

Greg's Fox E-Newsletter

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FARMERS MARKETS

Visit a Howard County Farmers Market!

- **Miller Library in Ellicott City:** Wednesdays, May 6 – November 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Howard County General Hospital, Fridays** May 9 – October 31 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Oakland Mills Village Center, Columbia:** Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Ellicott City Old Town Farmers Market, Parking lot behind Tongue Row & Wine Bin** Saturdays, May 9 – October 31 from 9:00am -1:00pm
- **Glenwood Community Farmers' Market Howard County Library- Glenwood Branch** Saturdays, May 9 – Oct. 31 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

GREETINGS -- June brings us nice weather and the opportunity to pick your own fruits and vegetables at local farms or Farmers Markets. There are also many outdoor venues for family entertainment.

Congratulations to all Howard County Graduates!



LARRILAND FARM PICK YOUR OWN

Pick Your Own: Strawberries and Spinach.



Strawberry picking is good. Spinach picking is good.

The strawberry season should last about 2 more weeks, until mid-late June. Please look for your strawberry box from your last visit and bring it along with you. You will be refunded 25 cents when you re-use the box.

Following strawberry season in mid-late June will be pick your own black raspberries, red raspberries, blueberries, and beets. For a list of all of our pick your own crops grown at Larriland Farm, please go to their website, www.pickyourown.com and click on the harvest page

SUMMER ENERGY TIPS

Customers can follow these simple tips to save energy and money this summer:

- **Turn it off:** Turn off all unnecessary lighting and devices.
- **Manage your thermostat:** Keep thermostats at a constant, comfortable level when at home. Raise the thermostat setting for days of extreme heat to save even more. Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home's temperature settings when you're away or sleeping.
- **Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed:** About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows. Simply closing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat in your home.
- **Be energy smart:** Use energy more efficiently through the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program that includes Quick Home Energy Check-ups, lighting discounts, appliance rebates and many more energy saving programs at BGESmartEnergy.com.

BGE encourages customers to be prepared for severe weather and the possibility of power outages, which should be reported to 877-778-2222.

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COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, June 8

Monthly Meeting
C. Vernon Gray Room
8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 15

Legislative Public Hearing
C. Vernon Gray Room
8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 16

Quarterly Meeting with Board of Education
C. Vernon Gray Room
8:30 a.m.

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RECYCLING TIPS

It's Clean Up Time!

Check out our Seasonal Reuse/Recycling Tips for ideas
www.howardcountymd.gov/SeasonalTips.htm

Rain Barrel Workshops

Rain barrel workshops, offered by the Master Gardeners, normally occur on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Check out our [News and Upcoming Events webpage](#) for details.

Independence Day Recycling & Trash

There will be **REGULAR COLLECTIONS** the week of Independence Day. Visit our [Slide Schedule website](#) for a handy chart.

The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed Saturday, July 4.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting their pancake breakfast on **Sunday, June 14** from 7:30 am. - 11:30 a.m.

All you can eat breakfast buffet including pancakes, scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage, bacon, toast, chipped beef, and sausage gravy.

Ages 5 and under: free; Ages 6-11: \$4; Adults: \$7



FREE THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Every Thursday night, throughout the summer, some of the area's top bands are performing live at **Turf Valley Towne Square**. So come enjoy free concerts — and enjoy great music, shopping, food and fun, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. now through August 27th.

Don't forget to stop by the Horseshoe Casio tent during the concerts before 8:00 p.m. and enter to win a gift card to a Turf Valley Towne Square retailer/restaurant.

Be sure to stick around the winner will be announced that night at 8:00 p.m.

For a listing of bands, please click [here](#).

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

With summer just around the corner, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services is reminding residents to **NEVER leave a child or pet alone in a car**, not even for a minute. Heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children.

To learn more about kids and heatstroke, visit www.safekids.org/heatstroke. For more information on keeping your pets safe in the heat, visit the [here](#).