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President's Note: Half a Shoe Dropping

—Michael Leventhal
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Discussions between Dominion Energy and Mount Vernon on moving the proposed Charles Station Compressor Project beyond the historic viewshed of Mount Vernon located on the eastern side of the Potomac continue. The two parties are trying to reach a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by which an alternative site will be found for this proposed Dominion project outside of the historic viewshed.

Meanwhile, Dominion has asked the Maryland Federal Circuit Court for a delay in its lawsuit against Charles County over the denial of a Special Exception Zoning request by the Charles County Board of Appeals. If the Barrys Hill Road site is no longer going to have a compressor station, then there is no logical purpose to pursue the lawsuit against Charles County. So rather than a full shoe dropping, we get a half a shoe falling.

The Moyaone Task Force to Stop Charles Station has continued to meet with various federal and state elected officials as well as various state officials in an attempt to get the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to publicly announce that it will completely stop any action, work, research, etc. on the various permit requests submitted by Dominion for the proposed Charles Station compressor project. Again, our argument has been, if there are serious discussions between Dominion and Mount Vernon on having this project no longer sited on Barrys Hill Road, then the MDE should not continue to work on these permit requests that are site specific. Our

argument to MDE is to stop all work on Dominion's permit request until a MoU can be developed between Mount Vernon and Dominion. We are still waiting for MDE to make such a public statement.

As all of us know from past experiences, one can never let down one's guard in the middle of a fight. Until there are public announcements from both Dominion and Mount Vernon that the proposed Charles Station compressor project is dead, and that Dominion has withdrawn its lawsuit against Charles County, and withdrawn its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission application for this project as well as the permit requests from MDE, there can be no letup on our behalf of opposing this project.

We may be able to get our dancing shoes out of the closet, but it is still not time to put them on and have a victory dance.

Not Over Yet: Task Force Fight Against Compressor Station

— Karen Hoagberg, Task Force Coordinator

This past month has been a critical time for the Moyaone Task Force to Stop Charles Station, with meetings of strategic importance taking place. A priority was to meet with our federal representatives urging them to put pressure on the state to not approve permits of any kind. A meeting with Congressman Hoyer was scheduled, and we spoke at length with his senior staffers. We had a productive face-to-face meeting with Senator Van Hollen and his senior

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staff, who have been sympathetic and supportive throughout this effort. At the end of our meeting Senator Van Hollen's State Director, Joan Kleinman, said, "You guys are good — you know how to get what you want from us, and we still like you at the end."

A tremendous THANK YOU needs to go to all of you who wrote letters or sent emails to Governor Hogan and Secretary Grumbles; the message was heard. We met with Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Governor Hogan's Deputy Chief of Staff, who oversees the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). She acknowledged that the permitting of this project is very complicated, particularly with the presence of the wetlands. We urged that no permits be issued, both because of the lack of an independent assessment about health, safety, and environmental risks, and because the Memo of Understanding (MoU) being developed between Dominion Energy and Mount Vernon might render the site permit applications moot. She said that she had been in touch with Dominion, and that all the permit applications were currently on hold.

State Senator Mac Middleton hosted our most recent meeting with MDE Secretary Ben Grumbles and MDE Director of Legislative & Intergovernmental Relations Jeffrey Fretwell. Secretary Grumbles was aware of the MoU discussions and had been in touch with both Dominion and Mount Vernon, seeking clarification. The need for resolution of the pending litigation regarding the Special Exception denial by the Charles County Board of Appeals was discussed as a factor impacting the delay of MDE proceeding with permitting. Secretary Grumbles was clear in stating that MDE is in no hurry to make decisions on any of the pending permits, all of which are under review with MDE using a holistic scoreboard and following an integrated approach, with the heads of all permits processes meeting together on a regular basis. Furthermore, he acknowledged that an Independent Health, Safety and Environmental Assessment is warranted for this project; when questioned he confirmed this. He indicated that the Maryland Health Department, the Department of Natural Resources, the Army Corps, and other agencies would be involved. On the question of MDE issuing permits, he was clear that "We're not moving ahead any time soon."

Dewatering Permit Comment Period Extended

November 30, 2018, is the new extended deadline for submitting written comments to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) opposing the dewatering permit that Dominion Energy has requested in order to build the proposed Charles Station gas compressor.

