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County Executive

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The DoE Mission

The Department of the Environment works for a healthy, beautiful and sustainable County through programs that provide clean water, flood control, recycling and waste management, animal management and pet adoption in partnership with residents and other stakeholders.



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Dear Neighbor,

It is all about people. Even though our work is focused on making our environment cleaner and healthier, we cannot succeed without the engagement of people. That is why so much of our effort is focused on the community, as detailed in this issue of DoE's Green Scene.

We recently concluded our first Green Summit, attracting more than 250 attendees to learn, connect and discuss how we together can address our environmental goals together. It was held in partnership with The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission at their beautiful Science and Technology Center in Fort Washington. Dozens of organizations, HOAs, businesses and municipalities were represented, mixing together under a common banner. Perhaps more important than the subjects discussed was the fact that so many diverse stakeholders were at the table having one large conversation about our common future. New connections were made, and we are a little bit more closely knit than we were before as a County.

Our Be Kind to Animals Poster Contests for County students is another way that we help convene important stakeholders. Each year, more than 1,000 students participate in the contest bringing their talents and heart to this issue. Many of them have strong feelings about how we care for animals, and this is an opportunity for them to share their ideas and gifts with the County. In most cases, each child is supported by a school, teacher and family - so many people are engaged together. As a result, we are a little more thoughtful and supported than before as a County.

Many times we have mentioned how important partnerships are in our work, and this month we feature a great new one with one of the County's most popular landmark businesses. Through our Rain Check program, we will be working with Behnke's Nursery to turn their site into a living classroom, where residents can learn about all the different ways we can reduce stormwater pollution. Similarly, we have highlighted in this issue the Laurel Town Center as a model for clean water in the business sector. As a result, we are a little more sustainable as a County.

Also, I would like to welcome our new Deputy Director at DoE, Joe Gill. He brings a tremendous wealth of experience and accomplishment to our efforts. Please read more about him in the following pages and don't hesitate to drop him a line to introduce yourself.

One of the key roles government has is its ability to convene diverse stakeholders to address public issues. As featured in this issue, we hope to have more success in becoming more connected, thoughtful and sustainable to advance our common good.

Best regards,

Adam Ortiz
Director



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DoE WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) is pleased to welcome its new Deputy Director Joseph "Joe" Gill to the DoE team. In his role, he is responsible for direct oversight of the Department's four major Divisions: Animal Management, Stormwater, Sustainable Initiatives and Waste Management.

"I have worked with Joe in various capacities. He is a very skilled administrator that will bring great energy and results to our work. I am excited to have him on board working with us to help continue our success," commented DoE Director Adam Ortiz.

He joins the County from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) where he provided leadership as DNR Secretary from 2013-2015 and DNR Deputy Secretary from 2010-2013. Joe managed DNR's \$500 million budget and 1,700 employees. He was responsible for negotiating the intergovernmental Chesapeake Bay Agreement for protection of water quality, habitat and land resources among nine partners, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the District of Columbia and Virginia. He also oversaw the administration of \$250 million in grants to local jurisdictions and nonprofit organizations for reduction and prevention of non-point source pollution, including \$11 million in grants to 25 projects located here in Prince George's County.

During his tenure at DNR, Joe was instrumental in guiding a multi-agency, public-private ecosystem services working group, identifying changes in existing programs that would enable market-based mechanisms, the private sector and landowners to have a more significant role in environmental conservation. He also directed a Federal, State and County Cliff Erosion Steering Committee in developing solutions to eroding cliffs in Calvert County, including establishing a new consolidated permitting process among multiple State and Federal agencies for approval of in-water and upland structural shore erosion control.

Prior to joining DNR, Joe worked in various capacities in the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, including five years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Contract Litigation Unit and fourteen years as Principal Counsel for DNR. Throughout his career, Joe has served as a member of numerous environmental review boards, committees, task forces, working groups, commissions and organizations significantly impacting the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding waterways.

Joe is a recipient of the Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay Award (2015), which is awarded by Maryland's Governor to those who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the conservation and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, its surrounding landscape and the life that inhabits them. The award is the highest honor the Governor can bestow on a person for their environmental contributions.

