

Down on the Farm

Fall Edition 2026 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events and Activities

Highlighted here are upcoming events at Kinder Farm Park over the next few months. Visit the Friends' 12 Month Calendar on our website to see all the happenings at Kinder Farm Park.

Special Holiday Schedule for the Kinder Farmhouse Museum

Please note that the Kinder Family Farmhouse has a special holiday schedule for the months of November, December and January:

- Saturday, November 14, 2026, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Holiday Decorated Farmhouse (see flyer on page 17)
  - Saturday, December 5, 2026 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
  - Saturday, December 12, 2026 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- The Kinder Farmhouse Museum is Not Open in January 2027

Historical Society docents help guide you through the house to learn about the Kinder family and the farmland that sustained them. There is no charge to tour the farmhouse.

Jingle Bell Hayride and Donation Drive

The annual Jingle Bell Hayride is a Friends of Kinder Farm Park tradition, it's the perfect way to kick off the Holidays. It is scheduled for Saturday December 5, 2026, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Enjoy a festive hayride, snacks, hot chocolate, hot apple cider, hot coffee, roasted marshmallows, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and much more! All participants must preregister and pay online. Purchase your tickets soon, ticket sales are limited and have sold out in the past.

In addition a special invitation to our participants to bring a donation for Giving Back, Linda's Legacy, that will be collected by Scout Troop #993. See the article on page 11 and the flyer on page 15 for details.

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Upcoming Events…(Cont.)

Volunteer to help with the Jingle Bell Hayride

Quite a lot of planning and work go into the Jingle Bell Hayride every year, and as always our volunteers are the ingredient that helps make the Jingle Bell Hayride such a popular event. We need volunteers to step up to assist on:

- Friday, December 4 from 12:30 until 4:00 PM to help decorate the pavilions and the hayride wagons
- Saturday December 5th. Assist with:
  - participant check-in,
  - hand-out sticks and marshmallows,
  - assist with loading and unloading hayride passengers,
  - Help hand-out goodie bags at the snack and beverage table and clean-up, and
  - be Santa helpers to assist Santa and Mrs. Claus with children, taking pictures and moving the line along.

If you are a student and need service hours for school this is a good way to earn some. To volunteer, you must go to our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org and select '**Volunteer**' from the menu then follow the instructions in the '**Jingle Bell Hayride**' section to register for the job you desire.

Annual General Membership Meeting

On Wednesday December 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM the Friends of Kinder Farm Park will have the Annual General Membership Meeting where a new slate of Officers and Board Members will be presented to oversee the organization for the upcoming year, 2027. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. All members present will vote.

Join or Renew Friends Membership for 2027

There is a little less than two months left in the year and if you are a current member of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park or are considering joining, now is a good time to do it. If you renew before January 1, 2027, you will automatically be entered in a drawing to win a refund of your membership fee and a One-year Anne Arondel County Park Pass. The Drawing will take place at the January 13, 2027, Friends of Kinder Farm Park Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall.

To Join or renew membership, go to our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org and select '**Support**' from the menu then select '**Join**' and follow the instructions on the page.

Fall Fun Days Wrap-up

The Fall Fun Days Committee would like to thank all of our volunteers, vendors, the community, and our sponsor, Alexander Animal Hospital - for making 2026 a fun and successful Fall event.



This year we attempted a new structure of three smaller Fall events spanning three weekends. We were met with some challenges including the unpredictable weather causing the cancelation of our first event and a pivot to our second scheduled event. We were still able to enjoy a lot of fun on the farm including pumpkin painting, games, treats from Tom's Travelin' Coffee Truck, sand art and more with Country Style Crafts, an Earleigh Heights VFD visit, the 4-H Boo Barn, Trunk or Treat, hayrides, and animal visits!



Trunk-or-Treating

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Fall Fun Days Wrap-up (Cont.)



Farm animals joining the fun



Painted Pumpkins

We cannot wait to celebrate with the community in 2027, where we plan to bring back our single Fall Festival Day with some new elements!

Warm regards,
Alyssa Stoffel, Mark Gonzalez and the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Fall Fun Days Committee

Kinder Park Hosts 2026 Lifeline 100 Bike Event

By Jim Rausch, Friends of Kinder Farm Park Lifeline 100 Coordinator

On October 4th, Kinder Farm Park was once again the starting and finishing points for the Lifeline 100 Bike event. Kinder has played host for the Lifeline 100 since the County began sponsoring the event 12 years ago.

