



# Down on the Farm

## Fall 2015 Newsletter



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## President’s Message

By Laura Kinnamon, President of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park

For the past couple of months, I have been spending more time at Kinder Farm Park than I have in the past 10-15 years. During this time, I have come to realize how lucky the county is to have such a beautiful resource in our backyard. Kinder Farm Park is beautiful and peaceful, especially in the fall with the leaves changing colors. The park is humming with activity as everyone comes to the park to enjoy the fresh air and scenery. If you have not been to the park lately, take the time to visit and rediscover everything that the park has to offer.

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park have been extremely busy this fall with several large projects. The first project was the Fall Harvest Festival followed by the Zombie 5K Fun Run and the Jingle Bell Hayride rounds out the year. The beautiful weather attracted 20,000+ people to the Fall Harvest Festival. **Michele Rose** and her committee did a wonderful job organizing this event. We have received multiple positive comments about the festival from patrons and vendors alike who were impressed with the level of organization that this event displayed. We were able to give back to the community while promoting the mission of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park.

Thank you to the **Roy Fielder** and the **Educational Committee (Eco-Goat Squad)**. This team does a terrific job of educating the public about the goats and other farm animals. They spend countless hours at the park caring for the animals and even making special appearances at different events.

This year we launched the Corporate sponsorship program with the help of **Eddy Tinnivliogou**. Eddy served as our guide to the business community and provided introductions to a variety of businesses which enabled us to start a successful sponsorship program. A listing of sponsors is begins on [page 2](#). Through this program we brought in \$6,050.00 and close to \$1,000.00 for in-kind donations. We would like to welcome these businesses to the Friends of Kinder Farm Park and we hope that you will visit their stores soon. Our corporate sponsors for 2015 include: **Effective Healthcare LLC, Alexander’s Animal Hospital, Café Mezzanotte, Donut Shack, Padova Technologies, Eastport Clock Company and Park Deli.**

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## President's Message (Cont.)

The Zombie 5K Fun run occurred on October 31, 2015. The committee did a wonderful job of organizing this event and incorporating new members into the planning of this exciting project. This event had over 150 people participate while enjoying a morning run.

Rounding out the year is our favorite holiday project, the Jingle Bell Hayride on Saturday Dec 5th. Lindsay Barranco is in charge of this project. Tickets are on sale on Saturdays and Sundays through November from 10am to 1pm. For more information see the flier on [page 2](#).

Fall is a time of reflecting on what we have accomplished and to start looking ahead to the new year. Looking back on the past year, I am delighted to say that the Friends have successfully achieved several new projects and enjoyed success with our favorite projects. We opened our year with a meet and greet session that brought members together, a picnic to celebrate the Buy-a-Brick program with a Flag Pole dedication, our annual volunteer banquet, Speaker Series, Touch-a-Truck Event, Fall Harvest Festival, Zombie Run and Jingle Bell Hayride. This has been a busy year for the Friends and I am grateful to everyone who came out to support these events by planning, promoting or participating in these events.

I hope you will join us on December 9 at 6:30pm for our annual membership meeting. This meeting will involve the election of officers for 2016 and a planning session for next year. I would like to encourage you to increase your level of involvement with the Friends of Kinder Farm Park by helping to plan one of our projects.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the Friends of Kinder Farm Park.

See you Down on the Farm.

## Corporate Sponsorships

By Laura Kinnamon, President of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park

This past summer, as we started planning for the Zombie Fun Run, a goal was set to involve a few corporate sponsors. This new program was originally intended for the Zombie Run only, but quickly morphed into a corporate sponsorship program covering all three of our major fall events. A special Thank You goes out **to Eddy Tinnivologou of Park Deli**, for assisting with the organization of the program, making introductions to the business community and ordering the banners.

This year, we offered four levels of sponsorships: Elite, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Through this program, we were able to raise \$6,050 from cash donations. These donations supported the Fall Harvest Festival, Zombie 5-K Run, Jingle Bell Hayride plus a few other programs throughout the park. The in-kind donations which we received provided a DJ for the Zombie Run, flowers for the Farm House museum, corn for the corn cannons, paint supplies for the hay wagons etc. We would like to encourage our members to support our corporate sponsors by visiting these local businesses.

### Please welcome and support our 2015 Corporate Sponsors:

#### Elite Level

#### *Effective Integrative Healthcare, LLC*

Dr. Anthony Hardnett  
683 Old Mill Rd. Millersville, MD 21108  
410-729-2200  
[dochardnett@comcast.net](mailto:dochardnett@comcast.net)



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## Corporate Sponsorships (Cont.)