He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Georgetown University Law Center, a husband and the father of two children.

DoE 2015 GREEN SUMMIT SHOWCASES COUNTY'S BEST GREEN PRACTICES

Environmental action was the theme of the day when hundreds of business, community and nonprofit leaders gathered at the Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex in Fort Washington on May 19 for the 2015 Prince George's County Green Summit. Hosted by DoE, the daylong event featured a mix of concurrent sessions and workshops focusing on environmental and sustainable initiatives.

"We are pleased to host this Green Summit to showcase the best green practices taking place throughout the County," said DoE Director Adam Ortiz. "In order to lead on environmental issues, we must bring leaders from all facets – business, government, community and nonprofits – to engage on positive change for the environment." Ortiz estimated the attendance neared 250 for the first-time event.

Topics discussed at the Summit included litter, clean air and energy, water, urban farming, green businesses and green careers. One of the more attended workshops, "Do the Rot Thing" presented by the Accokeek Foundation, examined how to reduce food waste and save money on lawn care by using a simple backyard home composting system using worms.

Mary Beth Tung, newly appointed Deputy Secretary at the Maryland Department of the Environment, reaffirmed the administration's commitment to working with the County on sustainability issues. "We recognize Prince George's County in finding innovative solutions to some of our biggest environmental challenges."

County resident Bill Walmsley, said the summit was a chance to reinforce ideas that have worked well and those that need to be explored. "It was great to hear some of the new initiatives the County has planned to tackle, including litter in our communities." Other sessions provided information on new initiatives geared to clean up local waterways and promoting green solutions to stormwater runoff. [Click here to see a copy of the 2015 Green Summit program agenda.](#)

The 2015 Green Summit was sponsored in partnership with The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission who provided the space at the 37,000-square-foot LEED Silver certified state-of-the-art technology and recreation facility; Geppetto Catering, a 100 percent green catering service powered by wind energy; and Community Forklift, a nonprofit reuse center for home improvement supplies.

Plans are already underway for next year's summit. If you are interested in sponsorship and partnership opportunities, email lmlove@co.pg.md.us for additional information.

STAY TUNED!!!

[\(more 2015 Green Summit on the next page\)](#)



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THE RAIN CHECK REBATE LIVING CLASSROOM IS COMING SOON TO BELTSVILLE!

Behnke Nurseries of Beltsville, Maryland, is doing their part to improve water quality and promote the Prince George's County's Rain Check Rebate Program by installing an onsite "living classroom" of stormwater management best practice demonstrations. The Rebate Program offers incentives to homeowners, businesses and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce runoff quantity, and improve local streams and rivers. This demonstration project will assist in educating property owners about the seven Rain Check Rebate eligible practices – cisterns, rain barrels, urban tree canopies, rain gardens, pavement removal, permeable pavement and green roofs – and how to receive rebates for installing them. Behnke's long standing recognition as one of the region's top garden centers made this location an ideal opportunity to reach a large audience of residents.

Founded in 1930, Behnke's history demonstrates a commitment to community support and education. Behnke's also has a large selection of native plants and holds regular gardening workshops. Construction of the practices is scheduled to begin in June and is expected to be complete by the end of summer. Once complete, customers can tour the demonstrations, read about the practices and link to additional information and resources. See the next page for an overview of the demonstration project.

This project was funded in part by the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program which supports projects that improve water quality and engage Prince George's County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams. Behnke's Nursery partnered with the Low Impact Development Center in Beltsville to develop the concept and submit the grant proposal. The Stewardship Grant Program and the Rain Check Rebate Program are administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust.



Illustration depicts where the seven Rain Check Rebate practices will be housed.

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DoE PRESENTS THE 22nd ANNUAL



Fun, creative, responsible and caring, are just some of the ways to describe the posters submitted into the Animal Management Division's 22nd annual "Be Kind to Animals" Poster Contest. Prince George's County students in kindergarten through sixth grade created 1,550 unique illustrations of various ways people can be more kind to animals. Of those entries, the contest judges selected 22 students and their posters to receive winning honors.

