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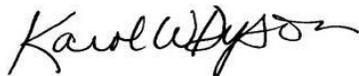
May 26:
 Ask-A-MG Plant Clinic

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 Memorial Day
 Office closed

April 2018

I have been falsely welcoming spring for the past 6 weeks, but hopefully this time it will stay! If you have never been to our office at 97 Dairy Lane, I would like to invite you to come and see the wonderful job that the Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners have done in the courtyard or "Village Garden" next to our office. There are a variety of landscapes to experience including Native Plants and Shrubs, Herbs, and Grow It, Eat It, along with dedicated areas to Pollinators, and Serenity and Four Season Gardens. Wonder what all these are? The Master Gardeners have created a special landscape in miniature that you are sure to enjoy and learn from, whether you are a beginner or a life time gardener. The office is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, and many evenings for meetings and programs. Give us a call if you would like to learn more.

Happy spring!



Karol Westelinck Dyson
 Capital Area Extension Director

Mark your calendars!

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival May 5-6, 2018

The Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival will take place on May 5th and 6th at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, MD.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



Composting Demonstrations Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners

June 2:
MG Composting
Demonstration

Ask-A-MG Plant Clinic

Pollinator Corner at
Down's Park

June 3:
Pollinator Corner at
Hammond-Harwood
House

June 5:
4-H Volunteer Training

June 9:
Ask-A-MG Plant Clinic

Beekeeping
Demonstration

June 10:
Pollinator Corner at
Eastport Home &
Garden Tour

June 16:
Ask-A-MG Plant Clinic

June 20:
MG Composting
Demonstration

June 23:
Ask-A-MG Plant Clinic

June 24:
Honeybees Up Close

June 30:
Ask-A-MG Plant Clinic

Beginning on, Saturday, May 5, the Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners will be conducting Composting Demonstrations twice a month at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, MD. Attendees receive a free compost bin, provided by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recycling and an information bag with printed materials explaining various ways of composting. The team also presents compost talks to elementary students, either at their schools or at Quiet Waters Park.



Click [here](#) to learn more.

Pasture Walk

May 15, 2018
6:00-8:00 PM

Register now for a hands-on walking educational program through University of Maryland's Rotational Grazing Site at the Baltimore County Agricultural Center and Farm Park located at 1114 Shawan Rd., Cockeysville, MD. Participants will get a chance to speak with and ask questions with University of Maryland Extension agriculture agents and Baltimore Soil Conservation District experts in pasture management, nutrient management, and best management practices. This spring's pasture walk will focus on: weed and pasture plant identification; fertility; and pasture management. There is no charge for this program, but please register ahead of time by calling the Baltimore County Extension Office at (410) 887-8090. For questions, please contact [Erika Crowl](#) or [Andy Kness](#).



April is National Financial Literacy Month How to Talk to Your Kids About Money

Priscilla Graves, FCS Extension Educator

Did you know that April is National Financial Literacy Month? Council for Economic Education (CEE) conducts a full roster of events throughout the month to shine a spotlight on the importance of economic and financial education. Let's start with talking to our children about

money. How soon is too soon to talk to your kids or grandkids about money? If they are old enough to ask for a toy or a bike, they are old enough to start learning financial lessons that will last a lifetime. The best financial lessons are part of everyday experiences. Look for opportunities to talk about money, read books aloud and play games that center around spending money wisely. Be open and honest when you discuss your financial experiences. Here are some examples of teachable moments to help you get started.



At the bank

When you go to the bank, bring your children with you and show them how transactions work. Get the manager to explain how the bank operates, how money generates interest and how an ATM works. You can also ask for a bank tour and view the vault.



On payday

Discuss how your pay is budgeted to pay for housing, food and clothing, and how a portion is saved for future expenses such as college tuition and retirement.

At the Market

It's easy to give clear examples of "needs" and "wants" using different kinds of foods at a grocery store. Milk (for strong bones) is a need; soft drinks are a want. Explain the benefits of comparison shopping, coupons and store brands.

Chores and allowances

Assign chores and give them a monetary value. Discuss ways to budget and divide allowances. Encourage children to set a financial goal, such as saving for a bike, and figure out how to achieve it.



