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Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC

May 2018

Greetings, Kim!

Looks like spring (and maybe summer) is finally here to stay! There are so many awesome stories and events taking place in our local food and farming community right here in Prince George's County. We hope that you take advantage of this beautiful weather and enjoy what our farms, value-added agriculture food and beverage businesses and farmers markets have to offer.

You can start by checking out our 2018 Farmers Market Guide! These will soon be available at your local farmers markets and community centers thanks to the help of our sponsors at Parks and Recreation!

This month we are going to try something a little different. Since we consider ourselves social media curators, we are going to feature some of our favorite Instagram posts from our farms and farmers markets throughout our newsletter. Hope you enjoy the pics, click on them, and follow our friends!

We want to thank our friends at the Prince George’s County, MD Conference Center and Visitor’s Bureau for all they do to cover stories and events from our small food businesses and farms. Special thanks to them for sponsoring our Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC rack card that you may see floating around this summer. You will see a few of their articles highlighted on our blog.

Finally, be sure to join our Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC Farms & Food Community on Facebook as well as other other social media accounts to stay up to date on the latest news and events. Invite your friends!

Think FRESH. Eat LOCAL. Have FUN!
**Weekend Wine Tastings!**

- **Gemeny Winery & Vineyards** (Fri, 4-8pm, Sat & Sun, 10am - 6pm)
- **Janemark Winery & Vineyard** (Sat, 12 - 5pm, Sun by appt.)
- **Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards** (Sat, 11am - 5pm)
- **Romano Vineyards & Winery** (Fri, 1 - 6pm & Sat, 12 - 6pm)

**Romano’s Music in the Vineyard** (May - June)
Romano’s Vineyard & Winery invites you to enjoy music and wine in their tasting room and vineyard this spring!

**Gemeny’s Spring Wine Happy Hours** (May, June)
Our Spring Wine Happy Hours event features live music starting at 5pm, lite fare, wine specials and specialty wine drinks.

**Volunteering in the Garden with the Alice Ferguson Foundation** (May - August)
Enjoy the great outdoors and the beauty of nature? Come on out to Hard Bargain Farm.

**Forested Tours** (May - November)
Come out and explore the garden of Forested Creative Ecology!

**Maryland Farmers Market Association Market Tech Meetup** (May 3)
Learn about exciting applications and software available to make your farmers market days more efficient

**Villa de Alpacas Mother’s Day Open House** (May 4)
Check out our unique, artistic, and one-of-a-kind alpaca clothing and textiles make the very best gifts for Mother’s Day or any special occasion.
Cinco De Vino at Janemark Winery & Vineyard (May 5)
We’re having a fiesta - Maryland style! Join us for our first Vendor Saturday: Cinco de Vino at Janemark Winery & Vineyard!

Alice Ferguson Foundation’s Spring Farm Festival 2018 (May 5)
Join Alice Ferguson Foundation for a plant sale, value-added products, live music, arts & crafts, hay rides to the Potomac River, barnyard demonstrations, kids activities, and more!

Prince George's Food Truck Frenzy (May 5)
Come celebrate Cinco De Mayo with fun games, music, and food trucks! The event is perfect for the whole family.

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair at Romano's (May 6)
Join us for our annual Spring Craft & Vendor Fair! Sip, shop and relax the afternoon away.

Behnke's Orchid Diagnostic & Repotting Clinic (May 6)
Questions about orchids? Visit with The Orchid Lady, Carol Allen.

Theater in the Woods: A Midsummer Night's Dream at Hard Bargain Farm (May 10-19)
An abridged version of William Shakespeare’s classic comedy is coming to a space where it was always meant to be performed: right under our beautiful canopy of trees and starlight!

Pre-Mothers Day Fresh Flower Workshop (May 10)
A fresh flower workshop with all materials, vases, arranging instruction, and wine!

Accokeek Foundation: Escape Garden (May 11)
What is even more fun than getting trapped in a room with your favorite people? Getting trapped in an 18th century garden with only an hour to fix your time machine and escape 1770.

The Magic Garden (May 12)
Skip Herbology for an enchanting plant walk, make your own special potion in the Museum Garden, dip your own candle worthy of the Great Hall on the National Colonial Farm, and design your very own elder wand at the Visitor Center.

Cheverly Garden Club Plant Sale (May 12)
Shop for perennials, herbs, ornamentals, natives, annuals, and vegetables!

Library Garden Lecture Series - Flower Gardening (May 12)
Join the Cottage City Community Garden, along with Torlanda Archer, as they host their Library Garden Lecture Series.

Queen Bee Mother's Day Tea (May 12)
Treat mom, grandma or a special friend to tea in Montpelier’s beautiful East Wing.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (May 13)
Bring your favorite mum to high tea in the historic gardens of the National Colonial Farm.

Mother's Day in the Garden (May 13)
Treat your mother, or other special ladies, to a FREE! guided tour of the mansion. Cap off the afternoon with a glass of
lemonade and stroll through the garden.