Proceeds from the Lifeline 100 event benefits local non-profits. It is hosted by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, the County Police, and Bike AAA (Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.) The event can draw close to 1,000 riders, includes bike rides for all ages and abilities, and consists of 15, 30, 65, and 100 mile routes through scenic landmarks and water views of the Chesapeake and some of its tributaries. It also includes a children's bike rodeo and safari ride. Over the years, the event has raised close to $500,000 for local charities and non-profits. Following the event, all leftover food is presented to worthy charities such as the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis.

Each year the Friends of Kinder Farm Park along with the Friends of the Trails provides volunteers to grill hamburgers and hot dogs, and serve sandwiches, drinks and desserts to hungry bike riders as they finish their journeys. In exchange for our volunteer work, the Lifeline 100 organization presents a check to each of the Friends' groups for use at their respective Parks. This year, Lifeline



presented both the Kinder and Trails Friends groups with checks of $2,500. A very worthy cause presenting

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Kinder Park Hosts…(Cont.)

checks to very worthy recipients! We at Kinder Farm Park are very proud to be the starting and ending points for the race and to have the opportunity to congratulate the riders for their physical as well as mental stamina.

New enhancements to the Pollinator Education Area Garden

By Ranger Jessica Furr

Next time you visit Kinder Farm Park, be sure to stop by the Pollinator Education Garden Area to check out some of the new features and enhancements. This past summer, the Friends of Kinder Farm Park group received a beautiful large water fountain donated by the Severna Park Homestead Gardens. Maintenance staff, including Bob Short and David Brooks, carefully relocated the fountain and installed new electric and water connections at the site.

The fountain is one of several additions to the Pollinator Education outdoor learning lab, which now includes a Butterfly House, Native Bee displays, a Honeybee apiary, bluebird nesting boxes, and native plant gardens. Pollinators and local wildlife need our support more than ever; during droughts and extreme weather, access to clean water can be a lifeline. Our birds, bees, and wildlife are truly enjoying the new water feature!



Apprentice Garden, Fall 2026

By Janet Clauson, Apprentice Garden Co-Chair with Kristin Silva, Master Gardeners

The Apprentice Garden at Kinder Farm Park is a program offered by the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners. The Apprentice Garden is dedicated to teaching families with children to grow their own produce organically, and it occupies the "first" space when you enter the gate into the community gardens.



Each family has a personal garden space, 8' by 42", where they can grow vegetables they would like to eat, and the families and Master Gardeners share in planting and tending the common garden areas. From April through September, we meet every Wednesday at 6:30PM to plant, weed, water, de-bug, and harvest our garden-grown vegetables, fruits and herbs.

The gardeners work to maximize the produce from a garden space using a variety of strategies:

1) by the appropriate timing and spacing when planting,
2) by interplanting early and summer vegetables,
3) through successive plantings to spread out the ripening of one type of crop, and
4) by succession planting fall crops when spring and summer crops are finished. Some families planted a second crop of greens for fall harvest.

For each season's plantings, low-till gardening techniques are used; no pesticides or herbicides are applied; and only Leaf-gro and organic fertilizer are used monthly. At the beginning of each month, families fertilized their plants with organic fertilizer. Pests are hand-picked and dropped in a bucket of soapy water.

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Apprentice Garden…(Cont.)

Greens of all kinds, radishes, beets and strawberries produced well early in the year. Beans and basil had a long run, and tomatoes and peppers ripened later in the season. A family-favorite harvest is always the digging of potatoes. While the children can watch other vegetables as they grow, potatoes are always a surprise as the children find them while carefully digging under the potato vines. This year we planted both white and sweet potatoes. White potatoes are harvested in early summer and the sweet potatoes in the fall.





This year we again planted three mounds of the Three Sisters, an indigenous people's planting of corn, beans, and squash. The corn stalks provide support for the bean vines, and the squash leaves shade the corn roots. The corn stalks were amazing – 9 feet tall!; the beans were a disappointment this year, but the squash was amazing. Check out the photos of the tromboncino squash! Meanwhile, the corn stalks will be cut, bound, and attached to the Apprentice Garden kiosk as our contribution to the celebration of the harvest.

Also in the Apprentice Garden, the Mediterranean garden produced herbs: sage, rosemary, chives, thyme, and lavender, and marigolds to attract pollinators.

