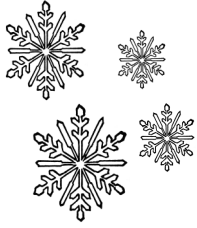




2018 Membership Issue

FALL/WINTER 2017

WWW.GREATERFARMLAND.ORG



Winter-on-the-Farmland Holiday Party *Fun For Everyone! Open to All!*



Saturday, December 9 from 1 to 4 PM

Want to help with the event? Thank you! Email info@greaterfarmland.org

IT'S TIME FOR US TO RENEW OUR MEMBERSHIPS

Online...Log into the GFC directory* at AtoZdirectories/home on a computer (not a mobile device). Click the Purchases tab, then follow the prompts to purchase the 2018 membership using your credit card or PayPal. Your membership renewal will be automatically reflected in the directory.

By Mail...Use the addressed envelope to mail a check to our GFC membership chair, Emily Mintz, 6712 Sulky Lane. Checks should be made payable to GFC for \$25. Please allow time for us to manually update your membership and deposit your check.

Our dues are used for community upkeep, multiple social events, and communications. Please join for 2018 so that we can continue to enhance our cohesive community.

THANK YOU to the over 100 members who have already paid 2018 dues!

WHY NOT TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE YOUR HOUSEHOLD INFO IN THE DIRECTORY?

Online...Log into the directory to edit your household. Add family members, phone numbers, email addresses, and use the Vendor/N2N tab to recommend contractors and advertise services members of your family can provide, such as babysitting, snow shoveling, and yard cleanup.

Email...Send your updated or new information (include address) to directory@GreaterFarmland.org

By Mail...Return the enclosed postcard with your household information in the addressed envelope. Please be sure to include an email address.

RETURN THE POSTCARD ONLY IF YOU HAVE UPDATED OR NEW DATA FOR THE DIRECTORY.

If at all possible, please provide an email address so that you can receive a login and password for the online directory and we can email notices and announcements to you.

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

A BIG thank you to Margaret Nolan for her engrossing videos and discussion of the history of Old Farm at our October meeting. It was fun to gather and meet many original owners. Her years of research, interviews, and insights yielded a series of fascinating videos. Watch stories about Prichard's Farm, 9 football teams, garden club, early pools, etc.



You can see them at GreaterFarmland.org/history Again, special thanks to Margaret for her time and dedication in creating this fabulous historical record!



RECOGNIZE THIS ICON?

It's HOA APP, the app for our directory. Available for apple and android, you can download it to your mobile device, and have mobile access to our Greater Farmland family.

Private and secure, it is only available to Greater Farmland residents with directory login credentials.

* If you never received or have lost your login information, email directory@GreaterFarmland.org, and we will respond with an introductory email with your login and instructions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS, FURNITURE FOR SALE, A GOOD DENTIST OR PLUMBER? ASK A NEIGHBOR!

The GFCA email listserv is a resource for everything you might need, and more. Our helpful neighbors are always there to answer your questions, and, as a moderated list, you can be assured that there will be no SPAM!

Subscribe to the listserv—send a blank email to greaterfarmlandcivicassociation-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or visit greaterfarmland.org/email. We will set up your subscription...EASY!

Rick Gentry, Webmaster and Listserv Moderator

IS YOUR TAX ASSESSMENT BELOW \$650,000? BEEN IN YOUR HOUSE OVER 40 YEARS?

There is a new 20% Montgomery County property tax break available, but you must apply for it by April 1 for next July's property tax bill. The requirements are:

1. You must have lived in your current house for 40+ consecutive years, and
2. Your property tax assessment can't exceed \$650,000

Many homes in Tilden Woods can meet the assessment criterion, and some in Old Farm or Walnut Woods might. You can check your tax assessment at <https://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>.

Applications are available online at montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/Resources/Files/bill_42_16_application_20070714.pdf

Mail completed applications to Department of Finance, Division of Treasury, Attn: Bill 42-16 Tax Credit, 255 Rockville Pike, Suite L-15, Rockville, MD 20850

Emily Mintz

Want to Contact Your Government Officials?

To see all of your elected officials in Maryland, go to mdelect.net

US Senator – Benjamin Cardin	202-224-4524
US Senator – Chris Van Hollen	202-224-4654
US Representative Dist. 8– Jamie Raskin	202-225-5341
MD Governor – Larry Hogan	410-974-3901
MD State Senator Dist. 16– Susan Lee	301-858-3124
MD State Delegate Dist. 16– William Frick	301-858-3454
MD State Delegate Dist. 16– Ariana Kelly	301-858-3642
MD State Delegate Dist. 16– Marc Korman	301-858-3649
MD Comptroller—Peter Franchot	410-260-7801
MD Attorney General—Brian Frosh	410-576-6300

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Questions? info@GreaterFarmland.org

NEW PARK AT SHRIVER AQUATIC CENTER

The White Flint Sector Plan calls for a new park where the Shriver Aquatic Center parking lot is currently located. The plan calls for building a parking garage between the Aquatic Center and the Gables apartment project, which will be just to the north of the Center once Executive Boulevard has been straightened. GFCA, as a voting member of the White Flint Sector Implementation Committee, pressed the County to appropriate funds so that parking for the apartments and the public aquatic center would be built at the same time. We are pleased to announce that the County has finally agreed to appropriate the needed funds. In the near future, there will be a large, grassy area replacing the surface parking lot and a new covered entrance for the Aquatics Center. This is the first step in the plan to build a regional service/recreation center next to the Aquatic Center. We remain the only part of the County that does not have a service/recreation center. Your civic association will continue to push for this new resource for our neighborhood.

Ed Rich, GFCA President