Focusing on the importance of preventing and reporting the abuse of animals, fifth grader Rachel Howard of Seabrook Elementary School in Lanham-Seabrook received grand prize honors. First, second and third place honors were shared among 20 students who were also recognized for their artwork, which encouraged kindness and responsible care of pets.

Special thanks are given to Mr. Roger & Judy McClain and Ms. Mary Jacobs for their generous contributions of prizes, gift bags and ongoing support of the "Be Kind to Animals" Poster Contest and Awards Ceremony. Showing their support, principals, teachers and parents of the honorees attended the ceremony, which included welcoming remarks from DoE Director Adam Ortiz and presentation of certificates by Animal Services Division Associate Director Rodney Taylor and Volunteer Coordinator JoAnne Brown.



Honorees of the 2015 "Be Kind to Animals" Poster Contest include:

GRAND PRIZE

Rachel Howard, Grade 5, Ms. Watson
Seabrook Elementary School

FIRST PRIZE

Prisha Shah, Kindergarten, Ms. Couchman
Vansville Elementary School

Hector Barran-Rivera, Grade 1, Mrs. Rosenberger
Vansville Elementary School

Bella Abarca Quintanilla, Grade 2, Ms. Watts
Rosa Parks Elementary School

Lauryn Sample, Grade 3, Mrs. Clamage
Montpelier Elementary School

Brehanna Alvarado, Grade 4, Ms. Collins & Ms. Whren
Rose Valley Elementary School

Disomi Okie, Grade 5, Mrs. Cuthbertson
Montpelier Elementary School

Shakayla Brown, Grade 6, Ms. Fletcher
Robert R. Gray Elementary School

SECOND PLACE

Malia Hunter, Kindergarten, Ms. Couchman
Vansville Elementary School

Angelina Howell-Perea, Grade 1, Ms. Muhl
Scotchtown Hills Elementary School

Wendy Novoa, Grade 2, Ms. Truesdale
Glassmanor Elementary School

Alaijha Brown, Grade 3, Mrs. Clamage
Montpelier Elementary School

Kimberly Santay, Grade 4, Ms. Salem
Seabrook Elementary School

Astrid Wilson, Grade 5, Ms. Stercula
Hollywood Elementary School

Brianna Johnson, Grade 6, Ms. Wainwright
North Forestville Elementary School

THIRD PLACE

Genessis Solis, Kindergarten, Ms. Diehl
Rosa Parks Elementary School

Irene Rogers, Grade 1, Mrs. Rosenberger
Vansville Elementary School

Ashley Anani, Grade 2, Ms. Sims
Glassmanor Elementary School

Ajani Mekhi Atkins, Grade 3, Mrs. Gamboa
Panorama Elementary School

Alleyah Britton, Grade 4, Mrs. Dolan
Montpelier Elementary School

Tamois Graham, Grade 5, Ms. Watson
Seabrook Elementary School

Robbyn Stringfellow, Grade 6, Ms. Carey
Rose Valley Elementary School

GRAND PRIZE POSTER



CLEAN WATERS

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Visitors to The Towne Centre at Laurel may not notice the intricate system of micro bioretention filters in The Towne Centre's parking lot, but it's the treatment of stormwater runoff at its modern best.

The former Laurel Mall, located on Route 1 and Cherry Lane, was recently redeveloped into a mixed-use destination with retail, dining, entertainment and residential housing. In its parking lot, The Towne Centre includes the new generation of "green" storm drain infrastructure, which incorporates natural and organic materials to treat and reduce polluted stormwater runoff.

For this project, 39 low impact devices were installed to treat stormwater runoff across 14.5 acres, or 50 percent, of The Towne Centre's 29 acres of impervious surfaces. Greenburg Gibbons, developers of The Towne Centre, maximized the use of the space to filter runoff from the parking lot, in addition to the rooftops of stores and restaurants.

