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President's Note: **A Royal Flush**

— *Michael Leventhal*
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For a little over a year now, the Moyaone Board has been dealing with both Prince George's County and the State of Maryland to get permission to have a new septic system (tanks and drain field) installed and connected to the restrooms serving both the Wagner Community Center and the Moyaone Community Pool. After it was discovered that the existing septic system was failing, a fiber optic test was done, along with a sample trenching, to see the condition of the pipes. The result of this testing showed that the pipes going out from the septic tank and into the distribution fields were broken and disintegrating. And while a simple solution would have been to dig up the entire system and replace the piping, such was not our luck. The County and the State had been notified of the failure, and their solution was to design and install a new environmental state-of-the-art septic system.

Following the State and County regulations and directions in order to continue using the Wagner Community Center and Moyaone Community Pool restrooms, the Moyaone Association hired a septic designer for our property. The new design incorporates four (4) separate septic tanks that take the waste and waste water through a cleansing odyssey before going to the distribution fields. No, we not be able to drink the end product of this environmentally correct approach, but it will be less harmful to our land.

Dealing with two government bureaucracies has been in itself a test in attempting to move this project from conceptual to operational. Once the new septic design was

discussed, revised, and approved at all levels — by the Moyaone, the County, and State — the next stage was to identify contractors. The plans and outline of the proposal was sent to several firms, all of whom had to have experience with the new environment septic system; bids were then returned for Moyaone review and approval. The Moyaone Board selected Freestate Septic Service from Davidsonville, MD to install the new septic system.

A meeting was held recently of all of the players in this project — contractor, the septic designer, the staff of the County and State departments responsible for septic systems, and John Hollyfield and myself — to go over all of the various steps to get this project to a finished state. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the Moyaone Board and the State have signed is now waiting for County approval and signing. The MOU says the Moyaone will install the septic system designed for our site and that the County and State approve. The next step is getting a building permit from the County ... hopefully in a timely manner. Then as work begins and progresses, there are inspections by the County and State. Following the installation is the testing of the system and, of course, all under the watchful eyes of the County and State staff. Rereading the section on Job in the Bible, while not a project requirement, does remind one of the virtue of patience.

Needless to say, Nan Fremont, John Hollyfield, and I, who became the Committee to see this project completed, now know more about septic systems than any one of us ever wanted to learn. The end is in sight, and upon completion, the Moyaone common area will surely be number one in handling number two. Soon everyone will all be able to flush with confidence and pride when using the bathrooms at the Wagner Community Building and the Moyaone Community Pool.



The Kids Into Discovering Science (KIDS) team is shown above with their submarine *Maryland Mako*, together with Maryland Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford. At right, a submarine is in the water at David Taylor Model Basin. Photos: Executive Office of the Governor, State of Maryland (<http://govpics.maryland.gov>).



Blue Octopus Scuba, Michael Smuck Scuba, University of Maryland Terrapin Works Lab, NSWC Indian Head, SolidWorks, Blue Robotics, Chick-fil-A, Argosy International, Visionary Consulting and Fusion Fiber. THANK YOU to these organizations and to all the individuals who made the project possible!

Anyone interested in learning more about Kids Into Discovering Science, can contact the author or visit the website, kidsinscience.org.

Accokeek Team Prospers at Human-Powered Submarine Races

— by Paola Addamiano-Carts

Once again, a team of youth, many from the Moyaone or the Moyaone Pool community, fielded a human-powered submarine in the International Submarine Races (ISR). The event is held biennially at the David Taylor Model Basin in Bethesda, Maryland. Over 20 submarines were in competition, being fielded mostly from universities from around the world. Kids Into Discovering Science (KIDS) was the sponsoring organization for our local submarine dubbed the *Maryland Mako*.

The results of this year's competition? *Maryland Mako* won top speed honors in the Independent category with a new team speed record of 2.34 knots. Three teens earned their Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Open Water Diver (OWD) certification for the races. All teen divers over age 15 and one parent had multiple attempts to pilot the submarine down the race course, and all were successful. Our team captain, Liam Vincent, was awarded a Navy diver challenge coin. Scarlett Vincent and Sophia Gerstman were invited up to the over-water podium to help announce the races. The team won a \$100 cash award for good behavior on deck and was also voted by competing teams to be the Best Spirit of the Races. Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford visited ISR and stopped by to meet all the KIDS' budding scientists. The display cart and photo booth that were set up for visitors were very well received. In all, it was a magical experience for those who participated.

