



Down on the Farm

Winter Edition 2024 Newsletter



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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.

Rescheduled Friends of Kinder Farm Park Board Meeting

Normally the February Friends of Kinder Farm Park meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, which is Valentines Day, so the meeting is rescheduled to Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall.

Kinder Farmhouse Openings

The Kinder Family Farmhouse will be open on the following Saturdays from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM:

- February 10, 2024
- March 9, 2024
- April 13, 2024

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 house.

FoKFP Easter Egg Hunt

Come and enjoy our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2024. Open to children age 9 and under, in addition to hunting eggs, meet the Easter Bunny and meet with some of their favorite farm animals. The cost is \$8.00 plus a small processing fee for children 9 and under. Visit our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org after February 10, 2024 to register and pay (see flyer on page 12).

POWS on Maryland Farms During WWII

The Friends will be hosting a speaker on Sunday April 7th in the Harvest Hall who will be talking about Prisoners of War working on Maryland Farms during World War II. See page 4 for more details.

2024 FoKFP Officers and Board of Directors

As of the January 2024 the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Officers and Board of Directors are:

- Officers:
 - President: Barbara Buchleitner (incumbent)
 - Vice President: Karen Haghighi (incumbent)
 - Secretary: Melissa Lowman
 - Treasurer: Chris Mowry (incumbent)
- Board of Directors:
 - Board member, Membership chair: Jim Rausch (incumbent)
 - Board Member, Newsletter and Tractor Club chair: Mike Lowman (incumbent)
 - Board Member, Farm and Livestock Director: Ruth Heffner (incumbent)
 - Board Member, Animal Coordinator: Jen Plant (incumbent)
 - Board Member, Brick Program Chair: Rich Tambascio (incumbent)
 - Board Member, Advisory veterinarian: Eric Alexander (incumbent)
 - Board Member, Walking Trails: Bill Hassel (incumbent)
 - Jr. Board 4H Livestock Club Representative: Clara Larsen

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park would like to first thank our 2023 Secretary, Mary Clawson, and our 2023 Jr. Board 4H Livestock Club Representative, Kynsie Railsback, for their contributions to the success of the Friends last year.

It also gives us great pleasure to welcome our new Secretary, Melissa Lowman, and Clara Larsen as our new Jr. Board 4H Livestock Club Representative.

A Great Start to the Holidays

By Mike Lowman, 2023 Jingle Bell Hayride Chair

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, the Friends of Kinder Farm Park continued their tradition of kicking off the Holiday Season with their annual Jingle Bell Hayride. As in the past it was a sold-out event. We had the grand arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus in a sleigh pulled by 6 tiny reindeer and one big green John Deere. While Santa and Mrs. Claus visited with the children, their sleigh and reindeer were available for pictures.

In addition to all the families enjoying a hayride around the park, they could warm up and roast marshmallows over an open fire, enjoy a hot chocolate or hot apple cider, and visit with some of the farm animals. Everyone had a great time.



The Cringles have a surprise visitor.



Families enjoyed their hayride around the park.

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A Great Start to the Holidays (Cont.)



A warm fire and some toasty marshmallows

On behalf of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, I would like to thank all the volunteers and park staff that pitched in to make this popular event possible. We could not do this without you!

Mark your calendar for next year's Jingle Bell Hayride, scheduled for December 7, 2024.

Christmas at the Farmhouse

By Diane Rausch, FokFP Historical Society Chair with photos by Marty Dowdle, Historical Society member

The Christmas Holidays are always a special time at the Kinder Farmhouse. The Historical Society opened the decorated farmhouse to the public during the Jingle Bell Hayride event on December 2nd and again a week later Saturday, December 9th.



Decorating it for the holidays is a shared experience that has become a tradition. The Historical Society would like to thank the Chartwell Garden Club once again gratefully for decorating part of the Kinder family Farmhouse for Christmas. As always they added a

festive look to the farmhouse for the Christmas Holiday.



The Historical Society would also like to thank Melissa Shegoge, a member of the Chartwell Garden Club, for decorating the dining room with her own festive holiday faux treats and decorations.

Nancy Percival of the Crofton Garden Club brought about 45 of her "devilish" Christmas mice back again to scamper all around the Kinder kitchen. Their antics were clever and brought many smiles to all who visited the farmhouse for a tour. If you missed them, hopefully she will come back next year and provide another fun-filled display!



2023 Photo Contest Ends Feb. 29th

The deadline for all entries in the 2023 Life in the Park Photo Competition is Thursday, February 29, 2024. The entry instructions and rules are available on our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org.

The 2024 Life in the Park Photo Competition begins on March 1, 2024, see the flyer on page 13.

