

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,
It's September! Fair Time!

The Fairgrounds are really looking good with much accomplished this past month and throughout the year! New gates and fixed fences thanks to Long Fence. Drains fixed in Barn area thanks to Mr. Tice, Mr. Beall and many others. Bushes cut, trees trimmed, things that need painting were painted! Goat mountain is all shiny and new thanks to the Eckels. Track area has been gone over by Rich and the Antique Tractor Club. And the new Barn supervisor, Deana, has it all under control!

The grass cutting "club" has done a fine job throughout the year, keeping up with the mowing. With the new JD tractor and mower, it sure makes it more pleasant to sit in the tractor seat for many hours. Thanks again Pat Shema, Bruce Bereano, and Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau for the gracious donations!

We have had much cooler weather the last few days. The next few days will be a bit warm, but it looks like much cooler weather during Fair Week!

Rentals have been spectacular this year. The calendar is mostly booked for next year! Thanks to the

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many folks who donated time to "chaperone" events. Looking to have more volunteer help next year.

Suggested bylaw changes have been voted on at the August Membership meeting with many changes passed. Updated books will be available soon.

Great job from building maintenance and grounds. Love the new locks.

I just spent a lovely weekend testing poultry for Anne Arundel County Fair exhibitors. I will be doing the same for Saint Mary's Fair on September 10th.

I look forward to seeing everyone during exhibit entry days and Fair Week. Please stop by the Office and say hi.

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FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE

- Sept 9 - Clean Up Day &
1-4 pm 4-H Indoor
Entries Accepted
- Sept 10 - 11 am to 4 pm 4-H
Indoor Entries Accepted
2-5 p.m. Open Entries
Accepted except Baked
Goods
- Sept 11 - 2 to 7 pm All Open
Entries Accepted
- Sept 12 - 10 am Indoor Judging
3-7 pm Livestock Entries
5-8 pm Poultry/Rabbit
Entries Accepted
- Sept 13-17th
ANNE ARUNDEL
COUNTY FAIR
- Sept 18 - 2 to 7 pm ALL ENTRIES
RELEASED

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## REQUEST FROM SHARON

The Fair Team is looking forward to the best Fair ever. We can bring it to the people of this county on September 13. This is only possible with the help of all of our wonderful volunteers. Please call and let us know if you can help answering the phones, in the Exhibit Hall on entry days, Sunday and Monday. Maybe you would like to work at the ticket booths? Or maybe you have time before we open to help on the grounds, painting, mulching and cleaning. The Office sign-up went out today so please let us know if you can help. The AA Co Fair would be nothing without all of you who volunteer to help get us through it. Thank you for your support. We love our Volunteers!

Sharon Gertz

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## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

ADVERTISING: Everyone working on getting the word out.

BARN: Ready to roll and kids are excited. Marshall Steve's Pony's in the Barn area.

BEER/WINE: Everything in order and ready to go.

CATALOG: Copies in the Exhibit Hall and the Office. Turn in changes for next year now if you have them.

CONTESTS: Ducky Game not a go this year. All the rest are ready to go.

CARNIVAL: All good with special pricing on Opening Day.

CONTRACTS: All signed. We will have less Reserves on the grounds this year and they will be doing less.

ENTERTAINMENT: Looking for a Balloon Twister and filling in holes in the schedule. There will be no Entertainment Guide this year.

EXHIBIT BUILDING: Still looking for more volunteers. Ledo's will be doing the volunteer food.

GATES: All covered.

4-H Dept: Accepting 4-H entries on Saturday and Sunday.

OFFICE: Need more help answering phone. September 18th special need.

RIBBONS/TROPHIES: Done

TRACK/SAWMILL: Ready to go. Mini Rod Pull on Friday night.

SPONSORS: Chesapeake Landscape Materials; FTC, Atlantic Fence and Astound Broadband.

VENDORS: Contracts coming in daily. New attraction: Trailer that has 2 bowling lanes and a lounge.

**NEXT MEETING: OCT 25, 2023**





## 4-H CORNER

There were over 60 attendees at the 4-H Foundation's Annual Cookout held on August 13 at Kinder Farm Park. 4-H'ers and their families, volunteers and friends, gathered together to enjoy hotdogs, hamburgers, delicious sides and desserts.

