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Upcoming Events and Activities

Highlighted here are major upcoming happenings 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.

Kinder Farmhouse Openings

The Kinder Family Farmhouse will be open on the following Saturdays:

- November 11, 2023, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM
- December 2, 2023, 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM
Farmhouse is decorated for the Holidays
- December 9, 2023, 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM
Farmhouse is decorated for the Holidays

Historical Society docents help guide you through the house to learn about the Kinder family and the farmland that sustained them. Learn more about the Holiday decorated house on page 16.

Pop-up Hayride on November 18th

Come join us for a hayride along the wooded trails at Kinder Farm Park on Saturday, November 18, 2023. The cost is \$5 per person (cash only) and

children 3 and under are free. The hayride departs in front of the Visitors Center around 9:00 AM and continues every half-hour until 11:30 AM (see flyer on page 14).

Jingle Bell Hayride

Start the Holidays off right and come join us on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM for our annual Jingle Bell Hayride. Enjoy a festive hayride, snacks, warm drinks, roasted marshmallows, a visit from the Jolly Old Elf himself and more! To participate, all participants must preregister and pay online, for details see the flyer on page 15 of this newsletter.

Jingle Bell Hayride Volunteers Needed!

The success of our annual Jingle Bell Hayride depends on our volunteers, and we need quite a few to help with:

- Decorating the wagons and pavilions on Friday, December 1st

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...Volunteers Needed! (Cont.)

- On Saturday Dec. 2nd the day of the event:
 - Loading and unloading hayride wagons,
 - Helping with handing out goodie bags and keeping beverages stocked for patrons,
 - Handing out sticks and marshmallows,
 - Overseeing the Tractor Photo Op,
 - Fire Safety watch.

The volunteer hours are divided into two shifts with the first being from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM and the second shift from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM.

Volunteers must be at least in the seventh grade and up to an adult. For more information and to volunteer visit our website at:

www.kinderfarmpark.org/volunteer.html

Recovery After Fall Fun Day Rain-Out

By Mike Lowman, FoKFP Board Member & Newsletter Editor

The 2023 Fall Fun Day planned for Saturday, October 14, 2023, which took months of planning and preparation was cancelled because of rain. Fortunately, the cancellation happened early enough to avoid most major expenditures. The one major thing we were left with were two skids loaded with a few hundred pumpkins.

Barb Buchleitner and Chris Mowry, the Friends' president and treasurer sold pumpkins to park visitors for donations on the sunny Sunday after the event was rained out.

However, that was just the beginning, Laura Cowdery, Karen Haghighi, and Kirk Platt (other Friends members) worked with Barbara to pull together a small event on Sunday, October 22nd that ran from Noon until 3:00PM. The event included all the following at reasonable prices:

- Hayrides
- Pumpkin Patch and Pumpkin painting
- Face Painting
- TP Toss Game

- Bird Feeder Craft
- Hot Chocolate and Hot Apple Cider sales
- Fall Tractor Photo Opportunity (free)
- Farm Animal visitors (free)



Pumpkin Patch



Bird Feeder Craft



Hayride

It was a cool, sunny day, and we would like to thank all the volunteers that helped run the event and hope the 368 people that attended enjoyed the event. As a result, we more than covered the cost of the pumpkins and have extra funds to help in the continuing support of Kinder Farm Park. Even the leftover pumpkins add to that support by supplying an extra treat for some of our farm animals.

2023 Lifeline 100

By Jon Korin, Chair, Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission and President, Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County



A 501c3 non-profit promoting safe cycling for transportation, recreation & fitness

Thanks to your help and the support of over 100 other volunteers and more than 30 sponsors, the 2023 Lifeline 100 on October 1, 2023, was a great success! This award-winning annual Anne Arundel County signature bicycle event at Kinder Farm Park is hosted by a special partnership of Anne Arundel County Police, Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks, and Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County. This year's event distributed \$32,500 to local beneficiaries; Anne Arundel Crisis Response System, BikeAAA, Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails, and \$4,750 to Friends of Kinder Farm Park. This year we saw many children take part in the Children's Bike Rodeo and the new Family Bike Safari!

Here are some highlights:

- Close to 900 registrants came from local and afar!



2023 Lifeline 100 Finisher

- A team of Anne Arundel County Police Officers rockin' their custom jerseys and County Executive Steuart Pittman riding the course!
- More food variety at our rest stops including Eggcellence, Market House, Pirates Cove, Mission BBQ, Costco and Naval Bagels!