### Silver Level

#### *Alexander Animal Hospital*

Dr. Eric Alexander  
160 Ritchie Hwy. Severna Park, MD 21146  
410-777-8678  
[ericalexanderdvm@gmail.com](mailto:ericalexanderdvm@gmail.com)



#### *Cafe Mezzanotte*

Kosmas Tommie Koukoulis  
760 Ritchie Hwy. Severna Park, MD 21146  
410-647-1100  
[kkoukoulis@cafemezz.com](mailto:kkoukoulis@cafemezz.com)



#### *Donut Shack*

Stacey  
497 Ritchie Hwy. Severna Park, MD 21146  
410-544-0278  
[donutshack@verizon.net](mailto:donutshack@verizon.net)



#### *Padova Technologies*

Keith Fischbach  
797 Cromwell Park Dr. Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
410-768-0110 x 116  
[Keith@padovatech.com](mailto:Keith@padovatech.com)



### Bronze Level

#### *Eastport Clock Company*

Chuck Kinnamon  
704 Severn Ave. Annapolis, MD 21403  
443-333-9558  
[chkinn8421@gmail.com](mailto:chkinn8421@gmail.com)



#### *Park Deli*

Eddy Tinnivologou  
569 Benfield Blvd. Severna Park, MD 21146  
410-544-6665  
[eddysmojo@gmail.com](mailto:eddysmojo@gmail.com)  
**Show your Friends Card here and get a 10% discount**



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## Corporate Sponsorships (Cont.)

### In-Kind Donations

#### *Ready -2-Drive Driving School*

Jason Tillman  
8120 Veterans Hwy. #202 Millersville, MD  
21108  
410-989-2067  
[www.Ready2DriveMD.com](http://www.Ready2DriveMD.com)  
Also provided the DJ for the Zombie Run



#### *Anne Arundel Co. Farm, Lawn and Garden Center*

155 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N.W. Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
410-766-8400  
[aacolawnandgarden@gmail.com](mailto:aacolawnandgarden@gmail.com)

A.A. Co. Farm, Lawn &  
Garden Center LLC



Show your Friends Card here and get  
a 20% discount

#### *Benfield Florist, Ltd.*

569 Benfield Rd. Severna Park, MD 21146  
410-544-6020  
[www.benfieldfloristltd.com](http://www.benfieldfloristltd.com)



#### *Clement Hardware*

500 Ritchie Hwy. Severna Park, MD 21146  
410-647-4611  
[www.clementhardware.com](http://www.clementhardware.com)



## A Record Event!

By Michele Rose, Vice-President Friends of Kinder Farm Park, Chairperson Fall Harvest Festival Committee



At last, Mother Nature finally smiled upon us again! After two years of inclement weather, causing a complete cancellation one year and a partial one last year, we finally had the perfect day for our annual Fall Harvest Festival – a sunny, cool, crisp, fall day - just perfect!

We were joined by 20,000 of our closest friends and community members for a record setting event that raised approximately \$28,000.00! Tireless volunteers and rangers parked 9,000 cars. In spite of our best efforts, there were long lines of traffic impacting the entire area, but once people made it into the park, there was plenty of fun to be had by all ages.

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## A Record Event! (Cont.)

There were games, crafts, demonstrations, exhibits and plenty of food from a variety of vendors, most with no increase in price over the past several years. Some of our new games included ones requiring greater skill, such as the frog toss, wiffle ball toss and ring toss. Larger prizes were offered for those games, as well as the apple slingshot, which had to be halted after a few hours due to an invasion of bees. But it was great fun while it lasted!

As always, there were pony rides and hayrides which gave a scenic tour of the park. The ever popular corn cannon saw non-stop action. Music arose from the Black Oak pavilion with square dancers keeping time. Many new visitors enjoyed touring the newly renovated farmhouse and hearing stories of the Kinder family.

There were many more farm animals present this year thanks to Roy Fielder's Goat Squad. They are some of the real stars of the event.

This year we implemented a new ticket system. While it had a few bumps, it was, overall, quite successful. We have just completed our wrap-up meeting to critique the event and will work to incorporate all comments to improve it for next year. In addition, we are hard at work to offer a credit card system for the future. Our plan was to start it with this event; however, we were unable to complete it in time. Look for it next year!

We would like to thank our sponsors for helping to make this such a great event. They include Effective Integrative Healthcare, LLC, Alexander Animal Hospital, Café Mezzanotte, Donut Shack, Padova Technologies, Eastport Clock Company, Park Deli, Clements Hardware, Benfield Florist and Ready-2-Drive Driving School. Their contributions are greatly appreciated and we hope that you will patronize these businesses whenever possible (see a more details listing on [page 2](#)).



The Fall Harvest Festival is a huge undertaking and it could not be done without a host of volunteers and park staff. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all who helped in planning throughout the year and implementing the actual event, including all of our student volunteers. This could not be done without everyone working together and showing a true community spirit. My personal thanks goes to Ranger Nolley Fisher who has been working with me for several years on this event and is really the backbone of it. Unfortunately, it would take this entire newsletter to thank everyone who played a part in the festival, but you know who you are and that you are, as always, much appreciated.