Sunflowers, zinnias and a variety of flowers for pollinators bloomed in the corner of the Apprentice Garden. The sunflower heads are heavy now, and some flowers are still blooming, feeding the last of the summer pollinators. Native milkweed joins the perennial grey goldenrod, Brown-eyed Susans, swamp milkweed, gomphrena, and yarrow planted along the outside edges of the garden fence. The flower blooms that attracted pollinators will be left to go to seed to feed the birds through the fall and winter months. The perennials also keep weeds away from the edges of the garden. This year a number of monarch butterfly caterpillars were found on the milkweed – very exciting!

At the end of September the Apprentice Garden project closed, though some families continued to tend their fall-season vegetables. Master gardener volunteers cleared and composted plant debris from most of the garden spaces. A cover crop of crimson clover has been planted in the open spaces to nourish the soil during the winter and prevent weed growth. A work party is planned to lay straw over newspaper in the pathways to prevent weeds throughout the winter season.

You are welcome to stop by the garden any Wednesday evening during the season and bring your questions.

For more information about the Apprentice Garden, please email Janet Clauson at:

janetclauson301@gmail.com

Discover, Learn, and Protect: Conservation and Community Connection at Kinder Farm Park

By Park Ranger Jessica Furr and Special thanks to Mr. Steve Hom for photography

Parks are much more than open green spaces—they are vibrant community hubs that offer unique environments to learn, observe, connect with others, and experience the beauty of nature firsthand. This past summer, Kinder Farm Park and its dedicated Pollinator Area became a bustling outdoor classroom, welcoming a wide variety of groups, local clubs, school groups, and homeschoolers eager to dive into hands-on conservation efforts.

Connecting Communities Through Nature

From school groups and scout troops—including Girl Scout Brownies—to students from Monarch Charter School using the "Wingspan" education program, visitors of all ages have discovered inspiration at the park.

Park Rangers host a variety of year-round programs that are welcoming and accessible for all ages and abilities. Whether joining seasonal farm tours, exploring pop-up events, or wandering through the Pollinator Garden, every visit offers a fresh chance to connect more deeply with nature.



Ranger Jessica Furr and the Shipley's Choice 3rd Grade Girl Scouts Brownies troop learning about Honey Bees and participating in one of the many Monarch Butterfly tagging demonstrations. The group was able to try on some of the professional Bee keeping equipment and learned the importance of all Pollinators.







Citizen Science in Action: Protecting the Monarch Butterfly and Bees

A highlight of this year's programming has been the focus on Monarch Butterfly conservation. Park Rangers have been hosting fun and informative sessions, including citizen science tagging demonstrations, encouraging visitors to get involved in protecting wildlife.

Kinder Farm Park has teamed up with the Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program (IMMP) and Monarch

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Discover, Learn, and Protect… (Cont.)

Watch, with the Pollinator Education Area serving as a key site for important research, collecting valuable data to help meet nationwide monarch conservation goals.











Why the IMMP Matters

The Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program is a nationwide collaboration aimed at gathering important data on milkweed, nectar plants, and monarch activity across various regions and land-use types. By monitoring populations and habitats over time, researchers and conservationists can gain a clearer picture of:

- How monarch butterflies interact with their environment
- The direct impact of local conservation efforts
- Long-term trends in monarch population health and habitat availability

Get Involved!

Whether you're interested in joining a pop-up event, engaging in hands-on citizen science, or simply spending a relaxing afternoon wandering through the farm and pollinator gardens, Kinder Farm Park offers something for everyone.

For details on upcoming seasonal programs, farm tours, and ways you or your group can join conservation efforts, keep an eye out for Pop-up Park Ranger Program ads on the Anne Arundel County Government site and take a look at the park's latest event schedule today!

At the Sawmill

Good Autumn from the Sawmill Crew!



If you followed our adventures from the Spring and Summer, you know that we acquired a new engine for the sawmill; a rebuilt green Detroit Diesel replaced our faithful, yet tired yellow Minnesota Moline engine. And if you have not seen it yet, we bet you have heard it: this Detroit Diesel can roar!

Toward the end of August, we removed the old engine and started work on installing our new engine; our goal: have the sawmill up & running in time for the park's fall events. As the old saying goes, they didn't build Rome in a day, so we allotted enough time because we knew it would take a tremendous amount of both brain and brawn.