- Fun, beautiful, and yummy rest stops organized by Annapolis Bicycle Club and Arnold Preservation Council at beautiful venues at Anne Arundel County Parks and the Bay Ridge Pool Association.
- Yummy nourishment at the start/finish area including burgers and dogs with grill masters from the Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails, Friends of Kinder Farm Park, and the Department of Recreation & Parks.



Lifeline participants sharing the day and good food.

- Many kids at the Bike Rodeo provided by PedalPower Kids and volunteers and sponsors from the Mackenzie Rose Foundation, and our first Family Bike Safari sponsored by M&T Bank!
- Safety support from Anne Arundel County Police.
- Wonderful SAG drivers including Velo City Riders helping cyclists and bikes in need of support.
- Great photography along the course by Peter Klosky and Recreation and Parks.
- Printing, posters, and signs from Minuteman Press.
- Great bike tech support from Bike Doctor of Arnold, Annapolis, Crofton; Cycle Mill and Parvilla!
- Loads of food and material provided to the Lighthouse Shelter with close-down help from Murphy and Associates
- Non-profit partners Scenic Rivers Land Trust with rider teams supporting their cause.

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2023 Lifeline 100 (Cont.)

- Generous sponsorship from more than thirty others!

Save the date for the 10th annual award-winning annual Anne Arundel County Lifeline 100 will be on October 6, 2024! The event promotes health, safety, recreation, and fun through beautiful and historic areas of Annapolis and the County. We highlight the joys and benefits of biking for recreation and transportation for all ages and abilities while sending a message of safe use of our roads and trails to all users. Details at www.lifeline100.com.

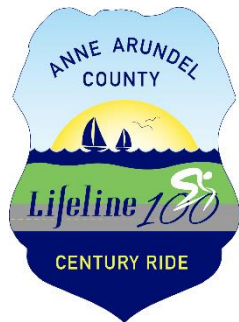
For those of you who might have gently used bikes, the **Wheels of Hope** program currently has great demand for donated adult male bikes, and is also collecting children's bikes of all sizes for Christmas. The program will refurbish bikes and distribute them to people in need in Anne Arundel County.

Donations can be dropped off at the Anne Arundel Food Bank on weekdays from 1-3pm. More information at bikeaaa.org/wheels-of-hope-refurbished-bikes. If your company or organization is interested in having a bike drive, please contact wheelsofhope@bikeaaa.org.

We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to your support for our 10th Anniversary Lifeline 100 on October 6, 2024!

Your Lifeline 100 hosts:

- Anne Arundel County Police
- Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks
- Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County



Farmers hear a lot of jokes about sheep but can't tell them to their dog because it'd herd them all.



Sawmill Happenings

By Wayne Hillenbrand, Member of the Antique Equipment and Sawmill Club

Greetings from the sawmill! Since the last newsletter, the sawmill crew has kept busy sawing logs and working on projects. The new headblock fabrication project was completed, and with only minor adjustments, they were installed and are working swimmingly well.

Most power equipment today has some way to know how many hours it has been used since it was last serviced. Realizing that we might not have been staying up on the routine maintenance of the 80-year-old Minneapolis Moline engine, we installed an hour meter. Now we know exactly how many hours we are running the Mighty Mo. It is 605 cubic inches, or almost 10.0 liters! That was simple, and while we were at it a voltmeter was installed, so we know it is charging properly.



The fence surrounding the sawmill had started to show signs of age. It was falling apart and needed to be rebuilt. Since sawmills do a wonderful job of sawing logs into boards, guess where we found fence boards and posts? We are fortunate to have a local tree company give us good logs; so, we already had locust logs on site which we sawed into fence posts. Locust is an extremely rot resistant wood. It easily outlasts the modern pressure treated wood from the local big box stores.

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Sawmill Happenings (Cont.)



New Fence Posts and Boards

We are also fortunate to have volunteers that donate logs and had poplar logs available to saw into fence boards. As firewood, poplar has a bad name. Once you cut it, split it, stack it and let it dry for six months, it starts to rot. It is a hardwood, but it is one of the softest hardwoods around. Surprisingly though, poplar is one of the best woods for fence boards and barn siding. If you see an old barn in our county, chances are the siding is poplar. Once poplar boards dry, they are so hard you will struggle to hammer a nail into them!

