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Prince George's County, Maryland

Your Guide to Farm Fresh Tours, Markets & More!

Greetings, Kim!

Fall is officially here! Our farms are poppin' with seasonal products to decorate your fridge and home. Here are a few other highlights for this month:

Two Prince George's County organizations have been nominated for this year's **EdibleDC Magazine Awards**. [Please cast your votes for PGC!](#)

If you are considering starting a food business, be sure to register for our one-day, [Food for Profit workshop](#). **The deadline to register is October 30.**

Food Day is on October 20 at Bowie State University. Join us on Friday, October 20th for "A [CANDIDate Conversation](#): Food, Farms, and the Future of Prince George's," to hear council candidates' plans to improve food, farms, and health in the County.

Finally, don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @FarmPGC!

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Newsletter Sign-Up!



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Fresh Farm & Local Food Events

Fall Fun! Wagon Rides, Corn Maze, and so much more! (Oct)

Miller Farms would like to invite everyone to come out to the farm starting September 30th through the entire month of October to enjoy some Fall Fun! Admission includes a scenic wagon ride around the farm, a corn maze, visits with the farm animals, a brand new giant slide, and much more!

Montpelier Farms Fall Festival (Oct)

Seven acre corn maze, pumpkin patch, three silly goats, hay rides, animals, pedal karts, cow bell bounce house, kids corral, robing range, hill slides, korn krib, pallet maze, farm football lounge, "Spookley the Square Pumpkin" Movie Screening, and more!

Hard Bargain Farm: Oktoberfest (Oct 7)

Celebrate the harvest season at the Alice Ferguson Foundation's annual Oktoberfest at Hard Bargain Farm.

Robin Hill Farm & Vineyard: Winery Grand Opening (Oct 7)

The celebration will begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon, and continue throughout the day with live music, food trucks, wine tastings, and sales by the glass or bottle, until festivities come to a close at 6:00 pm.

Romano's Music in the Winery with Brian Christopher (Oct 7)

Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the afternoon at Romano's with Brian Christopher. If it's raining we'll bring the party inside the tasting room!

R&D Cross 90th Anniversary Celebration (Oct 14)

Since 1927, R&D Cross has been Southern Maryland's source for all of your farm, home and garden needs, carrying everything from feed and supplies, to mulch and plants.



[Feast for Farms & Families](#) (Oct 19)

The Maryland Farmers Market Association is excited to announce our second annual Feast for Farms and Families fundraiser to support Maryland Market Money, our statewide program that matches purchases made at participating farmers markets using federal food assistance.



[A CANDIDate Conversation: Food, Farms, and the Future of Prince George's](#) (Oct 20)

Join the Prince George's County Food Equity Council and partners during the afternoon of Friday, October 20th at Bowie State University, for the annual Food Day Symposium, Healthy Eating, Healthy Living: Using Food to Fight Diabetes, as we discuss the importance of farms and food for our health, and how our County Council candidates plan to improve both!

[Food Day Symposium](#) (Oct 20)

Healthy Eating, Healthy Living: Using Food to Fight Diabetes hosted by Bowie State University College of Arts and Sciences' Natural Sciences Department, Co- Sponsored by Prince George's Food Equity Council and in Collaboration with the National Institute of Health Metabolic Research Unit and Thompson Hospitality Dining Services

[Open House at the Institute of Applied Agriculture: Launch Your Ag Career](#) (Oct 20)

The Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) is a 60-credit certificate program at the University of Maryland, College Park. With a Certificate of Applied Agriculture, you can jump-start your career in the agribusiness, sustainable agriculture, horticulture, landscaping, and turfgrass industries.

[Modern Homesteading: Apple Cider Making](#) (Oct 21)

Learn the art and history of cider making with representatives from ANXO--DC's "first licensed winery since prohibition."

[Tea with the Dearly Departed](#) (Oct 21)

Back by popular demand, this Halloween-themed tea features ghoulish décor, delicious tea fare, and if you're so inclined, wonderfully scary costumes!

[Hocus Pocus Palooza: Member's Only Escape Farm: Witch Way Out?](#) (Oct 27)

A special treat (or is it a trick?) for Accokeek Foundation members, join us and experience ESCAPE FARM at night. What could be more fun than getting trapped in a room with your favorite people?

[22nd Annual Jug Bay Run for Wildlife](#) (Nov 4)

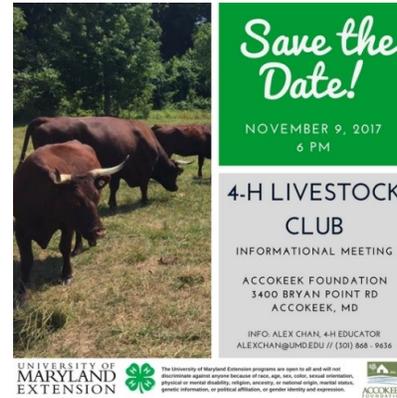
Together, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Patuxent River Park and The Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary comprise over 3,500 acres along the banks of the Patuxent River. By participating in this benefit race, you will be directly

contributing to conservation projects and research aimed at preserving the Patuxent River's natural wildlife.

