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Moyaone Association Annual Budget Meeting

Sat., Dec. 14, 4:00–6:00 pm

Wagner Community Center
2311 Bryan Point Road

President's Note: Annual Budget Meeting, Dec. 14

— *Michael Leventhal*
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It is hard to believe another year is flying by and that the Moyaone Association December Annual Meeting is about 6 weeks away. It will be held on Sat., Dec. 14 at the Wagner Community Building, 2311 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. The focus of this meeting is to show how we managed the 2019 budget and what is proposed for 2020. Copies of the 2019 proposed and actual budget, as well as the proposed 2020 budget will be ready for membership review by the end of November 2019.

At the December meeting, the Chairs of the Roads Committee, the Pool Committee, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Welcoming/Membership Committee, the Public Affairs Committee, and the Special Events Committee will give reports on the various activities that took place from their Committee perspective. In addition, there will be a report on two special projects: The National Register Nomination for the Moyaone Reserve; and the new septic system for the Community Center/Pool area. The Financial Trustees will also report on our money reserves at T. Rowe Price. All those with a speaking role have been asked to be

succinct in their comments so that the meeting moves at a good pace.

I hope that all Moyaone Association members will attend the meeting and be part of the discussion on how our funds were raised and spent in 2019 and what is proposed for 2020. If you cannot attend, please provide a signed and dated proxy. Mark your calendars now for Dec. 14.

Scenic Easement Tax Credit, addendum:

In last month's article on the "scenic easement tax credit" allowed in Prince George's County, it was pointed out to me by Holly Wagner that there were two variations of scenic easements that were acquired by the National Park Service (NPS). The first was a scenic easement that property owners voluntarily agreed to place on their land with the NPS. This type of easement is the type Prince George's County allows for a scenic easement tax credit.

The other type of scenic easement was one in which the NPS paid property owners for agreeing to a scenic easement on their land. Because money changed hands in this arrangement, Prince George's County does not allow for an annual scenic easement tax credit off the property bill for these properties.

A look at your recorded scenic easement document (see the interactive easement map at: <https://www.moyaone.org/easements-map>) will show if the NPS purchased the easement or if it was given freely. In the pop-up window, click on "More Info" to the right of "LINK."

Mt. Vernon records reflect that there are 46 scenic easements in Charles County, the majority of them in the Moyaone Reserve. But Charles County currently does not permit a "scenic easement tax credit." Politicians with knowledge of Charles County, as well as the Conservancy for Charles County, have been contacted to determine how to best approach the Charles County Commission. I will report back on any progress.

National Historic Register Nomination Update



— Rita Bergman

Robinson has completed its research of the Moyaone archives at the College of Southern Maryland. That wraps up the research, which has included materials at Mount Vernon, The Alice Ferguson Foundation, and the Accokeek Foundation. They also reviewed the *Smoke Signals* archive and interviewed several homeowners in the community. Thanks to everyone who contributed – as anticipated, the community support and participation has been terrific.

The preliminary National Register application has been drafted and is currently under review. The next steps are a final review of the application by the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and holding an informational meeting with the Moyaone community – which is scheduled for Sat., January 25, 2020. At the meeting, Robinson and Associates will present the results of the National Register nomination and will also answer any additional questions. We will likely combine this meeting with a winter coffee event at the Wagner Center (2311 Bryan Rd., Accokeek). The SHPO Review Board is expected to evaluate the application at their February 2020 meeting before it is submitted to the National Park Service.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at ritabergman22@gmail.com

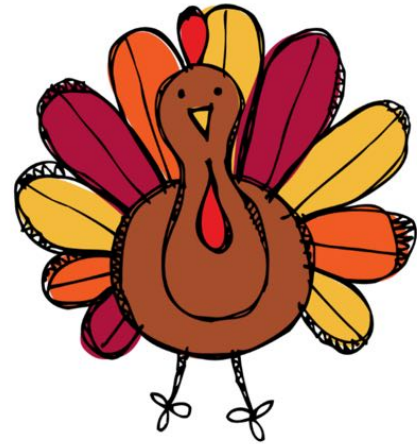
Comings and Goings

— Sheryl Romeo

Jon and Gayle Rietmulder have moved back to the West Coast to Portland, Oregon. Their new house is not too far from the Pacific Crest Trail, which Jon hiked a few years ago. And Gayle continues to do really great and important work as part of the executive team of the NGO Medical Teams International. We'll miss them. The new owners are Norman Allen, Gary Penn and their son. Some of you may have already met Norman as he is the new minister at Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation or have seen some of his productions in various venues in the area, as he is an award-winning playwright and essayist. If you see a new face in the neighborhood, please say hello.

