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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 Saturday, August 12, and September 9, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The farmhouse will also be open for the Fall Fun Day on Saturday, October 14, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The 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.

### Pop-Up Hayrides

Come join us for a hayride along the wooded trails at Kinder Farm Park on the following Saturdays: August 19, and September 16. 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 13).

## Fall Fun Day

Come join us on Saturday, October 14, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM for the annual Fall Fun Day at Kinder Farm Park. Gate fees are suspended for the event. It’s a day with something for the whole family; a pumpkin patch, hayrides, scarecrow making, farmhouse tours, games, good food and much more (see flyer on page 11).

## Fall Fun Day Volunteers Needed!

The success of our annual Fall Fun Day depends on our volunteers, and we need quite a few to help with games, loading and unloading hayride wagons, assisting with crafts, overseeing the hay maze, assisting in the pumpkin patch, and much more. Volunteers must at least be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up to an adult. For more information and to volunteer see the flyer on page 12 or visit our website at:

[www.kinderfarmpark.org/volunteer.html](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/volunteer.html)

## From the President’s Desk

This summer, the Friends of Kinder Farm Park in partnership with our Farm and Livestock Educational Program launched 2 exciting, new programs.

The first is **Read with the Animals**. This program is open to all ages but geared toward pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Every 2 weeks on Saturday a specific animal is highlighted and the group of volunteers that tend that animal read a story and do activities. Come and make a craft and meet the animal.

The second program was developed by one of our middle school volunteers, Alice Collins. The program offers backpacks available in the Visitors Center that are filled with a map of the park and fun activities to make your child’s park visit more meaningful. There are pictures drawn by Alice and her friends that can be colored, a scavenger hunt, a plant and animal identification guides, and more. Free at the Visitors Center, just leave ID so the backpacks are returned.

Speaking of volunteers, with fall approaching we will have our Fall Fun Day. This event is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help us make this event the success of the season. Go to our website to get all the details.

Thank you and I’ll see you in the park!

*Barb Buchleitner*

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## Celebrated 40 Years of Walking

By Linda and Bill Hassell, Members of Freestate Happy Wanderers

On June 10, 2023, the Freestate Happy Wanderers Club celebrated 40 years of walking/volksmarching with an event in Kinder Farm Park. This walk is an annual event that Freestate sponsors in conjunction with National Trails Day. Thanks to the park superintendent, Brad Hunt, Park Rangers and the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, the walkers get to experience the working farm atmosphere.

There were 103 participants that walked either the 5km or 10km trails through the scenic park. Everyone enjoyed the perfect weather. Many walkers expressed how beautiful and relaxing the park is right in the middle of Millersville.

Thanks again to Brad Hunt for his support without which clubs like Freestate could not sponsor walks for the public.



*Bill Hassell of the Freestate Happy Wanderers presents a donation to Barb Buchleitner, the president of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, and board member Mike Lowman*



*Volunteers that worked the event*

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## Archeology in the Park

By Susan Nickleson. Member of the FoKFP Historical Society

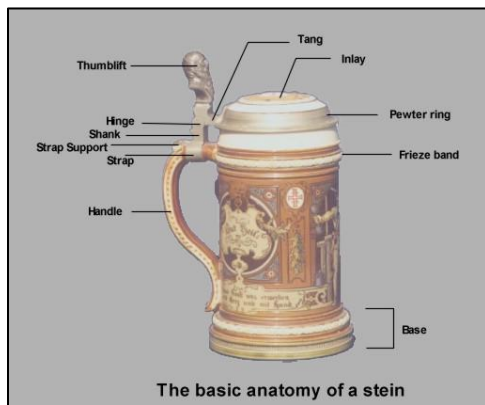
The Lost Towns Project of Anne Arundel County hosted STEM students from Old Mill Middle School on March 7th for a dig at Kinder Farm Park. The boys and girls learned about the history of the park and the Kinder family. Part of the lesson was how important the Kinder family was to agriculture in the county.

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## Archeology in the Park (Cont.)

The students were instructed on the proper techniques of doing an excavation. Next the students dug around the location of the old Gustave Kinder House, which stood near the Kinder graveyard, next to the Visitors Center. The highlight of the day was the finding of a thumblift from a beer stein estimated to be from the early 1900's.

If you are interested in learning about the Lost Towns Project, go to [losttownsproject.org](http://losttownsproject.org).



On a rural road, a state trooper pulled a farmer over and said, “Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?” To which the farmer replied: “Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!”

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## Union Church Volunteer at the Park

By Karen Haghghi, FoKFP Vice President

The Friends hosted a group of 6 volunteers from Union Church on Saturday, July 15. The group from Union Church, which is located in Glen Burnie, contacted Friends in May offering to volunteer at Kinder Farm Park.

The Associate Pastor of Outreach, Angela Broadus said, "It would be an honor for us to be able to support any of the Friends organizations. We would send volunteers to either assist with community clean-up, beautification/landscape projects, painting areas in buildings, reorganizing spaces, loading/unloading items, or any other particular needs the Friends organization may have."

