

# Smoke Signals



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## President's Note

—Ben Kirkup  
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In the past couple of months, the rhetoric and anxiety around the proposed Dominion compressor station has been heating up. This isn't because the situation is actually any more serious than it was a year ago; in fact, if anything, the situation continues to improve. No setbacks have been experienced; the statement by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) was foregone from the beginning. The unexpected victory at the Charles County Board of Appeals is well known. Dominion has missed all of its deadlines for construction, which was to begin in November. Dominion has taken the step of felling trees, but this has all the hallmarks of a programmatic temper tantrum. Performing this now doesn't significantly buy them more time later. The presentations at the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) hearing on March 28 were more technically compelling than expected.

In addition, various organizations are entering the coalition led by AMPCreeks. Both the Accokeek Foundation and the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) were present at the lengthy MDE hearing; and AFF made a compelling testimony. The Sierra Club of Maryland is the latest to join the fight. Politicians are also responding to inquiries and requests. Senator Van Hollen's and Senator Cardin's staffs have either written or agreed to write letters to FERC.

The organizations that have been least willing to join the fight are ironically the ones that have fought hardest against Dominion in the past, on other issues. Facing the trauma of failure, organizations that I will not name here are not eager to repeat the experience. This is fully understandable and regrettable; but even in these cases, as the march of progress continues to disfavor the proposed station, fear melts away and an interest in the cause is kindled.

The highest priority is continuing in tight synchrony. Close coordination has been largely possible because the legal leads

## Moyaone Association Annual Meeting Saturday, May 5 at 4 pm

Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road  
Registration and membership renewals start at 3:30; the meeting will start at 4:00 pm.

The meeting announcement, along with the agenda and the minutes from the Association Budget Meeting, will be sent out soon.

—Karen Hoagberg, Secretary

have been entirely managed by AMPCreeks. As a result, there are not conflicting friendly testimonies, clashing estimates, or discrepancies between documents. The AMPCreeks strategy has at times seemed unlikely to succeed — largely because all strategies seemed unlikely to succeed. And yet, here we are, succeeding.

### SEND NOTICES FOR SMOKE SIGNALS TO:

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Next DEADLINE: May 6 for May 2018 issue.

## Moyaone Association Board

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## Next Steps on Charles Station

Here are the next steps in the fight against Dominion Energy putting a natural gas compressor station in Bryans Road, immediately adjacent to Piscataway Park.

*Please pass the word.* Here are three things to do now:

### 1) Write Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)

Time to put your writing skills in motion. Write MDE and urge them to deny the Air Quality Permit that Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP has applied for in order to build the compressor station “Charles Station”. We must urge them to do a comprehensive and independent Health Impact Assessment. For further inspiration, put some of the talking points (distributed earlier) into your own words. If you need a copy of the talking points, please email the Moyaone Secretary ([moyaonesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:moyaonesecretary@gmail.com)).

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### 2) Call or email the Chesapeake Fish and Wildlife Service

In your own words, tell them that the Fish and Wildlife Service must begin the “consultation” process under the Endangered Species Act, in order to determine how the Charles Station Compressor Station will adversely impact the recovery of the northern long-eared bat. Even though there is an Endangered Species Act “4(d)” rule for the bat that only protects maternity roost sites or hibernacula (shelters of hibernating animals), we believe Fish and Wildlife still needs to initiate consultation in order to determine whether the 4(d) rule applies here, which means the agency needs to look for maternity roost sites and hibernacula.

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### 3) Call, write, or email the MDE Water Office

There should be a public hearing and written public comment period on the Permit to Appropriation and Use Waters of the State. The dewatering of 230,000 gallons of water a day for ten months in an area surrounded by wetlands, many of which are on National Park land, carries significant environmental risks. Among other concerns, the dewatering could drain wetlands that provide valuable habitat for a rich diversity of species in the national park land. In addition, the dewatering could affect the drinking water wells for the hundreds of people in the immediate vicinity of the station site.