4-H Livestock Club Coming to PGC! (Nov 9)

As this new school year gets underway, we're excited to announce a new 4-H Livestock Club! If you think you might be interested in working with animals, join us on November 9 for an informational meeting!

For more information on other upcoming farm and local food events, [visit our website!](#)



Support Your Local Farmers Markets

Although the farmers market season is winding down, the following markets are open in October and offering local, seasonal products:

- Bowie Farmers Market** (Sundays, 8am - 12pm)
- Cheverly Community Market** (Alt Saturdays, 8am - 12pm)
- College Park Farmers Market** (Saturdays, 7am - 12pm)
- Downtown College Park Farmers Market** (Sundays, 10am -12pm)
- Glenn Dale Farmers Market** (Saturdays, 9am - 1pm)
- Greenbelt Farmers Market** (Sundays, 10am - 2pm)
- Hollywood Farmers Market** (Saturdays, 9am - 1pm)
- Laurel Farmers Market & Bazaar** (Thursdays, 9am - 2pm)
- Riverdale Park Farmers Market** (Thursdays, 3pm - 7pm)
- Roots & Stems Farmers Market at WSSC** (11:30am - 2pm)
- The Farmers Market at Maryland** (Wednesdays, 11am - 3pm)
- USDA (Beltsville) Farmers Market** (Thursdays, 9:30am - 2pm)

For information on our County farmers market, [visit our website.](#)



What's Fun on the Menu?

UMD Extension Launches New Site
Highlighting Farms and Local Food in Prince
George's County

Out with the old and in with the new and improved *Fresh. Local. Fun. Prince George's County website!* We are excited to invite you to see what Prince George's County agriculture has to offer.

"Green Spaces in Unlikely Places" - Humble Perspective & Advice from 1 year-old Aspiring Urban Farmer Doug Adams of @newbrooklynfarms

So you have ownership of, or access to, a vacant plot of land in a primarily residential or commercial urban area. One day, a flick-scroll up on your Instagram explore feed lands on a post of a dense, mouth-watering fruit & veggie mini-farm utopia that takes your breath away. A little impulsive thumb-tap research reveals that this mini-farm exists inside the city limits of a major metropolitan area - and that the concept of urban farming is a burgeoning "thing" with a huge following.

One week after opening, Old Maryland Grill owner calls restaurant a "success"

Using the regions freshest ingredients, Old Maryland Grill (OMG) features distinctive dishes celebrating the rich agricultural history of Maryland.

Future Harvest CASA Announces Third Photo Contest: Grow, Eat, Shoot!

Future Harvest CASA is excited to announce its third annual photo contest: Grow, Eat, Shoot! We seek vivid images depicting the beauty, diversity, and innovation of small- to mid-scale farming and fishing in the Chesapeake region. **(Think Prince George's County!)**

EdibleDC Magazine Awards

We are excited to announce that 2 entities from Prince George's County have made the ballots, Sydney Daigle of the Food Equity Council (Leadership), and P.A. Bowen (Farm)!!!

Mid-Atlantic AgPitch 2017

If you have a BIG idea that can make a positive impact on Maryland agriculture, then Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit wants to hear from you! AgPitch is a Shark Tank-style competition that invites contestants to present innovative business ideas and technology to benefit the ag industry.

Crazy for Colorful, Crunchy Coleslaw

As a part of the partnership with the Food Supplement Nutrition Education (FSNE) program and Prince George's County Food and Nutrition Services, students at Flintstone Elementary School in Oxon Hill had the opportunity to sample "Colorful, Crunchy Coleslaw" during their lunch periods on Friday, August 15.



Looking for more interesting stories like these? Please check out our blog, [The Menu](#).

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University of Maryland Extension (UME) is a statewide non-formal education system funded by federal, state, and local governments within the University of Maryland - College Park and the University of Maryland - Eastern Shore. Our mission is to support Maryland's agricultural industry; protect its valuable natural resources; enhance the well-being of families and all individuals, both young and old; and foster the development of strong, stable communities.

The Prince George's County office, partially supported by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, serves the community from the main office in Clinton and the Center for Educational Partnership in Riverdale. For more information about Extension programming in Prince George's County, [visit our website](#)

Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC, branded by UMD Extension office in Prince George's County, educates the greater community about the County's agriculture industry. This resource connects residents, agricultural producers, farmers markets, food retailers, restaurateurs, and county agencies to each other for the purpose of promoting agricultural economic development and healthy food access in Prince George's County.

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