The Fall Harvest Festival Committee meets monthly starting in March of each year to plan this event. Our next meeting will start on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Visitors Center. We are always looking for new members to give us a new perspective. If you are interested, please contact me at [kfpfriend@verizon.net](mailto:kfpfriend@verizon.net) so that I can add you to our mailing list for meeting notifications. At this time we are seeking a volunteer registrar and a crafts chairperson. Please consider volunteering. After all of the work, it is heartwarming to see the smiles on so many faces as they spend a day with their families enjoying Kinder Farm Park.

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## A Record Event! (Cont.)

Finally, don't forget that we collect clothing year round for our scarecrows. We have some of the best dressed ones ever seen! Donations may be dropped off at the Visitors Center. Leave your contact info if you would like a donation receipt for taxes.

Mark your calendars now for next year when the event will be held on Saturday, October 8th.

## Zombie 5K Fun Run Update

By Laura Kinnamon, President of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park

It was very crisp, clear and chilly October morning with signs of frost on the ground. All was quiet at Kinder Farm Park until .... Zombies started to descend on the park. They came in all styles and even the CDC (Aaron K) made an appearance but alas he did not survive and subcumbed to the Zombie virus. There were 158 brave people who dodged their way around the course to avoid infection by the zombies. Zombies were hiding along the route, having fun and giving runners a run for their efforts. Though they dodged, and ran off course the runners had a blast at our very first Zombie 5K Fun Run. The zombies not to be left out, had fun surprising the runners at those twists and turns and encouraging them to the finish line. It was a great way to start Halloween.

### *Zombies Invade Kinder Farm Park*



Thank you to the Fund-raising committee, Mike Lowman, Michele Rose, Carrie Fielder, Bill Offut, Laurie Kinnamon, Eddy Tinnivlioglou, Alli Oroski for helping to plan this event along with Zakiya Williams, Kristin Roemer, Alyse Bowman and Jason Adams who joined the planning team. Your hard work led to a very successful event.

A special thank you to Laura Miller who created the design for the Zombie Run T-shirts which were given to all the participants, volunteers as well as being used on some of the advertisements for the event.

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to ensure the success of this project. **Jason Tillman** and **Ready 2-Drive** driving school for providing the DJ and the fabulous music for this event. **Effective Integrative Healthcare** was out for this event offering a chance to win a free massage. **Park Deli** provided



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## Zombie 5K Fun Run Update (Cont.)

coupons for participants and volunteers to enjoy a great meal along with gift cards that were used as prizes for the winners. Final appreciation goes to all the businesses that donated prizes for our event including:

- **Park Deli**, Severna Park
- **Massage Envy**, Annapolis, and Severna Park
- **Earth Treks Climbing Center**, Columbia
- **Bruster's Ice Cream**, Severna Park
- **Family Bake Shop**, Crofton
- **Glamour Nails**, Eastport
- **Sage Nutrition Health Center**, Severna Park
- **Potbelly**, Annapolis and Arundel Mills

Thank you for making our very first Zombie 5K Fun Run very successful.

## Seeking Donations

By Michele Rose, Vice-President Friends of Kinder Farm Park, Chairperson Fall Harvest Festival Committee

The Fall Harvest Festival may be over, but it is not forgotten. We are already beginning plans for next year! Please keep the Friends in mind when you are cleaning out your closets before the end of year tax deduction time.

Long sleeve, buttoned shirts, as well as pants or jeans are desperately needed for next year's scarecrows. Items may be dropped off at the Visitors Center between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm during the week, except for Tuesdays when the park is closed. Weekend hours vary, so please call the office first at 410-222-6115.



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you would like a receipt for your donated items, please also leave your contact information so that we can mail you a receipt.

## 2016 Membership Drive

By Jim Rausch, Membership Chairman

The Friends group will begin its annual membership drive in December when renewal letters go out to some 150 families and individuals who are currently Friends of Kinder Farm Park. Those people who renew their membership by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be eligible for a drawing for one free membership along with an annual pass to all of the County's Parks for 2016.

Membership cost will remain the same as it has for many years: \$10 for individuals and \$15 for family memberships. With that comes free hayride tickets for use during 2016; two tickets for individual memberships and four hayride tickets for family memberships. In addition members receive merchant discounts from The Wild Bird Center in Severna Park, the Anne Arundel County Farm, Lawn, and Garden Center in Glen Burnie, Country Feed and Garden in Gambrills, and Park Deli in Severna Park.