The vintage Frick Model 0 sawmill is designed to saw a lot of lumber FAST! Today, many of these old circular sawmills are still used commercially on a daily basis. The volunteers at Kinder Farm Park saw logs every Wednesday morning. In just a few hours, several logs can be very quickly turned into boards. Our sawmill has two blades. The “big” blade is 56” in diameter and the “little” blade is 48” in diameter. At first, one might think we can saw a 28” log (56 inches divided by two) but the husk and mandrel assembly (that is what the blade attaches to) has a diameter of almost five inches. The result is if a log is larger than 28 inches in diameter it creates a lot of extra work to make it into a manageable cant. A cant is a log with the sides taken off – it is a squared off log.

Speaking of sawmill logs... Where do all the logs come from that we turn into boards? Unfortunately, many of the oak trees in our area are dying from a disease called hypoxylon canker. If we get to the dead trees soon enough, before they rot, we can turn them into oak boards. Fortunately for us, the park maintenance crews, and park rangers know our capabilities, and drop off lots of red oak logs from

trees which have died. Today, we saw more red oak than any other tree.

Although, that may change soon. Last summer, during one of the big hurricane storms, many poplar trees had their tops snapped off by the force of the wind or were blown over entirely. The fallen trees are called windfalls. The volunteers have been busy harvesting these poplars. The picture below shows windfalls from that storm. One poplar tree was blown over, and in domino fashion it hit, and aided by the wind and very wet ground, knocked down at least SEVEN more large poplar trees. The wood from these logs has been brought to the park and made into 17-foot-long fence boards which the park uses.



Poplar trees ready to be bucked into 17-foot logs and brought to the park



Logs getting ready for the trip to Kinder Farm

So, what type of logs do we want? In our area, some of the most desirable wood is black walnut. A piece of black walnut that is 12 inches by 12 inches and is 1-inch-thick sells for \$13.60. A board that is 1 inch thick, 6 inches wide, and 8 feet long will sell for \$54.40. Sadly, many people think they have won

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Sawmill Happenings (Cont.)

the mega lottery because they have a black walnut tree that died and can be sold.

To be clear, we cannot and do not sell any wood from our mill. The following is an illustration of the process. There are a lot of steps to turn that dead tree into a usable board. We start by chopping the tree down. An endeavor slightly riskier than playing bridge. Once the tree is down, it needs to be transported to the sawmill at the park. That requires heavy equipment and time.

When your walnut tree arrives at the park you may think you are home free. One of the volunteers jumps on the Tiger Special tractor, unloads the trailer, and loads the logs onto the sawmill. Cutting the log into boards is often a quick job. A good sawyer will make a 20-inch diameter, eight-foot-long log into boards in about 30 minutes. That is a good sawyer and a crew of at least 5 helpers.

But wait... Look at the pile of sawdust we created! The saw blade on the Frick sawmill has a kerf (thickness) of 5/16". What this means is for every five logs we saw, the equivalent of one log turns into a pile of sawdust. And the sawdust needs to be removed – which requires more labor, shovels and heavy equipment.

By now you are quite pleased because that nice walnut tree has been cut into boards. But... The tree just died last year, so the boards are wet. When the boards come off the sawmill, they must be stickered and stacked. This allows the boards to dry and helps minimize cupping or warping. The rule of thumb for fresh sawn boards is one year per inch thickness to dry. Your one-inch-thick boards need to sit for a year to dry.



Stickered rough sawn lumber to dry

One year has passed, you are ready to make that kitchen table. But wait! The saw we use “rough cuts” the boards; and even though we stickered and stacked them, they cupped slightly. So, the next step is to run the boards through a machine tool called a “jointer” which will make one side perfectly flat. Boards get jointed on two sides, the flat side on the bottom and one edge.

After you have jointed the boards, you run them through a planer – another machine tool. You plane them to make sure they are all the same thickness. In the end, the board we sawed started out as 1”X6”X8’ and ended up ¾”X5.5”X8’. Wow, what a lot of work. But...the result is priceless. A custom table made from the tree out of your back yard!



Walnut table made from a local tree



Picnic Table made from local white oak

My apologies for getting off track on what logs we like. Second to black walnut, would have to be cherry with white oak being a close third. And speaking of white oak, who knows what the Maryland state tree is? It is the white oak. We used

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Sawmill Happenings (Cont.)

to have a lot of white oak trees around here, but unfortunately, many are dying from the hypoxylon canker.

