



Down on the Farm

Summer 2017 Newsletter



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2017: A Look Back

By Mike Lowman, FoKFP Vice President

Here we are just over half way into the year and the Friends of Kinder Farm Park along with the support of countless volunteers, the park staff, and the A.A.Co Department of Recreation and Parks have sponsored and supported a large number of activities and projects at the park that help make such a unique place with something for everyone.

On the second Saturday of January the Kinder Farmhouse opened as it has done every second Saturday since. FoKFP Historical Society docents have hosted hundreds of folks as they toured this restored home and learn about the history of the Kinder family and farm.

At the February Friends meeting we featured a presentation by Diane Rausch entitled “Three Generations of Kinder Farming,” as part of our Speakers Series. The second presentation for this year was at our April meeting by Alan and Sue Young on “Birds of Kinder Farm Park.

In April the Friends held their first Annual Easter Egg Hunt which was great fun for the whole family. We put out about 3,000 plastic eggs for the event.

The early part of the year was very busy for the 4H Livestock Club and Farm Education Livestock Group as they prepared for and supported the many farm animals born at the park. Everyone had a chance to see and welcome the newborns at our annual “Meet the Kids Day” at the end of April.

In May the Friends and the Kinder Farm Park Staff honored our volunteers with a Breakfast Buffet in Black Oak Pavilion.

The Historical Society opened the Kinder Farm house for two special events at the park. The first was in May for the “Aging Out Loud” event, sponsored by the A.A.Co. Department of Aging. The second was in June for the for a National Trails Day event, sponsored by the Freestate Happy Wanderers.

And while all these things were happening, the Friends are planning for the rest of the year. Check out our yearly calendar on page 9 or visit the Friends’ website at www.kinderfarmpark.org.

Fall Harvest Festival on Oct. 14th

By Mike Lowman, FoKFP Vice President



Circle Saturday October 14th on your calendar, that is the date for the annual Kinder Farm Park Fall Harvest Festival which will start at 10:00 AM and run until 4:00 PM. The festival is a day full of fun and good food for the whole family. Gate fees are suspended for the day and costs for games, crafts and food are very reasonable. There will also be a number of vendors offering a variety of items.

This is the Friends of Kinder Farm Parks biggest fundraiser of the year and proceeds go directly back into supporting Kinder Farm Park through educational programs, family activities, events; and other special park projects.

Volunteers Needed, Signup Online

It takes about 400 hundred volunteers to put on the Fall Harvest Festival. Volunteering is a great way to give back to this wonderful place that you enjoy throughout the year. Students can get credit for community service. You can volunteer online at:

www.kinderfarmpark.org/vols.html

We accept students (grade 7 through college) and adults for shifts that run 4-8 hours.

Turkeys!!

By Ben Eisinger, Member KFP 4H Livestock Club

On July 22, 2017, five new arrivals were welcomed to Kinder Farm Park by the 4-H Livestock Club. Who were these newcomers? Were they goats? No.

Pigs? No. Cows? No...they were turkeys! These Bourbon Red turkeys were quick to settle into their new home, which they share with six other, currently smaller turkeys, and they have made a good addition to the park.



Newest arrivals!

For those who don't know much about these birds other than they make a great Thanksgiving Dinner, here are some interesting facts about turkeys:

- The wishbones of turkeys have had a more scientific significance than just being a fun thing to snap on Thanksgiving. Research has found that this one bone dates back 150 million years ago, within the family of the T.Rex and Velociraptor. This would appear to indicate that the turkey is made of tougher stuff than just its meat.
- Benjamin Franklin never proposed the turkey as the national bird, but claimed in a letter that it was a more noble bird than the bald eagle.
- Turkeys are almost impossible to sneak up on, as they have 360° vision. This made hunting them very difficult in Native American and Colonial times.
- It may not seem possible with their build, but wild turkeys sleep perched in trees to avoid predators.
- Only male turkeys make the famous 'gobble' sound. For this reason, the males are called 'gobblers' and the females 'hens.'
- Wild turkeys are capable of flight, and can reach speeds of up to 55 mph! This can be a nuisance for people attempting to remove these 'pests' from their property. Domestic turkeys are often unable to fly as the result of selective breeding, which makes them significantly heavier.

