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President's Note

—Ben Kirkup
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The Moyaone is unique to the point of being mythical—and good mythology requires a coming apocalypse. At present, the Moyaone is rallying against the proposed natural gas compressor station (Charles Station) championed by the so aptly-named Dominion Energy. There is nothing idyllic about a compressor station that is larger than any in New York State, creating industrial noise pollution, toxic chemicals, and vapors from squat smoke stacks, all with the very realistic threat of regular, even planned, explosive “blow-outs” and unplanned catastrophic infernos.

Lining up to oppose placing the compressor station in the middle of protected wetlands is an artistic band of environmental activists; while erstwhile champions (Alice Ferguson Foundation and Accokeek Foundation) appear indecisive and the grand Defender of Old (George Washington’s Mount Vernon) sits apparently impassive across the waters in silence. By many accounts, the eleventh hour has come, and the days are dark and short.

In letters to the Moyaone Association, the Accokeek Foundation and Alice Ferguson Foundation, those two other pillars of our community, have expressed their present intentions. The letters are published in full, alongside related letters from AMP Creeks and the Chesapeake Conservancy. My initial response, speaking for the Moyaone Association (the members, full and associate: being residents and paying their annual share)—but also speaking for the viewshed, watershed, and residents of the Moyaone in a more symbolic fashion—is to welcome the dialog while expressing dissatisfaction at the current stances of the Accokeek Foundation and the Alice Ferguson Foundation. I state this communal dissatisfaction without reservation given multiple unanimous votes of a quorum of the Moyaone Association membership in absolute opposition to the proposed Charles Station, to the point of committing fiscal resources to opposition efforts.

The Foundations in our midst have their own obligations to discern discrete roles and individual missions within the context of the watershed, the viewshed, and their Moyaone community neighbors. On what basis are Moyaone residents dissatisfied,

then? The AFF, for example, states that the evidence against the proposed compressor station is not compelling. On this basis, then, are we dissatisfied: Absent compelling argument, when one party feels strongly, the organizations should trust each other based on years of mutual commitment, intertwined leadership, and partially overlapping membership.

Why has this not happened? Because I am speaking to the Moyaone Association, as President, I will focus here on the obligations of the Moyaone Association and its members, rather than the obligations of the Foundations. Weakened ties of mutual commitment among the Foundations are partly the result of Moyaone resident inaction. Within the community of residents, some residents do not pay dues—for various reasons, including inability and conviction. That some Moyaone residents choose to not pay Moyaone Association dues is a concrete demonstration of the Moyaone’s commitment to those dues being voluntary. The members of the Moyaone Association value this liberty and accept its cost (An aside: I am committed to meeting with residents who do not pay the dues, to learn their situations. If you are a resident who has chosen not to pay, allow me to treat you to a beer or some tea, and discuss it with you).

However, many Moyaone residents passively choosing to not serve as members of the AFF or the AF creates unnatural gaps and seams in the Moyaone. It drives the Foundations to seek resources outside the community, rather than being service arms of the Moyaone to the neighborhood, the region, and the nation. Given the tone of dissatisfaction, this particular *Smoke Signals* may seem an odd time to suggest that Moyaone residents individually serve as members and supporters of both Foundations—but now is certainly such a time, to commit as members for mutual benefit. Only in our own firm mutual commitments can we re-establish harmony and reverse a spiral of disengagement. In establishing a 4-H chapter or hosting seasonal and cultural events, the Foundations continue to be spatially and spiritually incarnations of the Moyaone.

I personally welcome any private discussion (no matter how heated; but not anonymous) or polite open discourse about tactics to serve and protect the Moyaone community and our communal legacy. For now, I present these four letters on the subject of the proposed natural gas compressor station.

December 15, 2017



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The Moyaone Association
Accokeek, Maryland

Dear Neighbors,

The Accokeek Foundation's Board of Trustees is reaching out to you as our neighbors in the park regarding the recent spate of comments on social media regarding the Accokeek Foundation and its leadership. I wanted to share our perspective on the current situation, and ask for your advice on how to move towards productive dialogue.