Replacing the old engine was easy, but with the new engine, we had to make adjustments to the engine's mounting frame; add new pulleys; build and install a new base to support the larger pulley; and add other supporting apparatus.

Many of the sawmill crew put in extra hours installing the new engine and making sure it runs like a charm; however, a shoutout is in order for some individuals who tirelessly went the extra mile(s) and then some to make it all happen. Kudos to Alan Malnak; Darren Earley; and Wayne Hillenbrand.



New Fencing to create barrier to saw and pulley



Housing to protect fuel tank and battery



Base to support larger pulley



Preparing the frame for new engine



Mounting the new engine

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At the Sawmill (Cont.)



Sawmill co-founder, Tom Lahdelma, operating the new engine

Ironically, the engine replacement couldn't come at a better time: we ran low on logs … you can't operate a sawmill without logs! Thanks to everyone who donated logs in the last few months to get our supply of them back up to speed; as you can tell, we received some large ones!





The sawmill crew truly values the rapport we have built with the FoKP Board of Directors, park employees and other volunteers; at this time, we want to acknowledge someone who makes our motley team of volunteers look good through the eyes of his camera, Steve Hom.

Not only does Steve help with the FoKFP quarterly newsletter, but he spends a great amount of time documenting park activities through his fantastic photos. Whether it is a friendly conversation, sharing a few words of wisdom, or helping us *"tell our story"*, Steve is a champion of the sawmill and KFP. We are honored to recognize him as an **Honorary Sawyer**.



Shed Anchoring Project

By Kirk Platt, Kinder Farm Park Woodshop Co-lead

Five years ago, the woodshop built a new shed in both the Red and White Oak fields. Both sheds are still solid construction, when they were built it was expected they would be drug around the fields. The sheds were never moved but the cows did some damage to the front corners.

The woodshop along with Fred Nicklas a FLEP Lead, inspected the damage to both sheds. It was determined that the bottom of the front opening of both sheds had been spread apart by the cows using the openings for scratching.

Fred agreed with the idea of concrete piers on the front corners of both sheds after the sheds were realigned again.

The woodshop submitted a quote for materials to complete the anchoring of both the Red and White Oak sheds. After materials were purchased the woodshop members Kirk Platt, Larry Stepnitz, and

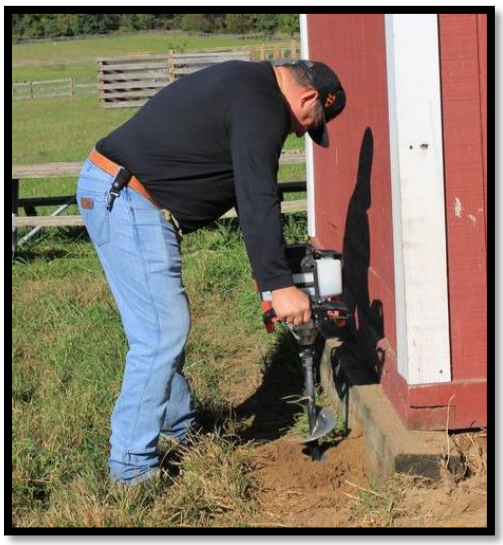
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Shed Anchoring Project (Cont.)

Matt Schroeder worked with Farm Manager Dave Hicks and the farm animal groups to ensure the Red and White Oak fields were clear of animals for the dates the work to anchor the sheds would take place.



Dave Hicks used a tractor to help realign each shed.



A machine was used to make the holes needed for the concrete anchor tubes.



Concrete was mixed and placed in the tubes.



A J bolt with a right-angle bracket was attached to the corner of the front walls on each side of both sheds.

The brackets were cut off to prevent harm to animals' feet. Both the Red and White Oak sheds are now aligned and anchored.



Join us for the Jingle Bell Hayride!

By Barbara Buchleitner, Jingle Bell Hayride Committee Co-Chair

Save the Date!!!

This year's Jingle Bell Hayride will be on Saturday, December 5, 2026.

The Jingle Bell Hayride is the best way for families with children of all ages to launch the Christmas Holiday Season.

It has become a Kinder Farm Park tradition with Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving via sleigh at 10:00 AM. They will be on hand throughout the event to greet the kids and hear their Christmas wishes. Costume characters will also include the Grinch and Buddy the Elf. They will provide wonderful photo ops so bring your cell phone cameras.



