

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

Spring is here encouraging many outdoor events. This Saturday you can get free compost for your gardens in the morning and attend the MD Sheep & Wool Festival in the afternoon. Next week consider treating Mom to breakfast at the Lisbon Fire Station or tea & scones at the Conservancy.

Greg



COMPOST SAMPLE GIVEAWAY

On **Saturday, May 2nd**, stop by Alpha Ridge Landfill to get a free sample of compost! Starting at **8 a.m.**, the first 100 cars can receive a free sample (10 gallons) of compost made locally at Alpha Ridge. Check out [other products](#) made at the landfill located @ 2350 Marriottsville Road. Compost is also available for sale in bulk.



SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL

The annual sheep and wool festival will be taking place this weekend **Saturday, May 2nd** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and **Sunday, May 3rd** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come out and taste lamb cooked by area chefs, talk to shepherds, enjoy the many presentations and exhibits, and discover a multitude of opportunities to buy materials, supplies, and finished goods from more than 200 vendors.

Admire more than 600 sheep and then learn from the shepherds who tend more than 40 different breeds in a living display. Watch the craft of sheepdogs nudging sheep into pens. Attend one or more of the many classes and seminars on fiber arts offered before and during the event.

For more information and directions, please visit their [website](#).

SHREDDING EVENT

There will be a shredding event for Howard County residents at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center (2400 Rt. 97, Glenwood) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain or shine), or whenever the truck is full on **Saturday, May 16th**.

Residents may bring up to 3 bags or boxes of paper to be shredded onsite and this event will be rain or shine. Please visit the shredding [website](#) to learn about what shredding actually does to the paper.

COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, May 4

Constant Yield Hearing / Legislative Session
Banneker Room
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6

Work Session/Operating Budget (Public Safety)
C. Vernon Gray Room
8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 11

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

9:30 a.m.

Work Session/Operating Budget (Community Services & General Govt)
C. Vernon Gray Room

1:00 p.m.

Public Hearing General Budget
Banneker Room

Tuesday, May 12

Public Hearing (HCPSS, HCC, Libraries)
Banneker Room
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

Work Session (HCPSS, HCC, Libraries)
C. Vernon Gray Room
8:30 a.m.

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MOTHERS DAY SPECIAL

Enjoy a beautiful and delicious morning with your mother, daughter, grandmother or friends on Mother's Day weekend, **Saturday, May 9th at 10:00 a.m.** Stroll through the many niche gardens at the Conservancy and learn about their design and plantings from members of the Howard County garden clubs who created and maintain them.

Extend your walk through the Master Gardeners' Demonstration Garden, the "Sisters Garden" of herbs and perennials, and the large Community Garden. Refresh yourself with "bottomless cups" of tea and freshly baked Scottish scones in the restored Brown sisters' historic farmhouse parlor.

For more information please visit the Howard County Conservancy's [website](#).

MOTHERS DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a pancake breakfast for Mother's Day on **Saturday, May 9** from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy 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



DRUG TAKE BACK

Howard County Police and HC DrugFree **collected 838 pounds** of unwanted, unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medication on April 11th in an effort to remove them from the community in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

The department also unveiled **three permanent disposal boxes** that are now available for use year-round. The permanent boxes are located at Northern District Station, Southern District Station and Gary Arthur Community Center.

The district locations are available 24/7 and the community center location is available when the center is open.

FARMERS MARKETS

There is no excuse not to eat fresh. Howard County offers farmers markets five days a week throughout the county, meaning that farm fresh produce is much closer than you think. See sidebar for a location near you.