Karen Haghghi, Vice President of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park reached out to various Friends' clubs and groups to ask where the Union Church volunteer group might help. Diane Rausch, chairperson of the Historical Society said, "I can use the church group at the Yanky/Foreman Cemetery". The cemetery needed weeding and overall clean-up.

The group worked extremely hard. Though it was 92 degrees the group managed to work through the heat and humidity. You can see from the pictures what a great job they did.



There was a large section of the cemetery that had never been weeded before because the weeds had taken over a section filled with orange daylilies. Diane Rausch wanted to try and save the daylilies but hadn't found anyone who had the patience to pick weeds and not daylilies.

Several of the Union Church volunteers admitted that they were not gardeners and did not know what

a daylily looked like. So after a brief introduction to a daylily, the group jumped right in and tackled this difficult area consumed by weeds. And they did it without sacrificing a single daylily.

Thank you, Union Church Volunteers! We hope you will return to Kinder Farm Park next spring when the daylilies are in bloom. 😊



## Photography at the Farm

By Chris Mansolf, Anne Arundel County resident

We all know that Kinder Farm Park is home to many different types of domestic farm animals such as pigs, cows, and goats. However, what many don't know is about the wild animals that call the park their home.

I have grown up here in Pasadena and have visited Kinder Farm Park many times and loved seeing the farm animals as a kid. Now as an adult I, like many others, have been drawn to the park once again but this time for the wild animals. As a wildlife photographer I enjoy walking my local parks and capturing the beauty within nature. Kinder Farm Park is home to an abundance of wildlife from deer to ducks and my favorite birds of prey.

Birds of prey consist of falcons, hawks, eagles, and owls. It is always a joy to see a bird of prey whether you are a birder, photographer, or just an average joe. My favorite bird of prey is certainly owls.

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## Photography at the Farm (Cont.)

These past two years I have been watching a pair of Barred Owls who made the park their home. I have enjoyed seeing them as I walk in the park after work hearing them sing and watching them hunt.

This year I was able to see and photograph a precious moment between the mother Barred Owl and her baby. I walked the woods in search of the mom or dad but had no luck until I heard the beautiful song and next thing I saw was a big shadow go over my head and the mother owl landed on a branch ahead of me. Shortly after I see the baby Barred Owl hop from the covered trees to an open branch and call for its mother. During this I was filled with joy and was able to capture a beautiful shot with the mother preening the baby's feathers.

Moments like this fill me with joy and make me realize why I started doing wildlife photography in the first place. Being able to enjoy nature and finding the beauty that most people don't truly see. Whether it is stopping to look at the flowers or listening to the birds sing, nature is full of surprises both hidden and in plain sight. Next time you are at the park or anywhere for that matter, stop and enjoy the moment because you never know what you might see.



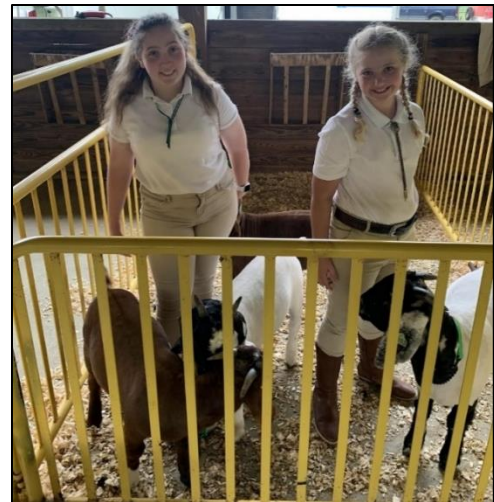
## Taking Care of Animals at the Farm

By Elsie Hoy, Kinder Farm Park 4-H Reporter, with photos by Elizabeth Hoy



I have a goat at Kinder Farm Park, and this is how I take care of him. Every day I go over to feed him and give him water. I take him for walks. I trim his hooves and cut his fur. Right before the County Fair I wash

and shear him so that the judge can see him better. Showing a goat at the fair is a fun way to spend time with my friends and show all the hard work I have put into my goat during the year.



*Washing goats before showing*



*Showing our goats (Continued on next page)*

## Taking Care of Animals...(Cont.)

I also have two poultry projects at Kinder Farm Park - a chicken and a turkey. I have to do many of the same activities to care for them as I do with my goat. I go over to feed them and give them water. We collect the chicken eggs from our chickens daily - you can buy them at the gatehouse from time to time. I take my chicken out of the chicken coop to play with her and socialize her - this is important so that she is friendly when I show her to the judge at the fair. The last thing I do is wash her right before the County Fair too.



*4-H Kids getting their chickens ready for the fair by washing them in three separate baths: warm water with soap, warm water, and water and vinegar.*



*4-H Kids with their chickens ready for the fair*

The turkeys are quite large, so we feed and water them, and try to go and play with them, but it does not always work to socialize them. Then we get them ready to go to the fair!

