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**Superintendent’s Message**

By Brad Hunt, Superintendent of Kinder Farm Park

With the unfortunate cancellation of our Annual Fall festival and the Visitors Center, barns and other buildings remaining closed due to the Pandemic, I am happy to report that the Park has still been popular this time of year. There is still much to see and do.



Fall foliage begins to peak soon and the animals are still easily seen outside in the fields enjoying the fall sun. Take a walk around the park and venture the trails to clear your mind and enjoy some crisp fall air. Make sure you bring your camera as this is the best time to catch interesting wildlife and

Fall/Pre-Winter scenery. Be on the lookout for the last of the Monarch Butterflies migrating south as well as pawpaw and persimmon fruit trees in the Park.

*Photo entitled ‘Fall Mirror’ was taken by George McKeon in 2018 at Bunk’s Pond.*

**Jingle Bell Hayride Replaced with a Food Drive**

As mentioned in the Summer Edition of this newsletter the Friends of Kinder Farm Park were trying to figure out a safe way to hold our annual Jingle Bell Hayride. No matter how we looked at it, there was no way to make it safe for all participants and volunteers. We even thought of replacing it with an evening Holiday-Walk in the park.

However, in keeping with the giving spirit of the holidays, we decided to replace the event this year with a **Jingle Bell Food Drive on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, from Noon - 3:00 PM.** Please bring nonperishable

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## Food Drive (Cont.)

food donations to the Kinder Farm Park Visitors Center and help us fill our Santa Sleigh. All of the donations will go to SPAN (Severna Park Assistance Network).

In addition to nonperishable food, grocery store gift cards will also be accepted. This is a great way to help those in need, here in the community during the holiday season.



## Friends to Begin Its Annual Membership Drive

By Jim Rausch, Membership Chair

In December, the Friends will send out its annual membership renewal letter urging all of our members – Friends of Kinder Farm Park – to renew their memberships for 2021. Membership costs will remain the same again next year –just \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. If you renew before December 31<sup>st</sup>, you will be eligible to win a free membership for the year (we will reimburse you for your fee) and you will receive a free pass for 2021 to all of the County Parks including Ft. Smallwood, Downs, Quiet Waters and Kinder Farm Park.

We urge you to renew early to save us the time and expense of sending subsequent renewal reminders during 2021. Renewing your membership is most important because it demonstrates to County leaders just how much public support there is for our wonderful Park and its Friends group which supports the Park through numerous fundraising activities, fun family events, and many educational programs and projects.



Speaking of the Friends annual activities, you of course are aware that we have had to suspend all of our events and activities this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Because of that, there were literally no opportunities to use your free hayride passes. Therefore, we are extending use of your 2020 hayride tickets through December 2022! That will give you two more full years to use those passes. Plus, when you renew for 2021, you will get additional hayride tickets, also good through December 2022. And of course you will get discounts at several local stores in our area. So, when you receive your renewal notice later this year, please renew and do it early! Stay safe and be sure to visit the Park – it is open for your enjoyment!

## Volunteer for Clean-up at the WWII House

On Saturday, December 12, 2020 there will be a Volunteer clean-up Day at the WWII House starting at 9:00 AM. The objective is to clean-up the leaves and debris around the outside of the house and wagon shelter.

Please wear your mask and bring your own yard work gear (i.e. leaf rake, gloves, leaf blower). To volunteer send an email with the subject, “Clean-up,” and your name to:

[contact@kinderfarmpark.org](mailto:contact@kinderfarmpark.org)

## New Monarch Butterfly Waystation

By Ranger Jessica Furr

Check out the new Kinder Farm Park Monarch Butterfly Waystation. Park

Ranger Jessica Furr has

installed and joined the program to support the migrating Monarch Butterflies. This nationally registered waystation is located in the Wild Flower Meadow at Kinder Farm Park. The Monarch Waystations program provides milkweed, nectar