Farewell to the Mulhollands

Come say good-bye to long-time Moyaone residents Marion and Bob Mulholland on Sat., Nov. 9, from 7 pm to 9 pm. The potluck event will take place at the Moyaone Association's Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road. Please bring a main dish, a side, or beverage, and also any photos or stories you'd like to share.



7th Annual Moyaone Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot

November 28

8:30 am (sharp)

Meet at the Wagner Center
Commons
2311 Bryan Point Rd.

Walk or run with your family,
neighbors, friends, guests, dogs

Join us for a cup of apple
cider before heading home!

(If raining, Trot will not be held)

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Davies Concert Series Presents District5 Wind Quintet

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2:00 pm, Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7400 Temple Hill Road, Camp Springs, MD

Davies Concert Series, now in its 48th season, on Nov. 17, will feature the District5 Woodwind Quintet (*pictured above*) in a program entitled: "Quirks and Kinks." The program includes repertoire by Aho, Lindveit, Hensel, and local composer Jessica Krash.

District5 is a daring, Washington DC–based wind quintet that specializes in new music and new transcriptions. They are recipients of a 2016 Chamber Music America Classical Commissioning Grant with composer Evis Sammoutis and have recently performed at The REACH at the Kennedy Center, Dumbarton Oaks, U.S. Department of State, and the Library of Congress. In 2014, they gave the U.S. premiere of Karlheinz Stockhausen's ROTARY Woodwind Quintet.

District5 recently released their debut album, the complete Chopin preludes, transcribed by David Plylar. This exciting new album is available on iTunes, Spotify, Youtube, CD Baby, and Amazon.

Members of the quintet are Laura Kaufman Mowry, flute; Trevor Mowry, oboe; Kristin Bowers, clarinet; Josh Thompson, horn; Sean Gordon, bassoon.

The concert will begin at 2:00 pm and will be preceded by a short performance by a student artist from the Charles County Youth Orchestra. Rebekah Bonney, flute and Georgia Bonney, piano will perform the Sicilienne by Gabriel Fauré.

The concert will followed by a meet-the-artist reception.

Tickets available through: <https://daviesuu.org/connecting/davies-concert-series/>

Davies Concert Series, a tax-exempt 501(c) (3) charitable trust, is committed to presenting classical music concerts, offering educational opportunities for young audiences, and providing a venue for new American music.

For directions and other detailed information you can visit the Davies Concert Series at Facebook – "Davies Concert Series." For more information, contact Osman Kivrak, DMA, Artistic Director, Davies Concert Series (phone 301 375-7109; email:

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Accokeek Artists Alliance Selects Logo

— Peggy Reichard

Congratulations to Cindy Rudzis for her eye-catching, winning entry for our Alliance logo. Thanks also to Lona Powell, Mina Karimi, Ikuko Turner and Lavon Shepard for their creative submissions.

The next AAA meeting will be at Jan and Bill Parker's house, Sunday, December 8, at 3:00. Our program will feature two writers, one poet, one songwriter/guitarist and one pianist. (Please note, you don't have to be an artist to join AAA, just have a fondness for the arts.) If you are not already on the AAA mailing list and would like to attend the December meeting with our stellar line-up, please send Peggy Reichard (preichard1@verizon.net) an email and you'll be added to the AAA mailing list. All those on the email list will be sent an Evite to the December meeting.



Our meeting in September at Sara Lilly's house was lively and informative. We all thoroughly enjoyed Ikuko Turner's fascinating demonstration of the Japanese art of fabric wrapping, furoshiki. At left is a photo of her wrapping a watermelon.

An art showing of local artists, "Celebration of Community," is planned for early 2020. Details will be forthcoming.



Art by Sheila Cox.

