



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

I just returned from a morning at the Fairgrounds knocking a few items off my to-do list. It is hot! Outside work has to wait until morning or evening. As always in late June, July, and early August, the geese are making a mess of the place. They are molting and are unable to fly at this time. Based on the piles of feathers in the fields, the foxes are taking advantage of the situation.

I can't believe we are just a few days away from August! Fair will be here in just a little over a month! Sharon and her Fair Committee are doing a fantastic job getting us ready! There is so much to get completed and the Committee manages to get it done every year! I'm getting excited! Grab a catalog. As always, if you have time, we have something for you to do. Give Sharon a call/text. We do need the help. Online entry for Exhibit Building items is up and running. Get your exhibits entered now! Yes, we will also take them at walk-up days. See the link below or go to the Anne Arundel County Fair website. <http://www.blueribbonfair.com/BRFairProd/BlueRibbonStart.aspx?ID=1527>.

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President's Message Continued.....

Rentals are going strong. There has been good attendance at many events and renters are pleased. The Monster Truck show (first time) was another huge success. Hope to see them back next year. A "Hot Air Balloon Glow and Laser Light Show," another first time renter, is scheduled for August 26. Big thanks to Martin and the Rental Committee, including myself.

I again want to mention the Rodeo. What a great family event. Lots of Fair members participated also (not riding bulls, serving refreshments). Good job Marilyn!

Bylaws! Who doesn't love bylaws! We will be voting on suggested bylaw changes at the next August 15, General Membership meeting. Most likely it will be both ZOOM and in-person.

Yes, I am still working on grant paperwork. Our Treasurer has been a big help. Thanks Mary!

Building Maintenance and Grounds are getting things done. Sometime late, late at night.

I will be testing poultry for the Fair on August 26. Please contact me to set up a time to meet. I am looking forward to it.

Well, the lights have just gone out 4 times and a huge thunderstorm is blowing in. Gotta go!

*John H. Faber*

President

A. A. County Fair, Inc, 2023



## SENIOR CITIZENS' BINGO

We are still looking for donations for our Senior Citizens' Bingo on Thursday of Fair Week. The winner of each Bingo game gets a prize and that is why we are asking for donations from you.

Anything that might be appropriate for, and bring some joy to one of our citizens, is what we are looking for and would appreciate. Jewelry, cosmetics, toiletries, home décor, even articles of clothing. Just drop off your items at the Fair Office any time, and at the Information Booth during Fair Week.

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## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any updates on our members that you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Sandy Suhrie at [fringes51@gmail.com](mailto:fringes51@gmail.com).



## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

**ADVERTISING:** Please help get all out to the Public ASAP.

**BARN:** Marshall Steve's Ponies with us this year.

**BEER/WINE:** Ready to go.

**CATALOG:** Catalog are printed and have been sent to the County Libraries. Copies are available in the Exhibit Hall and the Office.

**CONTESTS:** All moving ahead except for Ducky Game, which has not been confirmed.

**CONTRACTS:** All confirmed.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Debbie is working on lining up the acts for the Picnic Stage. Still working on filling in holes in the schedule. William Wesley will be the chain saw wood carver.

**EXHIBIT BUILDING:** Several volunteers are needed throughout the building. Ledo's will do volunteer food. Online entries open July 14 through September 8. If big rain before or during Fair there is an issue with walls in Photography.

**GATES:** Front and Back Gates are covered and hope for Akers family for Blue. Need to discuss location of turnstiles.

**4-H DEPT:** Will be using membership cards for admission.

**OFFICE:** Peggy Peffley & Tommy Boehm

**RIBBONS/TROPHIES:** Set to go.

**TRACK/SAWMILL:** Ready for Fair.

**SPONSORS:** Chesapeake Landscapes; Astound Broadband; FTC and Ledo's.

**VENDORS:** Meetings have been scheduled. Ice provided at higher price.

**AADC MEN:** Will be available to help on July 30, and August 6 & 19.





## 4-H CORNER

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation will be hosting its annual 4-H Cookout on Friday, August 11, at the River Birch Pavilion at Kinder Farm Park, starting at 6 p.m. until dusk. All county 4-H families are invited and the Foundation will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, condiments, and paper products. They would like each family to provide a side dish, or salad or dessert.

