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Your Monthly News & Updates



Greetings, Friends of Prince George's County Extension

It's hard to believe that summer is more than half over! These temperature swings have made it easy to forget what month we are in some days, but I know everyone is relieved to have this most recent heat wave break.

We hope you have been taking advantage of the wonderful fruits and vegetables available at Maryland Farmers' Markets here in Prince George's County this summer. There are many opportunities available to eat locally produced food that is fresh, tasty, and fun.

Coming up later this month is the SMADC Buy Local Celebration, to be held this year at Spider Hall Farm in Calvert County. This is a fun public event that attracts farmers, vendors, crafters and many others from the 5 Southern Maryland counties. [Click here](#) for details and tickets!

Check out the other events discussed later in this issue and STAY COOL!

Best regards,



Karol Dyson
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Upcoming Events

Spectacular Summer Fun



[Guided Tours at Accokeek Foundation](#) (August)

Spend the weekend with the Accokeek Foundation!

[Escape Farm Fridays at Accokeek Foundation](#) (August)

Enjoy a good escape room? Try out an escape farm!

[Escape from Earth](#) (August)

Join us at Spauldings or Glenarden Library for an action-packed space adventure using physics and chemistry experiments for special effects. Dates vary by location (via PGCMLS)

[Summer at Montpelier Farms](#) (Thru August 17)

Spend the summer enjoying family and friends!

[Coast Guard Day @ Robin Hill](#) (August 4)

Spend an afternoon with friends, family, wine and more!

[National Night Out](#) (August 6)

Join the District 5 Police Department for an evening of family fun, food, and more!

[Gemey presents Bushmaster featuring Gary Brown](#) (August 10)

Enjoy an evening of music, wine and more!

[End of Summer @ Your Library](#) (August 15)

Join Beltsville library as they celebrate the end of summer with games and crafts! (via PGCMLS)

[PGCPS Back to School Fair](#) (August 17)

The PGCPS Back-to-School Block Party helps families prepare for the upcoming school year. The event features a free backpack giveaway (children must be present to receive a backpack), exhibitors and more.

[Chesapeake Crab, Wine & Beer Fest](#) (August 24)

This is the 10th Annual Maryland Tradition! The Festival is an ALL-YOU-CARE-TO-TASTE extravaganza complete with over 50,000 crabs, lots of beer, arts & crafts, live music, family fun and so much more! (via Visit Prince George's County)

[Back to School @ the Library](#) (August 29)

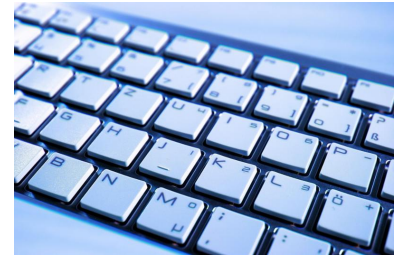
Join the South Bowie library for great learning resources, fun outdoor games, cool STEM activities, and much more! (via PGCMLS)

[Unwined with Yoga Friday's at Janemark](#) (August 30)

UnWINEd from your day with Janemark!

[Labor Day @ Robin Hill](#) (August 31)

Classes, Workshops & More



[Computer Basics for Job Seekers](#) (August)

Learn basic computer skills and get help looking for jobs in an encouraging atmosphere. This class is perfect for beginners and seniors. Limited to 6 students. Times and dates vary by location. (via PGCMLS)

[Summer Meals @ the Library](#) (Thru August 16)

While school is out for summer, meals will still be available for children in our community. (via PGCMLS)

[Free Dental Screenings in the Colgate Van](#) (August 1 & 21)

Colgate's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures® screens kids 3-12 yrs. Check out Laurel library on the 1st and South Bowie on the 21st. They also give treatment referrals (if needed), and tooth care supplies. (via PGCMLS)

[VR: Auto Shop @ the Library](#) (August 6)

Learn the basics of engine maintenance using virtual reality by changing tires and fluids and manipulating different parts of a car's engine.

[Chesapeake Forest Gardens: Permaculture Design Course](#) (August 17 - 25)

Interested in broaden your knowledge of Permaculture? This course is for you!!

[DREAM Lab: Preserving Family Photos](#) (August 20)

Old family photos starting to fade? Bring your old photos to the library and have fun digitizing them using software and equipment in the DREAM Lab (via PGCMLS)

[Medicare 101: Introduction to Medicare](#) (August 20)

The Prince George's County Aging and Disability Resource Center's SHIP program will provide a workshop to help you better navigate Medicare Parts A, B, C, D and Medigap. (via PGCMLS)

Looking for more farm and local food events in Prince George's County? If so check out our Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC [events page](#).

Looking for more events in Prince George's County? If so check out [Visit Prince George's County](#), [Prince George's County Government](#), as well as [Prince George's County Library Systems](#).

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

4-H & You @ Prince George's County Fair: Visit and Volunteer



4-H Livestock Showcase

Our county 4-H staff and members are busy preparing for a fun filled fair. Along with the rides, games, bands, and food trucks, 4-H youth will display their animal showmanship, craft projects, and talents. Mark your calendar, the dates are **Sept. 5th - 8th, 2019** at **The Show Place Arena-Equestrian Center** (14900 Pennsylvania Ave in Upper Marlboro).

The [4-H Youth Development Program](#) is looking for volunteers - adult and youth ages 12 and up. This is a great opportunity for students to earn service-learning hours towards

graduation and for adults to make an impact in the lives of local youth. Volunteers are needed throughout the week for set-up/break-down, judging, and assisting with activities and displays. For more information and to sign up [click here](#) or contact our office at 301-868-9636.

Exhibits are welcome! Earn cash for your entries in **categories such as photography, baking, needlework, paper and fabric crafts, woodworking, painting, quilting, and much more!** Refer to the [premium book](#) for details.

Did You Know

Did you know...



Did you know...It's time to get ready to go Back to School? If your child will be attending a **Prince George's County Public School**, be sure that you have everything you need for them to start the year off right. Check out this [website](#) for important dates, updates and more. Also, be sure to check your child's school website for a list of supplies they may need!

Did you know...Maryland Tax Free Week is August 11 - August 17? In preparation for **Back To School** many use this week to **take advantage of shopping for clothing for the upcoming year**. Many wonder what items are eligible for tax-free purchasing. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, please click [here](#) and [here](#).



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Prince George's County, Maryland

Visit [Fresh. Local. Fun. PGC](#) for more information about farms, food events, and farmers markets in gorgeous Prince George's! Minutes from the Nation's Capitol, Prince George's County offers a variety of [food and farming events](#) every month!



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