This proposed station, located on Barrys Hill Road, will pollute the air, may contaminate our water supply, and will endanger the wetlands in Piscataway Park.

Many thanks to the people who have already submitted comments to MDE. Your letters have alerted them to our continuing concerns and provided the energy to continue to demand an independent, comprehensive health, safety and environment assessment.

Relocation is an Option

The *Maryland Independent* reported that relocation is now officially an option for the proposed Dominion compressor station. Dominion's counsel submitted a legal memorandum to Judge Peter Messitte of the US District Court of Maryland. In the memorandum, Dominion said if a suitable alternative site is found and all regulatory approvals are obtained, they would not build the compressor at the Barrys Hill site.

This is encouraging news BUT clearly many questions remain.

- Will an appropriate site be found?
- What will be the impact of the compressor station at the new site?

We must remain vigilant. Please continue to send your letters or email outlining your concerns to:

John Grace
Source Protection and Appropriation Division
Water Management Administration
1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore MD 21230

john.grace@maryland.gov

Go to <https://www.moyaone.org/dominion-whatyoucando> for sample letters and talking points.

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Update:

The Fight to Stop Dominion's Proposed Compressor Station

—Kelly Canavan, AMP Creeks

Benefit Concert

Our recent benefit concert to stop the compressor station, *A Musical Travelogue: From Istanbul to Accokeek*, was a magnificent success. We appreciate the more than 50 people who made it to the Hard Bargain Amphitheater to enjoy Teri, Osman, and Andrew's mesmerizing performance with us, and the folks who couldn't make it but bought tickets anyway to support this cause. Thank you very much to everyone who helped make the concert a success, including Trey Thomas, who manages the Amphitheater, and Lori Arguelles, President and CEO of the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Legal Update

After the Charles County Board of Appeals denied Dominion Energy's application for a zoning special exception, Dominion sued them and the Charles County Commissioners in the Federal District Court of Maryland in an attempt to preempt all Charles County land use and zoning laws. AMP Creeks and nine individuals filed a motion to intervene in the case in order to protect our win on the county level, which would extend to the state level. On June 7, Dominion filed an opposing motion. We replied on June 21, and followed up with an Answer to their Complaint on July 23. In the meantime, Judge Messitte scheduled a motions hearing for September 24. On August 3, Dominion submitted a memo to the Federal District Court of Maryland asking for a stay of action (a delay). (All dates are in 2018.) Here are excerpts from Dominion's memo (DECP refers to Dominion Energy Cove Point):

"As reported in the media, DECP and its parent company, Dominion Energy, Inc., are working with representatives from the Mount Vernon Ladies Association to explore possible alternatives for the interstate natural gas compressor facilities that are the subject of this case. If a suitable alternative is found, and any necessary regulatory approvals, including that from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), are obtained, then the compressor facilities would not be constructed at

the Charles Station site at issue, and this action would be moot. Therefore, in the interest of judicial economy and avoidance of unnecessary expense by the parties, DECP moves this Court to temporarily stay this action while the efforts to reevaluate alternatives are being explored."

"The two motions pending before this Court — DECP's motion for partial summary judgment and a motion to intervene by Accokeek, Mattawoman, Piscataway Creeks Communities Council, Inc. and nine individuals (collectively, the "Movant Intervenors") — have been fully briefed and this Court has set oral argument on those motions for 10:00 am on September 24, 2018 (ECF No. 37). No pretrial scheduling order has been entered. Therefore, there is no scheduled required litigation activity in this case until oral argument on September 24. To prevent the need for any unnecessary work by the Court or the parties in preparation for oral argument, DECP moves to temporarily stay this action pending further order of this Court. To ensure that any such temporary stay is not inappropriately indefinite, DECP proposes the following conditions for reevaluating the stay:

- By no later than August 31, 2018, DECP shall file with this Court a status report describing the current status of any potential relocation of the compressor facilities at issue, and stating whether, and to what extent, it believes that the stay should continue, together with supporting grounds for any requested continuation of the stay.*
- By no later than September 10, 2018, the Defendants may file with the Court any response or objection they may have to DECP's status report and proposal for any continuation of the stay.*
- As promptly thereafter as reasonably possible, and prior to the scheduled September 24, 2018 oral argument, the Court will issue an Order describing whether and to what extent the case may continue to be stayed, together with any conditions or other requirements that the Court may deem appropriate to promote judicial economy and avoid prejudice to the parties.*

If, at such time, the Court deems it appropriate to continue the stay, DECP would propose that the Court follow a similar process as described above to reevaluate the stay — DECP submits a status report 30 days later, the Defendants submit a response within 10 days thereafter, and the Court decides whether and to what extent to continue the stay."