Aside from this, there are other significant benefits associated with being a member. First and foremost is the knowledge that you are supporting this great park and its many programs that are so important to the community and the environment. Secondly, you have voting rights for officers and board members and the opportunity to help determine the future of Kinder Farm Park and the kinds of programs and events you would like to see there. You will also receive our quarterly newsletter electronically as well as other important announcements during the year. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining our ranks. As you can see there are many reasons for becoming a "Friend."

The next two pages contain a membership form which can be used to join. If you sign up now, you will be considered a member through 2016.

## Friends of Kinder Farm Park Annual Membership Form

Yes I'd/we'd like to be among the people to join the Friends of Kinder Farm Park.

Please check the appropriate category.

Individual \$ 10.00

Family\* \$ 15.00

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Family Membership includes all individuals living in the same home.**

Leave Blank for Committee

**Make Checks Payable to:** Friends of Kinder Farm Park, Inc:

**Retain a copy for your records.**

**Mail this form to:** Friends of Kinder Farm Park, Inc  
Membership Committee  
1001 Kinder Farm Park Road  
Millersville, Maryland 21108  
Office: (410) 222-6115  
FAX: (410) 222-6117

*The Friends of Kinder Farm Park is a 501(c) charitable organization. All membership contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

**Note: FoKFP Membership does not provide Park Admission.**

### Personal Contact information

**Note: The Friends of Kinder Farm Park endeavor to protect the privacy and contact information of their members. This information is not published and is never provided outside of the Friends, and within the Friends it is used only on a need to know basis.**

*Supply names for all members of family. If last name is supplied only once, we will assume it applies to all. Use additional space of needed.*

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*Individual or 1st Family Member - Title, First, and Last Name*

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*Spouse - Title, First or Full Name*

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*Additional Family Member- Title, First or Full Name*

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*Street Address Line 1*

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*Street Address Line 2*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City / Post Office*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*State Zip Code*

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Day/Eve/Home/Cell) Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Day/Eve/Home/Cell)

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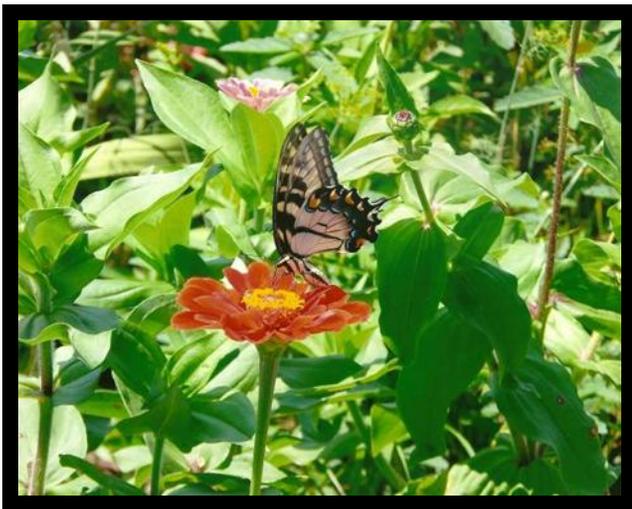
## 2015 Life in the Park Photo Competition Winners



**Fauna 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
*"Eat Mor Sno Kones"* taken by  
Gretchen Madden of Severna Park



**Fauna 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
*"Catching Flies"* taken by  
Wendy Crowe of Glen Burnie



**Flora 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
*"Summer Luvin' "* taken by Michele Amos  
of Edgewater



**Flora 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
*"Fall Leaves in Sunlight"* taken by  
Lonnie Kishiyama of Severn

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## Photo Contest Winners (Cont.)



### People 1<sup>st</sup> Place

*"Enjoying a Kinder Park Sunset with the Family"*  
taken by Patrick Gillespie of Millersville



### People 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

*"Happy People Create Happy Nurturing"*  
taken by Kristine Mase of Crownsville



### Landscape 1<sup>st</sup> Place

*"Fall Reflections - 3"* taken by  
Chris Kamenoff of Annapolis



### Landscape 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

*"Spring is Almost at the Farm"* taken by  
Mary Gallo of Millersville

There were 113 entries in this year's Life in the Park Photo Competition, the most entries ever. If you would like to view all of the entries in the 2015 Life in the Park Photo Competition visit the following links:

- Fauna (17 photos):  
<https://picasaweb.google.com/100004284194493752825/2015LifeInTheParkFauna?authuser=0&feat=directlink>
- Flora:  
<https://picasaweb.google.com/100004284194493752825/2015LifeInTheParkFlora?authuser=0&feat=directlink>
- People:  
<https://picasaweb.google.com/100004284194493752825/2015LifeInTheParkPeople?authuser=0&feat=directlink>
- Landscape:  
<https://picasaweb.google.com/100004284194493752825/2015LifeInTheParkLandscape?authuser=0&feat=directlink>

Eventually all the photos from this and past competitions, along with the announcement for the 2016 Life in the Park Photo Competition will be posted on the Friends website at [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org).

