2198
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

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**ECO City Farms Is Looking for Fall CSA Subscribers**

Join the Prince George’s County Farm Bureau for its annual membership meeting. All are welcome to attend. Learn about the latest policy initiatives affecting farms across the state, particularly in Prince George’s County. Also hear updates from the Farm Bureau President, Agriculture Marketing Specialist and the Prince George’s County Public Schools Academy of Environmental Studies Program which connects high school youth with career development opportunities in agriculture and environmental sciences.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
**Time:** 7:00 pm meeting (6:30 pm lite meal)  
**Location:** Baden Volunteer Fire Department Hall - 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613

Request your scholarship application today!

**PGCFB will be awarding one $2,000, Fred Walzel Agricultural Scholarship (agricultural majors only) and two additional $1,000 scholarships (agricultural majors or non-agricultural majors).** Application deadline is January 20, 2017. Awardees will be announced in the winter of 2017.

Any questions contact Jennifer Cross at jcross4380@yahoo.com or call 301-579-6552 or visit the Farm Bureau’s [website](#).

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Food for Profit Training**  
**November 15**

Extension’s Food for Profit workshop takes you step by step through the information necessary to start and run a small food product business. Although appropriate for any food business owners who want to develop their venture proactively, the workshop is especially directed to individuals who will be making and packing their products for resale (through grocery stores, open-air markets, or restaurants).
ECO City Farms Fall/Winter Season CSA: The small share will be offered only during the fall season, which will go 9 weeks from October 13 to December 15. The large share will continue until March 3 for a full 17 weeks, not counting holidays.

We grow sustainably using organic, chemical free methods at our two urban farms in Edmonston and Bladensburg, Md. We are unusual in that we farm during the winter - using passive solar hothouses, which provide cold weather tolerant greens and vegetables all winter long.

We also purchase a small amount of produce from small sustainable farmers in the area to supplement the CSA.

For more information, visit our website.

Farm Fest Extravaganza!

Food for Profit is a very practical session, providing information that you will be able to use immediately to ensure that your business starts out and grows in a way that matches your vision and goals.

Click here for registration information! Registration closes on November 2nd so act fast!

SAVE THE DATE!
Image of Agriculture Symposium
The Many Faces of Agriculture
November 19

Agriculture is the largest commercial industry in Maryland, supporting more than 350,000 jobs that go way beyond the farm. Join LEAD Maryland Class IX for the third biennial Image of Agriculture Symposium where we explore: The Many Faces of Maryland Agriculture.

Four Conference Tracks:
Track 1: Agricultural Challenges in the 21st Century
Track 2: Traditional & Progressive Agriculture - Is one better?
Track 3: What is agriculture?
Track 4: Opportunities in Agriculture

For more information and tickets, visit their website.
7th Annual Farm Fest Extravaganza

Saturday, October 29, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
The Equestrian Center
4900 Pennsylvania Avenue
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

50/50 Barrel Racing Jackpot
$20 Registration

Horse Demonstrations • Pony Rides • Moon Bounce • Clown Acts • Face Painting • DJ • Band • Food • Vendors and More!

Contact: Jennifer Hooker (301) 254-9553

Sponsored by: Hope Leadership Club of Prince George's County
Corey Jackson Horsemanship
Hope Leadership Club of Prince George’s County is a tax-exempt organization recognized by the IRS. Donations gladly accepted.

A portion of funds raised will go to the Howard University Center for Sickle Cell Disease

Kicking Off Fall with the Romano's
Open for tastings every:

MDA's Produce Seasonality Charts
Friday, 1-6pm  
Saturday, 12-6pm

Special Events:  
Saturday, Oct 8th  
**Paint Night**  
Doors open at 6  
Painting 6:30 - 9:30  
Registration required.

Saturday, Oct 8th  
BoonDoggie Farm, Bryantown, MD  
**Vintage Flea & Farmers Market**  
8am - 3pm

Saturday & Sunday, Oct 15th & 16th  
**Autumn Festival**  
Mount Airy Mansion  
Sat: 10am - 5pm  
Sun: 10am - 5pm

Saturday & Sunday, Oct 22nd & 23rd  
**Corktober Fest**  
The Montgomery County Agriculture Fair  
Sat: 11am - 6pm  
Sun: 11am - 5pm

Sunday, Oct 30  
**Halloween Fest at RVW!**  
1pm - 5pm  
Food for purchase provided by Lil Mack's  
Groove Span Band 1pm - 4pm

For more information, visit their [website](#) and Facebook [page](#).

**National Colonial Farm presents "Bring on the Dark: Energy Conservation Past to Present"**  
Free; exhibit opening day event for all  
Saturday, October 22  
11 am - 3 pm

In colonial times, families woke and slept according to the natural light. Today we've overridden nature's rhythm with technological advances, but at what environmental cost? On October 22, **enjoy this free event with activities that highlight the past, present, and future of energy conservation** while breathing in the crisp fall air at the National Colonial Farm.