Speaker Presentation: POWs on Maryland Farms During World War II

By Jim Rausch, FoKFP Board Member

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park will be hosting a speaker on Sunday April 7, 2024, who will talk about use of prisoners of war (POWs) on Maryland Farms during World War II to assist in providing agricultural labor as part of the Emergency Farm Labor Supply Program. The speaker, Emma Satterfield, is a doctoral student in Anthropology at the University of Maryland and is currently serving as a graduate intern with the Anne Arundel County Cultural Resources Division.

Emma has done extensive research on this subject and has published a report on her findings. Much of her research has been on use of German POWs from Camp Meade, Maryland, and their work at Kinder Farm from 1943-1945 in helping with planting and harvesting along with constructing and maintaining residential and farm buildings.



POW at Kinder Farm in 1945

The presentation will be held in the Visitors' Center Harvest Hall at 2 P.M. on April 7th. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend what promises to be a fascinating presentation. More information on this speaker presentation will be forthcoming in the next month.

Friends of Kinder Farm Park Membership Update

By Jim Rausch, FoKFP Membership Chair

The Friends held its annual drawing for a free 2024 countywide park pass at its monthly Board of Directors meeting on January 10, 2024. All those members who renewed their membership or anyone who joined no later than December 31, were eligible to win that pass. There was a total of 52 members who were included in the drawing. The 4-H junior Board Member, Clara Larsen, drew the winning name. She also drew two other names in case the winner did not need or want the pass.

Longtime Friends' member and active volunteer, John Bolly, was the winner. However, he did not need the pass, so the second name drawn, Steve and Debbie Keefer, became the owners of the 2024 county park pass.

That pass will entitle Steve and Debbie to visit 5 county parks whenever they choose – Kinder Park, Downs Park, Ft Smallwood, Quiet Waters and Beverly Triton Nature Park. Steve Keefer was excited about winning the pass and said he and Debbie cannot wait to take their grandkids skating on Quiet Waters Ice Rink. Congratulations to both John Bolly and the Keefers for renewing their membership and ultimately becoming the drawing winners.

Speaking of membership renewal, **now** is the time to renew if you have not already done so.

Renewal is quick and easy. You can join or renew by using PayPal or simply fill out a membership

renewal form and drop it off at the Visitors' Center or mail it along with your fee to: Kinder Farm Park, 1001 Kinder Farm Park Road, Millersville, MD 21108. Annual fees are \$35 for families and \$20 for individuals.



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...Membership Update (Cont.)

Go to our website: www.kinderfarmpark.org for specific instructions to renew or join. Become a Friend, support the Park and all its wonderful offerings! Plus, as a bonus, you get some free hayride tickets and discounts from certain local merchants (see page 15 for a listing)!

Correction to Weed Warriors Article

A correction to the last newsletter: The Weed Warrior pictured on page 8 in the Fall edition of Down on the Farm was Dr. Michael Payne not Dennis Green, though Dennis has worked



*Weed Warrior
Dr. Michael
Payne*

extensively to clear weeds. Also, we thank Jim Withers for his assistance as a Weed Warrior at the Yanky Cemetery.

Parents and Children Learn Organic Gardening by Doing!

By Janet Clauson, Apprentice Garden Chair and Master Gardener

Would you, and your children, like to grow your own organic vegetables? Then join us, Master Gardeners, and other families, in the Apprentice Garden.

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 at Kinder Farm Park and the project is dedicated to teaching families with children to grow their own produce organically. The program can host eight families.

Each family has personal garden space and shares care and harvest of the common garden areas.

The master gardeners and families meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm to plant, weed, water, debug, fret over, learn much and harvest their own garden-grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs.

In the personal plots, families plant their own unique choice of seeds and sets. The 2023 garden had a wide variety of vegetables: tomatoes, peppers, cucumber, okra, yellow squash, zucchini, lettuces, kale, beans, peas, radishes, broccoli, strawberries, potatoes, and herbs. Families shared the bounty of their garden spaces, and everyone shares the vegetables grown in the common areas, including the potatoes, tomatoes, tomatillos, peppers, okra, strawberries, and herbs.



If you visit the Apprentice Garden now, you will find crimson clover crops growing in the planting areas and newspapers covered with straw on the pathways. The crimson clover will nourish the soil with nitrogen this winter, and it will also prevent weeds from choking the planting areas. In addition to the winter preparation for the family plots and common planting areas, the perennials, strawberry plants, and herb garden have been bedded down for winter.

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Parents and Children Learn ... (Cont.)