# Jingle Bell Hayride

## Saturday, December 5, 2015

Come join us in the Holiday Fun from 10:00 AM to Noon at Kinder Farm Park!

Enjoy a festive tractor ride, snacks, warm drinks, roast marshmallows, and

**Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus!**

Cost is \$5.00 per person  
(Children 3 and under Free)

Tickets may be purchased at the Kinder Farm Park Visitors Center on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM beginning Sat., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and ending Sun., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> or until tickets are sold out.

Friends Members may use their Free Hayride coupons by registering & trading them in for Jingle Bell Hayride tickets.

**Only a limited number of Hayride tickets are being sold!**

Rain/Blizzard Date for Event is Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 from 10:00 AM - Noon



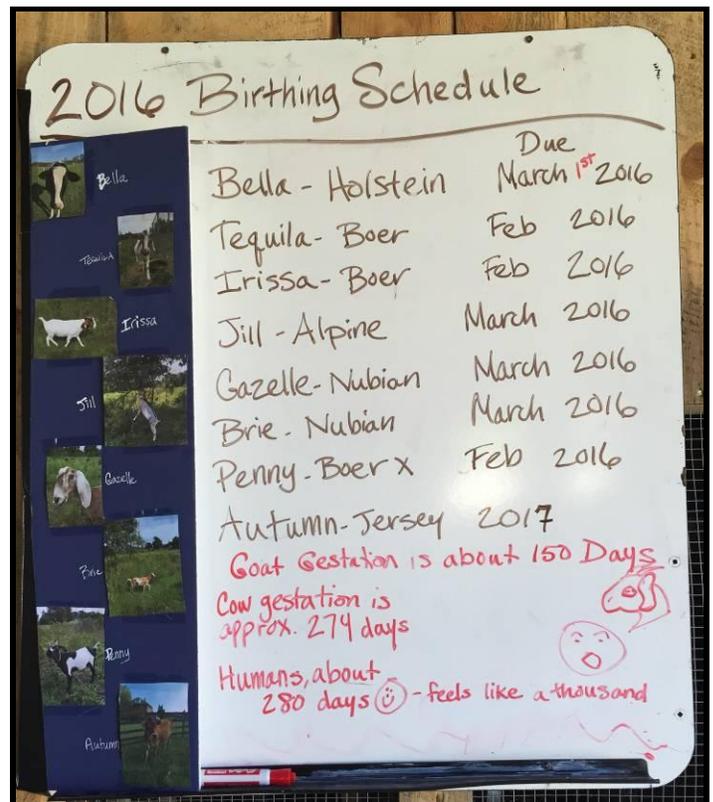
## Greetings from the Goat Squad

By Roy Fielder, Farm Education and Goat Squad Leader

The Fall Harvest Festival was a huge success for our program. We had two main fundraisers; the Apple Sale and the Photo Booth. The apple sale was fun and delicious, and many of our park visitors bought apples to take home. It just isn't fall without a ripe, juicy apple. Our second fundraiser was the photo booth, where we set up a charming fall scene, complete with pumpkins, straw bales, a festive bunting, and all things autumn. Families were invited to sit together on the bench while we used their own phones/cameras to record the scene. This proved to be wildly popular and made more money, even as donations only, than the apple sale. Special thanks to the Garcia family for this project.

All our Goat Squad families worked hard to prepare for and during this event. Some sorted apples for sale, made signs, and whole families brought animals out for park visitors to enjoy. It is so rewarding to see the faces of the children light up when they touch a chicken, goat or turkey for the first time. This is why we love the Goat Squad. We have the privilege of making these animals accessible to the public and teaching them about the livestock in the park.

There will be so much more for our visitors to experience in the spring! We have 3 pregnant Boer goats and 3 pregnant dairy goats. We have a pregnant cow, and soon to be arriving, three pregnant Suffolk sheep. All these beautiful creatures are expected to deliver in early spring, between February and April. Needless to say, we will be hopping and we are very excited to share the joy. We have baby chickens and turkeys getting bigger every day. It is such a delight to see all the park visitors, especially the children, making friends with the animals and learning. They are having so much fun they don't even know they are learning, and that makes education a true pleasure.



## On-Line connections

By Laura Kinnamon, President of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park

The website for the Friends of Kinder Farm Park is currently undergoing an upgrade. Please excuse any missing or broken links as we work to ensure that the website contains up to date information with working links. Thank you to Janice Hendra, Mike Lowman, Chris Mowry and Laurie Kinnamon, for serving as the webmasters. The address for our website is [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org).

You can also find event information on our Facebook page. Please take a few minutes to like our page. We are close to 500 likes on Facebook and I would like to achieve that mark by the end of the year. The link to our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Kinder-Farm-Park-1422811457994680/>

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## Winter and Early Spring Daffodil Chores

Provided by Jill Breen, member of the Chartwell Garden Club  
Tips are taken from an American Daffodil Society publication

October is the best time to plant your daffodil bulbs --- but you can actually plant them any time before the ground freezes --they will just come up later.