The Accokeek Foundation shares the concerns of our local community about the potential environmental and viewshed impact of the proposed compression station on Barry's Hill Road in Charles County as part of the Eastern Market Access Project. While the policy of the Foundation and its Board of Trustees is not to take a position for or against any specific projects, companies, organizations, or individuals, we remain committed to promoting policies, practices, and values that support stewardship of natural and cultural resources in our region. The Accokeek Foundation was founded through the partnership of many in the community taking action to protect the Mount Vernon viewshed. We continue to steward 200 acres of Piscataway Park under a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. It is our mission to "cultivate passion for the natural and cultural heritage of Piscataway Park and commitment to stewardship and sustainability." We appreciate being able to serve the region by demonstrating and educating sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship through a variety of interpretive, recreational, and volunteer experiences.

With limited resources, CEO Lisa Hayes and the rest of our small but devoted staff does all that it can to ensure that visitors to these 200 acres of the park feel welcomed and are able to experience the magic of this special place on the Potomac. We hope that early in the new year, we can find a way for all the partners in the park to come together to forge a path forward for building a more collaborative community that honors and respects the strengths and the limitations of each of our organizations. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Virginia Busby, Chair
Accokeek Foundation Board of Trustees



Environmental Education on the Potomac

December 15, 2017

Moyaone Association
Accokeek, Maryland

Dear Neighbors,

The Alice Ferguson Foundation Board of Directors is actively following developments related to the proposed Dominion Compressor station. Based on the information and discussion that took place during the December 12, 2017 Charles County Board of Appeals hearing, we agree that Dominion owes the County Board--as well as the community--more details relating to key areas of concern. Just as the County Board seeks to fully understand and evaluate the issue, so do we. We look forward to more details from Dominion as well as the evaluation by the experts at FERC. Our Board of Directors will take all information into consideration as we determine how we can best be of value in this issue of ongoing concern to our local community.

Each year, Alice Ferguson Foundation partners with dozens of organizations to deliver our education and trash cleanup programs to thousands of local students, adult learners, and teachers. To support our mission, we apply for grant funding from a wide array of sources—from private foundations, state and local governments, individuals and corporate partners. As we move forward with our 30th year of trash cleanups throughout the Potomac watershed, in 2017 we applied for—and received—a competitive grant from Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation for \$15,000 to train volunteers and conduct cleanups. We receive contributions and funding from a wide variety of sources but we do not let this influence or compromise our principles or the education we provide.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation board and staff remain firmly committed to and focused on our mission. We respect that other local organizations, whether focused on a community of homeowners or other issues and constituencies, will pursue their missions with passion and purpose. We ask for that same courtesy and respect as we seek additional information on this current issue. In the meantime, we will continue to provide quality education programs that connect students to nature, sustainable agriculture, and cultural heritage.

Sincerely,



Accokeek, Mattawoman, Piscataway Creeks Communities Council (AMP Creeks Council)

January 5, 2018

Segmentation is a strategy that developers and corporations use (illegally) when they want to make getting permits easier by presenting the pieces of a large, horrid project in smaller, merely awful chunks. You know that a project has been segmented when the parts of that project do not have function or purpose without the others. Having fought Dominion's Cove Point export terminal for more than four years now, AMP Creeks is more familiar with segmentation than we'd like to be. Dominion's sprawling, segmented project has now landed in our backyards, of course, with their proposed Charles Station compressor station on New Marshall Hall/Barrys Hill Rd., and in their attempt to segment our community.

Dominion held their first open house for their Eastern Market Access Project, of which Charles Station is a part, in October of 2016. AMP Creeks did our best to help get folks there – and to the long string of subsequent meetings. We emailed, called, door-knocked, flyer-ed, posted, etc. We went to the open house in Loudoun (where their compressor station is proposed to be doubled in size for this project) and spoke at the rally held outside. We were especially buoyed by the community's response to our drive to get comments in to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) opposing the project. Our Spaghettoutta Here dinner and comments event was a success, as were our presentations to the Moyaone Association and other organizations we are allied with. Greater Accokeek Civic Association, Mattawoman Watershed Society, Clean Air Prince George's, We Are Cove Point, SEED, Sierra Club, Fighting Against Natural Gas (FANG) Collective, Calvert Citizens for a Healthy Community, Indian Head Highway Area Action Council (IHHAAC), and others joined forces to keep building momentum that has carried us all through several waves of FERC comments, multiple open houses and meetings, and five Charles County Board of Appeals hearings so far.