Planning is underway for the Apprentice Garden for 2024. If you are interested in more information, or would like to join us this season, please contact Janet Clauson at janetclauson301@gmail.com.

The Apprentice Garden project meets from April through September, Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the community gardens at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville. The program is co-chaired by Janet Clauson (email: janetclauson301@gmail.com) and Kristin Silva (email: ka_silva@verizon.net).

The University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

KFP 4-H Livestock Club Turns 20!

By James Monahan, Member KFP 4H Livestock Club

This year, the Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club celebrates its twenty-year anniversary. When the Kinder family sold their farm to Anne Arundel County, they did it to preserve farm history and open spaces.

For the last twenty years, the Kinder Farm 4-H Livestock Club has been helping to preserve Kinder Farm's history by educating the next generation of youth about breeding, raising, caring for and selling pigs, sheep, chickens, goats, turkeys, and cows. The club uses the hands-on "Learn by Doing" model to teach club youth important skills for their

future. Through their animal science projects, club members learn important life skills including responsibility, decision making, leadership, finance management, and determination.



KFP 4-H competing at the Anne Arundel County Fair in September 2023

The KFP 4-H club teaches youth about the importance of being good citizens and our role in caring for our community. The club regularly participates in community service projects such as food and toiletry collection for the needy, sandwich making for the homeless, trash collection, farm maintenance, and community clean ups in the county.



2024 Club Officer Installation Ceremony

We are proud of the role our club has in preserving this piece of Anne Arundel County history and hope the club will continue to grow and make an impact in the community over the next 20 years.



What is a pig's favorite holiday?
Ground Hogs Day

KFP 4H New Animals at the Farm

By Elsie Hoy, Kinder Farm 4H Livestock Club Reporter

Some of the kids in the Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club have gotten their 2024 animals. We have had two new additions since the last newsletter, but plan for more animals to come in the next few months. In our 4-H club we learn about farm animals and the process of raising and caring for livestock.



New Steer at the Farm - This is Dale, being raised by Madison Cassidy. He was born in March 2023 and came from Church View Farms in Millersville. Madison says she loves brushing

him and that he is a “cool dude”. Photo Credit Shawna Cassidy.



A New Goat at the Farm - Clara Larsen is raising Blue Snow as a breeding project. Blue Snow is a Kiko goat who was born in July 2023 and came to the farm in December



2023. Clara says she likes that when Blue Snow “eats she always nods her head up and down like ‘Yes’ - it’s like she’s talking!” Photo Credit Annemarie Larsen.



Woodshop Volunteers Needed!



Kinder Farm Park offers the unique opportunity to work in an early to mid-twenty century sawmill, blacksmith shop, and woodshop. The woodshop does projects to benefit the Friends of Kinder Farm Park and the Kinder 4 H Livestock Club. Past projects include construction of animal shelters, park benches, bird habitats and display cabinets.

Wood working skills are desired but not required. We work as a team and welcome the opportunity to train interested volunteers. The woodshop is open Wednesday mornings from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, and every first and third Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Woodshop Team please contact Pat Branch at email P2branch@gmail.com or call 703-501-6815.

Volunteers Building Animal Shelters

By Pat Branch, Woodshop Lead



Frequent visitors to Kinder Farm Park may have noticed two new loafing barns in the Red Oak and White Oak Fields. The shelters were built with a traditional community barn raising. These shelters are setting new standards for Kinder Farm Park construction. All new farm construction in this park will use the same general plan and building standards. The results contribute to a common look and feel to our farm buildings.

The project started with a need for a better shelter for the Eco goats housed in Red Oak Field. Ranger Jessica Furr chaired a planning committee with members from the Woodshop, Farm Life Education Program (FLEP), and 4H club. The committee quickly agreed that the need was greater than just the Red Oak Field. They set a goal of a similar permanent shelter in each of the park's farm fields. The Woodshop crew drafted a set of plans to meet the committee's goals and comply with the quality standards prescribed by the Park Superintendent.

Getting projects started is not difficult. Finishing them is the difficult part. Building the shelters became a cooperative group effort. The Friends of Kinder Farm Park provided funding. Park Maintenance prepared the site and installed the pressure treated six-by-six foundation. The Woodshop crew led the construction. Several members of the Woodshop, FLEP and 4H met on multiple weekends to complete the shelters despite an abundance of rain delays.

While several volunteers contributed their time and skills, the Railsback family was there from

beginning to end. As a family, they were involved from the concept to the finishing touches. Many hands had help and all contributions were appreciated. We were running out of time and energy with only the roofing and painting remaining when the Railsback girls came to the rescue. With their help, working as a team, both shelter roofs were quickly finished. Benjamin Moore provided the paint and Luke Railsback and his friend Anthony Martenilli painted both shelters.