### How should I feed my bulbs?

The best time to feed your bulbs is when you plant them. A small amount of fertilizer below the bulb's roots provides needed nourishment. For bulbs that have been in the ground for a year or longer, a sunny day in January or February is the perfect time to broadcast some 5-10-10 over your beds. I use Bulb Tone.



The lower concentration of Nitrogen (the first number) is considered more desirable for daffodils. Diluted liquid fertilizers with a low first number can also be beneficial.

### Should I do anything for foliage which has come up prematurely?

There really isn't much that can be done about foliage which is up too early. Often it will get hit by very low temperatures which will cause it to brown or turn to mush. In most cases additional foliage will grow to give the bulb the energy it needs to produce future blooms. Only on occasion will the bulb be so damaged that it can't recover. If buds are way up you can cover them with a pot to protect them. If a late deep freeze hits when foliage is mature, a fungicide can be sprayed to prevent bulbs from rotting. Consider removing severely damaged foliage before it turns moldy.

### Should I water my bulbs during the winter and/or spring?

The more water daffodils receive during the growing season the better. (From planting until the foliage begins to yellow.) They will be bigger, smoother, and win more ribbons. Advice: Probably the single most important thing you can do to improve your daffodils is to water them when there is less than an inch of rainfall per week. This applies to both the fall and spring. Just beware of watering during freezing conditions.

### Can I do anything to control bulb fly?

If you have noticed grass like foliage where you once had daffodils you probably have bulb fly. Bulb fly grubs look very much like Japanese beetle grubs. They enter a bulb and devour its insides before exiting in the spring. Applying grub control to your daffodil beds in March or April as the flies are pupating in the soil can help to control those that emerge to mate and deposit eggs on daffodil foliage. Two effective active ingredients you will want to look for are imidacloprid and trichlorfon.

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## Chartwell Garden Club

By Cindy O'Connor, Chairperson of the Chartwell Garden Club



The Chartwell Garden Club, which maintains the Kinder Farmhouse Kitchen Garden is open to all and encourages anyone interested in learning more about floral design, horticulture or related topics to join us. We generally meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30am from September to June at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 400 Benfield Road, Severna Park. For more details please contact our Membership Chairman Julie Mann at 410-315-7844 or [jhmann1@verizon.net](mailto:jhmann1@verizon.net).

**Mark Tuesday, March 8, 2016 on your calendar!** And join us for the Chartwell Garden Club's annual bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower

Show. This year the show theme is "Celebrating 100 years of the National Park Service." The cost of the trip is \$80 and includes transportation, show ticket, driver's gratuity and a light snack. The bus departs at 10:00 am from the Millersville Park & Ride (a 2nd stop will be made at Mountain Road Park & Ride at Exit 74 off Rt. I-95N) and departs from Philadelphia at 7:00 pm. Checks should be made out to "Chartwell Garden Club," include your home phone, cell number and sent to:

Donna Sakenes  
55 St. Andrews Road,  
Severna Park, MD 21146.

Additional details can be obtained from:

Donna Sakenes: Phone: 410-987-0643 email: [chloefinster@verizon.net](mailto:chloefinster@verizon.net)  
Shirley Santora: Phone: 410-647-4624 email: [shysanta@verizon.net](mailto:shysanta@verizon.net)

## ATTENTION: FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN!!!

By Janet Clauson, Master Gardner and Chair for the Apprentice Garden Program

Would your family like to learn about growing vegetables by doing?

At the Community Gardens at Kinder Farm Park, the University of Maryland Extension Service Master Gardeners sponsor the Apprentice Garden program dedicated to teaching families with children how to grow their own vegetables organically. During the season, April through September, we meet every Wednesday at 6:30 PM to plant, weed, water, de-bug, fret over, learn much and harvest garden-grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs. We use no-till gardening techniques; no pesticides are applied; and only Leaf-gro and organic fertilizer are used monthly.

The Apprentice Garden can host 8 families who are assigned a personal 3' by 10' garden space to plant their own unique choice of seeds and sets, and they share in the common garden areas where together we plant and share more tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, cucumbers, squash, potatoes, lettuces, and lots more! Plus, we share a strawberry patch and an herb garden.



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## ATTENTION: FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN!!! (Cont.)

Come and peek over the fence – the Apprentice Garden is the first garden as you enter the community gardens from the gate by the Visitor’s Center. You will see that the summer debris has been removed and composted, and a cover crop of winter wheat and clover has been planted. The cover crop will prevent weeds from growing in our planting areas and will help nourish the soil. Newspaper covered with straw covers the pathways and prevents weed growth too.

