

# Smoke Signal



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## ***President's Note:*** **Scenic Easement Credits**

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Everyone should have received their new property tax bill and perhaps even paid the first installment on that bill. Hopefully, everyone reviewed their bill and saw a credit from Prince George's County for having a scenic easement on your property. Just in case anyone is wondering how that credit is calculated, it is a simple formula by which the figure for the assessed value of your land (not your house), is divided by 2, and then that sum is divided by 100. As an example, your land is valued by the county at \$158,000. Dividing that number by 2 gets you \$79,000. Divide that number by 100 and that answer is \$790, which becomes the value of your scenic easement credit. The scenic easement credit is deducted from the fees and charges that make up your overall property bill. This credit is not a one-time event. It is given every year due to the scenic easement being held in perpetuity.

If you are a Prince George's County property owner with a scenic easement to the National Park Service (NPS) over your land and do not have a scenic easement tax credit on your current property tax bill, most likely the past owners of your property who entered into the scenic easement agreement never presented that information to the Prince George's County Treasurer's office. Just having the scenic easement recorded does not mean it is automatically noted by the County's Treasurer's office. To rectify this, you need to take a copy of your easement to the County Treasurer's office and see that it is recorded with them so that you may receive this scenic easement credit next year.

If you are a Charles County property owner with a scenic easement to the NPS over your land, you are not yet entitled

to a scenic easement tax credit on your property tax bill. Charles County has never taken advantage of a Maryland state law that allows a county to give a scenic easement tax credit.

As President of the Moyaone Association, I am in the process of trying to rectify this situation. I plan to meet with Thomasina Coates, the District 2 representative on the Charles County Commission. I am also planning to elicit the help of the Charles County Conservancy and the Charles County planning staff who are involved in the viewshed protection for Mount Vernon. I will report back on the success of this quest.

### ***Last shoe dropping . . .***

According to the attorney for the Moyaone Association, David Bookbinder, the final legal details on the proposed Charles County compressor station project are now really at an end. The DC Circuit Court has dismissed, at our request, our case against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC amended Dominion Energy's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (aka the permit) back in August to get rid of the station. However, before this case was asked to be dismissed, we just wanted to make sure that the time expired for Dominion to ask FERC to change the Certificate back to allow them to build the station. With the clock finally run out, we are all done now.

On behalf of the Moyaone Association I thank David for taking this case on and for seeing it through until the end. His advice throughout this whole ordeal has been invaluable. Please tell David, wherever you see him, how much you appreciate his involvement and actions on behalf of the Moyaone Association.

# OKTOBERFEST

## MOYAONE COMMUNITY CENTER

German beer garden style among a family-friendly atmosphere with authentic Bavarian and alpine recorded music.

**OCT 12TH**

**1:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

**FREE**



### GERMAN FARE

AVAILABLE

Bratwurst

Potato Salad

Sauerkraut

AND OF COURSE

Beer

CATCH UP WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS,  
TOUR THE COMMONS,  
CELEBRATE THE PAVILION,  
ENJOY THE REAL-DEAL BAVARIAN OKTOBERFEST MENU,  
AND THE SPIRIT OF GEMUETLICHKEIT!

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
MOYAONE COMMUNITY CENTER AND GROUNDS.



## FALL NATURE SERIES

Sept. 28 - Bird Walk	Nov. 9 - Nocturnal Hike
Oct. 11 - Autumn Hayride	Nov. 23 - Bird Walk
Oct. 26 - Fall Farm Day	Dec. 14 - DIY Gift Making

## Alice Ferguson Foundation to Hold Fall Farm Day October 26

The Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) will hold its first annual Fall Farm Day on Sat., Oct. 26 at Hard Bargain Farm, 2201 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. Explore the beautiful 330-acre riverfront working farm. Activities include wetland exploration, hayrides, farm animals, strolling through the children's garden, arts and crafts, butter-making and much more. Pack your own trash-free lunch and enjoy a picnic on the farm. Additional food and refreshment options will be available for purchase. Admission: adults, \$5; AFF members, \$3; children under 12, free. Register on Eventbrite: <https://fallfarmdayathbf.eventbrite.com>

### Other fall events:

Fri., Oct. 11, 6:30–8:30 pm. Autumn hayride with Brenda Wright. Non-AFF members, \$5; AFF members and children under 5, free.

Sat., Nov. 9, 5 pm. Nocturnal Hike with Will Orndorff. Non-AFF members, \$5; AFF members and children under 5, free.

Sat., Nov. 23, 8–10 am. Bird Walk with Bill Townsend. Non-AFF members, \$5; AFF members, free.

Sat., Dec. 14, 10 am–12 pm. DIY Gift Making with Samantha Battersby. Non-AFF members, \$10; AFF members, \$5.