Dip candles and listen to fireside tales with costumed interpreters on the farm  
Give the watt-o-meter a crank to spot energy hogging appliances  
Learn how to do an energy audit of your home with PEPCO engineers  
Discover how energy is made from plants and waste  
Create and launch your own air-powered rocket

Contact Us!  
Do you have an interesting idea or event that you would like to share in the newsletter or even an interest in contributing an article?  
Have you enjoyed a tasty, locally-made dish or treat in Prince George's County?  
Did you have a phenomenal experience at one of our County's farm destinations or farmers markets?  
If you answered yes to any of these, we'd love to hear from you! Send us an email or call us at 301.868.8780.

Warmly,
Perfect for Girl Scout Juniors working towards Get Moving Journey, Playing the Past Badge; Brownies start your Household Elf Badge!

Bring on the Dark: Energy Conservation Past to Present is a Green History interpretive exhibit open Saturdays and Sundays on the National Colonial Farm from beginning October 22 through December 11.

For more information, call 301-283-2113 or visit www.accokeekfoundation.org/green-history.

Visit the calendar on the Prince George's County 'Fresh. Local. Fun.' website for information about more local farm and food events!

FUN.

Getting Schoold in Sustainable Farming: Terp Farm
Featured in EdibleDC
While most teachers stock up on pens and loose-leaf binders for the new school year, Allison Lilly Tjaden, assistant director for new initiatives at the University of Maryland's dining services, is stocking up on farm equipment - things like shovels, rakes and field hoes.

This fall she's preparing to welcome a new class of University of Maryland undergraduates and teach them the benefits of sustainable farming. And, she's doing it on a three acre, student-run farm in Upper Marlboro. Read more... (Click here for the Digital Editions version).

- by Tim Ebner, EdibleDC

Sign-up for the Fall 4-H Science Adventures Program!

Still some spots left! Register today! Come have an adventure in science with us starting Saturday, October 22, 2016 on the University of Maryland College Park campus.

Please share with 4-H families and friends! Spaces are limited and are filled in the order in which registration form and payment is received, so don't delay!
Roundtable Aims to Spark Farming Revolution
More than 40 renowned scientists and researchers from the agricultural business community recently joined state and local officials at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center to participate in the inaugural Maryland Agricultural Business Roundtable.

The goal of the Sept. 9 roundtable, created by BARC Director Ellen Harris, is to educate the agricultural science community about the entrepreneurial side of their research and connect scientists with the business community to bring their research to the masses, officials said. Read more...

- The Washington Informer

Crop Mob: High Tunnel Construction
Please RSVP to the Facebook event

Love & Carrots is Looking for a New Headquarters in Prince George's County
Love & Carrots is a local Urban Farming and Gardening small business. Founded in 2011, they design, install, and maintain
organically grown urban farms, community gardens, vegetable gardens and native landscapes. Through their on-location garden coaching programs, they teach families, communities, businesses, and organizations how to produce their own food successfully.

**Love & Carrots is seeking a new headquarters location and hope to partner with a community garden or organization that could benefit from their broad expertise.** If you have land to lease, contact Meredith Sheperd at meredith@loveandcarrots.com.

**Small House & Farm Property Available**
For rent: Little house and small farm property 2 bedroom, one bath with 2 story garage/barn. Visit our listing on MD FarmLINK.

**Looking for Urban Farmland in Prince George's?**
Prince George's County Council recently passed legislation to expa...d urban farming to more zones and to provide tax credits to land owners using their property for urban agriculture. Given the increasing interest in urban farming coupled with the opportunities the new legislation provide, demand for urban farmland in the County is anticipated to increase. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is assessing demand for land for urban agriculture purposes. The below survey will help compile detailed information on urban farmland demand in Prince George’s County. Based on the findings, opportunities to address expressed needs will be explored. Therefore, it is critical to answer each question and provide as much information as possible.

**Job Opening: Community Kitchen Program Manager**
Crossroads Community Food Network (“Crossroads”), a food access nonprofit based in Takoma Park, MD, is seeking a full-time Community Kitchen Program Manager to manage the organization’s new 1,100-square-foot shared-use community kitchen and associated programming. Focusing on the needs of low-income, small-scale food entrepreneurs, the kitchen will help...
build equity in our local food system. The ideal candidate will be bilingual English/Spanish, with excellent communication skills, and past experience with food entrepreneurship. This position is funded in part under a 3-year USDA Community Food Project (CFP) grant.

Visit the job description for details!

Thank you so much for your interest in urban farming in Prince George’s County and for filling out this survey.