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Turkeys!! (Cont.)

- Turkeys have stones in their second stomach, or gizzard, called gastroliths, that the bird has previously swallowed. They help with the turkey’s digestive system.

The next time you’re at the park make sure you stop by to see the new residents in the turkey coop. Also, please remember that these birds as well as many of the other 4H project animals from Kinder Farm Park will be shown at the Anne Arundel County Fair in Crownsville from September 13th – 17th. I encourage you to come out to the fair and see the animals in the show ring and to find out which ones take home a blue ribbon or win Best-In-Show!



Ben Eisinger holds one of the new turkeys

Farm Education Livestock Team Report

By Roy Fielder, Leader of the FokFP Farm Education Committee

The FOKFP Farm Education Livestock Team has been weathering the heat along with all the animals. The summer heat can be as bad, or even worse than the cold for some of our animals. Flies, parasites, and bees are just some of the joys of summer.

We hope to breed our sheep starting mid-August for January babies and



our goats will breed from now until Christmas. Our pig Dot should give birth around September 10th if everything worked as planned. Bella the big Holstein should calve in October sometime.

We also hope to finish our new pasture-goat field in the next month.

Zombie 5K Fun Run 3

By Laura Kinnamon, Chairperson Zombie 5K Fun Run

The epidemic is returning to Severna Park, Zombies are starting to spread through the East Coast. The virus is expected to hit Severna Park on October 28th. Will you be able to outrun the



zombies and make it across the finish line? The run will start at 10:00 am with check-in starting at 9:00 am. Registration is now open at the following link <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?eid=5139>

All runners who complete the course will receive a survivor’s medal; race t-shirt and the antidote to the virus. We will have medals for the first and second place finishers in each age group.

For all the non-runner’s we could use some Zombies and human volunteers the day of the event. Please register at the link above.

Race Pricing

Runners Teams of 4, 5, or 6 people will receive a \$5.00 discount when tickets are purchased together and before October 22, 2017:

Runner’s cost will be:

\$30.00 until September 30, 2017

\$40.00 until October 23, 2017

\$50 after October 23, 2017 thru Race Day unless sold out

Zombie’s cost: \$20 until Race Day unless sold out

Note: T-shirt size is not guaranteed after September 30, 2017

Single Parenting Self Care: Why Gardening Is the Perfect Outlet To Improve Your Well-Being

By Maria Cannon

Gardening is a popular activity at Kinder Farm Park and Maria tells us why it is more than just a hobby



[Image via [Pixabay](#)]

Being a single parent is a tough job that often leaves little time for self care. Between work, commitments with the kids, and a lengthy to-do list, working on your overall physical and mental health often gets pushed to the side. It may not be easy to commit to taking a class at the gym or heading outdoors for a run, but gardening can achieve similar health results and may be easier to build into your busy life.

Gardening is a great outlet for building your physical health

Why focus on gardening in order to improve your health? Many people think that exercise has to be intense to be effective, but gardening covers many bases and touts numerous benefits that running on a treadmill may not. For example, Next Avenue details that [gardening](#) provides moderate cardiovascular exercise and can provide a calorie burn similar to many other traditional exercises.

Gardening for 30 to 45 minutes a day, three to five days a week, can provide a significant improvement to both your physical and mental health. Of course,

busy single parents may not be able to commit to gardening to that extent. Luckily, there are health benefits that come from shorter and less frequent gardening efforts as well.

Not only does gardening help you become more physically fit, but it can also help to improve your sleep and lower your risk for diabetes and osteoporosis. The process of gardening hits multiple muscle groups so in addition to getting some cardiovascular exercise, you are building strength too.