"It's a very unique project. Numerous small devices and one very large device were designed and built in a small, tight space in an already thoroughly developed urban setting," explained Stephen McAree, a senior project manager who assisted with the design and development of The Towne Centre. "Building the devices is like making a sandwich. There are several layers to each filter."

On the surface and visible to the public is the first layer that includes shrubs and plants, and a bed of hardwood mulch three inches thick. This provides the polluted stormwater runoff with its "first flush" and is designed to "pond" the water so that it slowly percolates into the ground. Immediately below that is the biological filter layer, which is comprised of organic soil, sand, gravel and large stones. Underground, resides a 64,000 cubic feet storage system, which retains stormwater runoff and releases it at a very slow rate preventing erosion and flooding.

For more information on The Towne Centre in Laurel, visit www.visittcl.com.

To learn more about the County's Green Infrastructure and Clean Water Programs, visit environment.mypgc.us or contact County Click 3-1-1.



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BE READY, BE PREPARED

Know if your home or business is in a flood zone and the best way to protect it

The month of June marks National Flood Awareness Month; but, the Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) encourages all residents and business owners in the County to be "flood smart" throughout the year, to know flood hazards and risks and to prepare for flooding before the water starts to rise.

Flooding is the nation's #1 natural disaster and it occurs in every U.S. state. DoE is working to raise awareness of flood risks and what County residents can do to protect their families, homes and businesses if flooding occurs.

DoE's Be FloodSmart poster provides information on what causes flooding, how to make a flood plan and how to purchase flood insurance. Recently, DoE hosted a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Map Open House, which provided County property and business owners the opportunity to view and discuss updated local flood-hazard maps with County and FEMA representatives. For more information on Prince George's County Flood Zone Maps, contact Mike Colgan with the Department of the Environment at (301) 883-5944 or visit the [County's Flood Awareness information page](#).

In addition to the Open House, there are many resources available to County residents that provide information on flooding and flood insurance. FEMA offers flood awareness tips and information that provide guidance on what to do before, during and after a flood. Learn more about flood insurance options and premium discounts available to Prince George's County residents by visiting the [National Flood Insurance Program](#). Remember, standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding and knowing the flood risk for your community can assist you in determining the type of flood insurance coverage you may need.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Prince George's County detail flooding risks throughout the County and identify areas subject to flooding behind levees. Also, the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps website provides guidance to homeowners/renters as well as communities on the process of determining their current and future flood risk.

June also marks the beginning of "hurricane season," a six-month period that includes tropical storms, violent winds and heavy rains. These severe weather conditions can cause flooding, threaten lives, and damage property and structures. Levees located throughout the Anacostia Watershed reduce the risk of flooding; however, it is important for County residents to know if they live behind a levee, understand associated risks and prepare accordingly. Additional information about levees is available in a comprehensive booklet titled, [So, You Live Behind a Levee!](#)

For more information, contact County Click 3-1-1.

Be FloodSmart

Flooding

is the nation's #1 natural

disaster and it can happen anytime...anywhere.

Floods occur in all 50 states and you can be a victim of flooding, even if you live miles away from water. During Flood Awareness Month in Prince George's County, learn more on what causes flooding and how to protect your home.

What causes flooding?

In just a few hours, hurricanes and summer thunderstorms can bring heavy rain, which can lead to severe flooding.

How do you protect your home?

1 Determine your flood risk

Whether you live in a high, moderate or low risk area, everyone is at risk for flooding. The County offers a notification service -**Notify Me**- that sends you a text or email in the event of a major flood. To sign up, visit notifyme.princegeorgescountymd.gov

NOTIFY ME
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3 Make a flood plan

Know evacuation routes and keep important papers in a safe, waterproof place.



It's important to understand the risk to life and property associated with residing behind levees located in the Anacostia Watershed. Residents who live behind levees are encouraged to understand their risks and prepare accordingly. To learn more, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Web site at www.fema.gov.

2 Purchase flood insurance

Remember, most homeowners insurance does not cover floods. Flood insurance can be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program, which offers Prince George's County residents up to a **25% discount**.