In the meantime, Dominion's permits are still pending. If you haven't sent in comments opposing the dewatering permit, we suggest doing so before the deadline, now extended to November 30, 2018 (see page 2 for John Grace's contact information). Don't let Dominion lull you into a false sense of security. This is in no way a done deal!

Send news and articles for the September issue of Smoke Signals to: moyaonenews@gmail.com
The deadline is Thursday, Sept. 6.

The Moyaone Moneybag

— Charles Gaumond

I could bore you by telling you how much everything — like gravel for the roads and large quantities of diesel fuel for the Gradall — costs, but I won't. We each know what a beating the roads take when torrential rains cause extensive erosion and culvert blockages, and that the roads should be fixed. Road maintenance is one reason that we have annual dues.

One expense that I personally haven't experienced is the problem with the septic tank for the Wagner Center. At our monthly board meetings, we've discussed the septic tank, field, and the low-lying area near the creek. Despite these problems, the Moyaone Association is fortunate in that we have some savings to pay for expenses and, more importantly, a large cohort of volunteers who look after the roads, the common facilities at the Wagner center, and the pool.

Some of you might wonder what happens to the dues that you pay. I remember a long time ago, Ruth was the treasurer of a coffeehouse run by a church, which owned the building and paid the coffeehouse manager. The cost of entry was 25 cents. A dollar then was worth more than a dollar now, but in the 1970s a quarter could buy you a candy bar or a cup of dreadful coffee. While Ruth was explaining the treasurer's duties to her replacement, he said he was really interested in "Where do all those quarters go? How much is that church skimming off?" So please don't think that maintenance expenses, material, and labor are cheap. Think of how much money you spend on maintaining your own home. Now imagine how much greater the expense to take care of the Moyaone Association's buildings, properties, and road system — responsibilities that your Moyaone Association Board of Directors grapple with during our monthly meetings. Meetings are open to all members and are held in the Wagner Community Center.

Comings and Goings in the Moyaone

— Sheryl Romeo Real Estate

John and Anna McElwain left the area for their hometown of Milwaukee with their little daughter and shortly upon arriving welcomed a new daughter to the family. Emily Canavan and her husband Mike Architzel are the new owners of their house on Poplar Hill. Emily even remembers going to parties at the house when she was younger. Lauren and Danilo Boquin, from Apple Valley, sold their house to Lindsay Laws and Brian Sentman. In the small world department Brian used to be a student of former long-term resident Bill Suworoff. He even visited Bill at his house at the time and loved the area then and now. Lauren and Danilo aren't ready to pack up yet and will be staying for another month. Welcome everyone with goodbyes and hellos.



V is for Vegan! Or is it Victory? Call it what you will ... the first V3 meeting was a success! Photo: Jan Parker.

V3 = Good Eats at Vegans' Group Get-Together

Want to learn how to cook delicious vegan food? If so, please join the Moyaone's very own 'Voracious Vegans' Vittles (V3) group, for a monthly book-club style meeting to discover some terrific eats! We meet on the third Friday of each month at 7 pm, and all you need is the curiosity — and appetite! — for an interesting evening. Please contact Jan Parker at jpsundog@yahoo.com if you'd like to participate. Carnivores welcome



*The Luna moth (*Actias luna*) has lime-green colored wings and a white body. With a wingspan that can be 4.5 to more than 7 inches, it is one of the larger moths in North America. The background is a cloudy gray to suggest dusk. The white flower is a "Moonflower" (*Datura species*)—also known by other names, including devil's trumpet. It is beautiful and poisonous, including the seeds and flowers. Art by Moyaoner Sheila Cox.*



Gators team members (left to right): Gavin Vincent (of Calvert Manor), Axel Naar, Johannes Shotwell, and Garrett Sullivan.