Single parents often struggle with depression and anxiety

REALfarmacy explains that this hobby provides significant benefits when it comes to [mental health](#) too. It comes as no surprise that single parents often struggle with anxiety, depression, and even [addiction](#) as they try to raise their children on their own and keep up with everything else on the home and work fronts. It is rarely easy to step back and take time for self care, as there always seems to be something for someone else that needs to be done.

However, gardening may be the perfect activity to embrace in situations like this. Even if you don't have a lot of yard space to work with, Sunset explains that you can [build a garden](#) in a small space or even on a balcony or deck. Container gardening, raised garden beds, or vertical gardening are options for many families short on outdoor space and these designs still provide the great health benefits that come from maintaining a garden.

Depression is a challenge many adults face, but as Theravive notes, [single parents](#) may be more likely to experience depression or other mental health issues that are closely connected to stress and anxiety. It can be hard to handle relationships, finances, home upkeep, work, and the needs from children, and these varied demands often collide to produce a lot of stress.

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Single Parenting Self Care (Cont.)

Gardening provides a great excuse to build in time for self care. Self care is critical for single parents and gardening can do the trick. The Washington Post points out, that practicing [self care](#) is not selfish, as it helps not only the single parent in the household, but the kids in the family too. A parent who is healthy both physically and mentally will be better able to build a happy life for the entire family, so scheduling time to take care of yourself is critical and necessary.

If the concept of making time for self care is left open-ended, it is easy to not find the time at all. When a single parent starts gardening as a way to practice self care; however, making the time won't feel like a frivolous, optional choice. Gardening can be as complex or simple as a single parent needs it to be and it can provide significant opportunities to improve both your physical well-being and mental health. Single parents may struggle to keep up with everything on their plate, but gardening will be well worth the effort in the long run.

Kinder Farm Disc Golf Club Annual Fundraiser & Summer News!

By: Mike Peyton KFDGC board member.

The KFDGC will host its 2nd annual fundraiser named the “Kinder Lickin’ Good” Fundraiser Tournament. This event will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2017. The club has specifically tailored this event to the beginner and amateur players with



lots of prizes and fun to be had for all. A brief demonstration will be provided, if needed, prior to the start of the tournament. Last year we raised over \$2000 for the

course and we hope to raise even more this time. All proceeds will go directly towards the installation of concrete tee-pads. For more information, and to pre-register for the tournament, please visit www.kfdgc.org.

Kinder Farm Disc Golf Club was well represented at the Pennsylvania Amateur Disc Golf Championships. Six Kinder locals made the trip, with rising star James Manlapaz recording his second PDGA sanctioned victory. All his practice is starting to pay off. There is nothing like hoisting the trophy after a long hot day of competitive disc golf!



Thanks to everyone who has donated time, money, or both! Because of you the club has been able to install tee-signs on each hole. The new signs include a map of the

hole, the distances from each tee-pad to each different pin-position, the recommended par for the hole, and room for hole sponsorship signs to be added. Many thanks go to Neil Thompson (Club President) and Eric Hulburt (board member), and the other volunteers, for their efforts designing and installing the new signs.

Cattle Check

In the Winter 2017 edition of *Down on the Farm*, the article entitled, “Three Generations Kinder Farming: Part 1” stated that the Kinders raised Holstein cattle, but in fact they raised a mixed herd of Hereford and Black Angus cattle.



Bird Walks

By Alan Young, Anne Arundel
Bird Club Member



Join Anne Arundel Bird Club members Sue and Alan Young as they walk through much of Kinder Farm Park, observing birds and their behavior. Walks are scheduled September 2nd, November 4th, and December 2nd. The walks begin at 7:30 am and usually last 2-3 hours, though participants may depart at any time as needed. Meet at the first parking lot at the end of Gali Sanchez Way. All ages, and children especially are welcome (no dogs). Bring binoculars if you have them, but they are not necessary. The walk is cancelled if it rains. Contact leaders, Sue and Alan Young, at alanmyoung@gmail.com if weather iffy.