We also repeatedly contacted Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF), Accokeek Foundation (AF) and Mount Vernon Ladies Association. We verified that they received our letters, but received no responses. Those groups met with Dominion, some received money from Dominion, and now Dominion can claim "partners" for this project. Having the foundations officially on our side, on record, at meetings, at the hearings might have helped a great deal. Their silence was troubling and unexpected. On January 8, Lori Arguelles from AFF and possibly Lisa Hayes of AF, will be meeting with us to open a dialogue.

The county hearings are terrifying. Dominion is clearly doing shoddy work and putting forth false and misleading information. The ramifications of the proposed compressor station are extreme. It wouldn't "just" destroy the rural character that drew so many of us to this area, but bit by bit would also actively destroy the natural environment and our general health and welfare. The pollution from the plant, the fugitive emissions of gas leaking out

of the connecting parts, the impacts of the construction, lighting, noise, and vibration. The roar of the start-ups, blow-downs, and shut-downs on a third of the days each year. And that is a best-case scenario. Thinking about a fire, an explosion – it's heart-stopping. Thinking about whether or not we should stay here if it gets built and hope for the best – in some cases in family homes or homes we built ourselves – in a place like no other, but with creeping fear for our health and that of our families. How do you decide to roll those dice?

The hearings are exhilarating as well. It is rare for so many local folks to turn out, especially given that a lot of turning out has meant sitting and staring for three hours at a time. But to be in a room with so many friends and neighbors – so full of expertise and diverse experiences and points of view all committed to defeating this project, and finally getting a chance to put it all on record – that feels amazing. It is a reason to hope. We are in this together and we are strong.

AMP Creeks is committed to continuing to fight this project into the ground – we will stay lawyered up, we will keep up our grassroots efforts, and we will do our very best to keep absorbing the amazing information and resources so many of you have shared to strengthen our collective case. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the February 13 Board of Appeals hearing at 7:00 pm. The Board needs to keep seeing the actual people who their decision will affect. We are grateful for the opportunity to fight with so many of y'all, and hopeful that our circle will continue to grow. If you'd like to be on our email list, please email Kelly Canavan (kelly@ampcreeks.org). You can also find out more about us and this fight at www.ampcreeks.org.

*—Board of the Accokeek, Mattawoman, Piscataway Creeks
Communities Council (AMP Creeks Council).*

Dominion Hearing Postponed to February 13 at 6:30pm

Dominion requested an extension in the Charles Station compressor station case because they want more time to do their homework. They asked for the next hearing date (January 23), but it turns out that there is something else on the agenda that night. Both their lawyer and ours agree that we need the entire three-hour hearing, so it was decided that we will be heard on February 13.

We'll send updates as we get closer, but for now we're continuing to prepare for the hearing and do the other work we're committed to.

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December 1, 2017

Charles County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 2150
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Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing on behalf of the Chesapeake Conservancy, its Board of Directors, and its many supporters to ask that you carefully consider the request by Dominion Energy to seek a special exception to the Charles County Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a gas compressor station. We stand in support of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association and many others who have worked diligently over decades to ensure the continued protection of the viewshed from our first President's home. We appreciate the efforts of Charles County to do the same.

An analysis performed by the Chesapeake Conservancy's Conservation Innovation Center indicates that the buildings associated with the proposed compressor station as depicted by Dominion Energy, will not be visible from Mount Vernon. However, we remain concerned that emissions from the site will be visible to viewers looking out over the Potomac River. Smoke, steam, or other visible emissions would introduce a regular and unnatural aspect to what is now an unspoiled view from one of our Nation's most venerable historic sites. If Dominion Energy cannot ensure with complete certainty that these emissions will not be visible, we strongly encourage you to deny their request.

We note that the County Zoning Ordinance directs the Board to "...prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area..." when considering requests for special exceptions. It appears clear from the wording that this caveat was meant to extend beyond directly adjacent properties. We believe that the unique historic nature of Mount Vernon, combined with the extraordinary efforts that have been undertaken to protect its viewshed, warrant its inclusion in the "surrounding area" of the proposed compressor station.

We further note that Dominion Energy owns the 50-acre site where the compressor station is proposed to be located, and that the site is largely forested. If Dominion Energy can assure that its emissions will not be visible from Mount Vernon, and if the Board allows the special exception, we encourage the Board to require Dominion to proffer a permanent conservation easement on the property such that there will always be a forested buffer around any existing or new construction that will block its view from Mount Vernon.

—Chesapeake Conservancy letter continued on page 6.