Floods caused more than **\$25 billion** in losses over the last ten years. **

Buy insurance before the water starts to rise!
It takes 30 days after purchasing flood insurance for the policy to go into effect. **

CLAIMS Nearly 20% of flood insurance claims come from moderate-to-low risk areas. **

4 Help prevent local flooding

Keep trash and debris away from storm grates and inlets.



* Source: Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE)

** Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

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County rolls out new residential curbside recycling plan effective July 1

Return to sender isn't just a hit song recorded by Elvis Presley, it's the new way Prince George's County wants you to recycle. Starting July 1, 2015, plastic bags of any color, size or shape and plastic film will no longer be accepted in the Prince George's County Residential Curbside Recycling Program. This includes grocery, retail or trash plastic bags and outer wrap from packaging.

"The County will no longer accept the plastic bags/film because there is no end market for the material after it has been collected in a single-stream recycling collection program/process," says DoE Director Adam Ortiz. "We'll be phasing in enforcement. If there's a contaminated toter, it won't get picked up."

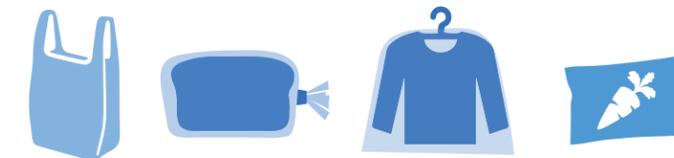
Ortiz says plastic bags pose a hazard to the equipment used in sorting recycling. "The plastic bags get caught in the cogs of the machinery, causing us to shut down the facility several times a day," Ortiz said. "It increases maintenance costs, and ultimately, the bags can't be recycled when they become dirty."

In addition, recent changes in the market, including a drop in oil prices and the availability of "clean stream" recyclable plastic bags from grocery stores, has also dried up demand for the plastic bags. "That's why we're encouraging residents to purchase reusable shopping bags or opting for paper bags where available," says Ortiz. "They are both much better for the environment."

So, what to do with your plastic bags? DoE says to return them to sender! Most clean and dry plastic bags are 100 percent recyclable when disposed at local grocery stores and other retailers that have plastic bag recycling collection programs. Shoppers will notice collection boxes in stores that participate in a plastic bag/film recycling program usually at or near a store's main entrance. Residents may also visit <http://plasticfilmrecycling.org> to find plastic bag/film drop-off locations in your area.

For more information on recycling programs or to submit a service request, contact CountyClick 3-1-1 or online at www.countyclick311.com.

Here's what NOT to recycle



- Any grocery, retail or trash plastic bag
- Bread bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Fruit and vegetable bags (fresh/frozen)
- Garden product bags (soil/mulch)
- Newspaper bags

- Outer wrap from paper towel, napkin and diaper packages
- Outer wrap from cases of soda, juice and snacks
- Zipper or stand-up pouches, bubble or cling wrap
- Crinkle bags for cereal, pasta or snack bags
- Outer wrap from meat or cheese products

* Residents can review this list to learn what items are not accepted in recycling program

GREAT BLUE HERONS

COMING TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY



Photo courtesy of the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation.

Coming soon to the intersection of East-West Highway and Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue) in the town of Riverdale Park is a commissioned environmental themed public artwork sculpture by County resident Joanna Blake who owns an art studio in Bladensburg.

Following a competitive process, the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation announced on behalf of the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative with the generous support of the Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council Environmental Art Project that Joanna's sculpture titled 'Great Blue Herons' was chosen to serve as a landmark for the heavily-trafficked intersection. The artwork will greet approximately 61,000 daily visitors and commuters to Riverdale Park and its adjoining municipalities. It will also lead them to the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River, where the sculpture's avian subject can be seen in its natural habitat.

The sculpture concept showcases three herons in flight, with each bird's outstretched wings touching at their tips, akin to the international symbol for recycling, as a rotating weathervane atop a tall base. As the design develops from maquette to sculpture, Joanna will join the Environmental Public Art Project (EPAP) in interactive discussions with community members to guide the artwork's development.