The Anne Arundel County Fair is September 13<sup>th</sup> until the 17<sup>th</sup> - hope to see you there!

## New Animals at the Farm

By Elsie Hoy, KFP 4-H Reporter, with photos by Jaidyn Railsback

Two 4-H kids are now the proud owners of two new goat kids each. These are dairy goats that are multi-year projects in 4-H and help 4-H kids learn many animal-care skills such as food and nutrition, proper handling, and dedication in helping to raise the kids and wean them over time.

Welcome Derby and Kolt, born May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to Ashlynn, a Toggenburg (Swiss dairy) goat owned by Kynzie Railsback!



And a big welcome to Lilly who had her two kids, Coa and Corduroy on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023! They are Nigerian dwarf goats owned by Jaidyn Railsback.



Answers to Trivia on page 8:

1. Citrus
2. Asparagus and Rhubarb
3. Strawberry
4. The pear grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over the pear buds when they are small and the bottles are wired in place until the pear ripens.
5. Fresh Lettuce

## Apprentice Garden, Summer 2023

By Janet Clauson, Master Gardener, and Apprentice Garden Chairperson

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

Families have their own personal garden space where they can plant vegetables of their choosing, and everyone shares in the common garden areas. From April through September, Master Gardeners and the families meet every Wednesday at 6:30PM to plan, plant, weed, water, de-bug, fret over, learn much and harvest their own garden-grown vegetables, fruits and herbs.

Each season, low-till gardening techniques are used; no pesticides, insecticides or herbicides are applied; Leaf-gro is used at planting, and organic fertilizer is applied monthly. After this season's planting tasks were completed, the walkways were covered with newspaper and topped with straw to prevent weeds. Supplemental straw is added when needed to cover exposed newspaper, but this technique ensures minimum weed growth for the rest of the year.

Planting of the common spaces began with cool weather crops in April, including potatoes, lettuces, and herbs. Families added their own choices in their personal plots (plots are 8' by 42"). Lettuces, kale, Swiss chard, peapods, and lots of seeds for radish, beets and carrots.

Late in May, a variety of tomatoes and peppers were planted, along with basil, string beans, cucumbers, okra, and tomatillos. Flowers planted in the garden (sunflowers, zinnias, and marigold), and those planted in the native garden outside the gates, and along the outside fence line (grey goldenrod, milkweed, and black-eyed and brown-eyed Susans) will attract pollinators to the garden.

Strawberries did very well this season, and completely filled their corner of the garden. The children found safe stepping areas so they could find the berries hiding under the leaves.

The Mediterranean herb garden is producing an abundance of sage, rosemary, chives, thyme, lavender,

and is harvested weekly for the gardeners' meals. Separate pots have been planted with mint to help control its spread and to provide sprigs for cooking and spicing beverages.

In June and July, families and volunteers tended the gardens, weeding, watering, and harvesting weekly, and applied organic fertilizer once per month. By mid-July, the potatoes were ready to be harvested, and digging potatoes is always a great adventure for the children. Potatoes are always a surprise, since the children cannot see the potatoes growing underground. This year's harvest was exceptionally abundant. At the end of July, we are happily anticipating the rush of ripening tomatoes, peppers, and tomatillos.

You are welcome to stop by the Apprentice Garden any Wednesday evening and bring your questions.

For more information about the Apprentice Garden, or if you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Janet Clauson at [janetclauson301@gmail.com](mailto:janetclauson301@gmail.com).

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*Family plots and straw covered pathway*



*The herb garden*

## Thank You and Best Wishes!

By Mike Lowman, Editor of *Down on the Farm*

For a little more than a year I have had the blessing of having Kristine Mase as assistant editor of this newsletter. Kristine brought fresh ideas and sought out new articles. Kristine and her family were also active members of the Farm Livestock Educational Program until recently, when they moved away to a larger home near the Maryland line. I know I join all the folks at Kinder Farm Park who had the pleasure of knowing and working with the Mase Family the very best.



## Home Gardening Trivia Quiz

See how many of these you can answer.

1. Which fruit-bearing trees are evergreens?
2. Of all the vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted each year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
3. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
4. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
5. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

How well did you do? Review the answers on page 6.

# 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  
1<sup>st</sup> place in each category a choice of \$50 or an engraved Celebration Wheatfield Brick (a \$100 value)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 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 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.

# Fall Fun Day



**October 14, 2023  
10 AM to 3 PM at  
Kinder Farm Park  
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# JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

**On the Following Saturdays:**

**August 19, 2023**

**September 16, 2023**

**November 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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## Fall 2023 Newsletter

This newsletter is comprised of articles about the happenings at Kinder Farm Park, the following information is provided to persons wishing to submit articles for the next edition:

**1<sup>st</sup> Call for Articles: September 7, 2023**

**Article Deadline: October 21, 2023**

**Scheduled to be Published: November 3, 2023**

**Email Articles to: [mike\\_lowman@verizon.net](mailto: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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