Paying bills

Explain the many ways that bills can be paid: over the phone, cash or check, electronic check or online check draft. Discuss how each method of bill pay takes money out of your account. Be sure to cover late penalties, emphasizing the importance of paying bills on time.

Using credit cards

Explain that credit cards are a loan and need to be repaid. Share how each month a credit card statement comes in the mail with a bill. Discuss the features of different types of cards, such as ATM, debit and credit cards.

Browsing the Internet

While online, explain to your children how valuable their personal information and privacy is to you, to them and to online predators. Discuss the risks and benefits of sharing certain information. Then, as a family, make a list of rules for keeping personal information safe online.

Planning a vacation

Whether you are planning an outing to an amusement park or a weeklong vacation, emphasize the value of saving as a family. Set a family savings goal that involves your children. Figure out the cost and discuss ways everyone can help to reach the goal.



Do you have a plant question? Pests in your house? Not happy with your lawn? The University of Maryland Home and Garden Information Center can help. Visit their website: extension.umd.edu/hgic.

Grow It, Eat It, Preserve It

For years, classes and workshops have been taught to our Maryland communities sharing USDA approved canning techniques. With increased interest in this area, these classes/workshops are now an integral part of the Grow It Eat It program developed by

University of Maryland Extension.

The food preservation classes are intended to provide a hands on learning experience for both beginners and advanced preservers. This course is aimed at introducing the food science principles of high and/or low acid foods to be preserved, as well as the knowledge to safely can to prevent botulism. For our advanced canners, this class provides them with the updated science, resources, and tools that may not have been available when they first started canning.



Click [here](#) to learn more.

Spring Lawn Care: How to Deal with Weeds and Bare Spots

Maryland Grows Blog

With spring gardening season right around the corner, lawn questions have been rolling in to the Home & Garden Information Center (HGIC). Here are some of the most common questions about weeds and overseeding.



Click [here](#) for more.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Interested in agriculture? There are many agriculture resources available on our website.

Agriculture Newsletters

<http://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/agriculture/agnr-newsletters>

Agriculture Bulletins

<http://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/agriculture/agriculture-bulletins>

Agriculture Web Modules

<http://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/agriculture/web-module>

Agriculture Calendar of Events

<https://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/agriculture/agriculture-calendar-events>

For more information, please contact [Dave Myers](#), Extension Educator, AGNR.

If you are interested in agriculture for YOUTH, please contact our office and speak with a member of the 4-H staff or email [Christa Stibolt](#). 4-H offers plant and animal science programs for youth ages 8-18. See the [4-H website](#) for more details.



Shred-A-Rama 2018

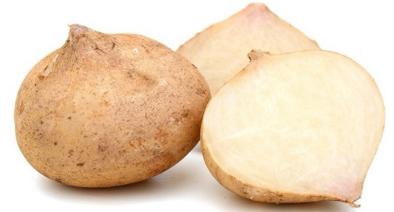
Prevent Identity Theft! The Anne Arundel County Government will be holding their 2018 Shred-A-Rama on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Bring your personal documents and watch them be shredded in a commercial shredder. There is no cost for Anne Arundel County residents, but donations will be accepted.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Healthy Eating - Fruit Salad with Jicama

1 jicama, washed and sliced in thin strips
2 cups watermelon or cantaloupe, washed and cut in cubes
1 mango, washed, peeled and cut in cubes
1 papaya, washed, peeled and seeded, cut in cubes
1 kiwi, washed, peeled and cut in cubes
1 lime, juiced
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon chili powder



Add fruit to large bowl. Sprinkle the lime juice over the fruit. In a small bowl, mix the salt and chili powder. Sprinkle over the fruit and serve. Chill in the refrigerator before serving.

Note: Wash melon before slicing.

Source: eatSMART.umd.edu



Did you visit the Anne Arundel County Fair this fall? Did you wonder what in the world **4-H** is all about? Do you have children between 8 and 18 or know someone who does? If so, it's easy to learn more! Visit our [website](#) or email Amanda Wahle in the UMD Anne Arundel Extension Office at awahle@umd.edu. **"4-H makes the best better!"**

Did you know...

April is National Gardening Month! April is like Mother Nature's alarm clock for plants to start coming to life. Plants and animals are waking from their winter's rest to bloom and enjoy the warmer weather while filling the air with the fresh scents and colors of spring.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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