Farm animals wearing their party costumes will be visiting. The Kinder Farmhouse will be decorated and open for tours (11:00 AM until 3:00PM).

Hayrides are scheduled every half hour starting from the Black Oak Pavilion around 10:00 AM. The ride goes past the Pollinator Garden and throughout the park ending at River Birch pavilion where the Stony Man Coffee truck will have complimentary hot drinks. Goody bags filled with candy and treats will also be at this stop.

Walk back over to the Black Oak pavilion and roast a marshmallow along the way. You will be greeted by farm animals in festive costumes. Santa's sleigh will also be on display offering more photo ops.

All these holiday activities and cheer are underwritten by three wonderful sponsors, First Home Mortgage, Universal Title and Carolyn Buchleitner, Realtor. Through these sponsor's generosity we can hold the ticket price of the event to $10.00 per ticket with children 2 and under riding free! The sponsors are also hosting a raffle for a large gift basket. Your Ticket Leap ticket purchased prior to the hayride automatically enters you in the raffle.



Tickets will be available for purchase on Ticket Leap after November 1st. In past years they have sold out fast. Please consult the flyer for this event in this newsletter on page 15**.** Scan the QR code for registration and more information.

An Invitation to Help Others

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park are sending a special invitation to our Jingle Bell Hayride guests to bring a donation for **G**iving **B**ack, **L**inda's **L**egacy (GBLL). Donations will be collected by Scout Troop #993 at the Jingle Bell Hayride. The troop will load up and deliver the donated supplies to GBLL, which distributes the much-needed items to our brothers and sisters without homes in downtown Baltimore on Christmas Eve. GBLL is seeking coats, hats, gloves, new/gently used warm clothing (all ages/both genders), sleeping bags, blankets, toys, travel size toiletries, new underwear and baby items such as diapers, baby seats, clothes and formula, and non-perishable food items.

Please support Scout Troop #993, Donation Drive for Giving Back, Linda's Legacy:

https://www.homelessdrive.org/

Welcome Earl and Grey to Kinder Farm Park!

By Alyssa Stoffel. Friends of Kinder Farm Park Vice President

On Saturday, October 3, 2026, Alyssa & Luke Stoffel and Lisa Mackey traveled to Keedysville, Maryland to pick up the newest members of the Farm Livestock and Education Program, donated to the program by Luke Stoffel and reforming the beloved FLEP rabbit squad! Members revamped the rabbit house and run, Bunny Book Nook, and voted on their names. We are very excited to have these boys on the farm and to share them!



Buy a Brick and Support the Park!

Are you looking for a unique holiday 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 and next to the Visitors Center.

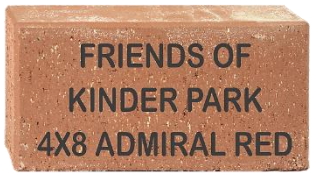


There are two types of 8X4 bricks offered:

The Wheatfield

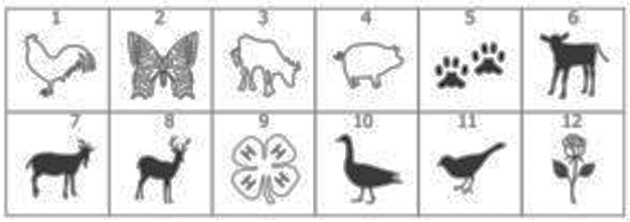


The Admiral Red



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.

CLIPART OPTIONS



For more information and to purchase a brick visit our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org, and select 'Support' from the menu, then select 'Lasting Gifts' and follow the instructions under 'Engraved Bricks.'

Order by November 30th and receive a certificate to share as a holiday gift (bricks should arrive early 2027).