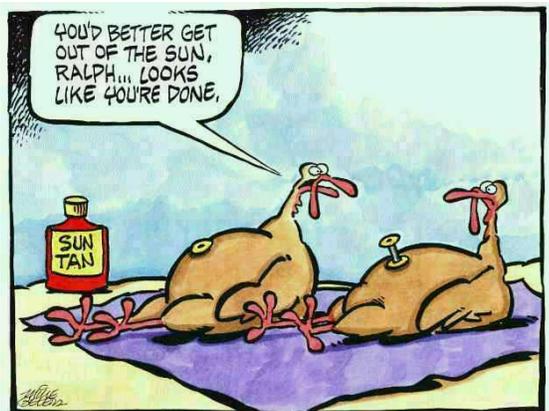
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## Butterfly Waystation (Cont.)

plants and shelter for monarchs throughout their annual cycle of reproduction and migration. This helps assure the continuation of the monarch migration in North America. Kinder Farm has an excellent habitat for our local pollinators including bees, butterflies, birds and many other beneficial insects.



**Fun Fact:** Monarch butterflies travel as much as 100 miles a day during its 3,000-mile migration south. During its migration, each butterfly relies on the huge volume of food it ate when it was a caterpillar for fuel. Monarchs smell with their antennae. Nectar and water are tasted by the sensory hairs on their legs and feet.



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### Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:30 AM-1:00 PM  
Sunday: Closed

## Park Programming is Back

By Ranger Jessica Furr

Park Ranger Furr is leading several interpretation programs. Heart Smart Nature Hike, Ride with a Ranger, Paint in the Park, Pollinators Walks and Nature Escape programming is happening now at Kinder Farm Park. Keep an eye out in the Recreation and Park’s Program Guide for details and upcoming events. The Program Guide is on the A.A.Co. Parks and Recreation website at:

[www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/recreation/program-guide/index.html](http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/recreation/program-guide/index.html)



*Participants helped in releasing several Kinder Farm raised butterflies*

## Turkey Puns

1. What do we call a rude turkey? – It is called a Jerk-Key!
2. Turkeys will never be good baseball players, because they can only hit fowl balls.
3. Do you know what kind of tree turkeys like best? A poul – tree!

## Winter Color

By Rita Custer, Chartwell Garden Club Horticulture Chair

Winter does not have to be a colorless season if you plan now for plants that flower, stay green, produce berries, have colorful bark or interesting shapes, even without leaves. Plant before ground freezes but, who knows when that will happen. Here are some plants to consider.



**Winter flowering jasmine** has yellow flowers beginning in January and continuing into March. This plant has arching branches. The arching branches are graceful but will root and spread if they touch the ground.

If you want the plant to stay in its space, remember to trim those branches



**Hellebores** are green perennials that bloom in winter, are shade tolerant, and have been much hybridized to offer different flower sizes and colors.



**Bergenia** has colorful orange-red winter leaves, is shade tolerant and likes moist conditions.



**Paperback Maple** has cinnamon red peeling bark and slow growth to 20 to 25 feet. It prefers part sun and is disease and insect resistant.

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## Winter Color (Cont.)



**Coral Bark Maple**, 25- 30 feet, turns brilliant red in winter.



**Crape Myrtle** offers colorful winter bark display of red, tan and brown plus bountiful late summer flowers.



**Witch Hazel** is available in many hybrids offering different heights, flower colors, fragrances and bloom times from January to early March.



**Harry Lauder's Walking Stick** is fabulous when its leaves are gone and the curling, contorted branches become visible



**Ackerman Camellias** are hardy hybrids to zero degrees Fahrenheit developed at the National Arboretum. Blooms are pink or white and begin blooming as early as mid-October into winter. They prefer light shade

and protection from wind.



**Nandina** produces clusters of toxic drooping red berries. It is green all year, shade tolerant and disease free. It grows to four feet high and wide.

Unfortunately, Nandina berries are poisonous to birds and other animals, therefore not recommended unless you are going to remove the berries.

Gardening for winter interest is a wonderful way to expand the season.

## Kinder Cemetery Restoration

By Scout Ben Nocerito of Severna Park Boy Scout Troop 993

Kinder Farm Park is a 288-acre park in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. It resides on land that was once owned by the Kinder family, dating as far back as 1898. There is a small family cemetery, located near the Visitors Center within the park, which contains seven graves of family members as well as friends of the Kinder family.