Later, awards were presented and in the Terry Cooper Unsung Hero adult category, the award went to Danielle Kahler, who is with Friendship Outdoor Skills Club and teaches archery there. The Youth category award was won by Jillian Chiappelli, who is a member of the Trail Blazers Natural Resources 4-H Club.

The Fair T-Shirt Design Contest was won by Aviva Krauson, who is a member of the Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club.

At twilight, the Friends of Kinder Farm Park provided tractor rides around the Park for everyone.

Many thanks to the Trail Blazers Natural Resources 4-H Club for sewing Scarecrow heads for the Scarecrow Workshop during Fair Week. This seems to be a yearly project for them.



## BINGO PRIZES

Miss Peggy is still looking for a few more prizes for her Senior Citizens Bingo to be held on Thursday of Fair Week.

Any type of item that you think a senior citizen would appreciate, is what we need. Bath items, skin care, perfumes or aftershave, even small domestic items like dish towels or potholders. Drop off at Fair Office or to the Information Booth before Thursday.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need additional help at the Fair Office to answer the phone and help with simple office duties. Help needed her before, during and after the Fair. Contact Peggy Peffly or Tommy Boehm to volunteer there.

More help is needed in the Exhibit Hall in various areas, such as Photography, Ceramics and Handicrafts during registration on Sunday and Monday, and judging on Tuesday, and the following Monday, Release Day. You may contact John Richardson or Wendy Sites, if you can help in these areas.

Any length of time you can come in to help, would be appreciated.

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

At the August Membership meeting, the proposed bylaw changes were reviewed, discussed and a vote was taken. All of the proposed changes were approved except for Policy #21 which states "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." This change was voted down.

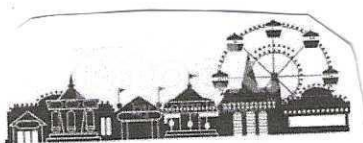
If you have any comments or questions, please contact Stacy Eckels or John Faber.

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## ADDITIONAL WORKDAYS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

The men from the AADC will be on the grounds and available to help with projects prior the Fair opening, Saturday, September 9th through Tuesday, September 12th.

If you have any last minute jobs that you need help with, please contact Sharon Gertz.



## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in September:

Lisa Angyelo  
Sue Becker  
Gail Yeiser  
Martin Hardy  
Pat Shema  
Dan Moos

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating in September:

Patty & Dan Seitz  
Marilyn & Marvin Glass  
Kate & Josh Hardy  
Amanda & Randy Akers  
Joddi & Ted Akers  
Gina & Todd Degreenia celebrating 35 years.

Special get well wishes to Lori Gray and Dan Overstreet who are going through some tough times right now. Our love to both of them.

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



## 2023 CALENDAR

- Sep 5 - Rental Committee  
7:30 p.m.
- Sep 6 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Sep 9 - Clean-up Day for Fair  
4-H Indoor Registration
- Sep 10 - Exhibitor Registration
- Sept 11 - Exhibitor Registration
- Sep 12 - Judging Day
- Sept 13 - Opening Day
- Sep 13-17 - ANNE ARUNDEL  
COUNTY FAIR
- Sep 18 - Release Day  
2 to 7 p.m.
- Sep 22-24 - Crownsville Gun & Knife Show
- Sept 30 - Swim Spa & Hot Tub Blowout
- Oct 3 - Rental Committee
- Oct 4 - Junior Board
- Oct 7 - Tractor Pull, Flea Market &  
Jousting Tournament
- Oct 10 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Oct 13-15 HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS  
20-22 & 28-30

**\*\*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  
November 21 2023  
7:30 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

**Election of Officers/Directors  
Winter Events  
2024 Planning**

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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.*

It's that time of the year once again for us to ask for HELP in the Office during Fair time.

Please let us know if you can help answer the phone on the following days:

September 5 10 to 3 pm

6 10 to 3 pm

7 10 to 3 pm

8 10 to 3 pm

September 11 10 to 5 pm

12 10 to 5 pm

13 10 to 8 pm

14 10 to 8 pm

15 9 to 9 pm

16 9 to 9 pm

17 9 to 7 pm

September 18 - if anyone can help 12 - 4 pm

Thank you for considering helping for this year's Fair

We could not do a Fair if not for our wonderful Volunteers.

PLEASE help if you can

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