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## Public Affairs Committee Update April, 2018

—Moyaone Public Affairs Committee

Public Affairs Committee members, working with AMP Creeks, prepared for the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Air Permit hearing on the proposed Charles Compressor Station. Community turn-out at that March 28 MDE public meeting at the Bryans Road Fire Hall was inspirational! Thank you all for coming out and speaking loudly and clearly with spirited, informed, and heartfelt testimony to oppose the proposed Charles Compressor Station. The public can — and should — continue to send in testimony until June 12: to Shannon Heafey at MDE (email: [shannon.heafey@maryland.gov](mailto:shannon.heafey@maryland.gov); mail: Air Quality Permits, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 720, Baltimore, MD 21230-1720).

The Public Affairs Committee has continued to reach out to state and federal legislators, and met with Congressman Steny Hoyer staff on March 15, State Delegate Susie Proctor on March 24, and Delegate Jay Walker on March 27. Several more meetings are scheduled. Please keep your own calls and emails going out: they are making a difference! Watch for emailed Public Affairs announcements and updates from the committee Chair.

## To: Moyaone Association Members

A recent sharing of residents’ (among whom were current Moyaone Association members) points-of-view on what is acceptable newsletter content, guides the below policy to be offered to the readership.

The final content of the *Smoke Signals* newsletter of the Moyaone Association, Inc. (MA), is historically at the discretion of the Editor. Theirs is the decision of whether an announcement or story is to be placed in the “Classifieds” section rather than a general interest story. Also, all submissions offered to the Editor for publishing consideration need to be identifiably signed by the author or sponsor.

It may serve as a contrast to note that other sources of volunteered information, also meant to inform Moyaone Association members and other locals, are the MA Board of Directors and MA Committee Chairs. A separate social medium, the NextDoor Moyaone Reserve forum, was formed as a separate entity from the MA, and is run independently by three Moyaone Reserve residents volunteering their moderating activities on their own, (not MA’s), behalf.

The default position of the editors, co-moderators, and Board members and Chairs (all uncompensated and politically unaffiliated roles) over time is to provide information through multiple channels, to ensure that readers are as informed as is possible. Civil discourse on each of these volunteered media is the source of appreciated improvement. Thanks for adding to the enjoyable richness of this unique neighborhood, through constructively engaging.

—Kent Lamparter Hibben



*Pictured above and at right are two of the homes featured during the 2018 Moyaone Homes' Tour on Saturday, April 21.*



## MOYAONE HOMES' TOUR

**Saturday, April 21, 1–5 pm**

Don't miss the seventh Moyaone Homes' Tour. This will be your opportunity to explore lovely historical homes, wander through luxurious newer residences, enjoy the woods in spring and experience some surprises. The tour will end with the traditional Wine and Cheese Social and Silent Auction.

This year's houses include several designed by local architect Charles Wagner, and another that may be the oldest in the Moyaone Reserve. Many of the homes have distinctive artwork and lawn plantings on display. Docents will be on hand to answer your questions and tell you about the history of the houses.

Registration and sign-in is being held at the Moyaone Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.

The Wine and Cheese Social and Silent Auction will be held 5 pm to 7 pm at 15305 Reserve Road, Accokeek. The reception is open only to those who have a homes' tour ticket.

Tickets are \$20 per person when prepaid. To register early go to the Moyaone Association web page ([www.moyaone.org/homes-tour/2018](http://www.moyaone.org/homes-tour/2018)). Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Join us and enjoy the beauty and diversity of our unique neighborhood.

## George Garner Memorial on April 14

—Paola Addamiano-Carts

A memorial gathering for George Garner will be held at the Wagner Center (2311 Bryan Point Rd.) on Sat., April 14. Gather for a potluck around 3 pm. Grilled lamb and Moose Manor poultry will be on offer around 4 pm. Formal remarks will begin around 5:30 pm. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments.

For information, contact: [CartsFamily@alacarts.net](mailto:CartsFamily@alacarts.net).