Farm Story & a Craft at Old Maryland Farm (May 16)
Join a farmer and enjoy a farm themed story, a hands on craft activity and meet a live farm animal.

Ladies’ Night Romano’s (May 18)
It’s called Ladies Night - but EVERYONE is welcome! Wine, music, shopping, light snacks, hours of fun & ladies night specials!

Calvert Brewing Beer Tasting (May 18)
Join us from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and taste some flavors from a favorite local Maryland craft brewery.

Growing Fresh Herbs - What, When, Where & How (May 19)
Discover the world of herbs as Carol looks at the everyday to the obscure. She will discuss how to take care of them, their uses and whether to grow them in beds or containers.

3rd Annual Rosé Day (May 19)
Join Old Line Wine as they host their 3rd Annual Rosé Day! Come out and enjoy an afternoon of live music, free govino wine glass and over 25 different wines to sample. We hope you can make it!

Growing Roses - The Sweet Smell of Success (May 20)
A rose isn't just a rose. There are shrub roses, miniatures, ramblers, hybrid teas and more.

Pork Producers Meeting (May 21)
Learn more about how pork checkoff can benefit small operations, marketing opportunities, and current issues in the pork industry.

Vineyard Sunset Flower Workshop with Janemark Winery & Vineyards (May 25)
Enjoy a hands-on learning experience and arrange fresh flowers into beautiful bouquets to take home or share with loved ones.

Music in the Tasting Room (May 26)
Join Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards and hear tunes by musician, Ashley Gaines, in the tasting room.

Namaste & Rosé (May, June, July)
Come out and enjoy an hour of relaxing meditative yoga class, with a glass of our Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards Rosé (or any other farm wine of your choice) at the end!

Vino 301 Wine & Cheese Tour in Brandywine (May 26)
Your adventure begins with a cheese and wine pairing, where Romano’s finest wines will be paired with P.A. Bowen Farmstead (Brandywine, MD) award-winning raw milk artisan cheeses.

Fix-a-Test Clinic: Debby Savage Dressage “S” Judge (May 28)
We are thrilled to host long-time friend Debby Savage for a Fix-a-Test clinic.

Tails on Trails (June 2)
Tails on Trails will feature special tail trails through the park just for your dog and a Pooch Play Zone with a tennis ball pit, agility...
course, and cooling pool.

**Live Music & Food Truck with JWV** (June 2)  
Joe Parsons will be at JWV for live music! Feel free to bring your quilts, chairs, etc. to hang out for a fun evening in the vineyard.

**Sip & Paint Slate Night** (June 2)  
Join Romano Vineyard & Winery for a paint slate night, farmhouse theme!

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Spring has sprung and it's time to kick off the new farmers market season! [Visit our website for details](#) or check out our new [2018 Farmers Market Guide](#), soon to be available at your local farmers market and community center!

**Bowie Farmers Market**  
Sundays, May 20 - October 28

**College Park Farmers Market**  
Saturdays, May 5th - November 17th

**Downtown College Park Farmers Market**  
Sundays, April - November

**Farmers Market @ COD**  
First week of June

**Glen Dale Farmers Market**  
Saturdays, April 29th - November 17th

**Greenbelt Farmers Market**  
Sundays, May 13th - November 18th

**Hollywood Farmers Market**  
Saturdays, April 21 - November 17

**Hyattsville Micro Farmers Market**  
Every 3rd Friday, May 18th - September 21st

**Riverdale Park Farmers Market**  
Thursdays, January - December
The Farmers Market at Maryland
Wednesdays, April 4 - November 14

Oakcrest Farmers Market is still looking for vendors! They open next month!

Visit Our Farmers Markets

What's Fun on the Menu?

Local Horse Therapy Group Seeks Volunteers
PETS (Progressive Equestrian Therapeutic Services, Inc.) invites you to join them as a volunteer!

Big Win in Annapolis for Anti-hunger Advocates, Farmers, and Local Food Proponents
"I'm excited to share great news: While Gov. Hogan did not include the Farms and Families Program in his 2019 budget, the Maryland General Assembly included $200,000 for the program in the final budget that passed earlier this week!

Streetcar 82: More Than A Brewery
The Hyattsville Wire recently released an article by Ryan Teague Beckwith. This article discusses upcoming brewery, Streetcar 82 Brewing Co., and their plans of serving the surrounding communities.

Route 1 has Maryland's Best Coffee
A recent Hyattsville Wire article by Alison Beckwith, highlights the success of local coffee. Alison writes about Chris Vigilante, owner of Vigilante Coffee, and the shops feature in Food & Wine.

Mount Rainier has a NEW Urban Farm
Ryan Teague Beckwith of the Hyattsville Wire, recently released an article with information about a new urban farm. Ryan mentions Doug Adams and his plans for the farm.