Swim Team Members Perform Well at All-Stars

—Laura Gillespie

The Accokeek Swim Team would like to congratulate all of its swimmers who qualified for the Princemont Swim League All-Stars. Special congratulations go to Moyaoners Axel Naar on Bryan Point Road, who qualified as an alternate in the mixed 8 and Under freestyle relay; Garrett Sullivan of Cactus Hill, who lowered his time by over half a second to take fourth place in the 11–12 50-meter backstroke; and to Johannes Shotwell of Hidden Valley, who lowered his time by 1.33 seconds to take first place in the 8 and Under 25-meter breaststroke, breaking the long-standing team record as well. Outstanding job!

Roads Repairs in Progress

—Kent L. Hibben, Roads Chair

As of the beginning of August, the Roads team, when done with GradAll repairs, is planning work on culvert catch basins and other spots on lower Colonial. Other spots, per Leon and my latest drive through, include pricing out/prioritizing culvert work on the left (downhill) side of Reserve. Additional focus is currently on Lower Bonds Retreat, Cactus Hill potholes, and No-Name drainage.

As planned vegetation management is contracted for, to keep roadside drainage ditches and culverts clear(er) of leaves and other water-blocking materials, the respective road front owners are scheduled to be contacted beforehand. I join those keen on selective pruning, and am glad to work with each section's road front property owner to identify what does NOT get cut.

Please contact me (KentLHibben@gmail.com), or text at 202 316-8432 if you have suggestions or questions. The roads team is on the clock (with an appreciative nod to landowners able to be current with their consolidated fees) and are following my guidance, striving to maintain safe, navigable roads.



Ice Cream Social: A Special Volunteers & Members Appreciation Event at Alice Ferguson Foundation

Alice Ferguson Foundation Members and Volunteers: as a thank you for your service and support please join us at our historic farmhouse overlooking the Potomac River for an afternoon sundae and visit to the farm! Guests and children are welcome, the barnyard will be open to visit with the animals.

This event is open to all Alice Ferguson Foundation volunteers and members. Let us know you are coming!
RSVP to specialevents@fergusonfoundation.org

We hope to see you Sunday, August 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road; <https://fergusonfoundation.org>

Theater in the Woods

The Guys. Thur., Fri., Sat., Aug. 16–18, 8 pm. Alice Ferguson Foundation amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Less than two weeks after the September 11th attacks, New Yorkers are still in shock. One of them, an editor named Joan, receives an unexpected phone call on behalf of Nick, a fire captain who has lost most of his men in the attack. He's looking for a writer to help him with the eulogies he must present at their memorial services. Nick and Joan spend a long afternoon together, recalling the fallen men through recounting their virtues and their foibles, and fashioning the stories into memorials of words. In the process, Nick and Joan discover the possibilities of friendship in each other and their shared love for the unconquerable spirit of the city. As they make their way through the emotional landscape of grief, they draw on humor, tango, the appreciation of craft in all its forms—and the enduring bonds of common humanity.

Tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the door (\$12 for Alice Ferguson Foundation Members, Military, Veterans and First Responders with IDs at the door). <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/theater-in-the-woods-the-guys-tickets-45231830623>

Refreshments are available. No outside food or beverages allowed. Performances are outdoors, so comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and bug spray are highly recommended!



Culinary Story of Mount Aventine at Chapman State State Park

Chapman State Park is the site of the “Culinary Story of Mount Aventine” Summer 2018 program series (sponsored in part by a grant from the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium). Programs take place in the main parlor of Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park, 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head. Register at: www.friendsofchapmansp.org

Sunday, Aug. 19, 2–4 pm. How to Pack a Perfect Picnic.

Sandee Harrison and Sheryl Elliott. Learn how to pack a perfect picnic and sample sweet and savory picnic food and wine. The picnic program will also include a showing of the 1950s blockbuster movie, *Picnic*, with William Holden and Kim Novak. Drawing will be held for the ultimate \$450 picnic basket set, one for porting food and the other for porting picnic wares. Registration fee: \$10 (includes one raffle ticket).

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2–4 pm. A Taste of Colonial Maryland.