The Freestate Happy Wanderers

By Bill Hassell, Member Freestate Happy Wanderers

The Freestate Happy Wanderers is a non-profit walking club of 150+ members which stages walking events with the air of fun, fitness, and friendship through non-competitive walking events for everyone. Organized in 1983, and based in Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, their events are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Walking (volksmarch) events are typically a non-competitive 6.2-mile (10-kilometer) trail and a shorter 3.1-mile (5-kilometer) trail option. It's not a pledge walk, it's not a race, it's a fun activity you do with a club member, with your family, with your pet, or all by yourself.

Walks are schedule on weekends several times a year, this year we had a walk on June 3, 2017 National Trails Day at Kinder Farm Park. We also sponsor 15 walking trails across Maryland that you can walk anytime you chose. Everyone is welcome.

Bill Hassell featured Speaker on

Wed, 9 Aug 2017 at 7:00 PM

Bill Hassell will be the speaker on Wednesday, August 9th for the Friends' third Speakers Series presentation of the year at 7:00 PM in the Harvest

Hall. The topic of Volksmarching and what it offers in the way of recreation, fitness and travel.

Bill and his wife Linda have walked 1,600 (10-km trails) volksmarch events. They have walked in all fifty states, 48 state capital cities and 27 foreign countries. They started volksmarching in 1986. Their first walk was in Savage Park, Maryland. The second walk sold them on volksmarching because it was something they could do as a couple.

Bill and Linda have been very active in the sport. They have served as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Event Committee Chairman and have sponsored volksmarches here at Kinder Farm Park. They have met many interesting people and visited many amazing places on foot.

Special Thank You

By Mike Lowman, Member FoKFP Historical Society

On behalf of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society, I was proud to accept a generous donation to the Kinder Farmhouse from the Freestate Happy Wanderers presented by Bob Wolfe and Bill Brabant at our June 3rd farmhouse opening for their National Trails Day event.



RIDING LAWN MOWER \$1,500

Riding mower for sale, mows the tall grass with ease, doesn't need gas, has a fertilizer attached to rear.



Apprentice Garden, Summer 2017

By Janet Clauson, Master Gardener and Apprentice Garden Chairperson

The Apprentice Garden at Kinder Farm Park is a program organized by the University of Maryland Extension Service Master Gardeners. It occupies two of the community garden spaces and is dedicated to teaching families with children to grow their own produce organically.



Each family has a personal garden space and everyone shares in the common garden areas. From April through September, master gardeners and the families meet every Wednesday at 6:30PM to plant, weed, water, de-bug, fret over, learn much and harvest their own garden-grown vegetables, fruits and herbs.

For this season's plantings, no-till gardening techniques were used; no pesticides or herbicides are applied; and only Leaf-gro and organic fertilizer are used monthly.

Planting began with cool weather crops in April, including potatoes, lettuces, kale, spinach and cauliflower. Families added their own choices in their personal plots (plots are 42" by 8'). A seed-starting workshop was held in late April and home-grown seedlings were planted in early May, including beans, peas, zucchini, and yellow squash.

Late in May, after the cool and rainy weather, a variety of tomatoes and peppers were planted, along with



sunflower seeds. Black-eyed Susan "weeds" were transplanted from inside the garden to a strip just outside the south side edge of the garden, and a strip of zinnias was planted from seed on the north side. The flowers attract pollinators to the garden.

Also in May, the families enjoyed a mini-Strawberry festival. The children cut up strawberries and made desserts for their families and themselves.

In June planting-out the garden was completed, organic fertilizer applied, and a work party was held to lay newspaper on all the pathways, covered with straw. The newspaper/straw will prevent weed growth, and will decay in time.

In July, we again fertilized the gardens using organic fertilizer. In the coming weeks, we will be digging potatoes – always a surprise and treat for the children since they cannot see the potatoes develop and grow underground.

In addition, this month we took a field trip to Hancock's Resolution in Pasadena to visit Master Gardener projects there, including a visit to the beehives, with a presentation by the master gardener bee-keepers, and toured the colonial kitchen garden. In that garden, the children learned about plants and herbs that would be found in an 18th century garden, and dug up potatoes, and turnips.