Dominion Energy's propensity to locate energy transmission facilities within sight of our most precious cultural and historic places like Mount Vernon and Jamestown is a disturbing trend. In defining what is in the public interest, we must ensure that our most iconic places remain as intact as possible for the education of, and enjoyment by, future generations, even if it comes at the expense of higher corporate profits.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,



Joel Dunn
President & CEO

Moyaone Association Leadership Changes

—Kent L. Hibben, Roads Chair

First—I join everyone in appreciation of the astounding work Stan Fetter has done as Roads Chair of the Moyaone Association, generously laboring for many years to ensure our roads are safe and enjoyable.

I can but hope to follow in his success-filled footsteps as I try on the Roads Chair hat next. I look forward to getting up to speed (but not over 15 mph) on all Standard Operating Procedures, Points of Contact, issues, and actions to serve the Moyaone's gravel network.

Going forward, please steer any roads/snow questions to: **MoyaoneRoadsChair@gmail.com**, or text/phone to **(202) 316-8432**.

Speaking of standing on the shoulders of giants, I tip my hat also to my father who guided me into the fray with his forest focus, and to Margaret Schmid, who was the Public Affairs (PA) Chair until she moved away. Papa taught me the value of pitching in to steward the viewshed, and supporting each of the partners' paths that further the health of the forests and farmlands we share. Margaret, in turn, looped me into the "Keep the Walmart from Accokeek" actions; I took her lead, seeing that the footprint of the proposed big box store was as large as the Moyaone lot I had just purchased next door to my childhood house. Not on my watch, I thought.

Though still active on the PA committee to help with Moyaone matters, I am honored to now serve under the new PA Chair, Sarah Carts Kase! With her thoughtful actions and energies—she's about the age now that I was when I first became PA Chair—the Moyaone Reserve and its partnerships are lucky to have her next at the helm. I sign off now with a forward-thinking thought: Civic engagement, civilly applied, is central to the success of this Moyaone Reserve. Fueled by volunteer spirits and elbow grease, there is always room

for others to pitch in alongside, with an ever-evolving list of causes to champion and neighbors to partner with.

It is largely due to the ongoing support I got over the decades of volunteering that I suggested to Sarah she could, in turn, gain equally in home-grown pride through the role of PA Chair.

Please heed the PA's call as you see fit—there is always much to do on the ground, in the waters, and in the skies overhead. "Thank You!" for the honor to have served as PA Chair. See you in the 'hood, and ... on the roads.

Respectfully, Kent

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Next DEADLINE: Feb. 5, 2018 for February 2018 issue of *Smoke Signals*



Homegrown Coffeehouse Kicks Off 2018 Season Jan. 20

The first Homegrown Coffeehouse is Sat., Jan 20 with Lulu's Fate. Doors open at 6 pm. Opening act: 7:15–7:45 pm, Gary Mitchell; Main act: 8–10 pm. Admission: \$12. More info: 240-305-0876. The coffeehouse takes place at the National Colonial Farm Education Building, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.

Light fare (homemade soups, bread and cheese) is served 6–7:30 pm; desserts, tea, and coffee (all evening).



Lulu's Fate (*see photo above*) is a trio based in the Washington, DC area, performing a variety of traditional American music as well as original and “new traditional” songs and tunes. The group is comprised of Tom Espinola (guitar, mandolin & vocals), Kristen Jones (cello & vocals) and Kara Bolling (vocals). Lulu's Fate combines virtuosic instrumentals with tight three-part harmonies to create new interpretations of traditional Appalachian music. They also mix in a variety of country blues, Dixieland, sea chanteys, southern string band tunes, and covers ranging from Hank Williams to Tom Waits. Their debut CD *The Blackest Crow* was voted Best Debut Recording of 2014 by the Washington Area Music Association.

For more information about the group, see: <http://lulusfate.com/>; Youtube links, Red Rocking Chair [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYE1IWSsTqk>]; Say Darlin' Say [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-RRluCDYvM>].

Gary Mitchell will open the show, 7:15–7:45 pm. His music perfectly blends catchy pop melodies with the lyrical depth of James Taylor, the groove of Maroon 5, and the soul of John Legend.