Earlier this year Ben Nocerito of Boy Scout Troop 993 approached the Friends of Kinder Farm Park to discuss and provide a written proposal for his Eagle Project. The following is an excerpt from his write-up, which summarizes the work that would be done:

“This project will restore the grounds in and around the Kinder Farm Park family cemetery. The project will primarily remove the top layer of ground within the family cemetery and replace it with decorative rocks. A weed control fabric will be used beneath the rocks to prevent future weed growth. Additionally, a border will be dug outside the cemetery's fence which will be filled with mulch. Lastly, the existing flower beds within the cemetery will be cleaned up, removing weeds and leaves...”

The write-up included a more detailed description of the work that would be done; a timeline for the project; drawings of the proposed improvements; a listing of labor tools, and materials required; and a cost estimate.

On September 19, 2020, a bright and sunny Saturday, scouts and leaders from Troop 993 converged at the cemetery under Ben Nocerito's supervision to complete the project. The following photos show what they accomplished:



*Condition of cemetery before work began*

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## Cemetery Restoration (Cont.)



*Cleaning out  
old stone  
and weeds*



*Spreading  
new stone*



*Restored  
Kinder  
Cemetery*



*Troop 993 work party*



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## Farm Animal Census

By Jen Plant, Ruth Monroe-Heffner, FoKFP Board Members

There are two groups that care for and maintain the farm animals at Kinder Farm park. The Farm Education Livestock group maintains most of the breeding stock that is present on the farm year round. The 4H Livestock Club raises mostly market animals as club projects to compete at shows and fairs. The 4H acquire a number of their animals directly from the Farm Education Group.

If you ever wondered how many farm animals we have at the park, in August both groups provided the following census information:

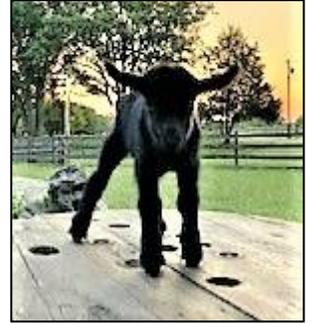
- As of August 16, 2020 the Farm Education Livestock Group has 250 volunteers taking care of:
  - 4 dairy cows
  - 4 beef cows
  - 2 breeding sows (pigs)
  - 2 alpaca
  - 2 breeding ewes (sheep)
  - 3 dairy goats
  - 9 eco goats
  - 17 chickens
  - 5 rabbits
- As of August 31, 2020 the 4H Livestock Club has 40 member taking care of:
  - 7 market pigs
  - 2 breeding meat goats
  - 3 market goats
  - 2 dairy goats
  - 25 chickens
  - 19 Turkeys
- The number of animals being cared for by the 4H Livestock Club on October 28, 2020 after a successful completion of their animal projects was:
  - 2 breeding meat goats
  - 1 dairy goats
  - 25 chickens
  - 17 Turkeys (all the turkeys will be gone in November)



## Farm Animal Births

By Jen Plant, FoKFP Board Member, and Member of the Farm Education Livestock Group

Since the Summer edition of this newsletter was published two of our animals have given birth. The first was our Pygmy goat, Ninja had her first baby, on August 24, 2020, a little girl. Both are doing well.



The next was on September 3, 2020, our sow, Peppa who gave birth to 12 piglets, 7 boys and 5 girls. Mom and babies are doing fantastic.



## Meet Jimbo

By Kristine Mase, Member of the Farm Education Livestock Group



*Liberty Elsaesser feeding Jimbo*

In mid-July, Jimbo, a one-week old short-horn bull calf was brought to the farm by Roy Fielder. Baby Jimbo needed bottle feedings three times a day. Jen Plant took on the responsibility of organizing a feeding schedule. The opportunity to bottle feed Jimbo was given to the Kinder Farm Livestock Education Program volunteers.

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## Meet Jimbo (Cont.)

Over the next 2-months, he was fed three-times a day for 20 days, two-times a day for 30 days, and one-time a day for 10 days. That is 130 feedings by over 40 dedicated and caring volunteers.