This is one of the social activities that the Foundation offers and when 4-H members from all of our clubs and also 4-H Camp, can get together and enjoy the fellowship of being part of the 4-H Program.

State Fair up next running August 24th through September 4. Good luck to all our 4-Her's who are participating.

Online registration underway right now for Anne Arundel County 4-Her's. 4-H entries must be registered prior to September 1, and entries in the Open Classes have a separate entry process through the County Fair website. Those entries must be registered by September 8th.

**Join  
Now!**



## HELPING HANDS NEEDED

Are you good with paperwork? Do you like setting up displays? Can you spare a few hours? The Exhibit Building could use some helping hands! Ceramics, Christmas Corner, Handicrafts and Photography could all use an extra pair of hands.

When do we need help:

*Please Note: No one has to commit to everyday! If you can only do a few hours, we will take it!*

Sunday, Sept 10 2-5 p.m.

Monday, Sept 11 2-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept 12 10 am to 2 pm

Monday, Sept 18 2-7 pm

What would you be doing?

Sunday (10th) and Monday (11th)

You will accept entries, ensuring that entries are in the proper category & that they follow department rules, sorting the entries by class, & making sure all paperwork is correct

Tuesday (12th)

You will be making sure that all entries are judged and their placings are properly recorded in the book. (It is NOT rocket science & we will be there to show you what to do). When all entries are judged, the entries will be arranged nicely for display.

Monday (18th)

You will be returning entries to the exhibitors as they arrive to claim them.

If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to either John Richardson [jjrichardson2@msn.com](mailto:jjrichardson2@msn.com) or Wendy Sites [wsites@icloud.com](mailto:wsites@icloud.com).

Wendy Sites

## **WORK DAYS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS**

Sharon was able to get the AADC men from the County during July and August. They are only available from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., so she has scheduled work days to coincide with their availability.

Work Days are:

July 30  
August 6  
August 19 & 20

Please try to come out on these scheduled days to help us prepare for Fair Week. Call Sharon for any questions you might have.

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## **PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES**

August is the month when the Fair Membership votes on any bylaw changes that have been suggested by Fair members. We will do so at the General Membership meeting to be held on August 15.

A copy of the proposed changes is attached to this newsletter. The proposed deleted parts have been lined through, and the proposed additions are in boldface.

Contact Stacy Eckels or John Faber with any questions you might have.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in August:

Marvin Glass  
Rich Suhrie  
Roger Massey  
Jay Pratt  
Justin Ralston  
Linda Hall  
Elizabeth Hoy  
Margaret Chase  
Todd Degreenia  
Aimee Cooper  
Ruby Schwinn  
Brittany Rawlings  
Wendy Sites  
Vivienne Drummond  
Garrett Watts  
Jimmy Frisco  
Michelle Cooper  
John Wahle

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating in August:

Amanda & Mike Crutchley  
Elizabeth & Timothy Hoy  
Betsy & Roger Massey

And, as always, please keep those who are dealing with chronic illnesses, in your thoughts and prayers.



# 2023 CALENDAR

- Aug 1 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Zoom/Fair Office
- Aug 2 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Aug 6 Work Day 9 am to 12 pm
- Aug 8 - Board of Directors  
7:30 p.m.
- Aug 12 - SOCA Wine Festival
- Aug 15 - Membership Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Aug 19 - Work Day 9am to 12 pm
- Aug 19 - Island Fest East—Cancelled
- Aug 20 - Work Day 9 am to 12 pm
- Aug 26  
& 27 - Hot Air Balloon Glow and  
Laser Light Show
- Aug 30 - Fair Week Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office/Zoom
- Sep 5 - Rental Committee
- Sep 6 - Junior Board
- Sep 30 - Swim Spa & Hot Tub  
Blowout

**\*\*Information about the outside events can  
be found at the County Fair website  
[www.aacountyfair.org](http://www.aacountyfair.org)**