His live show combines high quality originals and a dynamic range of covers into a powerhouse performance that entertains and engages. And if you're brave enough to listen in, it may change your life. Visit: www.garymitchellmusic.com; and Music with a Message, www.visionrisemusic.com

Coming Up at the Homegrown Coffeehouse

Sat., Feb. 3—Cary Cooper, plus Songwriting Workshop

Sat., March 24—Tony Denikos

Sat., April 28—Gina Desimone and Pat Quinn

THE CHILI CHALLENGE

WHEN: Saturday, February 24, at 6:00 pm

WHERE: Wagner Community Center,
2311 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek

Moyaone chefs—step up to the CHILI CHALLENGE. Prizes will be awarded for the best vegetarian chili and the best chili with meat. Entering is simple. Just send an email to Mary Lee Phelps at mlgp42@msn.com. Enter all your best recipes!

For those of you who just want to eat, drink, and catch up with neighbors, the admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Our master brewers will provide their wonderful beer. Admission includes all the chili, salad, bread, beer, wine, and soda you can consume. Admission for all chefs will be waived.

This is a perfect time to catch up with friends and neighbors. All proceeds from this event will support getting electricity and water to the cook shack.

Hope to see you there.



Lynn Hollyfield Music News

Happy New Year to you and yours! Off to a great jumpstart with the music ... just found out that one of my new songs, “Warm Me from the Winter Wind,” came in as a Finalist in the Jazz/Blues Category of the Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Contest! Honored to be recognized here and it's kind of timely with the winter weather we're having! Listen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b79c_ORt18c

Below are some upcoming shows; looking forward to new adventures with the music in 2018! More info at: www.LynnHollyfield.com; www.cdbaby.com/Artist/LynnHollyfield; www.amazon.com/Layers-Lynn-Hollyfield; www.amazon.com/Balance-Lynn-Hollyfield; itunes.apple.com/us/artist/lynn-hollyfield

Sun., Jan. 14, 7–9 pm—World Folk Music Association Showcase. Positano Ristorante Restaurant, 4948 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda. Performers: Emily Mitchell, Silver Strings, Lynn Hollyfield. Admission: Members \$10, Non-members \$15 (pay at the door; credit cards accepted). Reservations: (reserve@wfma.net; 301-744-7740). More info: www.WFMA.net; <http://wfma.net/pr1801.htm>; 301-654-1717.

Wed., Jan. 31, 7–10 pm—Songwriter's Association of Washington Showcase. Epicure Cafe, Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA. Lynn Hollyfield is the featured act (8:30ish). Ron Goad hosts. www.EpicureCafe.com



The historic home and office of the Alice Ferguson Foundation.



The Cafritz Environmental Center of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, one of the greenest buildings in the world, received full certification under the Living Building Challenge™ by the International Living Future Institute. Photos: Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Sharing Green Energy

—Lori Arguelles, President and CEO
Alice Ferguson Foundation

Did you know that just down the hill from the Alice Ferguson Foundation’s historic home and office, the Foundation’s educational center is one of the greenest buildings in the world? As of this year, our community remains just one of 15 places in the world to have a Living Building helping to power their neighborhood.

One of the most obvious “green” elements of our building is visible almost as soon as you turn into the campus. The environmental center’s roof is covered with solar panels. This past year, these panels, along with our geothermal wells and thick insulation, combined to generate 25% more electricity than we used. This excess energy, generated from the sun, and enhanced and made more efficient through our geothermal system, was sent back into the grid. So when you turned on your kitchen light, the lights are likely powered in part by the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

We’ve invested more than a decade in understanding, exploring and now reaping the benefits of an investment in green buildings and technology. We’re happy to share that knowledge, along with clean, green energy with our neighbors.



Polly helps with calving. Photo by Casey Lowe.

Anyone Can Be a Farm Kid!

—Deanna Rishell, Accokeek Foundation

Sat., Jan. 13, 2–4 pm.

The Accokeek Foundation (AF) is teaming up with 4-H to offer the first livestock-focused 4-H club in Prince George’s County. As a club member, not only will 8- to 18-year-olds meet the heritage breed animals of the National Colonial Farm, they will care for them through hands-on learning experiences and the opportunity to show at the 2018 county fair.

This meeting will include a tour of the site, meeting the animals, program overview, the schedule for the year, and registration. Come dressed for the weather. The snow date is Saturday, Jan. 20, 2–4 pm. Please meet at the AF Education Center, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek.

See <https://goo.gl/wmUCFV> for the online application. For more information about 4-H, see: <https://goo.gl/57FxxQL>. Any questions can be sent to Casey Harlow (charlow@accokeek.org).