Joyce White, Food Historian. Learn about the history of Maryland’s most iconic food traditions and food businesses, such as Maryland beaten biscuits, crab cakes, coddies, McCormick Spices, and Old Bay, to some lesser-known fare, including white potato pie and Jewish apple cake. This presentation is based on research that presenter Joyce White has been doing in her role as curator for the state of Maryland’s permanent exhibit for the Southern Food and Beverage Museum in New Orleans, LA. The presentation will be followed by the opportunity to taste an assortment of sweet and savory Maryland fare. Registration fee: \$10.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2–4 pm. Dining in Colonial Maryland.

Joyce White, Food Historian. Learn about the various foods that sustained Marylanders in the early days of settlement through to the 18th century with distinctions being made for class, wealth, race, and time period. This program explores foods that were grown or harvested in Maryland and looks at exotic imports from around the world such as spices, cheeses, pasta, isinglass, and more. Cooking techniques, food preservation, and period dining styles are also explored. An assortment of tastings accompanies this program. Registration fee: \$10.



August Events at the Accokeek Foundation

—Deanna Rishell

Dog’s Night Out: Friday, Aug. 17, 7–8 pm. Free with membership. Searching for a fun outing with your four-legged friend? Look no further! Piscataway Park is perfect for pooches: With over 3 miles of nature trails along the Potomac River, pups and doggos can sniff and explore to their heart’s desire. On August 17th, Piscataway Park is turning into a dog park, so let’s get together with our fur babies for a Dog’s Night Out! Pooches can mix and mingle in the fenced dog run area and then cool down in the wading pool. Light refreshments for humans and dogs provided. Visit dogsnightout.eventbrite.com to register. Not a member? No worries, become a member today: visit accokeekfoundation.org/memberships

Secrets of 1770: Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am–4 pm (unless otherwise noted). Free. Uncover the intricacies of the domestic side of the 18th century with friends of the Bolton family. Experts from the community will demonstrate their heritage trades and skills on the National Colonial Farm.

- Aug. 18: Colonial Cooking
- Aug. 19: Tinctures, Tonics, & Teas
- Aug. 25: 18th century surveyor for Lord Fairfax and tape loom demonstration, fiber arts demonstration, 1–4 pm
- Aug. 26: Sheep herding demo, 2–4 pm

Free Guided Tours. Saturdays 11 am & Sundays 2:30 pm. Explore Piscataway Park with a knowledgeable educator. Travel back in time to take a look at the daily life on the National Colonial Farm, get to know endangered heritage breed livestock, or discover various ecosystems on a trail walk. Topics vary. Tours will begin at the Visitor Center lasting 30 minutes to 1 hour. Weather dependent. For more info, please visit accokeekfoundation.org/events, or call (301) 283-2113. The National Colonial Farm, Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road.

Modern Conspiracy:

Exploring the Mid-Century Modern Architecture of Piscataway Park

Piscataway Park, located on the shores of the Potomac River in Maryland, is the first park in the nation to be established to protect a historic view: that of George Washington's Mount Vernon home. Piscataway Park is also the site of the Moyaone Reserve, a community with the most eclectic mix of mid-century modern architecture in the Washington D.C. area.

Join mid-century modern enthusiasts around the D.C. area for an exclusive afternoon of exploration and conversation as we offer discoveries about architectural design and historic and environmental conservation.

What: Talk + Tour + Mixer.

Sat., Oct. 20, 2018, 1:30–5:30 pm

• 1:30–3:00 pm. Talk.

Experts discuss the history, setting, and architecture of Piscataway Park and explore significant mid-century homes designed by architects Charles Wagner and others.

• 3:00 pm–4:15 pm. Tour.

Tour two mid-century modern homes and learn why their owners love calling Piscataway Park home.

• 4:15–5:30 pm. Mixer.

Network and socialize with fellow modern enthusiasts over drinks and hors d'oeuvres while admiring Potomac River views and a historic farmhouse.

Where: The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Environmental Center, 2201 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Ticket Information:

Talk-only: \$10 per person. Includes parking and talk only.

Talk + Tour + Mixer: \$35 per person*. Includes parking, program book, talk, tour, and mixer.

RSVP and payment: <http://bit.ly/exploremodern>

**Must be 21 or older to consume alcohol. Limited tickets on sale through Oct. 19 at 5 pm. Cancellation penalty of 20% or more per ticket may apply.*

Information and Sponsorship:

General information: Contact Sara at moyaonemodern@gmail.com

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