Truly, the Livestock Education volunteers optimize cooperation. They pass on the joy of caring for the animals to all those that visit Kinder Farm Park. Jimbo has become quite the celebrity. He is the star attraction when he's taken out for a walk. Precious is the joyful gift of a happy calf's moo and a child's gleeful smile as they pet Jimbo.



Jacob, Tracy and Isaiah  
Mase feed Jimbo

## Coming Soon, a Self- Guided Walking Tour

By Mike Lowman, Historical Society Member

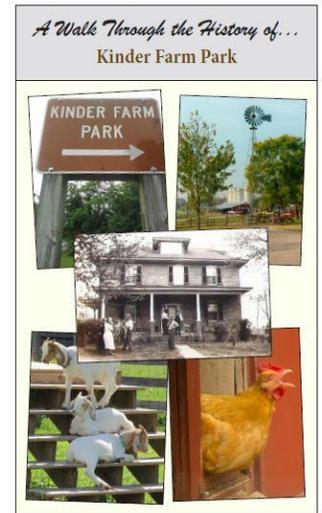
Earlier this year the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society received a grant from the Anne Arundel Arts Council to create a self-guided walking tour of Kinder Farm Park. The funding for the grant was split evenly between the Arts Council and the Friends.

Diane Rausch, the Historical Society Chairperson and Kinder family history expert and Mike

Lowman, another society member worked closely with John Kille from the Arts Council over the past several months to create a booklet entitled *A Walk Through the History of Kinder Farm Park.*

The first six pages provide a brief pictorial history of families that made their homes on what would eventually become Kinder Farm Park. The rest of the booklet provides a self-guided tour that begins at the Visitors Center and finishes at Bunks Pond.

An initial printing of 500 booklets was ordered and should be received by the middle of November. However, since the Visitors Center remains closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, availability will be limited. But, you don't have to wait to enjoy the walk, you can access and print a copy of the booklet by going to our website ([www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org)) selecting *Events* from the menu, and then selecting *Self-Guided Walk*.



## Lost but Not Forgotten

By Mike Lowman, Historical Society Member

In October, Kinder Farm Park lost an opportunity to save a piece of its history that dated back to 1905, almost one hundred and fifteen years ago. The old white, over grown, termite infested, Gustave Kinder House that stood next to the Visitors Center was completely torn down without any notice.

The house was destined to be razed, but over the past year, plans were in the works to save the foundation and some of the fixtures (a door and a couple windows). However, the abrupt manner in

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## Lost but Not Forgotten (Cont.)

which the house was destroyed, did not enable that to happen.

Thanks to the efforts of Brad Hunt, the Park



Superintendent, a couple of hand-hewn beams and ironstone from the foundation were saved.

Fortunately the grant that the Historical Society and the Anne Arundel Art Council is using to create the self-guided walking tour (see page 8), included funding for a sign that will provide a brief history of the house and would have originally stood by the preserved foundation. Now, the sign will stand near the original site of the house and include a nearby shaded picnic area.

The sign should be in place within the next couple of months.

## Buy a Brick and Support the Park

Are you looking for a unique gift for someone special, or a way to memorialize someone, or just want to support Kinder Farm Park in a different way?

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park have an ongoing ‘Buy a Brick’ fundraiser where you can



purchase personalized bricks that are laid in the areas around the flag pole next to the Visitors Center. There are two types of 8X4 bricks offered:

*The Wheatfield*



*The Admiral Red*



You can have up to 15 characters per line (including spaces) on the brick if you select one of the offered clip arts. However, you can have 20 characters per line (including spaces) without the clipart.

For more information and to purchase a brick, visit our website at [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org) and select ‘Support’ from the menu, then select ‘Buy a Brick.’