## Moyaone Properties Featured as Part of Vernacular Architecture Conference

Two houses in the Moyaone Reserve, the Wagner house (home of Holly Wagner) and the Richard Hay Kenah House (owned by the Weimans), will be featured on a house tour sponsored by the Vernacular Architecture Forum in early May. The organization is dedicated to the appreciation and study of ordinary buildings and landscapes. Nearby Hard Bargain Farm, with its 1924 house and landscaped gardens along with a 20th-century farm yard, is also on the tour.

Both houses are also listed on the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Properties as examples of midcentury architecture, 1941–1978. More information is available on the website, including other homes in the Moyaone Reserve that are included in the historic properties inventory.

The Vernacular Architecture tour is part of a conference and open only to conference attendees. For more information on the organization see the website (<http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org>).

## Free Community Shred Event

A free Community Shred Event will take place on Saturday, April 14, from 9 am to 1 pm, at Tree of Life Christian Ministries, 9109 Piscataway Rd., Clinton, MD.

Consumer protection materials will be distributed.

The event is hosted by Tamara Davis Brown in partnership with the Tree of Life Christian Ministries and BB&T Bank. Brown is an appointed member of the Maryland Consumer Council, and is a candidate for District 9, Prince George's County Council.



(left) Garden volunteers helped in the Children's Garden in March; (right) also in March, a vermicomposting workshop was held. Photos: Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF).

## Alice Ferguson Foundation Hosts Upcoming Community Events

Varya Zhigilei  
Communications and Marketing Manager

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup with the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) on April 14, or at any one of hundreds of sites in the area.

**Saturday, April 14, 9 am–Noon.** We will meet at the Accokeek Creek Boardwalk parking lot at 9 am (2613–2687 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek) and walk down the boardwalk to our shoreline cleanup location. This is a family friendly event — everyone is welcome! There will be announcements and snacks in the morning, and free pizza at the end of the cleanup. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a beautiful afternoon making sure trash stays out of the river.

Too windy on the shoreline? The Hard Bargain Players will be doing a parallel event in the AFF historic amphitheater from 10 am to 2 pm, April 14. Volunteers will help prepare the amphitheater for its upcoming season. Learn more on the website (<http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/event/3405/show>) or contact Trey Thomas (240-776-8830; [tthomas@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:tthomas@fergusonfoundation.org)). AFF Hard Bargain Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek.

Can't make it this weekend? Volunteer at any time this month at hundreds of sites in Virginia, Maryland, and DC. The official "Potomac Cleanup" date is Saturday, April 14, (more than 100 events are happening that day), but there are also cleanups scheduled throughout the entire month of April. To find a day, time, and location that works for you, see the website (<http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/map/>).

## Vermicomposting Means Wasting Less

This March, AFF hosted a workshop about worms. Workshop attendees learned why indoor vermicomposting worms make the best pets with the coolest adaptations, and how to make a simple indoor worm compost bin for an easy, green way to waste less.

## Garden Volunteers Cleaned Up!

We had almost a dozen volunteers come out in March to help get the garden ready for our spring school groups. Our next volunteer day will be April 21 — the day before Earth Day. Join us in the Children's Garden from 10 am to noon on the third Saturday of each month, March through August.

## Save the Date! Upcoming AFF Events:

- April 14: Potomac Trash Cleanup
- April 21: Volunteer Day in Children's Garden, 10 am–Noon
- April 22: Wine & Design, 3–6 pm
- April 29: Open Mic in the Woods, 7 pm
- May 5: Spring Farm Festival, 11 am–4 pm

## Friends of Chapman State Park Annual Meeting

**Sunday, April 22, 1–2 pm.** Annual meeting of the Friends of Chapman State Park. Come to begin or renew a membership (\$35), learn about current plans and programs, and enjoy a program by Nate Salzman, director of the Indian Village of Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (St. Leonard, MD). Make reservations for the Spring Tea fundraiser, May 20, 2–4 pm. Spaces go quickly! Call 240-472-1384.