GACA Meets Nov. 20

The Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA) meets next on Wed., Nov. 20, 7:30 pm at the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Hall, 16111 Livingston Road. The special guest speaker will be Maryland State Delegate Kris Valderrama. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

About GACA

As described in its By-laws, the purpose of GACA is “to promote interest and friendship among the residents of the area represented by the Association” (bounded by the Potomac River to the west, the Piscataway Creek to the east and north as it crosses Indian Head Highway, and the Prince George’s County line to the south and including the Charles County section of the Moyaone Reserve). Furthermore, the organization is dedicated to “the civic and social betterment of the community” with all its “activities . . . selected and conducted on a nonpartisan and nonsectarian basis.”

General membership meetings are held five times each year at 7:30 pm, and whenever possible at the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Hall, on the last Wednesday of February, April, June, September, and November. Each GACA membership meeting focuses on a topic of interest to local citizens (for example, Accokeek Academy overcrowding and Indian Head Highway safety initiatives). Updates by local police officials, the Accokeek Design Review Development Commission [(ADRDC) which was initiated by GACA], and other community events are regularly featured; in addition, the GACA “free table” has become a tradition and a source of “valuable” donated items for attendees at no cost. GACA also sponsors two Indian Head Highway Road Clean-up Saturdays through the State Highway Administration Highway’s program (each spring and fall); decorates a holiday tree for the community in the heart of Accokeek (with the support of local B&J’s Carry Out, which traditionally has paid for the electricity to light the tree and often to purchase the tree itself); sponsors National Night Out Against Crime each August, in recent years as a partner with the Prince George’s County District VII Station in Silesia. Other GACA projects have included lobbying for and successfully seeing a pedestrian crosswalk installed at the Route 373 and Route 210 intersection and two red-light cameras installed (southbound) on Route 210, one at Farmington Road and one at Route 373; the abandoned Park-and-Ride once located at the northeast corner of Route 210 and Route 373 was reclaimed through a GACA grant with Prince George’s County Redevelopment Authority working with the State Highway Administration; many trees, shrubs, and perennials were planted in partnership with the State Highway Administration and Gorgeous Prince George’s initiative along Accokeek’s “Gateway” on both sides of Route 210. Each April GACA honors an “Accokeek Citizen of the Year”; those individuals have represented many “greater Accokeek” neighborhoods and homeowner associations over the years.

For more information, see the GACA website: <https://accokeekcivic.wixsite.com/website>



AFF Arts in the Woods Ends Its Year with Cleanup and Volunteer Appreciation

Join us on Sat., Nov. 9, for this year’s Hard Bargain Amphitheater Appreciation Day & Annual Closing. Volunteer from 10 am to 2 pm by helping store equipment, stack and store chairs, and cleaning and organizing the bathrooms and facility. All hands are welcome!

Bring your reusable water bottle. We’ll have gloves and supplies, and water, burgers, hot dogs, and snacks available.

Please let us know if you can attend by contacting Trey Thomas (phone: 240-766-8830; email: tthomas@fergusonfoundation.org).

Alice Ferguson Foundation’s Hard Bargain Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek

Moyaone Coordinated Hunt Ends

The Coordinated Hunt will not take place this year. Those Moyaoners who choose to continue to hunt their own properties or continue inviting qualified hunters on to their property may consult an online reference. *Moyaone Area Deer Hunting: Best Practices* covers landowner responsibilities, hunter responsibilities, sample permission forms, and state and local regulations. It will be posted on the Moyaone Association website soon. Safety is the top priority in all local hunting.

Construction of New WSSC Project Begins at Farmington Road Site

The WSSC property at 11 Farmington Rd. in Accokeek, previously a baseball field, is now the construction site for WSSC’s Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Bio-Energy Project. The new project will accept biosolids from the Piscataway WRRF and four remote WRRFs, and will produce Class A biosolids, biogas, and electricity. The Class A biosolids will generate renewable fuel to help run the plant and reduce WSSC’s greenhouse gas emissions by 15%.

Phase One of the project is now underway and includes design and early construction by the Progressive Design-Build (PDB): PC Construction, Stantec, Hazen & Sawyer. Phase One entails demolition of existing on-site facilities and relocation of existing utilities. The entire project should be complete and operational in spring 2024. For more information: <https://www.wsscwater.com/bioenergy>.