This effort, of course, would not be possible without the generous support of our community. So many individuals helped with financial contributions, technical support, transportation, in-kind donations and well wishes. Businesses and organizations that supported the group include the Moyaone Pool, Charles County Parks & Recreation, Knights of Columbus JF Kennedy Council, Cardinal Scientific, Parker Farms, Hughes Orthodontics,

A Word from Public Affairs

— Sarah Carts Kase

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer, and surviving the periodic storms! Many thanks to the Roads Committee, Kent Hibben (chair), and (friendly) chainsaw-wielding neighbors! Some goings-ons:

- Sat., July 13, was the last home meet of the year for our swim team, the Accokeek Gators.
- Representatives from Royal Farms were invited to the most recent Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA), regularly involved in advocating for our community well-being. It would be great if even a quarter of the numbers in attendance at this past meeting became regulars. The next two dates are Aug. 6 and Sept. 25; meetings are held at the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 16111 Livingston Rd., Accokeek.
- Library Programing: Are there any programs that you would like to see at our local community library? For example, do you want a local author to come speak, or a workshop on gardening? Bonus points if you know of any local resources that we can tap! Contact any of the members of the Friends of the Accokeek Library's Steering Committee with suggestions.
- Interested community members are invited to discuss educational solutions you and your family would like to see for the Accokeek community in a Accokeek Community School Interest Meeting on Sat., July 27, 2–3:30 pm. 2311 Bryan Point Rd, Accokeek (<https://www.facebook.com/events/490068465072874/>)



To All Artists

The Accokeek Artists' Alliance is excited to announce an exhibit, Celebration of Community, to be held October 11 to October 20, 2019. The exhibit will be held at the Accokeek Foundation, Colonial Farm Education Center, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, Maryland and will be curated by Anne Stokes. Ms. Stokes is currently curator at the Stanford University in Washington Gallery.

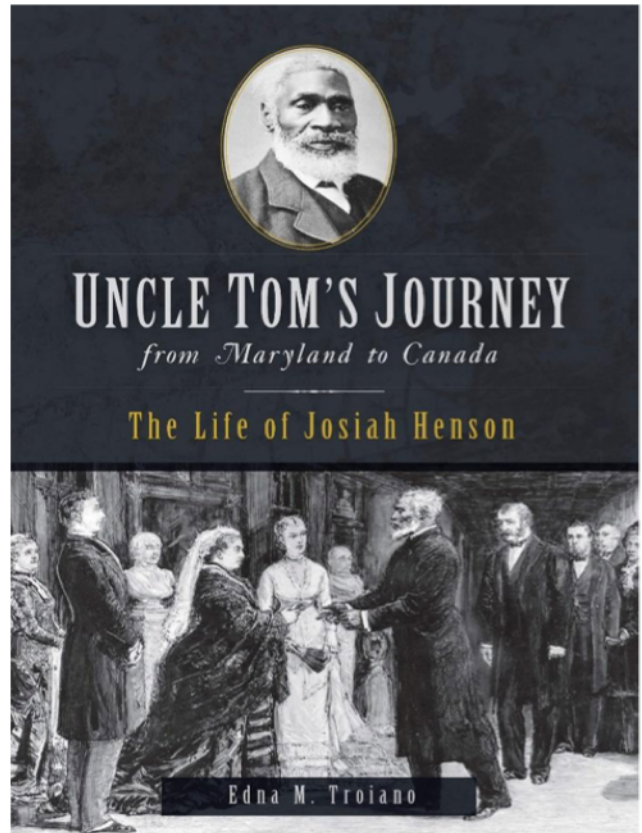
The call for artists is scheduled for August 17, 2019 from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Accokeek Foundation Education Center.

- All Accokeek area artists over 18 are eligible.
- All media are accepted. Artists may submit a maximum of 3 works. All works must be in ready-to-hang condition. Framing is encouraged to protect the work. The entry fee is \$10 per piece. The title, artist, size, media, insurance valuation and the artist's contact information must be submitted with the piece. A brief resume (no longer than 500 words) for the artist will also be required.
- If the work is for sale, the price should also be included. A commission of 20% will be charged for all sold work.
- Artists will be required to sign a release of liability for the Accokeek Foundation.
- Works that are not selected for the exhibit should be picked up on Sunday, August 18 from 2 to 4 pm at the Accokeek Foundation, Education Center.