The most important attribute we need in a log is NO FOREIGN OBJECTS!! This means screws and nails, insulators, fence metal, and anything else somebody decided to attach to the little tree that was in their back yard. When our saw blade contacts metal or porcelain, it causes drama. And in this case, drama costs time and money. If we only hit a small object, we can very likely replace the broken “bits”. But... each bit costs over five dollars... and when a saw blade has 40 plus bits (or teeth) that adds up. Fortunately, several of the volunteers have learned how to sharpen the bits if they are not severely damaged.

Friends to Begin Its 2024 Membership Drive

By Jim Rausch, Membership Chair

In December the Friends will send out its annual membership renewal letter urging all our members – Friends of Kinder Farm Park – to renew their memberships for 2024. Membership costs will remain the same again next year –just \$20 for individuals and \$35 for families.

If you renew before December 31, 2023, you will be eligible to win a free park pass for 2024 to all 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 additional renewal reminders during 2024.

Membership entitles you to free hayride passes, local merchant discounts, the quarterly newsletter, and above all, the knowledge that you are supporting Kinder Farm Park. 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.

So, when you receive your renewal notice later this year, please renew and do it early! In the meantime, enjoy the Park and all it has to offer!

And if you are not a member yet and have been thinking about joining, you can do it now by going to our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org and selecting the Support menu, then select Join and complete the online application. You’ll receive the remainder of 2023 along with membership for all of 2024.



Weed Warriors Needed!

By Diane Rausch, Friends Historical Society Chairperson



The Friends of Kinder Historical Society is working to restore a historical cemetery along Kinder Farm Road. Two cemetery stones have been repaired and a fence constructed with wood milled and installed by the Antique Equipment and Sawmill club and Kinder Farm Park Maintenance Shop. This is a huge project that needs many hands to help.

There exists many invasive vines and weeds that several individuals have begun to remove. Tina Simmons and Dennis Green, and a group from

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Weed Warriors Needed (Cont.)

Union Church has removed and trimmed the bulk of the weeds and trees thus far.



*Weed Warrior
Dennis Green*



Weed Warriors from Union Church

A request for individuals or Groups to give a day or several days is being made for volunteer WEED WARRIORS.

Please contact the Friends' Historical Society at historical@kinderfarmpark.org OR contact the Kinder Park Office at 410-222-6115 and leave a message for Diane Rausch.

Apprentice Garden, Fall 2023

By Janet Clauson, Master Gardener, and Apprentice Garden Chairperson

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 ft.’ by 42 in., where they can grow vegetables they would like to eat.

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 plan to maximize the produce from a garden space using a variety of strategies:

- 1) by the proper timing and spacing when planting,
- 2) by inter-planting early and summer vegetables,
- 3) through successive plantings to spread out the ripening of one type of crop, and
- 4) by succession planting of 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.

Greens of all kinds, radishes, beets, and strawberries produced well early in the year. Tomatillos, okra, squash, cucumbers, gherkins, basil, tomatoes, and peppers ripened later in the season, and the peppers, tomatillos and okra continued to produce well into the fall. A favorite harvest is always the digging of potatoes, and this season produced a large number of potential French fries. 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.

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Apprentice Garden...(Cont.)

The Mediterranean Garden produced herbs for cutting; sage, rosemary, chives, thyme, and lavender, and marigolds to attract pollinators.



Sunflowers and zinnias bloomed in the corner of the Apprentice Garden. The sunflower heads are heavy now, and the zinnias are still blooming, feeding the last of the summer pollinators. Perennial grey goldenrod and Brown-eyed Susans, planted along the outside edges of the garden fence also bloomed well. 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.



By the end of September the Apprentice Garden project closed, though some families continued to tend their late-season vegetables. Master gardener volunteers cleared and composted plant debris from most of the garden spaces. A cover crop of crimson clover was planted in the open spaces to nourish the soil during the winter and prevent weed growth. Straw laid over newspaper in the pathways prevents weeds throughout the winter season.

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

For more information about the Apprentice Garden, please contact Janet Clauson at:
janetclauson301@gmail.com

Monarch Watch at Kinder Farm Park

By Park Ranger Jessica Furr



With the help of Kinder Farm Park Rangers, volunteers and park patrons several Monarch Butterflies were successfully tagged and released as part of the 2023 migration data collection. The Monarch Watch Tagging Program is a large-scale community science project that was initiated in 1992 to help understand the dynamics of the monarch's spectacular fall migration through mark and recapture.