Comings and Goings in the Moyaone

—Sheryl Romeo (sheryl@sherylromeo.com)

Joe and Peggy DeStephanis, long-time residents, past Moyaone president, and board members of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, have moved to Florida for full-time fun in the sun. The new owners of their Reserve Road house are Dale West and John Bruce. They are new to the east coast, coming from Vashon Island in Puget Sound near Seattle. Also making the move from Reserve Road are Libby Bunn and Jack Bleiberg. Their new home will be in North Carolina.

New landowners are Dana Key and Mike Spute who purchased the Jacobs lot on Bonds Retreat. Many of you know Dana Key as she has lived in the Moyaone on a temporary basis and is looking forward to putting more permanent roots here. Dana is also responsible for the Eggs for Sale cooler at the entrance of the pool when weather permits. Miles and Ashley Palmer have purchased a lot on Steamboat Landing and Anna and Jimmy Blamblett have purchased part of the Vess Estate on Old Marshall Hall and Hidden Valley Road. All are looking forward to building their dream houses.



A Hero in Accokeek

The grounds of the Wagner Community Center were the site of a summertime picnic back in July 2015, a day that turned dramatic with unexpected danger and could have ended in tragedy. A tree limb weighing 6 to 10 tons fell on the playground equipment below it. Anyone who knows John Hollyfield and his devotion to serving the Moyaone community will not be surprised to hear that he saved the life of 6-year-old Ashley Gruwell that day, risking his own life to do so. For his actions he was honored by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The Carnegie Medal is given throughout the United States and Canada to those who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. The fund was started in 1904 by Andrew Carnegie in response to a coal mine disaster earlier that year.

According to the Carnegie website:

JOHN PAUL HOLLYFIELD, Accokeek, Maryland
John Paul Hollyfield saved Ashley S. Gruwell from being struck by a falling tree limb, Accokeek, Maryland, July 9, 2015. During a cookout on the wooded Moyaone Reserve, Ashley, 6, was seated at the top of a slide that was about 10 feet beneath an 80-foot-long limb of an old-growth tree, the base of which was about 20 feet away. At the trunk, the limb was at least 3 feet in diameter. An attendee, Hollyfield, 56, teacher, heard the limb cracking from the tree and concluded that its collapse was imminent. While Hollyfield and others yelled for guests nearby to disperse, Ashley remained atop the slide. Hollyfield, then standing near a pavilion, ran about 30 feet to the slide, where he grabbed Ashley and led her to the ground. Hollyfield then led her to safety in the vicinity of the pavilion. Within seconds, the limb fell across the top of the slide, destroying it, while also damaging other structures at the scene.



John's great-grandfather, James M. Hermansen of Widstoe, Utah (*at left*), was also a recipient of Carnegie Hero Fund award. On April 17, 1924, Hermansen attempted to stop a team of runaway horses hitched to a wagon carrying a 10-year-old child. The child was

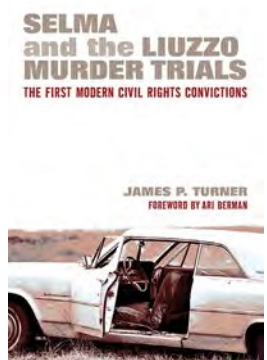
saved, but Hermansen died of injuries sustained during the rescue. His recognition was awarded posthumously with a Carnegie medal and a grant that helped support his widow and family.

On January 24, Senator Chris Van Hollen will present John Hollyfield with the prestigious Carnegie Hero award. In addition to a certificate and medal, Hollyfield receives a \$5,000 cash prize from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The medals are individually minted with the recipient's name and a brief description of their act of heroism on the reverse.

Congratulations, John. The Moyaone is proud of you.

NEW BOOK BY MOYAONE RESIDENT

A new book, *Selma and the Liuzzo Murder Trials*, by longtime Moyaone resident Jim Turner, is being released this month. Jim worked for the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division from 1965 to 1994; the last 25 years as Deputy Assistant Attorney General. The book looks back to his very first prosecutive assignment at DOJ in 1965, which turned out to be the first conviction of klansmen in a civil rights case in the modern South.



You can order a copy and read early praise for the book from Congressman John Lewis, Civil Rights leader Morris Dees, former Governor Devak Patrick and others online at: https://www.press.umich.edu/9753373/selma_and_the_liuzzo_murder_trials