Book Club

Join us for the
Nature Connections Book Club

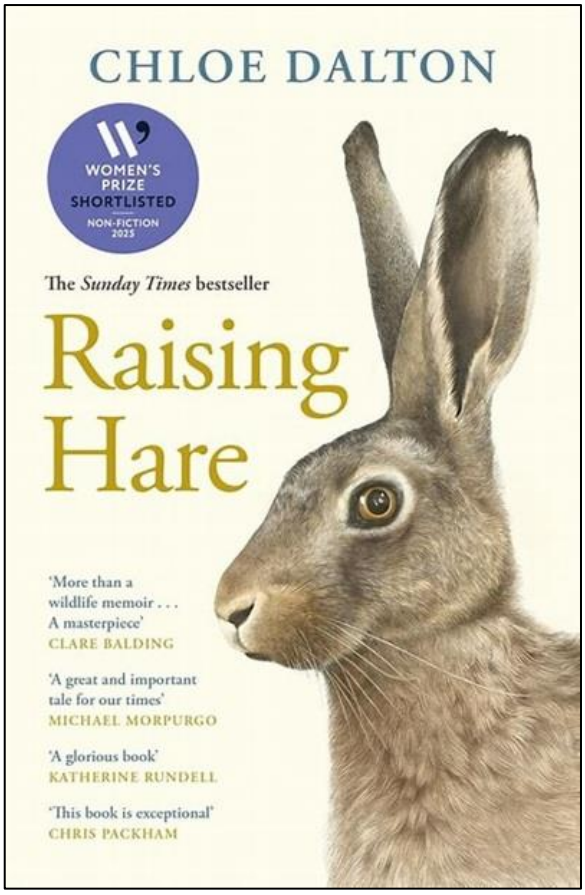
Enjoy reading books about nature and our ever-changing environment!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 17th, 2-4 PM at the Kinder Farm Park Visitors Center

November's Book Selection:

Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton

Chloe Dalton, a London-based political advisor, retreats to her countryside property at the start of the pandemic to escape lockdowns and reconnect with nature. During a winter walk, she discovers a newborn leveret—a young hare—separated from its mother and at risk of dying. The memoir chronicles the leveret's growth into adulthood, highlighting the challenges of raising a wild animal that cannot be domesticated.



If you plan to attend, please RSVP to email:
SPnaturebookclub@gmail.com

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FRIENDS OF KINDER FARM PARK
Saturday
12/5/26
10 am -
1 pm
Jingle Bell Hayride
Event Tickets
$10 each
(includes free Big Basket raffle ticket)
Rides
10:00 am -
12:30 pm
(every 30 min)
COME JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY FUN!
*MUST PREREGISTER @ www.kinderfarmpark.org - GATE FEES APPLY
Members - Use "FOKFP Free Hayride Tickets" for $5 discount code upon preregistering.
• Festive Hayride - Children 2 & Under Ride For Free On An Adult Lap
• Meet & Greet - See Santa & Mrs. Claus, Buddy the Elf, & The Grinch
• Roast Marshmallows, Holiday Snacks, & Warm Drinks (Stony Man Coffee)
*Bring a donation for "Giving Back - Linda's Legacy" to support Scout Troop #993
More info @ www.kinderfarmpark.org
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HOME TEAM OF COMPASS
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A little mouse told me to visit the

Kinder Farmhouse During the Holidays



Saturday, December 5, 2026
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, December 12, 2026
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society invite you to step back in time and visit the Kinder Farmhouse Museum during the holidays. Nancy Percival and Bev Fry return to set-up their Christmas Mice, the *One Red Hat to Go Club* will help decorate the farmhouse for the Holidays, and our docents will tell you about Henry and Hilda Kinder and their eight children who called the farmhouse their home.

Admission to the farmhouse is free; however, park gate fees still apply.

Co-sponsored by:

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The Friends of Kinder Farm Park

2026 Life in the Park Photo Competition



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

Prizes: **Grand Prize** to best overall entry $100
1st place in each category a choice of $50 or an engraved Celebration Wheatfield Brick (a $100 value)
2nd place in each category a choice of $25 or an engraved Celebration Admiral Red Brick (a $75 value)

Deadline: **February 28, 2027**

- Photos must be taken on/or after March 1, 2026, 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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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 boundaries of Kinder Farm Park between March 1, 2026, and February 28, 2027.
3. Participants may submit up to a total of four photos in the competition, in any of the categories, either in color or black and white.
   - All photographs must be in digital format (preferably in JPG), although they need not be taken with a digital cameras. Scans are acceptable so long as they meet the requirements of these rules.
   - Cell phone photos are acceptable.
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography; contest entries will not be accepted from professional photographers.
5. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. Participants 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 accompanied by the following information:**
   - **The photographer's** (parent/guardian's contact info is acceptable if photographer's name and age are identified)**:**
     - **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 must be emailed to **photocontest@kinderfarmpark.org** with the subject line of "**Life in the Park Photo Contest.**
8. **All entries must be received by February 28, 2027.**
9. The Grand Prize-winning photo will not be eligible for additional prizes in the category in which the winning photo was entered.
10. 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.
11. 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.
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.
14. Prize winners will be invited to attend a Friends Meeting to receive their prizes, if unable to attend, the winners will be asked to pick up their prize at the Visitors Center.