## *General Membership Meeting*

**Membership Meeting  
August 15, 2023  
7:30 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

**Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes  
Summer Events  
Fair Week**

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# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR 2023 SCHEDULE

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Fair Week              | September 13—17 |
| Fair Week Tractor Pull | September 16    |
| Antique Tractor Pull   | October 7       |
| Flea Market            | October 7       |
| Jousting Tournament    | October 7       |
| Halloween Happening    | October 14 - 29 |
| Christmas Lights       | Nov 24—Dec 17   |

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## *Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair*

*To serve as a showcase for ingenuity, talent and interest in the agricultural life.*

*To serve as a means of educating children and young people to the honorable profession of farming, including the handling of animals from birth to market, the growth, preparation and preservation of food and the creativity of home arts skills.*

## ARTICLE I- MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION 1.....MEETINGS:

Membership meetings shall be held the third Tuesday of January, April, June, August, **October** and November. The November meeting shall serve as the corporate meeting and Election of Officers. Membership meetings will be held at 7:30 PM at the Fair Office unless otherwise stated or informed by mail/email or telephone. (Amended 8/11/2020).

### SECTION 4.....VOTING:

~~Any person~~ **Only members who have** not paid their dues for the current membership year ~~by on or before~~ January 20th, will ~~not~~ be considered a member for the purpose of voting **for the calendar year**. A ~~majority~~ **plurality** of votes will determine election to office. (Amended 8/2022).

### SECTION 8.....INSTALLATION:

~~The installation of Officers and Board of Directors shall be in the month of January.~~ All membership dues by the individuals elected must be paid **by January 1** prior to ~~the~~ installation of Officers and Board of Directors **at the January membership meeting**. (Amended 8/19)

Section 8a.....OATH OF OFFICE: Any Officer or Director at their installation must execute the following Oath of Affirmation: *To the office which you were duly elected: Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will faithfully promote, protect, execute and enforce the goals, bylaws, policies procedures and membership of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Incorporated for the duration of your elected term.* (Amended 8/19).

## ARTICLE II- DIRECTORS

### SECTION 5.....BOARD OF DIRECTORS

~~The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain a "Lawn Equipment Upgrade Account". All Fair corporate Events shall be taxed 5% of their net profits and these used exclusively funds for the purchase of "upgraded" or "new "lawn maintenance equipment.~~ (Amended 8/15)

### SECTION 5A.....DIRECTORS' MEETINGS:

Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors are to be held. Time and place will be ~~d~~ determined by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President upon written/email request of five (5) Directors. (Amended 8/18)

### SECTION 12.....SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

#### SECTION 12A: EMERGENCY & CORPORATE REAL ESTATE FUND

The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain an "Emergency and Real Estate Account" All Fair corporate events shall be taxed 5% of their net profits and these funds put into the escrow account. In a "State of Emergency", monies may be duly withdrawn after a three fourths majority vote by the Board of Directors. Monies may be used for the purchase of a permanent site for the corporation and its activities. (Amended 4/10)

#### SECTION 12B: LAWN EQUIPMENT UPGRADE ACCOUNT



**The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain a "Lawn Equipment Upgrade Account". All Fair corporate Events shall be taxed 5% of their net profits and these funds used exclusively for the purchase of "upgraded" or "new "lawn maintenance equipment. (Amended 8/15)**

### **ARTICLE III- OFFICERS**

#### **SECTION 3.....DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

The duties and powers of the Officers of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. shall be as follows:

##### **PRESIDENT:**

- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Membership meetings.
- They shall present at the November Membership meeting a report of the conditions of the business of the Fair association.
- The President shall appoint the Fair Week Event Manager, subject to the approval of the Board. ~~They shall appoint such subordinate managers, assistants and committees as they find necessary to manage the business of the Fair.~~ (Amended 8/18).
- They shall appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and fix the compensation of all servants, agents, employees and clerks of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc., other than duly appointed Officers, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- They shall see that the books, reports, statements, and certificates required by the statutes are properly kept, made and filed according to law.
- They shall sign and make all contracts and agreements **related to the operations of the Fairgrounds** in the name of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.
- They shall sign all notes, drafts or bills of exchange, warrants or other orders for the payment of money duly drawn by the Treasurer.
- They shall enforce these Bylaws and perform all the duties incident to the position and office, and which are required by law.
- They shall have the power to declare a "State of Emergency" in the event of an unforeseen or natural disaster and coordinate the emergency response plan as needed. (Amended 8/21).