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# Jingle Bell

# FO♥D DRIVE

**Collecting Non-Perishable food for the  
Severna Park Assistance Network (SPAN)**

**Times: Noon until 3:00 PM**

**WHEN: December 5 and 6, 2020**

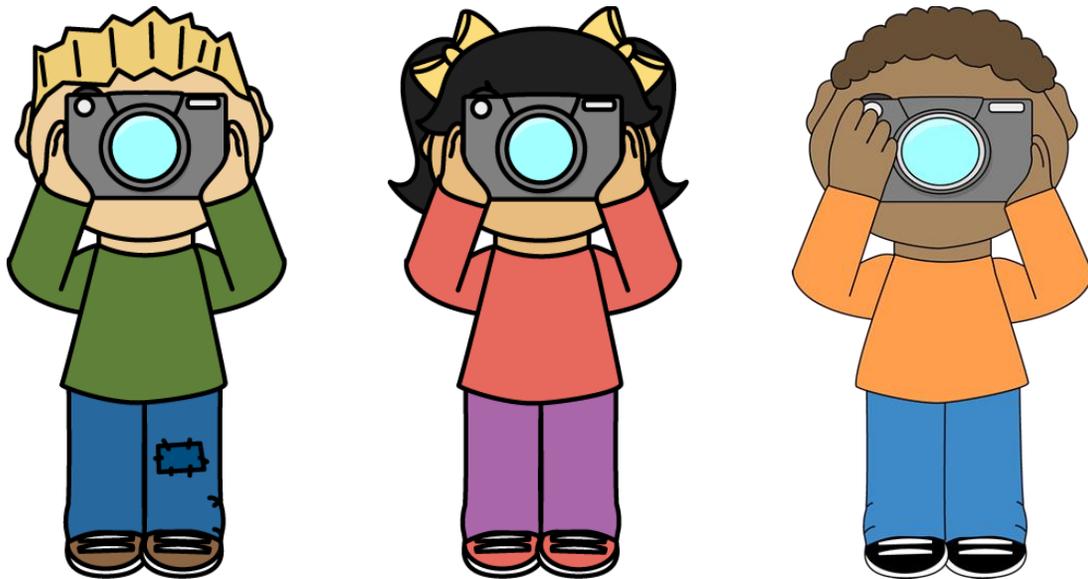
**WHERE: At the Santa Sleigh in front of the  
Kinder Farm Park Visitors Center**

**Help us fill Santa's Sleigh with non-perishable food, canned and packaged goods and gift cards from local food markets; all of which will be shared with those in need right within the local community.**

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park Presents

# Through Young Eyes

## A New Youth Photo Competition



To enter the photographers must be age 13 and under.

**Categories:** Fauna (wildlife & farm animals), Flora (flowers, plants & trees), Landscape (scenery) and People (people activities at the park)

**Prizes:** A \$75 gift card Grand-Prize for best photo entered in contest  
A \$50 gift card First Prize for best photo in each of the four categories  
A \$25 gift card Second Prize for next best photo in each of the four categories

**Deadline:** December 31, 2020

- Photos must be taken after January 1, 2020, within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park and reflect aspects of the beauty and/or life in the park.
- A panel of judges will select winning photos, and winners will be notified by email or phone.
- For competition rules and entry instructions see the back of this flyer.



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# RULES AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. **To enter this competition photographers must be age 13 or under when photo is taken.**
2. The categories for this photo competition are: **Flora** (flowers, trees, plants, etc.); **Fauna** (all animals including fishes, birds, insects, etc.); **Landscape**; and **People** in Kinder Farm Park
3. Photos must be taken within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2020.
4. Participants may submit up to a total of four photos in the competition, in any of the categories, either as digital images or prints in color or black and white.
  - Photographs can be submitted in digital format (preferably JPG).
  - Photographs submitted in print form should be no larger than 8" X 10". Note: Prints will be digitally scanned for judging purposes.
5. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photos entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries.
6. **Each entry must be marked with or accompanied by the following information:**
  - **The photographer's** (parent/guardian's contact info is acceptable as long as photographer's name and age are identified):
    - **Name and mailing address**
    - **Age**
    - **Telephone number**
    - **Email address**
  - **Photograph title**
  - **A description of where and the date the photo was taken**
  - **The category in which each photograph is being entered (only one category per photo)**
  - Notes:
    - Entries will be returned if they lack any of the above requested information.
    - Personal details will only be used for the purpose of administering the competition and will not be published or provided to any third party without your permission.
7. Entries can be submitted in two ways:
  - By email to **photocontest@kinderfarmpark.org** with the subject line of "Through Young Eyes Photo Contest"
  - By mail to:
 