Check the website ([www.friendsofchapmansp.org](http://www.friendsofchapmansp.org)) for upcoming programs.



(left) Potomac River clean-up takes place on April 14 this year; (right) the “magic garden” event takes place on May 12. Photos: Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park.

## **April, May Events at Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park**

Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. Visit [accokeekfoundation.org/events](https://accokeekfoundation.org/events) or call (301) 283-2113 for more information.

### **Potomac River Watershed Clean-Up at the National Colonial Farm Saturday, April 14, 9:30 am–12:30 pm**

Pitch in and pick up at this year’s Potomac River Watershed Cleanup! Volunteers are needed to help remove trash and debris from the Potomac River shoreline. This is a great opportunity for families, service-learning students, as well as Boy/Girl Scouts and other groups. This year’s event will also include educational watershed activities for participants. Register for free at <https://accofoundprwc.eventbrite.com> or call (301) 283-2113. Contact Casey Harlow for more information on group registration at [volunteers@accokeek.org](mailto:volunteers@accokeek.org).

### **Piscataway ParkRx Day Sunday, April 29, 1–5 pm**

The Accokeek Foundation is teaming up with ParkRx America to showcase the Foundation’s Agriculture for Wellness program and demonstrate how caring for the land through agriculture can promote health and happiness. Join us for a keynote speech by Dr. Jennifer D. Roberts, follow a guided healing landscape tour at Piscataway Park, get your heart racing with farm gym activities, observe a 4-H skills demo, and treat yourself to something healthy and delicious from the farm stand. Register for free at <https://piscatawayparkrxday.eventbrite.com> or call (301) 283-2113.

### **Escape Garden Friday, May 11, 6–7 pm or 7:30–8:30 pm**

What is even more fun than getting trapped in a room with your favorite people? Getting trapped in an 18th century garden with only an hour to fix your time machine and escape 1770. Solve interactive puzzles, complete challenging games, and search the farm for clues before your time runs out. This “Escape Room” style game on the National Colonial Farm is perfect for groups

and parties. \$25 per person. To register for 6–7 pm, visit <https://6-7pmescapefarm.eventbrite.com>; 7:30–8:30 pm, visit <https://730-830pmescapegarden.eventbrite.com>. Contact Deanna Rishell ([drishell@accokeek.org](mailto:drishell@accokeek.org)) to book all ten slots for \$225.

### **The Magic Garden Saturday, May 12, 11 am–2 pm**

Hogwarts, schmogwarts. Piscataway Park is the place to learn about \*magic\*. Explore the magical plants of this special place. Skip Herbology for an enchanting plant walk, make your own special potion in the Museum Garden, dip your own candle worthy of the Great Hall on the National Colonial Farm, and design your very own elder wand at the Visitor Center. Register for free (crafts are a suggested \$5/piece): <https://magicgarden5-12.eventbrite.com> or call (301) 283-2113.

### **Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea Sunday, May 13, 2–4 pm**

Bring your favorite mum to high tea in the historic gardens of the National Colonial Farm. Tea service will include tea cakes, scones, biscuits (or cookies for us Americans), finger sandwiches, and of course, TEA. And don’t forget to dress-to-impress — you never know who you may meet at a royal gathering. Space in the gardens is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot today. Non-members (\$20 per person) register at: <https://mothersday-afternoontea5-13.eventbrite.com>; members (\$10) at: <https://mothersdayafternoonteaformembers.eventbrite.com>.



### **Homegrown Coffeehouse**

Gina Desimone and Pat Quinn  
Saturday, April 28

The next Homegrown Coffeehouse is Saturday, April 28, with Gina Desimone and Pat Quinn. Doors open at 6 pm. Admission: \$12. More info: 240-305-0876; <http://www.ginadesimone.com> The coffeehouse is at the National Colonial Farm at Piscataway Park, 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.