Coming up in July will be visits to two master Gardener projects at Kinder Farm Park: the Woodland Garden, and the Pollinator Garden. At Kinder Farm Park there are a number of Master Gardener projects - Check them out!

You are welcome to stop by the Apprentice Garden any Wednesday and bring your questions. For more information about the Apprentice Garden, email Janet Clauson at janetclauson301@gmail.com.

Chartwell Garden Club: Timely Tips from Horticulture

By Rita Custer, Chairperson Chartwell Garden Club

The spring garden was exceptionally beautiful this year. In spite of extreme weather including heavy rain and wind, huge temperature changes and an April freeze the garden was spectacular. Dogwoods were fabulous. After many years of anthracnose and rusts, the native dogwoods were full of blooms.

Azaleas were also impressive this year. Please remember that the season for yearly pruning of azaleas is over. To protect next year's flowering, pruning for size and shape should be finished by July 4th. Pruning for damage should be done as soon as it occurs. Do not shear azaleas. Over time shearing will destroy the healthy body of the plant leaving a thin layer of green on top and few flowers.

Another staple of the garden is the hydrangea. Correct pruning is a mystery for many since it requires the gardener to know what type of hydrangea needs to be pruned. The native arborescens and its cultivars such as Annabelle blooms on new wood. The plant can be pruned late winter/early spring to 10-12 inches above ground to control size or not pruned at all. Hydrangea macrophylla blooms on old wood and should be pruned lightly after blooming or not at all. Also on an older established bush, 2 or 3 canes can be removed at the base. Oak leaf hydrangea/Quercifolia needs only pruning for size and shape as does hydrangea paniculata. Fertilize with balanced fertilizer in spring.



Annabelle Hydrangea



Oak Leaf Hydrangea

Another problem is becoming more worrisome every day. The intensely invasive and destructive bitter sweet vine is showing up everywhere in gardens that never had the problem before. Learn to identify it by its bright orange root and slightly wavy, somewhat heart shape leaf with a serrated edge. Pull it out by the root before it takes over smothering everything in your garden.



Invasive Bittersweet Vine

Pig Misunderstanding

Howard County Police officers still write their reports by hand, and the data is entered later by a computer tech into their database. One theft report stated that a farmer had lost 2,025 pigs. Thinking that to be an error, the tech called the farmer directly.

"Is it true Mr. (Smith) that you lost 2,025 pigs?" she asked.



"Yeth." lisped the farmer.

Being a Howard County girl herself, the tech entered: "Subject lost 2 sows and 25 pigs."



Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP)

12 Month Calendar

August 2017 (rev. A)

August 2017

- 3— Publish the Summer 2017 *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 9 — FoKFP short business meeting from 6:00 - 6:45 PM in the Visitors Center Conference Room prior to the Speakers Series
- 9 — Speakers Series at 7:00 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall - Topic: Amazing Walks
Speaker: Bill Hassell, Active member of the Freestate Happy Wanderers has participated in thousands of Volks March events that have taken him and his wife Linda to amazing places. \$5 donation for non-members
- 12 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 15 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 23 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 27 — The Kinder Finger Lickin' Good Fundraiser Disc Golf Tournament, visit www.kfdgc.org for details

September 2017

- 2 — Bird Walk, all ages welcome, meets at 7:30 AM from the parking lot at the end of Gali Sanchez Way. Walks are in fair weather only, last 2-3 hours, and are mostly off-trail on grassy paths. Contact the leaders, Sue and Alan Young at alanmyoung@gmail.com with any questions or if weather is iffy.

September 2017 (Cont.)

- 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
- 19 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 21 — Jingle Bell Hayride Committee meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Conference Room
- 27 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 27 — First Call for Fall Newsletter Articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

October 2017

- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 14 — **Kinder Farm Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival**, details to follow
- 17 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 19 — Jingle Bell Hayride Planning Meeting at 6:30 in the Visitor Center Conference Room
- 21 — The Kinder Krusher PDGA C Tier Disc Golf Tournament, for more information visit www.kfdgc.org
- 25 — Deadline for Fall Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

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October 2017 (Cont.)