Planning is underway for the Apprentice Garden for 2016. If you are interested in more information, or would like to join us next year, please contact Janet Clauson ([janetclauson@hotmail.com](mailto:janetclauson@hotmail.com)). Families are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis; University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

## Antique De Laval Cream Separator

*Recently the Historical Society gratefully accepted the donation of an early cream separator by Bo Bjarenkull. The separator is in excellent condition and came with an early small metal advertising sign and a small can that contained lubricant. Mr. Bjarenkull also provided the following information about the cream separator and its inventor. The De Laval Cream Separator will eventually be on display in the Tobacco Barn Museum.*

The continuous cream separator was invented by Dr. Gustaf de Laval (1845-1913). The first model was patented in 1878. In this separator the milk is fed continuously into the machine at the same time that cream and skim milk are also continuously removed through individual spouts. The separation takes place by centrifugal force in a rapidly spinning “bowl” inside which is a stack of conical disks. These disks separate the milk into several parallel passes inside the bowl which greatly increases the throughput of the machine.

In the early days of dairying it was the cream that was the valuable part of the milk as it was used for butter making. The skim milk was often just returned to the animals.

When the De Laval Continuous Cream Separator reached the market it was an immediate success. Small, hand cranked machines were available for on-the-farm use, and larger power driven machines were used in centralized milk processing facilities. This completely revolutionized the dairy industry. The cream separator was what made possible the large scale milk processing plants we have today.

The machine you see here is probably from about 1920. It is a small unit intended for use on a small farm. It has a hand crank, but is built so it can also be used with an electric motor. The throughput of this machine is probably about 40 gallons per hour. As a comparison, it can be mentioned that the largest modern day industrial cream separators can process more than 15,000 gallons per hour.



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## Antique De Laval Cream Separator (Cont.)

Dr. Gustaf de Laval also made other inventions in the dairy field. For instance, he developed several types of automatic milking machines.

Dr. de Laval also made significant inventions in other fields. He was the inventor of the Steam Turbine and the Supersonic Flow Nozzle. This type of nozzle, which is still referred to as a “de Laval Nozzle” is an essential part of modern day rocket engines.

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## Christmas at the Farmhouse

By Michael Lowman, Chairman of the FoKFP Historical Society

The Kinder Family was of German decent and most likely celebrated Christmas in typical German fashion. The following is a description of the German Christmas traditions (excerpted from Holiday Traditions of Germany "Froehliche Weihnachten" at <http://www.worldholidaytraditions.com/Countries/Germany.aspx>):

“According to legend, on Christmas Eve in Germany rivers turn to wine, animals speak to each other, tree blossoms bear fruit, mountains open up to reveal precious gems, and church bells can be heard ringing from the bottom of the sea. Of course, only the pure in heart can witness this Christmas magic. All others must content themselves with traditional German celebrating, of which there is plenty. As a matter of fact, there is so much celebrating that it has to begin on December 6th, St. Nicholas Day.

As in many other European countries, on the eve of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, children place a shoe or boot by the fireplace. During the night, St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, hops from house to house carrying a book of sins in which all of the misdeeds of the children are written. If they have been good, he fills the shoe or boot with delicious holiday edibles. If they have not been good, their shoe is filled with twigs.

December 21st, supposedly the shortest day (longest night) of the year, is dubbed St. Thomas Day. In parts of Germany, whoever wakes up late or arrives late to work on that day is issued the title "Thomas Donkey." They are given a cardboard donkey and are the subject of numerous jokes throughout the day. But this gentle abuse ends deliciously with round, iced currant buns called ‘Thomasplitzchen.’

This is all preliminary to the excitement of Christmas Eve. Prior to the evening feast, is the presentation of the tree. The Christmas tree, as we know it, originated in Germany. It has a mysterious magic for the young because they are not allowed to see it until Christmas Eve. While the children are occupied with another room (usually by Father), Mother brings out the Christmas tree and decorates it with apples, candy, nuts, cookies, cars, trains, angels, tinsel, family treasures and candles or lights. The presents are placed under the tree. Somewhere, close to the bright display are laid brilliantly decorated plates for each family member, loaded with fruits, nuts, marzipan, chocolate and biscuits. When all is ready a bell is rung as a signal for the children to enter this Christmas fantasy room. Carols are sung, sometimes sparklers are lit, the Christmas story is read and gifts are opened.

‘Dickbauch’ means ‘fat stomach’ and is a name given to the Christmas Eve because of the tradition that those who do not eat well on Christmas Eve will be haunted by demons during the night. So the opportunity is given to enjoy dishes such as suckling pig, ‘reisbrei’ (a sweet cinnamon), white sausage, macaroni salad, and many regional dishes.

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## Christmas at the Farmhouse (Cont.)