The woodshop is open Wednesday mornings from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on the first and third Sunday afternoon of each month. We need volunteers. Woodworking skills are desired but not required. We do our projects as a team, and we will train anyone interested in learning the woodworking craft.

If you are interested in volunteering at the woodshop, contact Pat Branch at p2branch@gmail.com or 703-501-6815.

Why are Pigs Tails Curly?

Wild pigs do not have curly tails. Their tails are straight, but many breeds of pigs have curly tails thanks to Chinese breeders who bred them in centuries ago. There are advantages to curly tails in pigs. For example, if pigs fight, it is more difficult for an aggressive pig to bite and grasp a curly tail than a straight one. This results in fewer injuries.

From: 12 Fun Facts, Questions & Answers About Pigs — Farm & Animals (farmandanimals.com)

News from the Sawmill

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

Every Wednesday at about 9:00 AM a group of volunteers saw logs into lumber. We are always looking for help, so please join us if you have an interest in vintage iron. Bring ear and eye protection and a good set of work gloves!

Anne Arundel County has one of the best park systems in our nation, and Kinder Farm Park is known by almost everyone who lives in our County. Amazingly, several people have mentioned they didn't know there was an operating vintage sawmill at the park! This is hard for any of the sawmill volunteers to understand, but to fix that problem several new sawmill signs were fabricated and installed pointing visitors to the sawmill!



Check out the new signs & clock!



This way to the sawmill

Since the last newsletter we're happy to report that the head blocks, which were newly fabricated by one of our volunteers, have been installed on the sawmill and they actually work! We now know why new head blocks cost thousands of dollars each. They are precision welded and machined assemblies that are critical to sawing straight lumber. And speaking of sawing straight lumber... We are excited to report that the lumber we are sawing is *really* nice!



New headblocks almost ready to install

Take a look at the gorgeous black walnut tree that we're turning into "live edge" slabs to make tables. These wonderful pieces of lumber now must air dry for almost two years before they can be made into furniture. These live edge slabs are almost three inches thick, but when they are finished will end up being slightly less. Since not everyone likes the looks of walnut, we've sawn some cherry logs into live edge slabs also. The cherry logs came from an old tree which had died on Middle Plantation in Gambrills. Making a table out of a live edge board is one of the easiest woodworking projects to undertake, so if you want one of these slabs please stop by and talk to one of us!



Black Walnut being made into live edge slabs

Nobody knows for sure how old the Frick Model 0 sawmill is that we operate. It is believed it might only be 60 years old since none of the "husk" (the main part of the mill) or rail assembly is made of wood. Older saws used wood instead of steel for the frame. Sadly, the warrantee ran out on this sawmill at least 50 years ago, and repairs are required on a regular basis. All the repairs and maintenance for the sawmill are done by volunteers.

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News from the Sawmill (Cont.)

Fortunately, documentation, to include original manuals and drawings, is readily available.

Late this summer, the 56-inch diameter saw blade (called the “saw”) started to wobble and shake after several cuts were made in a log. This usually happens because the saw is getting too hot. Under normal operation it should only be a few degrees above the outside air temperature. In our case we noticed it was getting 40 to 50 degrees above the outside temperature at the center of the saw. This clearly was not good, and upon further investigation we realized the large bearings on the “mandrel” (the steel rod that the saw blade attaches to) were hot. Hot being over 150 degrees Fahrenheit! As it turns out, for the past 50 years too much grease had been pushed into the bearings and the mandrel was not lined up correctly.

While this may be a lot of techno-babble, bearings on old vintage equipment need to be greased on a regular basis, but...not too much! After cleaning out the old grease and aligning the bearings our temperatures were back to normal and the saw stopped wobbling! While this sounds like an easy fix, nothing is easy when working on old iron, and according to Murphy’s law, anything that can go wrong will go wrong. To align the bearings all you have to do is loosen a couple of bolts and re-tighten them. Easy as pie. But none of the sawmill volunteers know how to make pie.... And, at one point in this sawmill’s life, the bolt that needed to be loosened must have broken, because part of the assembly had been cut off!

Back to the drawing board and back to the shop where a patch was fabricated. Normally a patch like this would be welded into place. Several of the volunteers have some welding skills, but in this case the patch was bolted into place because welding around sawdust just seemed like a bad idea.



What happened here!!



New part ready to install

Since the saw was off (the saw is HEAVY!) it seemed like a good time to check the “run-out” or wobble of the collars. The collars are two big chunks of steel that clamp the saw blade in place. Amazingly, these sawmills were built with an incredible amount of precision many years ago. How precise? Well, in non-techno-babble words, the run-out on the collars is supposed to be less than two thousandths of one inch. That is 0.002 inches, which is not measured with a ruler, but with a precision machinist tool called a dial indicator.