### **ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 6.....HONORARY MEMBERS:**

Presented by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, Recipient of the **Honorary** Membership will be entitled to lifetime privileges of a regular member, right to one (1) vote, to serve as a Director or Officer, free entrance into the Anne Arundel County Fair for two (2), and serve on committees. The **Honorary** Member (s) will be recognized at the Annual Volunteer Dinner for the calendar year. In the event there is no volunteer dinner, the presentation will be at the last General membership meeting of the calendar year. The President will present the member (s) with a certificate and membership card. No dues are to be paid,



however, the **Honorary** Member is required to renew their membership notice with the Membership Committee each year. (Amended 8/98).

## **ARTICLE VIII- COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1.....STANDING COMMITTEES:**

The President shall with the consent of the Board of Directors, appoint the following standing committees of the Corporation:

#### **Fair Week:**

- **Chaired by the appointed Fair Week Event Manager.**
- **The Fair Week Event Manager will manage all aspects of the Fair Week Event.**
- **The Fair Week Event Manager may create a Fair Week Committee to assist in the operations of the Fair Week Event.**
- **The Fair Week Event Manager will create subcommittees and appoint chairpersons.**
- **The Fair Week Event Manager or appointed chairpersons will write and sign contracts related to the Fair Week Event held annually on the fairgrounds.**

## **POLICIES**

21. The Rental Committee will have to check with the Fair **Week** Event **Manager** Chairperson for new rentals/events one week prior to or after Fair sponsored events. (Amended 11/13/18).

26. Operating Fair Equipment (Tractors, Mowers, Golf Carts, etc...) ~~Only persons with a valid driver's license are allowed to drive the Fair's riding equipment and~~ No renters are allowed to use the equipment. This equipment is to be used for fair business only. (Adopted 8/19/04).

26a. Persons 18 years and over:

1. It is recommended, but not required, to have a valid driver's license
2. The person must be a Fair member or a registered volunteer of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.
3. The person **MUST** have approval from the Fair President and the equipment manager or grounds manager (Approval between managers and president can be done by phone if not all are present)
4. If while operating equipment, it should break, it is recommended to help the maintenance manager with the repair, unless the equipment manager deems it not necessary. (Amended 4/30/2013).

26b. Persons under the age of 18, **but over the age of 16:**

1. **Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17) year olds are required to have a valid driver's license.**

2. Must have permission from parents or guardians to operate equipment.
3. During the open hours of operation of Fair sponsored events the person WILL NOT be allowed to operate equipment in areas that the general public has access to. (Amended 4/30/2013).
4. **Must attend a Tractor and Machinery Safety Course.**

26c. Renters of Fairgrounds: No renter is allowed to drive fair equipment. (Amended 4/30/2013)

27. Adoption of the new Fair logo for all Fair advertising, etc. (Adopted 7/13/04).
28. Reserve Officer Donations: Set the donation for the Reserve Officers in accordance with the Fair Week agreement and which will go into effect Fair Week 2006. (Added 6/13/06).
29. Allow BGE to use the fairgrounds as a staging area for their equipment during an area disaster. (Adopted 6/19/07).
30. To preserve the integrity of the election held at the annual membership meeting in the month of November, no fair member on the ballot, nor family members of one's on the ballot, will be allowed to tally the votes. (Adopted 10/8/19).
31. The Bylaw Committee Chair has the ability to make formatting and grammatical changes to the Bylaw and Policies document as long as the structure and meaning of the Bylaw or Policy is not affected. (Adopted 8/10/21).
32. **The Anne Arundel County Antique Tractor Club will be allowed to store equipment on the fairgrounds for longer than 30 days without said property becoming fair property. This equipment is utilized for various fair sponsored events and used to help maintain fair property.**