This permanent artwork is expected to be installed by summer 2015, in anticipation of the Riverdale Park Public Art Initiative's (RPPAI) second phase of rotating temporary year-long artworks. The public is invited to view a preliminary maquette of Joanna's artwork as well as the other finalists' proposals at www.hycdc.org/rppai.

The RPPAI is a collaborative program sponsored and enabled by the Town of Riverdale Park. The Initiative is facilitated and implemented by the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC) and in conjunction with the support of the Riverdale Park Arts Council, with additional funding by Councilman Jonathan Ebbeler (Ward 1).

This commission also marks the second EPAP location, following its first commission at 1801 McCormick Drive, Largo, MD. The EPAP is a multi-commission opportunity for addressing environmental issues in Prince George's County, through visual art that inspires both artists and citizens to embrace environmental sensitivities in both creative practice and lifestyle. The Project is run by the Department of the Environment and Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council, with the support of the Art In Public Places Program.

For more information, visit www.hycdc.org/rppai.



EAT FRESH IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Shop at one of the local Farmers' Markets and stock up on local goodies

Bowie Farmers Market

15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie
Bowie HS parking lot
Sun., May 28-October 26, 8 am-noon
Matt Corley: 301-809-3078

Branch Avenue in Bloom Farmers Market

3737 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills
Iverson Mall Parking Lot
Sat., April 19-November 23, 9am-2pm
Fleming Thomas: 301-702-2250

Cheverly Community Market

6401 Forest Road, Cheverly
Alternating Sat., May 31-October 25,
8 am-noon; Holiday Markets November 22
& December 13
Kim Nemire: 646-621-6968
www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com

College Park Farmers Market

5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park
Wells-Linson Swimming Pool parking lot
Sat., May 3-November 22, 7 am-noon
Phil Miller: 301-399-5485

Downtown College Park Farmers Market

4500 Knox Road, College Park
Sun., April 27-November 23, 10 am-2 pm
Michael Stiefvater: 301-399-5485
www.downtowncollegepark.org

ECO City Farms

4913 Crittenden Street,
Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
202-643-1805
www.ecoffshoots.org/

The Farmers Market at Maryland

University of Maryland campus
Cole Fieldhouse - Campus Drive entrance
Wed., April 23-November 19,
11 am-3 pm
Robert Schubert: 301-226-4457

Frank & Gail's Farmers Market

378 Main Street, Laurel
Laurie Blitz: 301-483-0838
Thur., June 5-October 30, 9 am-2 pm

Freedom Farmers Market

10905 Livingston Road, Fort Washington
Amina Jones-Law: 301-203-0619
Fri., June 6-October 24, 12pm-7pm

Glenn Dale Farmers Market

Marietta Mansion
5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale
Donny Oluokun: 301-806-0111
Sat., May 3-November 22, 9am-1:30pm

Greenbelt Farmers Market

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
parking lot
101 Centerway, Greenbelt
Sun., May 11-November 23, 10 am-2 pm
Holiday market: December 7
www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org

Hollywood Farmers Market

9803 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park
Janis Opelt: 301-659-6205
Sat., April 12-November 22, 9am-1pm
www.hollywoodmarket.org

Hyattsville Farmers Market

3505 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville
Tue., June 10-October 28, 2-6 pm
Peggy Campanella: 301-627-0977

MedStar Southern MD Hospital Center Farmers Market

7503 Surratts Road, Clinton
Charmaine Smalley: 301-877-4399
Wed., May 21-October 29, 12 pm-4pm

Montpelier Farmers Market

1720 North Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro
Samantha Meinhardt: 410-320-0464
9 am-1pm every Sat., May 3- November 1

Route 1 Farmers Market & Bazaar

4100 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood
Carole Bernard: 301-864-3860
Fri., June 6-November 1, 4 pm-7 pm
Sat., June 6-November 1, 8 am-1 pm

Riverdale Park Farmers Market

Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park
MARC station parking lot
Jim Coleman: 301-586-5973
Thu., April 3-November 20, 3-7 pm