Tagging was originally used by Dr. Fred Urquhart of the University of Toronto help find overwintering monarchs and later to figure out where monarchs came from that wintered in Mexico. Our long-range tagging program at Monarch Watch continues to reveal much more. Tagging helps answer questions about the origins of monarchs that reach Mexico, the timing and pace of the migration, mortality during the migration, and changes in geographic distribution. It also shows that

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Monarch Watch...(Cont.)

probability of reaching Mexico is related to geographic location, size of the butterfly, and the date (particularly as this relates to the migration window for a given location).

In order to be able to associate the geographic "mark" location with that of any subsequent recapture, each butterfly tagged must be uniquely coded. A new series of unique codes is generated for each tagging season and printed using permanent inks on all-weather tags with a pressure-sensitive adhesive backing. These lightweight, circular tags were designed by Monarch Watch specifically for tagging monarchs. When applied as directed, the tags do not interfere with flight or otherwise harm the butterflies.

Each fall more than a quarter of a million tags are distributed to thousands of volunteers across North America who tag monarchs as they migrate through their area. These "community scientists" capture monarchs throughout the migration season, record the tag code, tag date, gender of the butterfly, and geographic location then tag and release them. At the end of the tagging season, these data are submitted to Monarch Watch and added to the database to be used in research.



FALL MIGRATION

Unlike most other insects in temperate climates, Monarch butterflies cannot survive a long cold winter. Instead, they spend the winter in roosting spots. Monarchs west of the Rocky Mountains

travel to small groves of trees along the California coast. Those east of the Rocky Mountains, fly farther south to the forests high in the mountains of Mexico. The monarch's migration is driven by seasonal changes. Day length and temperature changes influence the movement of the Monarch.

In all the world, no butterflies migrate like the Monarchs of North America. They travel much farther than all other tropical butterflies, up to three thousand miles. They are the only butterflies to make such a long, two-way migration every year. Amazingly, they fly in masses to the same winter roosts, often to the exact same trees. Their migration is more the type we expect from birds or whales. However, unlike birds and whales, individuals only make the round-trip once. It is their children's grandchildren that return south the following fall.

Some other species of Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) travel long distances, but they generally go in one direction only, often following food. This one-way movement is properly called emigration. In tropical lands, butterflies do migrate back and forth as the seasons change. At the beginning of the dry season, the food plants shrivel, and the butterflies leave to find a moister climate. When the rain arrives, the food plants grow back, and the butterflies return.

The Fall Migration (September - November).

This figure is an interpretation of the routes taken by Monarchs during the Fall migration. The pathways are based on tag recoveries and observations of Migrating Monarchs.



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Monarch Watch...(Cont.)

When the late summer and early fall Monarchs emerge from their pupae, or chrysalides, they are biologically and behaviorally different from those emerging in the summer. The shorter days and cooler air of late summer trigger changes. In Maryland this occurs around the end of August. Even though these butterflies look like summer adults, they won't mate or lay eggs until the following spring. Instead, their small bodies prepare for a strenuous flight. Otherwise, solitary animals often cluster at night while moving ever southward. If they linger too long, they won't be able to make the journey; because they are cold-blooded, they are unable to fly in cold weather. Fat, stored in the abdomen, is a critical element of their survival for the winter. This fat not only fuels their flight of one to three thousand miles but must last until the next spring when they begin the flight back north. As they migrate southwards, Monarchs stop to nectar, and they actually gain weight during the trip! Some researchers think that Monarchs conserve their "fuel" in flight by gliding on air currents as they travel south. This is an area of great interest for researchers; there are many unanswered questions about how these small organisms can travel so far.

Another unsolved mystery is how Monarchs find the overwintering sites each year. Somehow they know their way, even though the butterflies returning to Mexico or California each fall are the great-great-grandchildren of the butterflies that left the previous spring.

No one knows exactly how their homing system works; it is another of the many unanswered questions in the butterfly world. To learn more visit monarchwatch.org.

Go Native in Your Garden

By Rita Custer, Chartwell Garden Club Horticultural Chair

Fall is the best time to add some native plants to your garden. Maryland natives do better in our climate, supplying food and habitat for our birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Natives also generally need less water, are more resistant to disease and pests, and come back every year.

Natives are available as trees, shrubs, groundcovers, vines and perennials for your flower gardens.