PGC Farms Featured in Recent SMADC Newsletter
Prince George's County's own Owl's Nest, Villa de Alpacas, and Yates Clagett of Bald Eagle Farm have been highlighted for their wonderful achievements.

Advancing Equity through Food Policy: A Case Study of Prince George's County
The Healthy Food Policy Project has posted the recording of the "Advancing Equity through Food Policy: A Case Study of Prince George's County, MD" webinar featuring the Prince George's Food Equity Council.

**Ed's Plant World featured in Maryland Independent**
A recent Maryland Independent article by Carol Smith, features Ed Marson, of Ed's Plant World. Ed's Plant World is located in Brandywine, MD, and serves many counties in the state, along with Washington, D.C.

**PGC Students Win at National Junior MANRRS**
Gwynn Park sent six students to represent Region 1 at this years National MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture and Natural Resources and Related Science), that took place in Greensboro, NC during spring break. Several earned awards!

**Local Students Win State Culinary Competition**
This year seven PGCPS high schools competed in the Maryland ProStart Student Invitational, a statewide team culinary & hospitality management competition. These schools include Bladensburg HS, Bowie HS, DuVal HS, Flowers HS, Friendly HS, Gwynn Park HS, and High Point HS.

**P. A. Bowen Wins at L.A. International Dairy Competition**
P.A. Bowen Farmstead recently competed in this year’s L.A. International Dairy Competition and won awards for several of their cheeses!

**Gwynn Park FFA Receives MSDE CTSO Excellence Award**
Congratulations to Ms. Leasa Gudderra and the Gwynn Park High School FFA Chapter for their recent 2018 Career and Technology Education (CTE) Outstanding CTSO Program of Excellence award.

**Accokeek Farms at Piscataway Park Featured Tourism Destination**
VisitMaryland.org recently released Places to Go Hiking in Maryland, by Kathy Walsh. Prince George's County's own Accokeek Farm at Piscataway Park was listed at number 4 for their "variety of nature trails in this park, home to bald eagles, beavers, deer, foxes, ospreys and other wildlife".

**Prince George's County Farmer Mentioned in American Farm Publications**
The Delmarva Farmer recently published an article by Jonathan Cribbs, Ag groups team up for So. Md. loan program. In this article you can read about local Prince George's County farmers Chantel and John Brooks.

**Wyoming Farm Holds Tree Planting Ceremony**
Prince George’s County’s Wyoming Farm was recently featured on the pgtvonline YouTube channel.

**2018 Miss Prince George's County Farm Bureau**
The Prince George's County Farm Bureau is now accepting applications for the 2018 Miss Prince George's County Farm Bureau contest. The purpose of this program is to surface young women with agricultural backgrounds to serve as leaders in the effort to promote our agricultural industry and the Farm Bureau organization throughout the year and in the future.

**Old Maryland Grill Makes Tom Sietsema’s Top 10**
A recent article for The Washington Post, by Tom Sietsema, highlights Old Maryland Grill of College Park, Maryland. This
ECO City Farms CSA Sign-Up 2018
ECO City Farms is currently accepting sign-ups for their 2018 Summer CSA!! 2018 Farm Share/CSA will begin on May 24 and extend to October 25, 2018. A weekly share will be available for 20 of these 23 weeks, excluding 3 skip weeks.

Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) to Survey Meat Producers
A recent article by Jonathan Cribbs, of the Delmarva Farmer, discusses SMADC’s plan to “survey regional meat producers to determine whether they produce enough beef and other meat to support the construction of a transportation facility that could accept local farmers’ animals and move them to regional slaughterhouses for processing.”

Opening of NEW Culinary Arts Center in Prince George's County
WTOP recently published an article by Rachel Nania about the opening of the new culinary arts center. "Prince George's County, Maryland, is now home to the region's hottest restaurant kitchen. But diners be warned: There's no menu, just a course catalog.

Streetcar 82 Brewing Company Receives Class D Consumption License
Streetcar 82 is another step closer to opening its doors in Hyattsville later this spring.

Cabin Creek Heritage Farm Now Does Home Delivery!
CCHF has gone LIVE! We now offer virtual shopping through our online Farm Market! Go to our website, Farm Market tab to view all of our products, pricing & availability for farm pickup or home delivery.

Accokeek Foundation’s “Lattes with Lambs” Festival Showcases Rare Animals to Community
The Accokeek Foundation recently held their 4th Annual Lattes with Lambs Festival!! A press release following the event discusses the foundations introduction of its newest additions to the Heritage Breed Conservation Program, as well as, "hands-on demonstrations, and animal meet-and-greets."

Black Swamp Creek Land Trust News
Black Swamp Creek Land Trust recently released their April 2018 newsletter with lots of great updates from the southern Prince George's County community.
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, a program of the UMD Extension, Prince George's County, invites you to engage with our diverse farming and local food community. Our mission is to promote agricultural economic development and healthy food access in Prince George's County by connecting residents, agricultural producers, farmers markets, food retailers, restaurateurs, and county agencies.

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