



# Food Security Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, September 7, 2023

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Food Security Initiatives - SoMD Fridges
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4. Food Pantry Platform
5. 2nd Annual Farmers Feeding St. Mary's
6. Next Meeting

# Introductions

- [Click here to access the meeting attendee list!](#)

# Food Security Initiatives - SoMD Fridges

- Starting a SoMD Fridge in St. Mary's County
  - **Action Item:** Choosing a local food pantry
  - Shan will continue to follow up with St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen, The Mission Food Pantry, and Church of the Ascension to invite them to this meeting and obtain their input on starting a SoMD Fridges chapter.

# Food Security Initiatives - Bag Hunger SoMD

- Updates
  - So far, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has allocated about 254,000 meals!
  - They are still looking for volunteers to assist with food packing on Saturday, September 23
    - HSMP will send out a Call For Volunteers [email blast](#) tomorrow (Friday, September 8)
  - They are continuing to outreach within the community and inviting people to volunteer!
    - Farmers Feeding St. Mary's - September 16
    - Seedco to share list of upcoming events
    - Reaching out to local government

# Food Pantry Platform

- SMCHD is utilizing Wellcheck to create an online Food Pantry Platform that connects all of the local food pantries together, and with the community
  - Food pantries can issue calls for donations, volunteers, and general information exchange
  - Community members can look up information on food pantries
  - Modeled after SMCHD's existing Youth Mentoring Platform
- Wellcheck's contract has obtained SDI approval!
- No further updates outside of incorporating continuation/expansion of the platform into the new grant
- Jacquie Wells will coordinate a meeting with Chris Nickerson of Wellcheck to discuss the next steps

# 2nd Annual Farmers Feeding St. Mary's

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*The annual Farmers Feeding St. Mary's County Program will offer free, farm fresh produce at two community events!  
Each family will receive a tote full of local fresh produce!*

**Thursday, August 17**  
**Bay District Volunteer Fire Department**  
**46900 S Shangri-La Dr, Lexington Park, MD**  
**1-7 p.m.\***

**Saturday, September 16**  
**UHaul Parking Lot**  
**46041 Signature Lane, Lexington Park, MD**  
**9 a.m.-1 p.m.\***

*\*Food distributions will continue until indicated event end time or until supplies run out*

*The Commissioners of St. Mary's County,  
the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services,  
the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development,  
and the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
are pleased to offer these valuable community events!*

*For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1050, or visit [www.stmaryscountymd.gov/aging](http://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/aging)*



- The 2nd Annual Farmer's Feeding St. Mary's event is next Saturday, September 16
- HSMP and SMCHD will be in attendance
- [Click here](#) to access the flyer!

# Next Meeting

- Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 2:30-3:30pm