- 25 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Follow-up Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 28—Annual Zombie 5K Fun Run from 8:00 AM - Noon, Warning: An epidemic is coming to Kinder Farm Park! The Zombie Infection is spreading and is expected to reach the park before Halloween. Runners must make it through the Zombie infested trail to the "Drop Dead Zone." For all the gory details and to register visit www.kinderfarmpark.org and www.UltraSignUp.com

November 2017

- TBA — Jingle Bell Hayride Tickets go on Sale
- 3 — Publish the Fall 2017 Down on the Farm newsletter
- 4 — Bird Walk, all ages welcome, meets at 7:30 AM from the parking lot at the end of Gali Sanchez Way. Walks are in fair weather only, last 2-3 hours, and are mostly off-trail on grassy paths. Contact the leaders, Sue and Alan Young at alanmyoung@gmail.com with any questions or if weather is iffy.
- 8 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 11 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 15 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 16 — Jingle Bell Hayride Planning Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Conference Room
- 21 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM

December 2017

- 2 — Bird Walk, all ages welcome, meets at 7:30 AM from the parking lot at the end of Gali Sanchez Way. Walks are in fair weather only, last 2-3 hours, and are mostly off-trail on grassy paths. Contact the leaders, Sue and Alan Young at alanmyoung@gmail.com with any questions or if weather is iffy.
- 2 — **Jingle Bell Hayride** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, preregistration required, rain date: Saturday Dec. 9th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 2 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 9 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 10 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 13 — FoKFP Annual All-Hands Meeting at 6:30 PM in Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 19 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 31 — Deadline for entries in the 2017 Life in the Park Photo Competition.
- 31 — Renew membership or join the Friends of Kinder Farm Park for 2018 by Dec. 31 and be entered in a drawing to get your membership fee refunded and a 2018 pass to the park.

January 2018: FoKFP Membership Fees**due**

- 3 — First Call for Winter 2018 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 10 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall (early membership renewal drawing)

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January 2018 (Cont.)

- 13 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 16 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 17 — First FoKFP Historical Society Meeting for 2018 at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 24 — Deadline for the Winter 2018 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

February 2018

- 3 — Publish Winter edition of *Down on the Farm newsletter*
- 10 — 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 (early membership renewal drawing)
- 20 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 21 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

March 2018**TBA — FoKFP Easter Egg Hunt**

- 10 — 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
- 16 — First Call for Spring 2018 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 20 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 21 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 28 — Kick-off meeting 2018 Fall Harvest Festival Committee at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center

April 2018**TBA — Meet the Kids**

- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 14 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 17 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 18 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 23 — Deadline for Spring 2018 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 25 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

May 2018**TBA — FoKFP Volunteer Picnic (attendance by invitation only)**

- 3 — Publish the Spring 2018 *Down on the Farm newsletter*
- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 12 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 15 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 24 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall

June 2018

- 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
- 19 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM

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June 2018 (Cont.)

- 20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 22 — First Call for the Summer 2018 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

July 2018

- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 14 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

July 2018 (Cont.)

- 17 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 18 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 25 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 22 — Deadline for Summer 2018 Newsletter articles (email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net)





AUG. 9, 2017 – 7:00 PM **VOLKSMARCHING AND** **WHAT IT OFFERS**

Please join us to hear Bill Hassell, a longtime member of the Freestate Happy Wanderers, speak about he and his wife Linda’s volksmarching over 1600 trails in all 50 states and in 27 different countries

The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm, August 9, 2017 in the Kinder Farm Park Visitors Center Harvest Hall.

Please email Rich Tambascio (rmtambascio@verizon.net) with the number of members/guests who plan to attend. For questions, please call 410-991-8596.