FALL NATURE SERIES

Nov. 9 @ 5:00 PM - Nocturnal Hike
 Nov. 23 @ 8:00 AM - Bird Walk
 Dec. 14 @ 12:00 PM - DIY Gift Making

Fall Nature Series Continues at AFF Hard Bargain Farm

— *Tori Avvenire*
 Marketing & Communications Coordinator
 Alice Ferguson Foundation

Alice Ferguson Foundation is offering fall activities at its Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Campus (2201 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek). Register at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/alice-ferguson-foundation-12845599135>

Sat., Nov. 9, 5 pm. Nocturnal Hike. Come join us to learn about nocturnal animals and their adaptors before we take a leisurely hike along our boardwalk over the Wet Meadow. \$5 for non-AFF members, Free for AFF members and children under 5.



Photo: Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Sat., Nov. 23, 8–10 am. Bird Walk. Explore Alice Ferguson Foundation's diverse ecosystems and the birds that inhabit the site. Keep your eyes and ears open for various bird species as our very own Bill Townsend guides you through wetlands and woodlands. \$5 for non-AFF members, Free for AFF members.

Sat., Dec. 14, 10 am–12 pm. DIY Gift Making. Need a last minute, environmentally conscious gift idea for friends and family? Join our Samantha Battersby for an afternoon of DIY gift making. You will learn how to make homemade scrubs and lotions and will even head home with one or two creations — ready to gift! \$10 non-AFF members, \$5 AFF members.

NPS Plans Deer Count in November

Mikaila Milton
 Biologist, Resource Management Division
 National Capital Parks–East

The National Park Service (NPS) plans to hold the deer count November 11–15 (hopefully Friday will not be needed). The survey will be conducted entirely on NPS fee land.

Fall Fun at the National Colonial Farm

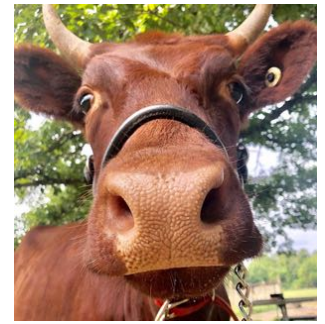


Photo: Accokeek Foundation.

Take A Hike

Explore the natural wonders of Piscataway Park with a guided trail walk led by an educator. Saturday & Sunday at 1 pm & 3 pm. Free.

Nov. 9 & 10. Fall Foliage

Nov. 23 & 24. Bird Watching 101.

Dec. 14 & 15. Who's Hibernating?

Travel Back in Time

See the skills and trades of 1770 in action during this fall's hands-on history demonstrations. Saturday & Sunday, 1–5 pm. Free.

Nov. 9 & 10. Sacred Tobacco on Sacred Ground.

Learn about the sacred uses of tobacco throughout the history of the Potomac region.

Dec. 14 & 15. Holiday Traditions. Warm yourself by the fire, enjoy a glass of wassail, and take home a fresh-dipped candle!

Wild Edible Walk

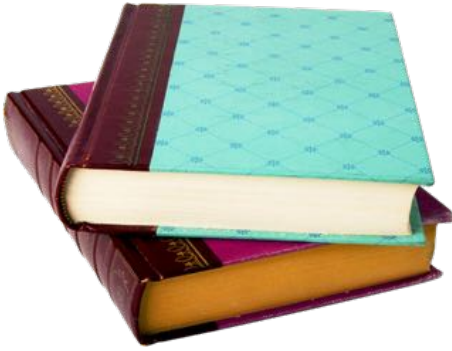
Sat., Nov. 9. Winter Edibles. The 3-hour workshop includes a delicious hot breakfast, a guided hike, and a wild food tasting. \$35 non-Member; \$30 Member; \$15 Children 7 and up

Winter's Eve

Sat., Dec. 7, 4–8 pm. Celebrate the season at the Accokeek Foundation's annual Winter's Eve celebration! Tour the National Colonial Farm by candlelight while its halls are decked for the holidays, listen to caroling around the bonfire, and enjoy roast-your-own chestnuts. Visit the crafting tent to create earth-friendly holiday gifts and make a wreath from farm-fresh greenery. Warm-up with a trip to the hot cocoa bar, and remember to stop by the Visitor Center to shop National Colonial Farm souvenirs and one-of-a-kind gifts from local artists.