Thank You to our new Gold Level Sponsor for their support.

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Celebrate your child's birthday party at

HOMESTEAD GARDENS

We offer a private area for your child's birthday party where your guests can enjoy the outdoors, meet our barnyard animals, play and celebrate your special day.

Scan the QR code for more info and to inquire now

or visit

homesteadgardens.com/parties

743 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Thank You to our Silver+ Level Sponsors for their continuing support.



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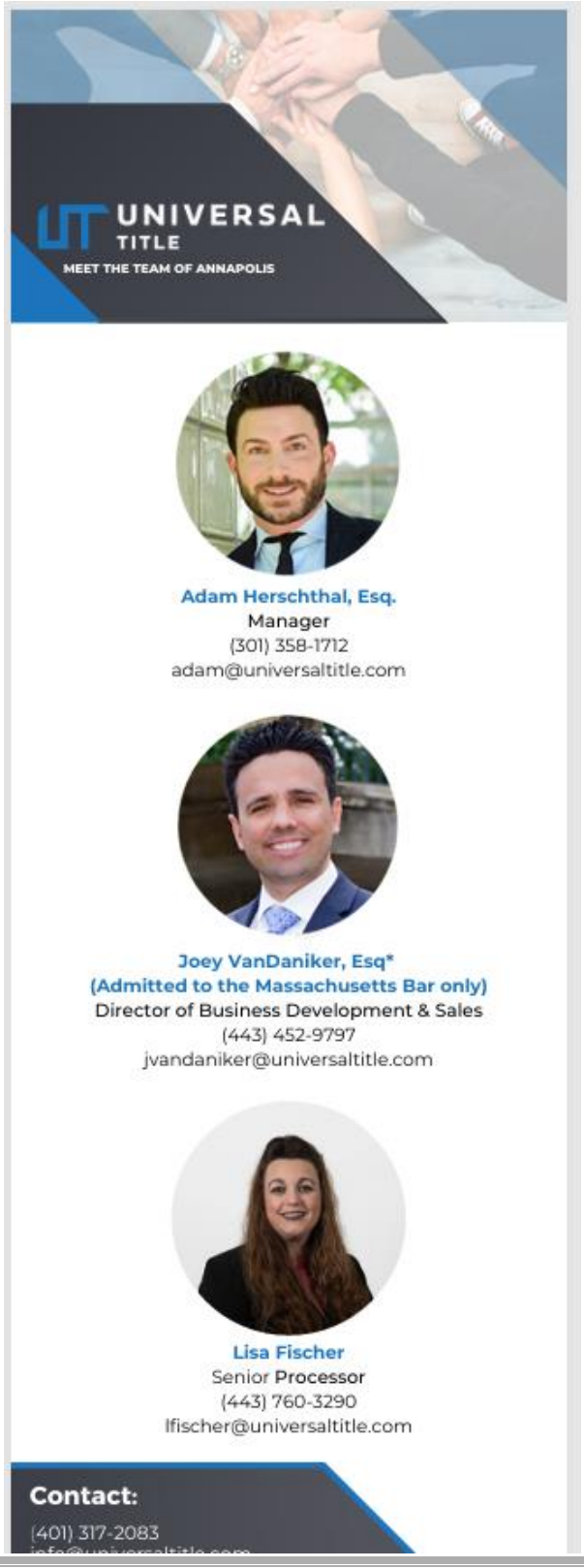
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Winter 2027 Newsletter Articles

This newsletter is made up of articles about the activities and events at Kinder Farm Park, the following information is provided to people wishing to submit articles for the Winter 2027 edition of *Down on the Farm*:

- 1st Call for Articles: December 15, 2026
- Article Deadline: January 20, 2027
- Scheduled to be Published: February 3, 2027
- Email Articles to: mike_lowman@verizon.net or steven.hom@verizon.net

Articles must be submitted in digital format (preferably Word or plain text) and photos can be submitted as part of a word document or separately in JPEG (jpg) format.

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