Christmas Day brings with it a banquet of plump roast goose, ‘Christstollen’ (long loaves of bread bursting with nuts, raisins, citron and dried fruit), ‘Lebkuchen’ (spice bars), marzipan, and ‘Dresden Stollen’ (a moist, heavy bread filled with fruit).”

This Holiday Season, thanks to Jill Breen and the Chartwell Garden Club the Kinder Farmhouse will be decorated in 1930’s German tradition (with a little American flavor). Please drop in for a holiday visit on the following Saturdays:

December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

January 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM





## Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP) 12 Month Calendar

### **December 2015**

- 5 — **Jingle Bell Hayride** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, preregistration required at the park office (call 410-222-6115), rain date: Saturday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 5 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 7 — First Call for Winter 2016 Newsletter articles
- 9 — FoKFP Annual All-Hands Meeting at 6:30 PM in Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 12 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 31 — Renew membership or join the Friends of Kinder Farm Park for 2016 by Dec.31, 2015 and be entered in a drawing to get your membership fee refunded and a 2016 pass to the park

### **January 2016: FoKFP membership fees are due**

To Be Announced: FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meetings for 2016

- 1 — Kick off of the 2016 Life in the Park Photo Competition which will run through December 31, 2016
- 9 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
- 13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall (early membership renewal drawing)
- 20 — 1<sup>st</sup> FoKFP Historical Society Meeting for 2016 at 4:00 PM – location to be announced
- 23 — Deadline for the Winter 2016 Newsletter articles

### **February 2016**

- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 9 — Publish the Winter 2016 *Down on the Farm* Newsletter
- 12 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 17 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM – location to be announced
- 18 — First Call for Spring 2016 Newsletter articles

### **March 2016**

- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 15 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM – location to be announced
- 23 — Kick-off meeting for the 2016 Fall Harvest Festival Committee at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center

### **April 2016**

- 9 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM – location to be announced
- 23 — Deadline for Spring 2016 Newsletter Articles
- 27 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

## **May 2016**

To Be Announced: 1<sup>st</sup> Zombie 5K Fun Run Committee Meetings for 2016

- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 11 — Publish the Spring *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 14 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 18 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM – location to be announced
- 25 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall

## **June 2016**

- 10 — First Call for Summer Newsletter Articles
- 11 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 14 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 15 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM – location to be announced
- 22 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 24 — First Call for Summer 2016 Newsletter articles

## **July 2016**

- 4 — Antique Tractors and 4H Livestock Club participate in the Severna Park Independence Day Parade
- 9 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM – location to be announced
- 26 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 27 — Deadline for Summer 2016 Newsletter articles

## **August 2016**

- 10 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 10 — Publish the Summer *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 13 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 17 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 3:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Conference Room
- 24 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

## **September 2016**

- 10 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 12 — First Call for Fall Newsletter Articles
- 14 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at the Kinder Farm House
- 21 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 28 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

**October 2016**

- 8 — **Kinder Farm Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival** from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- 9 — Fall Harvest Festival Rain Date: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- 26 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Follow-up Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 30 — Deadline for Fall Newsletter articles
- 29 — **Annual Zombie 5K Fun Run**

**November 2016**

- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 9 — Publish the Fall *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 12 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 12 — WWII House Clean-up Inside and Outside from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM or Done
- 18 — Last FoKFP Historical Society Meeting for 2016 at 4:00 PM in the Visitors Center Conference Room

**December 2016**

- 3 — **Jingle Bell Hayride** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, preregistration required at the park office (call 410-222-6115), rain date: Saturday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
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**Of Special Note...**

The custom of trimming and lighting a Christmas tree had its origin in pre-Christian Germany, the tree symbolizing the Garden of Eden. It was called the "Paradise Baum," or tree of Paradise. Gradually, the custom of decorating the tree with cookies, fruit and eventually candles evolved. Other countries soon adapted the custom. Charles Dickens called it "The Pretty German Toy."



## Merchants Discounts to FoKFP Members

With the Holidays fast approaching we wish to encourage you to shop the following vendors that offer the indicated discounts to the Friends of Kinder Farm Park (show membership card):

### **The Wild Bird Center – 20%**

568 Governor Ritchie Highway  
Severna Park Plaza Shopping Center  
Severna Park, MD 21146  
Phone: (410) 647-2453

### **Anne Arundel County Farm and Garden Center (Farmers Co-op) – 10%**

155 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
Phone: (410) 766-8400  
email: [AACOFarmLawnGarden@yahoo.com](mailto:AACOFarmLawnGarden@yahoo.com)

### **Country Feed and Gardens and Pets – 10%**

865 Annapolis Road  
Gambrills, MD 21054  
Phone: (410) 923-0960

### **Park Deli – 10%**

569 Benfield Blvd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146  
Phone: (410) 544-6665  
Website: [www.goparkdeli.com](http://www.goparkdeli.com)

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