We wish to express special thanks to Laura Ford and the staff of the Accokeek Foundation for graciously agreeing to host this exhibit. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Mary Lee Phelps at mlgp42@msn.com. An exhibit opening will be held October 11, 2019.

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The book cover for *Uncle Tom's Journey from Maryland to Canada: The Life of Josiah Henson* depicts Henson meeting Queen Victoria.

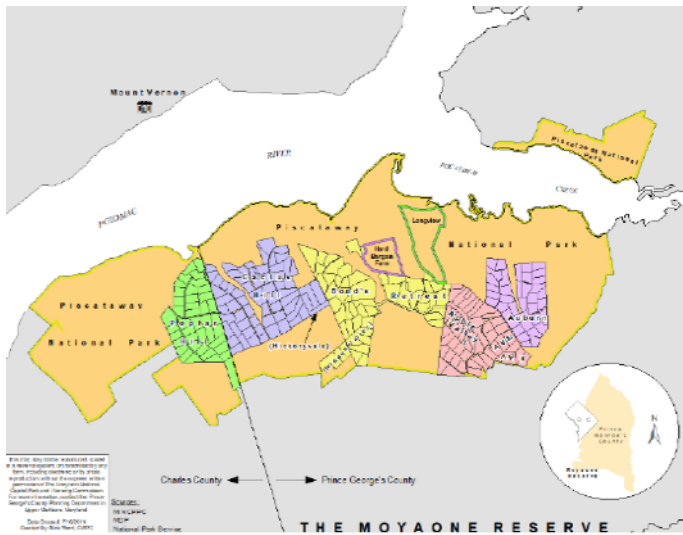
Program at Accokeek Library

Born into slavery in LaPlata, MD, Josiah Henson was auctioned off as a child to pay his owner's debts. After numerous trials and abuse, he earned the trust of his slaveholder by exhibiting intelligence and skill. Daringly, he escaped to Canada with his wife and children. There he established a settlement and school for fugitives, and at great risk of life and liberty repeatedly returned to the United States to help lead over 100 others to freedom along the Underground Railroad. He published a bestselling autobiography and became a popular preacher, lecturer, and international celebrity. He is immortalized as the inspiration for the title character in Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

In her book *Uncle Tom's Journey from Maryland to Canada: The Life of Josiah Henson*, Edna M. Troiano recounts the true story of the amazing life of a Maryland hero, Josiah Henson, and why his name has almost disappeared from history.

You are cordially invited to hear Dr. Troiano speak at the Accokeek Branch Library, 15773 Livingston Rd., on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Accokeek Library.



Map of the Moyaone Reserve showing its five principal subdivisions, which include Poplar Hill, Cactus Hill, Bond's Retreat, Apple Valley, and Auburn. Hidden Valley is a sub-area of the Bond's Retreat subdivision, and Hickoryvale is a sub-area of Cactus Hill. [Source: Nick Ward, Prince George's County Planning Department.]

National Historic Register Nomination Update

— Rita Bergman

Phase I of the project was completed with minor corrections to the map that was published last month. Thanks to Karen Hoagberg who identified some inaccuracies and assisted with the corrections. We coordinated with our consultant, Robinson and Associates, and the PG County Planning Department to make those corrections. The revised, updated map is shown above.

Thanks to an anonymous donor from Mount Vernon Ladies Association, we have succeeded in reaching our funding goal. We are enormously grateful for this donation and it underscores the partnership we have with Mount Vernon in protecting the viewshed.

Just a reminder that you may see representatives from Robinson and Associates driving around the neighborhood collecting additional information for our National Register application. They have a visitor's sticker so they will be easily identifiable. Don't hesitate to stop and chat with them – they are always delighted to learn more about the Moyaone.

Real Estate Comings and Goings

— Sheryl Romeo
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Mike Huffman has sold his house and moved to Georgia where one of his children lives. He's looking forward to never mowing a lawn again. The new owners, Hugh and Kristy Huettner, are looking forward to living in an area with like-minded souls who value the beautiful woods that make up the Reserve. This is a good thing as they moved in just days before a big storm took down trees and blocked them in. If you see new faces in the neighborhood please give them a big welcome.