**THE FRIENDS OF
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PARK (FoKFP)
PRESENTS:

Bill Hassell
speaking on:
Volksmarching
and What it
Offers”**

**FREE ADMISSION
for Members;
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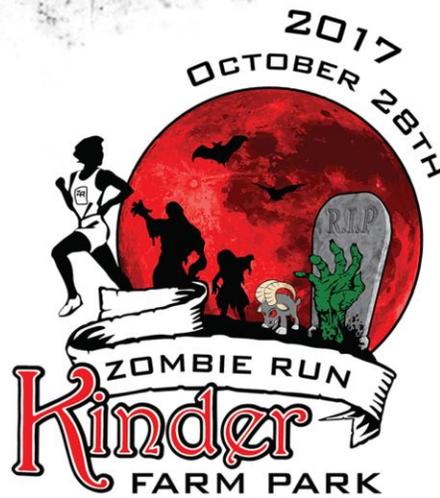
Kinder Farm Park Fall Harvest Festival

Sat, 14 Oct 2017
10 AM until 4 PM

Come and Enjoy a Family Fun
Day Full of Games, Crafts,
Music & Good Food!

This event is co-sponsored by





5K FUN RUN

TEAM Runners & TEAM Zombies

**October 28th at Kinder Farm Park
8:00 AM to Noon**

**Register Online For All The Gory Details
KinderFarmPark.org & UltraSignUp.com**

**BE ADVISED: An epidemic is coming to Kinder Farm Park!
The Zombie Infection is spreading and is projected
to reach Severna Park by Halloween Weekend!
Runners must make it through the
Zombie infestation trail to the "Drop Dead Zone."**

**Event profits go to The Friends of Kinder Farm Park to provide ongoing support
of the activities, projects, and organizations at Kinder Farm Park.**



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park
***2017 Life in the Park
Photo Competition***



Categories: Flora, Fauna, Landscapes and People

Prizes: \$50 Gift Card to 1st place in each category

A 2018 Pass to the Park for 2nd place in each category

Deadline: December 31, 2017

Photos must be taken after January 1, 2017 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 two winning photos from each category, and winners will be notified by email or phone
- For competition rules and entry instructions see the next page or visit our website at: www.kinderfarmpark.org

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PHOTO COMPETITION RULES AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. 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.
2. Photos must be taken within the boundary of Kinder Farm Park between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.
3. 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), with a maximum of 10mb per email.
 - Photographs submitted in print form should be no larger than 8" X 10". Note: Prints will be digitally scanned for judging purposes.
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography in the county parks. Photography is just one of the many activities enjoyed by park visitors. Contest entries will not be accepted from professional photographers.
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:**
 - **Name and address**
 - **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 mike_lowman@verizon.net with the subject line of "2017 KFP Photo Contest"
 - By mail to:

2017 KFP Photo Contest
1001 Kinder Farm Park Road
Millersville, MD 21108
8. **All entries must be received by December 31, 2017.**
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. By entering, participants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.
12. 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 or on the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website.

Business Community Support

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park would like to encourage our members and friends to support these businesses to show our appreciation for the various types of support provided to our organization and Kinder Farm Park:

Scardina Home services

8082 Veterans Hwy.
Millersville, MD 21108
Phone: 877-341-6069
Website: www.scardinahomeservices.com



Park Deli

569 Benfield Blvd.
Severna Park, MD 21146
Phone: 410-544-6665
email: eddysmojo@gmail.com
Show your Friends Card here and get a 10% discount



Anne Arundel Co. Farm, Lawn and Garden Center

155 8th Ave N.W.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
Phone: 410-766-8400
email: aacolawnandgarden@gmail.com
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A.A. Co. Farm, Lawn & Garden Center LLC



The Wild Bird Center

568 Governor Ritchie Hwy.
Severna Park Plaza Shopping Plaza
Severna Park, MD 21146
Phone: 410-647-2453
Show your Friends Card here and get a 20% discount



A special Thank You to the Wild Bird Center for donating three bird houses to the park!

BJ's Wholesale Club

8139 Ritchie Highway
Pasadena, MD 21122
410-544-6703
Website: www.bjs.com



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Gambrills, MD 21054
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Glen Burnie, MD 21060
410-989-2967
Website: www.ready2drivemd.com



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