Here are some selections to consider; many of them flower:

- Trees: Native Dogwood, Eastern Red Bud, Tulip Tree, Red or Sugar Maple, Eastern Red Cedar and Eastern Red Oak.
- Shrubs: Blueberry, American Witch Hazel, American Beauty Berry, Oak Leaf Hydrangea, Summer Sweet, Virginia Sweet Spice, Mountain Laurel, Northern Bayberry, Spice Bush, and Winterberry. All of them flower or produce berries.
- Groundcovers: Creeping Phlox, Moss Phlox, Wild Ginger, Pachysandra Procumbens, and Green and Gold.
- Vines: Virginia Creeper and Clematis Virginiana. Be careful with vines as many are very aggressive and need to be tended to keep them from taking over.
- Perennials: Butterfly Weed (NOT Bush), Black-eyed Susan, Cardinal Flower, Joe Pye Weed, Milkweed (essential for Monarchs and other butterflies), New York Ironweed, Amsonia, Baptisia, Tickseed, Coneflower, Turtlehead, Wild Geranium and Blue Lobelia.

And for those who wish to add bulbs to the mix, daffodils may not be native, but they are deer and critter resistant. Many other Maryland natives exist, and you can plant them until the ground freezes.

Happy Gardening -- Chartwell Garden Club

Native Plants Donated to Kinder Park Pollinator Education Areas

By Ranger Jessica Furr

The Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel project distributed more than 300 native plants to our Kinder Farm Park Pollinator Education program. Sam Droege of the University of Maryland Bee Inventory & Monitoring Lab, Lauren Toomey (AA Co Project chair) Master Gardeners & Watershed Stewards, and Deb Fritz, Master Gardener give an impressive inventory of pollinator friendly plants that will help support the 400 native bees and pollinators in our park.

Park Rangers: Jeffrey Brewster, Jessica Furr, Amber Slattery and Dakota Warren helped transport and plant throughout Kinder Farm Park.



KFP Quilt Guild

By Lisa Sternhagen, KFP Quilt Guild Member

The Kinder Farm Park Quilt Guild meets the third Tuesday of every month, from 1 – 3 pm, to gather with those of us who enjoy quilting arts. During the summer months, we meet in the River Birch Pavilion, and in late fall and winter, we meet in the Visitors Center conference room.

We are an informal group of quilting enthusiasts with a wide range of quilting experience. We bring our own projects to sit and chat, perhaps helping one another solve quilting problems, or just enjoying the company of the group.



Quilt made by the Guild at the Kinder Farmhouse

In the past, the Guild made a bed quilt for the Kinder Farm Park Farmhouse. We have extra quilt blocks from that project that may be used for an additional quilt in the future. We are open to new project ideas for our group.

We are always looking for new members to join us. We would love to meet you!

**What do you call a
chocolate covered
sheep?**

A Candy BAAAAA.



Obituary for Louis F. Rudinski of Kinder Farm Park

Louis Frank Rudinski a long-time resident of Kinder Farm Park, left us to find peace and eternal rest on Thursday, October 12, 2023. Louis was born in Turners Falls, MA on August 30,



1941, to Louis and Helen Rudinski. He graduated from Turners Fall High School in 1959 and graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. He was a devoted husband and is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth Jeanne (Rastallis) of 60 years, who still occupies their brick home next to the Kinder Farm Park athletic fields. He is also survived by his children: Jeannie (Ray), David (Claudia), and Vanessa DeBolt (Donald); his grandchildren, Joshua, Julia, Justina, Danielle, Samantha, and Alexis, who brought immense joy and pride into his life; great-grandchildren, Lillie, Louis, Isaac, and Charlotte who will continue to carry his memory and the values he cherished forward. Louis is also survived by his loving sister, Virginia, with whom he shared a strong and enduring bond. Their close-knit family created cherished memories and provided unwavering support to one another. He was also a cherished friend of many. He is preceded in death by his son, Eric Rudinski; his parents; and his sister, Balbina.

Louis was a man of many passions. He enjoyed the art of woodturning, nurturing his beloved fig trees, and the beauty of nature itself. One of his favorite pastimes was taking long walks with his loyal dog,

Digger, in the park where they encountered deer, owls and hawks. Many amazing friends were made on these walks. He also had a deep love for baseball and golf, watching them as often as he could.

Throughout his life, Louis was not only a professional in his field but also a role model and mentor to many. He guided and inspired those who had the privilege of knowing him, leaving an indelible mark on their lives. Many referred to him as extraordinary, holding him in the highest regard. He was a role model for how to live life. He was a living legend.