Register at Eventbrite:  
<http://alicefergusonfoundation.eventbrite.com/>

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2201 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek



## Sam Litzinger to Speak at FOTAL Annual Meeting on October 9

The annual membership meeting of the Friends of the Accokeek Library (FOTAL) will be Wed., Oct. 9, at 7:30 pm in the library meeting room (15773 Livingston Rd.). A brief business meeting will be followed by guest speaker Sam Litzinger, anchor and reporter at CBS, who will speak on “The Art of the Interview.”

Moyaone resident Sam Litzinger has been a broadcaster for 45 years (and counting). He has worked for CNN, Mutual/NBC Radio, and Associated Press Radio Network. Some of his notable interviews have been with the Dalai Lama, Richard, Nixon, Tony Bennett, and Maya Angelou.

All are welcome. To sign up as a Friend of the Library or to renew your membership, please put your dues and membership form in the library lockbox or mail to: Friends of the Accokeek Library, PO Box 655, Accokeek, MD 20607. More information: [friendsofaccokeeklibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofaccokeeklibrary@gmail.com); on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofaccokeeklibrary/>

## Classic Horror Movies at Alice Ferguson Foundation's Arts in the Woods

See some of the scariest horror films on a big screen in a creepily unique setting: the AFF Hard Bargain Farm Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek.

The general festival rating is R-rated (except for the kid-friendly *Hocus Pocus*). **NO child under the age of 18 without a proper guardian.**

Fri., Oct. 18, 8 pm. *Friday the 13th*. 1980.  
Sat., Oct. 19, 8 pm. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. 1974.  
Fri., Oct. 25, 7:30 pm. *Hocus Pocus*. 1993. Rated PG.  
Sat., Oct. 26, 8 pm. *The Blair Witch Project*. 1999.  
Thurs., Oct. 31, 8 pm. *Halloween*. 1978.  
Fri., Nov. 1, 8 pm; and Sat., Nov. 2, 11:59 pm. *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. 1975.

**Admission:** \$15 at door; \$10 online. Seating is limited. *Hocus Pocus:* Admission is \$15 at door and \$10 online for adults; \$8 at door and \$5 online for kids under 16. *Rocky Horror:* Prop Bags are \$15 at door and \$10 online.

We strongly encourage advance ticket sales!  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/horror-films-in-the-woods-tickets-74274538143?aff=erelexpmlt>

Refreshments available. No outside food or beverages allowed. Performances are outdoors. Information: call 240-766-8830 or email: [tthomas@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:tthomas@fergusonfoundation.org)



## Fall Events at the Accokeek Foundation

National Colonial Farm at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. Register for events on the website: <https://accokeekfoundation.org/events/>

### TWILIGHT TOURS

Friday evenings, Oct. 11, 18, 25, & 31  
Two tour times available: 6 pm and 7:30 pm

There's something spooky happening on the National Colonial Farm this October! Join the Accokeek Foundation (AF) to tour the National Colonial Farm after dark while listening to some of our favorite real-life and legendary ghost tales from Maryland history. But keep your eyes and ears open ... you never know who or what you might encounter! \$10/person; \$5 for AF members.

### GUIDED NATURE HIKES

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 over time. Hikes depart from the visitor center at 1 pm and 3 pm. \$5/person; free for AF members.

**Sat., Oct. 12. Indigenous Trees.** Learn how to identify trees native to Piscataway Park while also exploring how humans living in the Potomac region have utilized plants in the forest for thousands of years.

**Sat., Oct. 26. Animal Tracking.** Learn the basics of animal tracking and how to solve the mysteries of animal signs.

### HANDS-ON HISTORY DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturdays and Sundays. See the skills and trades of 1770 in action during this fall's hands-on history demonstrations. Demonstrations take place on the National Colonial Farm between 1 and 5 pm. Free.

**Oct. 12–13. Roped into 1770: Rope-Making.** Learn the ins and knots of making rope from natural materials.

**Oct. 26–27. Tavern Tales.** Fall fun on the National Colonial Farm! Enjoy tavern games, story-telling, and cider making.



### TAILS ON TRAILS

Sat., Oct. 19, 11 am–3 pm

Celebrate Halloween with your furry friend in Piscataway Park! This is the fall day on the farm your pup has always dreamed of. You and your dog can partake in classic fall activities like hayrides, trick-or-treating, and snacking on pumpkin-flavored everything. Tails on Trails also features a canine costume contest, so make sure Fido comes dressed to impress!

\$5/dog (humans get in for free). First 40 dogs to register receive Stella & Chewy treat samples! Register at: <https://accokeekfoundation.simpletix.com/e/47786>

*Your admission fees support the Accokeek Foundation's stewardship and education work in Piscataway Park. To learn more about the Accokeek Foundation, visit [www.accokeekfoundation.org](http://www.accokeekfoundation.org). Photos: Accokeek Foundation.*



JOIN US AT  
**HARD BARGAIN FARM**  
 FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL  
**FALL FARM DAY**

Visit our 330-acre riverfront working farm to learn what we're all about!  
 Activities for the whole family including wetland exploration, hayrides,  
 garden and farmyard tours, butter-making, arts & crafts and MUCH MORE!  
 Please bring a trash-free lunch and enjoy a picnic at the farm.