Through Young Eyes Photo Contest  
 1001 Kinder Farm Park Road  
 Millersville, MD 21108
8. **All entries must be received by December 31, 2020.**
9. No entries can be returned, and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organizers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post.
10. All entries will be judged by a panel of judges who will select the best photographs in each category. The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence can be entered into.
11. The Grand-Prize winning photo is ineligible for additional prizes in the category in which it is entered.
12. By entering, participants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.
13. By entering the competition, entrants grant the right for The Friends of Kinder Farm Park to display the photographs at Kinder Farm Park; publish and exhibit the submitted photographs in print and on the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website.

# The Friends of Kinder Farm Park

# 2020 Life in the Park

# Photo Competition



**To enter the photographer must be age 14 and over.**

**Categories:** Flora, Fauna, Landscapes and People

**Prizes:** \$100 Gift Card Grand Prize to best overall entry in contest  
\$50 Gift Card to 1<sup>st</sup> place in each category  
A 2021 Pass to the Park for 2nd place in each category

**Deadline:** December 31, 2020

- Photos must be taken after January 1, 2020, within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park and reflect aspects of the beauty and/or life in the park
- A panel of judges will select winning photos from each category, and winners will be notified by email or phone
- For competition rules and entry instructions see the back of this flyer



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  - Photographs can be submitted in digital format (preferably JPG.).
  - Photographs submitted in print form should be no larger than 8" X 10". Note: Prints will be digitally scanned for judging purposes.
5. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography, contest entries will not be accepted from professional photographers.
6. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photos entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries.
7. **Each entry must be marked with or accompanied by the following information:**
  - **The photographer's:**
    - **Name and address**
    - **Telephone number**
    - **Email address**
  - **Photograph title**
  - **A description of where and the date the photo was taken**
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  - By mail to:

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1001 Kinder Farm Park Road  
Millersville, MD 21108
9. **All entries must be received by December 31, 2020.**
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## Friends of Kinder Farm Park 12 Month Calendar

Normally this is where a copy of the Friends calendar would appear however until schedules become less tentative, please see the latest calendar on our website at [www.kinderfarmpark.org/calendar.html](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/calendar.html)

### Business Community Support

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park would like to encourage our members and friends to support all the businesses and organizations featured in this publication to show appreciation for the various types of support provided to our organization and Kinder Farm Park. In addition to the advertisements from:

- Alexander’s Animal Hospital on *page 3*
- Dr. Brian Vaile P.A. on *page 6*

The following businesses offer a discount on your purchases with your Friends of Kinder Farm Park membership card:

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

478 Jumpers Hole Rd  
Severna Park, MD 21146  
Website: [aalawnandgarden.com](http://aalawnandgarden.com)

**Must show your Friends Membership Card here and get a 10% discount**

#### ***The Wild Bird Center***

568 Governor Ritchie Hwy.  
Severna Park Plaza Shopping Plaza  
Severna Park, MD 21146  
Phone: 410-647-2453

Website: [www.wildbird.com/severnapark](http://www.wildbird.com/severnapark)

**Must show your Friends Membership Card here and get 20% off large bags of Bird Seed or 10% off other purchases**

#### ***Gambrills General Store***

865 Annapolis Rd.  
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Visit on Facebook

**Must show your Friends Membership Card here and get a 10% discount on most items excluding feed**

### Become a Sponsor

There are many ways your business can sponsor the Friends of Kinder Farm Park events and activities. To request an information packet with a Sponsorship application, email:

[sponsorship@kinderfarmpark.org](mailto:sponsorship@kinderfarmpark.org)

Specify a Subject of "Sponsorship Packet Request" and provide the following information:

- Business Name
- Business Address
- Business Phone
- Contact Name
- Contact Email

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*The Friends of Kinder Farm Park Officers and Board wish that all our members and readers have Safe and Happy Holidays, and a Joyful New Year.*



**Down on the Farm is a quarterly  
publication of the Friends of  
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