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love to add it to our

museum! Contact Fran

Burns to contribute.

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Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society Newsletter

October 2025

Quarterly Update from Fran Burns, President

Welcome to the Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society's newsletter! We're excited to share updates, events, and news happening on our campus. Moving forward, this newsletter will be emailed quarterly. Please send your email address to Ebernier@marylandstatefair.com so we can keep you informed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Edie Bernier at the above email address.

Farm & Garden Building

Great news! The new Farm & Garden building is scheduled to be completed by November 12. We cannot thank Kinsley Construction enough for their attention to detail and their hard work, especially during the Fair. The future use of the building will be for exhibiting vegetables, flowers, hay, and other entries during the Fair. It will also be available for rental for meetings, weddings and gatherings. Stay tuned for information about our upcoming ribbon cutting!



Baltimore County Grant Commission Visit

Two days before the 2025 Fair opened we welcomed a visit from the Baltimore County Grant Commissioners. The Jr. Fair Board and MSF staff were honored to host a presentation highlighting all of the MSF agricultural educational programs held during the Fair and throughout the year. Afterwards, they enjoyed an onsite visit of the campus all set up for the 2025 State Fair. We loved meeting them!



Pictured with the Baltimore County Grant Commission members are Donna Myers, Chair of the MSF & Agricultural Society, Inc., MSF Kelly Garvick, MSF Mike Reuter and Jr. Fair Board Members Ashlynn Kidwell, Maddie Miller and Kylan Keehan.

Congratulations to Dale Sheats for his promotion to Director of Maintenance.

Welcome to Kelley Campbell, new Director of Finance.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 17-19- Home, Garden & Craft Show

Cow Palace

October 25-26- Jack-O- Lantern Jamboree

Youth Sheep & Goat Show

Sheep & Swine Barn

Nov. 26- Red Cross Blood Drive

Mosner Miller Bldg

Nov. 28-30, Kennedy Krieger Institute

Festival of Trees

Cow Palace

Dec. 5-30, 5:30pm-10 pm (closing early Xmas

Eve and closed on Xmas)- Holiday Light

Spectacular

Infield of Racetrack

Fun Fair Facts 2025

Did you know?

- 565,307 people attended the 2025 Md. State Fair
- Horseland gave away 2,000 stick ponies
- 700 children's books were given out at the Cow Tales Barnyard Bedtime Stories
- 600 participants for Sensory Friendly Day
- 300-400 kids daily went through Nature Play Space
- 70,000 people went through ULearn Barn
- 44,865 went through ULearn Farm
- 70,000 pounds of candy featured in the Bulk Candy Store
- 3,000 crab cakes were sold by Costas Inn



Costas Inn Timonium

"I know when you think of Costas the first thing everyone thinks of is seafood and I won't disagree. All their seafood dishes are delicious but I'm going to go in a different direction. I want to highlight Costas' "Steak House Sandwich " In truth. I'm a beef guy. We raise beef and I love eating beef and this sandwich doesn't disappoint. I think the star is the ciabatta bread. Chewy, delicious and the perfect backbone to hold this monster sandwich together. Tender steak, cooked to your liking, with caramelized onions, arugula and a zesty sauce. The flavors are bold but meld together in a perfect bite. Give it a try, I bet you'll enjoy it too."

David Gordon, Assistant Manager MSF



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- 4H/Home Arts Bldg., 28,330 sq. ft.
- Cow Palace, 158,400 sq. ft.
- Exhibition Hall, 38,400 sq. ft.
- The Grandstand, with a jumbo screen
- Horse Show Ring with lighted ring, 163 stalls/office
- Sales pavilion, modern, 11,000 sq. ft. seating for 470
- Vista Room, 4000 sq. ft. holds 330 people and 280 for banquet
- Track Infield, 16 acres
- Mosner Miller Building, 2500 sq. ft. Meeting or event space
- Coming Soon, Farm and Garden Building

Holiday Light Spectacular - Maryland State Fair Infield

December 5-30th, 5:30pm-10pm, closing early Xmas Eve and closed Xmas Day.

See what all the excitement is about! Over 40,000 people came to the infield of the Maryland State Fairgrounds last year to enjoy this new favorite family Holiday Tradition. Immerse yourself in a half mile magical holiday experience of over 1 million twinkling lights, music and mystic snow globes. The trail is complete with 25+ interactive scenes, a winter carnival with Ferris Wheel and more rides! Live Santa daily, new Swiss Holiday Village and Holiday cheer!

Proceeds from this event go to The Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society, Inc. a MD. based 501(c)(3) non-profit.

For ticket information: <https://mdholidaylights.com/>

For information on arranging a school or non- profit group, please email intern@drinkeatrelex.com

For information on arranging a family and social group please email team@mdholidaylights.com