**OCTOBER 26, 2019**  
**11 AM - 4 PM**

**2201 BRYAN POINT ROAD, ACCOKEEK, MD 20607**

ADULTS (12 & OLDER): \$5  
 AFF ADULT MEMBERS: \$3  
 KIDS (UNDER 12): FREE  
 REGISTER AT  
[bit.ly/hbfallfarmday](http://bit.ly/hbfallfarmday)



### **At the Accokeek Branch Library**

15773 Livingston Rd., Accokeek

#### **Sat., Oct. 12, 2–3 pm: Crafternoon: Day of the Dead.**

Join us as we make calavera masks in honor of the Day of the Dead! The library will provide the supplies. (Ages 5–12)

#### **Sat., Oct. 19, 2–3 pm: STEM-tastic, with Keva Planks.**

Join us as we explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities. (Ages 5–12)

Sat., Nov. 16, 2–3 pm: STEM for Families: Earthquake. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities. Today we'll be learning about earthquakes! (Ages 5–12)



### **Please Water Your Trees**

*Robert Shaut*

*ISA Certified Arborist® MA-6185A  
 Director of Tree Planting, Casey Trees*

It's historically dry out there! The time to water is now!  
 Here are some tips to help:

For newly planted trees (planted 1–3 years ago):

1. These trees are the most susceptible to damage/death due to inadequate water.
2. Water slowly. The ground is hard and dry—water will run off if too much is applied too quickly.
3. Place a hose a foot or so from the base of the tree and turn it on to a trickle. Set a timer to let the water run for one to two hours. Occasionally moving it the hose nozzle to provide water to the entire root zone of the tree. If you have a small sprinkler head you can use that to cover a wider area – but again turn it on to low.
4. You can also water with a 5-gallon bucket that you have drilled some (three is sufficient) holes in the bottom about the diameter of a pencil lead. Place the bucket at the base of the tree, fill the bucket to the top with water, let it drain, move it slightly, and fill it again—up to five times.

5. If you can, place a mulch ring around the tree following the 3–3–3 rule (3 inches of mulch in a 3-foot ring with a 3-inch space around the tree trunk. Mulch keeps the water in the soil feeding the roots by slowing evaporation.

6. After you've saturated the soil around the tree, repeat the watering process every three to four days. If you are unsure about when to water again, check our watering alerts: <https://caseytrees.org/take-action/water/>

For established trees:

1. All trees in this drought can use some water, especially street trees. If you have street trees in front of your home letting a hose drip onto its roots for a few hours will be a big help! Move the hose nozzle around every hour or so to water the entire area.

2. The rule of thumb in these severe conditions is:  
**WATER!**

## Free Community Shred

Sat., Oct. 12, 9 am–1 pm

The Woodlyn Bldg., 15638 Livingston Rd., Accokeek

Rain or shine. Bring your old documents and personal information to shred. No limit on the number of bags or boxes of documents to shred. Sponsored by Mr. & Dr. Leach, owners of Smile After Smile Dentistry, and Tamara Davis Brown.

## Dispose of Unused Prescription Drugs

On Sat., Oct. 26, from 10 am to 2 pm Prince George's County Police Department's District VII will be a drop-off location for unused or expired prescription medications. The District VII office is located at 11108 Fort Washington Rd., Fort Washington.

For more information, email Cpl. S. Rannacher #3124 (sdrannacher@co.pg.md.us). Also see the US Department of Drug Enforcement Administration website (<https://takebackday.dea.gov/?src=dea.gov>).



Hummingbird in mixed media. Art by Sheila Cox.

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## MEGA MOVING SALE Sat., October 19, 9 am–1 pm At “Thistle Dew” 15202 Poplar Hill Road, Accokeek

Come and browse a wide variety of items throughout the house.

- Furniture and household items
- Art and Memorabilia
- Antiques and Collectables
- Children's Toys
- Tools and Building Materials
- Outdoor 'stuff', Patio Tables and Chairs

Many FREE items – you select and take them with you. Great opportunity to find treasures and things you need. For details, email: bobmarion@msn.com

## Enjoy the newly remodeled studio and treatment room at 8 Hands Wellness Studio with beautiful wooded views of Piscataway Creek.

Rejuvenate — YOGA — Beginner • Intermediate • Yin • Private Groups • Workshops

Relax — BODYWORK — Relaxation • hot stones • deep tissue

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Or ask about our other three Hands: home organizing, elder care, catering

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## Culinary Story of Mount Aventine, Oct. 13

Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park,  
3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head

On Sun., Oct. 13, 2–4 pm, food historian Joyce White will demonstrate the preparation of Southern Maryland specialties. Joyce is the foodways consultant for the 1801 Riverdale House Museum in Riverdale Park, MD and was the consultant for the restoration of the 18th century kitchen at Annapolis's William Paca House.

Generous food and drink tastings. Register and purchase tickets at: [friendsofchapmansp.org](http://friendsofchapmansp.org). \$20. Seating limited.