Now just in case you are wondering, why is this important? If one inch from the center of the saw is off by 1/64 of an inch (0.015”), that is multiplied by the diameter of the saw to find out how much run-out (wobble) there is at the outside of the saw where the bits (the part that cuts the wood) are. If we have 15 thousandths of run-out an inch from the center, we’ll have 0.875 inches of wobble when the saw is

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News from the Sawmill (Cont.)

running! Bottom line is a seemingly small amount of run-out at the center of the saw is multiplied by almost 50, so a small problem turns into a big problem.

Fixing this in the old days was easy. Call the local millwright who has the right tools to come out and re-machine the collars. Much to our surprise, there are people around who still have the tools and skills to do this, but they work out of Pennsylvania, and it would cost us hundreds of dollars to have them drive down and work on our sawmill.

Back to the drawing board where the fast collar (the one that can be taken off) is easily re-machined, but the collar attached to the mandrel (the mandrel is a four foot long, four-inch diameter, shaft that the saw is attached to) must be machined in place. A custom attachment was built by a volunteer for the Frick sawmill that allowed machining the collar in place. This of course means more metal working and more welding. The finished product though is now something that will ensure our collars are perfectly machined and our saw won't wobble!!



Custom jig for machining the mandrel collar

If you have made it this far in this article you must have a slight interest in sawmills and making lumber out of logs! When I first started helping at the sawmill, I brought five really nice logs to saw into lumber. One of the folks at the sawmill said, “for every five logs you bring we turn one into sawdust.” Sadly, he was spot on! This creates an

unusual problem for us. What do we do with all that darn sawdust, and how do we remove it? There are several ways to move the sawdust from a saw. At Kinder Farm Park we have an old conveyor that was used to move ears of corn into a storage bin. It works well for moving sawdust too, but like much of the sawmill operation, it is tired and is not the most reliable part of the operation.

Thinking about it, the sawdust elevator stops or gets tired of working almost every Wednesday morning between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. What's the fix? To start with we've been working hard to remove 20 years of accumulated sawdust from around the saw! This sounds like an easy task but given the combined age of the sawmill volunteers is probably over 600 years, we don't shovel like we did 40 years ago! Time is on our side though, and where there is will there is a way.

Not surprisingly, the original system was well thought out and did a wonderful job. After days of digging sawdust, we're at the bottom of the pit and can now position the elevator where they intended it to be 20 years ago. And, to add to convenience, rollers were put in place to allow us to easily move the elevator next time we dig it out!



Sawdust elevator being put back in the hole!

Pig Trivia

During the War of 1812, a New York pork packer named Uncle Sam Wilson shipped a boatload of several hundred barrels of pork to U.S. troops. Each barrel was stamped "U.S." on the docks. The "U.S." stood for "Uncle Sam" whose shipment seemed large enough to feed the entire army. This is how "Uncle Sam" came to represent the U.S. Government.

From: Pig Facts and Pig Trivia - HubPages



Friends of Kinder Farm Park

Easter Egg

Hunt

Saturday
March 23, 2024
(Rain or Shine)



Location: River Birch Pavilion

Cost: \$8 plus an online service charge
per child 9 and Under

Hunt Start Times: 1:00 PM, 1:30 PM,
2:00 PM, 2:30 PM

Enjoy our annual Easter Egg Hunt, meet the Easter Bunny, and enjoy a visit with some of your favorite Farm animals. Bring your own basket for collecting eggs.

Hunt areas are provided in each time slot for ages 4 and under, and 5 to 9.

Registration begins on Feb. 10, 2024, visit our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org to register and pay.

Gate Fees Apply



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park

2024 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, 2025

- Photos must be taken on/or after March 1, 2024, 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, 2024, and February 28, 2025.
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 **"2024 Life in the Park Photo Contest."**
8. **All entries must be received by February 28, 2025.**
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 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.

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Business Community Support

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

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

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Business Community Support (Cont.)

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Severna Park,
MD 21146
Phone: 410-647-2453
Website: www.nature-junction.com

Must show your Friends Membership Card here and get 15% off large bags of Bird Seed or 10% off other purchases

Biggy's Farm and Feed
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
- Business Phone
- Contact Name
- Contact Email

Spring 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 Spring 2024 edition of *Down on the Farm*:

1st Call for Articles: March 16, 2024

Article Deadline: April 20, 2024

Scheduled to be Published: May 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.

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