St. Thomas Church Farmers Market

14300 St. Thomas Church Road, Upper
Marlboro
Sat., June 7-September 27, 8 am-12 pm
Jeff Colburn: 301-627-8469
www.stthomascroom.org/

Suitland Farmers Market

Suitland Road & Shadyside Avenue
Tue., May 13 - November 4, 3pm-7pm
Sylvia Quinton: 301-669-0777

USDA (Beltsville) Farmers Market

5601 Sunnyside Ave. (Parking Lot B)
Thur., May 1-October 30, 10 am-2 pm
Carletha McGriff: 301-504-1776

WSSC Farmers Market

WSSC Headquarters
14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel
Wed. & every 3rd Tue., April 30-October 29,
11:30am-3pm
Phyllicia Hatton: 301-910-8076

GREEN BULLETIN

Help the Environment and Help Yourself to Savings

SATURDAY JULY 11 10AM - 2PM
Fairmount Heights Public Library
 5904 Kolb Street
 Fairmount Heights, MD

Want to make your yard or community beautiful and resilient?
 Come learn about County programs that can help you and the environment.

rain check
 TREE ReLEAF
 arbor day every day

Join DoE for lunch as we present our

BROWN BAG FILM FEST

summer series environmental

TAPPED
 FRIDAY, JULY 31
 12PM - 2 PM
 R.S.V.P: THURSDAY, JULY 30
 Examines the role of the bottled water industry and its effects on our health, climate change, pollution, and our reliance on oil.

FED UP
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
 12PM - 2PM
 R.S.V.P: THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
 The film focuses on the causes of obesity in the US, presenting evidence showing that the large quantities of sugar in processed foods are an overlooked root of the problem.

EVENT IS OPEN TO FIRST 60 REGISTRANTS

R.S.V.P. at lmhowe@co.pg.md.us

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FREE ADMISSION

Prince George's County is changing the way we

RECYCLE!

We are #1 in MARYLAND for waste diversion through REDUCTION, REUSE and RECYCLING WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN DO MORE!

RETURN TO SENDER

PLASTIC BAGS ARE NO LONGER BEING ACCEPTED IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN OR CART

"WORK GREEN" EVERYDAY



Throughout the day, there are many opportunities to adopt environmentally-friendly practices into our daily routines. One place that could greatly benefit from our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint is the work place. This month, HR Matters shares a few tips that may be helpful to you and your colleagues as we try to make offices a greener place to work.

CARPOOL OR USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Carpooling will save you money. It allows you to share the cost of gas and parking, cutting your expenses by nearly 50 percent or more. The more occupants in your carpool the more you save! Not only will you save money on gas, but carpooling greatly reduces carbon emissions, which are harmful to the environment and human health. Use the Commuter Connections Cost Calculator at www.commuterconnections.org to figure out the cost of your monthly commute and visit Ride Smart Commuter Solutions at www.ridesmartsolutions.com to explore ridesharing and public transportation options available in Prince George's County.

REDUCE HIDDEN POWER USAGE

As you leave your workspace at the end of your work day, be energy efficient and take a moment to look around your desk to see what nonessential office equipment can be turned off and unplugged. Electric office items such as printers, lamps, radios, computer monitors, cell phone chargers and other office products use hundreds of extra kilowatts of electricity when they are turned off but still plugged into a power outlet.

GO PAPERLESS

Share documents electronically whenever possible. Post them on your company's website for viewing and download. Bring a mobile device (laptop, tablet, smart phone, etc.) to meetings to view presentation materials. If reports or newsletters must be printed, print on both sides of the paper, use single spacing, and choose paper that has the maximum post-consumer content available. Remember...the greenest paper is no paper at all.

DUMP THE DISPOSABLE

Limit the use of disposable items at the workplace. Instead, when possible, use glass or plastic containers that can be washed and used again. Or, use biodegradable and compostable cups, plates, bowls and utensil products.

RECYCLE

Recycling is one of the most efficient ways to green up your workspace. It reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills, conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals, saves energy, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change. Paper, plastic, aluminum, glass, electronics, batteries, ink cartridges can all be recycled! For more information on recycling, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's Recycling Basics online information page.