Watering Alert

Mikaila Milton
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National Capital Parks–East, National Park Service

I get the weekly newsletter from Casey Trees, a non-profit dedicated to increasing the tree canopy of DC (<https://caseytrees.org/>). They also include watering alerts.

The D.C. area had its hottest days of the summer recently and temperatures don't look like they're letting up very much. Although there's scattered rain showers, young trees won't get the 1.5 inches required to survive. Time to get the hose!

Even large old trees need watering in the heat of summer in weeks without substantial rainfall. A slow drip overnight is recommended for all trees once a week. For folks in the Moyaone with large properties, I would focus on trees near homes and outbuildings.

Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park

3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek
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Museum Theater at the National Colonial Farm: Reunion of Cate and Jack Saturday, July 27 and Sunday July 28

In 1765 Cate Sharper's son Jack was sold away before he had even reached his 13th year of life. Heartbroken at the loss of her child, she was still expected to tend to the tobacco for her master. Now, five years later she has received word that he has been granted permission for a visit. Come see this emotional reunion between mother and son, five years in the making.

Museum theater is free to attend, and takes place on the National Colonial Farm every hour, on the hour, 1–4 pm.

Escape Farm! Fridays in July and August

Every Friday between now and August 30, the Accokeek Foundation (AF) will be hosting ESCAPE FARM on the National Colonial Farm. Because Escape Rooms are so 2017, we present you the bigger and better Escape Farm. Escape Farm challenges you to investigate the National Colonial Farm's historic houses and gardens to uncover clues and solve historic puzzles. Your goal? To repair your broken time machine before the hour elapses and the time portal closes forever.

Escape Farm is a one-hour experience for a group of up to 10 people. There will be two time slots offered each Friday, now through August 30, 6:30–7:30 pm and 8–9 pm. Register for all ten slots to have an exclusive experience for your group of family, friends, or co-workers. OR you can register as an individual (or small group) and make some new friends with your fellow participants.

Guided Nature Hike: Pumpkin Ash Trail Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28

Explore the natural wonders of Piscataway Park with a guided trail walk led by an educator. Identify plants and animal life, learn about wild edible plants, or explore the changes in the Potomac River landscape since the colonial period. \$5/person or free for AF members. Hikes depart from the Visitor Center at 1 and 3 pm.

Open Barn Sundays, 3–4 pm

Each Sunday your favorite animal friends will return to the barnyard to meet you! This is a unique opportunity for all to interact with the animals and learn about their special qualities and how they contribute to the interpretation and stewardship of the park. Free.

Arts in the Woods at AFF Hard Bargain Amphitheater *Concert in the Woods: "The Gods Hate Texas" and "David and the Dynamos"* Saturday, July 27, 7:30 pm

Come on down to Arts in the Woods at the Alice Ferguson Foundation's (AFF) Hard Bargain Amphitheater (2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek) for an evening of great music with "The Gods Hate Texas" and "David and the Dynamos." Music begins at 7:30 with The Gods Hate Texas, followed by David and the Dynamos at 8:45.

"The Gods Hate Texas" are a Rock / Blues / Original Band (<http://thegodshatetexas.net>).

"David and the Dynamos," Americana Country Rock (davidandthedynamos@gmail.com).

Tickets are \$20 online and \$25 at the door (\$17 online for Alice Ferguson Foundation members, \$22 at the door).

Theater in the Woods - BENT Fridays and Saturdays, August 9–24

In 1934 Berlin on the eve of the Nazi incursion, Max, a grifter, and his lover, Rudy, are recovering from a night of debauchery with a SA trooper. Two soldiers burst into the apartment and slit their guest's throat, beginning a nightmare odyssey through Nazi Germany. Ranked lower on the human scale than Jews, the men, as avowed homosexuals, flee. Desperate and on the run, Max asks his own "discreetly" homosexual Uncle Freddie for help as the older man offers little more than suggestions on how to live, as he does, practicing homosexuality on the side. Attempting their escape, Rudy is beaten to death as Horst, another homosexual prisoner, warns Max to deny his lover. Taken to a death camp at Dachau, Max and Horst, branded with the "pink triangle," hope to survive with each other for comfort and courage, but it is not to be.

By Martin Sherman. Directed by Matt Jones

\$12 for adults; \$10 for military, students, seniors and members of the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Credit Cards, cash and checks accepted.

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