This event is free to attend, but some activities are ticketed. Tickets cost \$1/each, OR you can purchase tickets in bundles to save (online or at the door). Ticketed activities cost between 2 and 10 tickets each and include most of the DIY craft activities. Refreshments (hot cocoa, popcorn, cookies, etc.) can also be purchased using tickets.

National Colonial Farm at Piscataway Park. Accokeek Foundation, 3400 Bryan Point Rd. Learn more about other events by visiting the calendar of events: accokeekfoundation.org/events/



Oktoberfest and Community Traditions

— Charles Gaumond

Last month the Moyaone Association held an Oktoberfest. This involved a lot of work by many volunteers, including buying Bratwursts in Baltimore and apples from Western Maryland. I thought that the event went well although lower key than those held at the AFF Hard Bargain Farm in previous decades. Being different may have disappointed some people who remembered the past. I thought of the book by Flora Thompson and video series by BBC *From Larkrise to Candleford* (available through the Prince George's County library). Written in the 19th century, the book described coming of age in a late 18th-century agricultural village in Britain. One chapter described the local pub at the end of a workday, where all the working men gathered, drank a pint, and sometimes sang a song, which in our time we would describe as a folk song. At the end of the chapter was a sentence that more or less stated, "but no one sings these songs anymore and the songs themselves are forgotten." Things change but some changes seem sad.

At our Oktoberfest, Eileen Watts and I made and sold cider, and apple butter that she had made; she mostly sold the glasses of cider and apple butter, while I mostly chopped the apples, turned the crank, and squeezed the juice. A few younger children were entranced by the machine, which used only 18th-century technology and made a lot of noise. A couple of children cranked or squeezed a little.

Later in the day, the children faded away and the average age of the crowd increased. During the squeezing of the last apples, I noticed a young man in his 20s watching me, and asked him if he wanted to turn the crank. He responded that he didn't, but he remembered turning the crank as a child when the event was at the Hard Bargain Farm.

Later, that conversation with the young man activated a poignant memory. When I was about 10 or 12, I was allowed to ring the bell that signaled the start of the church service in the village where I grew up. I stood at the head of the basement stairs, holding the rope, and waited for the signal to ring the bell. Then I noticed peoples' names and initials written in pencil on the wall. One of them was "Rollo" and I knew who he was. At that time Rollo was in his 80s and drove his ancient Chevrolet in 2nd gear, the clutch being too difficult for him to shift while the car was moving. It slowly dawned on me that I was doing something that he had done 70 years previously. I imagine that the bell is rung there still and I hope that there is no grumpy bell person who wants children to just sit quietly without fidgeting. I also can imagine the Octoberfest continuing, perhaps changing to fit the volunteers and participants — and perhaps with someone new to turn the crank and make apple butter. Traditions may change, but some are worth holding on to.

Share Your Child's Educational Experiences with Other Families in the Moyaone

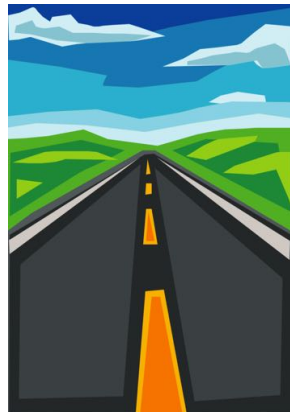
Attention: Moyaoners with children in school or who have recently finished school! We all have our own experiences to share with school searches, home schooling, or other learning adventures that we'd like to pass on to the next generation of families in the neighborhood. Please send me your stories and/or ideas for sharing this info with families just about to embark on this amazing journey. Contact Bonnie at: bonnie.ackley@gmail.com

— Bonnie Ackley
(mom to 12-yr old Atticus)

A Word about Roads

Roadside weed-whacking continues — but not of ferns, flowers, or topiary — followed by leaf-blowing and further grading. This is all made possible by folks able to send in their consolidated fees to the Moyaone Association.

Thanks to all for reporting when a tree is down or when other road issues arise, such as telephone pole damage, trash, or ruts. It's of great help when a photo and/or the closest mailbox number can be added to a text to me 24/7 at 202 316-8432.



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