In his remarkable career, Louis dedicated himself to the maintenance and beauty of golf courses as a golf course superintendent. He also served as the Chief of Park Maintenance for Anne Arundel County, leaving a lasting impact on the community he served.

Louis will be dearly missed by all who knew him, but his memory will live on in our hearts forever as will his legacy.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the following organizations:

Chesapeake Wood Turners:

<https://www.chesapeakewoodturners.com/donations>

OR

Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership:

<https://marylandbirds.networkforgood.com/projects/106302-conserving-maryland-s-birds-and-their-habitats>

JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023

\$5/person (cash only)

**Children age 3 and under
are free**



- Ticket sales for the hayrides will be in front of the Visitors Center
- Hayrides will start every half-hour from 9:00 until 11:30 AM
- Friends of Kinder Farm Park members may use their free hayride tickets
- Gate Fees still apply.

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Jingle Bell Hayride

Saturday, December 2, 2023

**Come join us in the Holiday Fun from
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at Kinder Farm Park!**

Enjoy a festive hayride, snacks, warm drinks,
roasted marshmallows, visit the holiday decorated
Kinder Farmhouse and more!

**Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive
around 10:15 AM and depart 12:45 PM.**

- General Admission is \$11.00 per person plus a nominal processing fee
- **Members can use their ‘FoKFP Free Hayride tickets’ to receive a \$5 discount code when they preregister**
- Children 3 and under are Free but may be asked to ride on accompanying adult’s lap
- **All Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult**

To participate, all participants must pre-register online at www.kinderfarmpark.org by Nov. 29, 2023, or until all hayrides are sold-out, whichever happens first. Rides are scheduled every half-hour from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Gate Fees Apply



A little mouse told me to visit the Kinder Farmhouse During the Holidays

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, December 9, 2023

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. The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland will adorn the farmhouse with decorations 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.

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The Friends of Kinder Farm Park 2023 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 29, 2024**

- Photos must be taken on/or after **March 1, 2023**, 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, 2023 and February 29, 2024.
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 camera. 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 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 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 29, 2024.**
9. The Grand Prize-winning photo will be ineligible for additional prizes in the category in which it 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 considered 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.

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Our Silver and Bronze Sponsors provide continuing support with their donations. The businesses listed below offer a discount on your purchases with your Friends of Kinder Farm Park membership card.

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Business Community Support (Cont.)

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

478 Jumpers Hole Rd
Severna Park, MD 21146
Phone: 410-766-8400
Website: aalawnandgarden.com

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

Effective Dec. 4, 2023
the A.A.Co. farm, Lawn & Carden Center will be in a new location at
224 Mountain Road, Pasadena Md 21122





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MD 21146
Phone: 410-647-2453

Website: www.nature-junction.com

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865 Annapolis Rd.
Gambrills, MD 21064
Phone: 410-923-1120
Visit on Facebook

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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

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

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

Winter 2024 Newsletter

This newsletter is made up of articles about the happenings at Kinder Farm Park, the following information is provided to persons wishing to submit articles for the Winter 2024 edition:

1st Call for Articles: December 16, 2023

Article Deadline: January 20, 2024

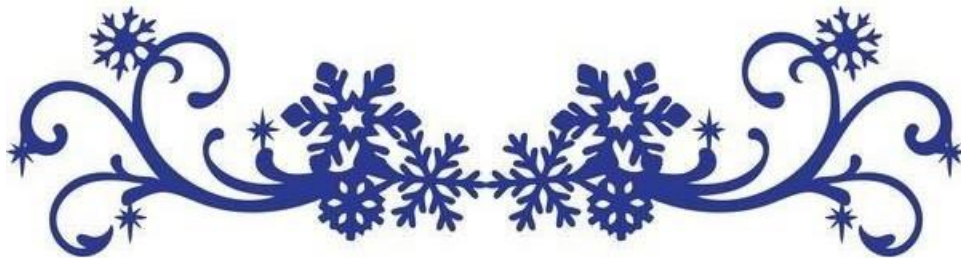
Scheduled to be Published: February 3, 2024

Email Articles to: mike_lowman@verizon.net

Articles should be submitted in digital format (preferably Word or plain text) and photos in JPEG (jpg) format.



On behalf of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, I would like to extend my wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Joyful New Year to all who have supported Kinder Farm Park and the Friends throughout the year!



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