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## President's Note: *Annual Budget Meeting Dec. 14*

— Michael Leventhal  
*MoyaonePresident@gmail.com*

On Saturday, December 14 the Moyaone Association will hold its annual budget meeting at the Wagner Community Building, 2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. Registration and membership renewal begin at 3:30 pm, and the meeting will start at 4:00. The agenda will include discussion on the closing of the 2019 budget and on the proposed 2020 budget. Every Moyaone property owner should have received a copy of the proposed and actual figures for the 2019 budget along with the proposed 2020 budget.

There are 249 total properties in the Moyaone Reserve. In 2019, out of the 191 properties that have houses on them within the Moyaone Reserve, 125 owners paid dues to the Moyaone Association. That is 65% of the total. Most of the property owners who did not pay dues live in the Moyaone Reserve. Some may have financial issues; some may have some deep-seated reason(s) not to support the Moyaone Association; some may not know about the annual dues. Whatever their reason, almost all have never indicated why they do not participate in the expenses required to make our roads usable, or support the pool that makes their property more valuable upon selling. And almost all do not send a nominal check that would indicate a sense of community while not joining at the annual dues rate.

Out of the 49 unimproved lots, 19 of those property owners paid their dues to the Moyaone Association. That figure is 39% of the owners. Most of the unimproved lot owners are living outside of the Moyaone, and many live outside of the Accokeek area. They are all notified each year by mail requesting support, but the response is inadequate. The

## Moyaone Association Annual Budget Meeting

**Saturday, December 14**  
Wagner Community Center  
2311 Bryan Point Road  
Registration & membership renewal,  
3:30 pm  
Meeting begins at 4:00 pm

*Followed by wine & cheese social.  
Bring your favorite finger food or drink,  
catch up with your neighbors  
& meet our new members.*

remaining 7 properties in the Moyaone Reserve are held by the Moyaone Association.

In a quick review of the 2019 budget, the bottom line is that we will end with a shortfall of approximately \$4,000. The Moyaone Board works hard to create a proposed budget that is realistic in both income and expense projections. While we know that the budget will be tested in real time by circumstances beyond our control, it is always hoped that the proposed budget can be tweaked during the year to cover those situations. Such was not the case in 2019. The spring rains caused some washouts in our roads, which in turn increased labor costs (operating the grader) to repair them. The use of PayPal, while great for paying both dues and pool memberships, did reduce the income to the Moyaone Association by about \$2,000. For each \$770

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(annual dues amount) paid to PayPal, the Moyaone Association received only \$733. The pool lifeguards were paid more this year because the other pools in our area were paying their lifeguards more than we have done in the past, so in order to hire good, reliable lifeguards, we had to increase our basic per hour salary. As one looks at the figures throughout the various line items, you can see where we held firm and where costs went up.

The 2020 proposed budget will also, according to our calculations, end with a small deficit of \$4,500. It is hoped that some of that deficit can be reduced by the 2nd annual Oktoberfest event, scheduled for October 2020. In 2019 we held this event on short notice with minimal advertising, and profited \$1,722. Hopefully, next year's event will be bigger and bring in more money. But the highest priority of the Board is to see more of our neighbors join the Moyaone Association. Greater participation of those who live here and own property here should be the real underpinning of our budget. The Board is determined to find a way to encourage those who do not pay, for whatever reason, to at least make some financial contribution to their community, if not actually join as members.

The last page of the budget sent to you includes capital projects and special projects. All of these projects will be discussed at the annual meeting. Should you not be able to attend and have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. If you cannot attend, **please fill out the proxy form below.**

While the annual budget meeting is not generally considered the festive event of the holiday season, I do hope that everyone will attend. It is important that you know how your dues are being managed and spent on your behalf. And while the Board understands the fiduciary responsibility it holds in creating and implementing an annual budget, member input is always important to ensure that our budget guideline is a true voice of our membership.

## Moyaone Association Board of Directors

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**Invoices for 2020 Moyaone Association  
Membership Dues will be issued in January 2020**

## Voting by Proxy

— Samantha Katz, Moyaone Secretary

If you are a current Moyaone Association member in good standing and are unable to attend the meeting, please arrange to give your proxy vote to another current Association member who will be attending. Alternately you can email it, complete with the name of your proxy, to **MoyaoneSecretary@gmail.com** prior to the meeting. Remember that we must achieve a quorum and your attendance or proxy will help us to do so. A sample proxy is below to be filled out and presented or emailed before the meeting's start.

If you have a preferred email address for future announcements, other than the one used to reach you for the sending out of the budget, please send an email message to: MoyaoneSecretary@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on Dec. 14.

## PROXY FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
a current 2019 Moyaone Association member in good standing, and resident/owner of a Moyaone property  
at the address of:

\_\_\_\_\_

give to: \_\_\_\_\_,

my proxy for the Annual Budget Meeting on Saturday, December 14, 2019 held at 4 pm  
at the Wagner Community Center.



## Harry William (Bill) Ivey

October 2, 1927 – November 11, 2019

Long-time Moyaone resident Bill Ivey (Old Landing Road) died on Nov. 11, 2019. He was preceded in death by his wife of more than 60 years, Josephine J. Ivey (deceased Dec. 2014) and pets Angel and Rockie.

He enjoyed watching Nationals Baseball, following current events, listening to old music, his beloved dogs, and eating good food, especially sweets.

Bill served proudly in the U.S. Navy.

His is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and extended family, long-time close friend Doug, and his dedicated caregiver Portia and the staff at Angels Heart.

A service was held Nov. 18 at Kalas Funeral Home, Oxon Hill, with interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland.

## Keeping Our Park Clean

*First impressions are everything*

Remember when you first visited the Moyaone? Chances are you entered the community driving down scenic Bryan Point Road. The winding tree-lined road makes you feel as if you are going somewhere safe and special, in contrast to the trash-lined Indian Head Highway. While Moyaoners respect the beauty of the land, park visitors unfortunately are not so kind. On any given day, food, beverage, and cigarette trash can be seen strewn along the roadside of Bryan Point Road. Prince George's County does not perform routine roadside trash pickup, leaving the effort in the hands of property owners.

Thanks to a small cadre of Moyaone volunteers, trash along Bryan Point Road doesn't stay around for long. Since 2015, trash pickup efforts in the Moyaone along county-owned roads have been ongoing quarterly. Most recently, new resident Hugh Huettner (Colonial Road) and resident Sara Lilly (Bonds Retreat) spent hours picking up trash along a 2.5-mile stretch of Bryan Point Road, restoring the picturesque drive we all appreciate. Hugh and Sara collected more than 70 pounds of mostly alcoholic beverage containers and 10 pounds of food containers. The majority of trash picked up during the recent effort was clustered in the following areas: 1) outside the Beddow School; 2) between the 1400 and 2000 blocks of Bryan Point Road; and 3) between 2411 Bryan Point Road and Piscataway Creek Park.

Thank you to Hugh and Sara for your efforts!



*Thanksgiving Day was brisk but sunny, attracting a good crowd for this year's Moyaone Turkey Trot. Photo: Rita Bergman.*

# The Death of an Oak Tree

The National Parks Service has gotten lots of calls over the past few years regarding large oaks that have declined or even died. This fall, several regional foresters got together to discuss the issue of oak decline. A summary of that discussion follows.



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

## A Conversation about Oak Tree Decline

Summarized from Lori Chamberlin, Virginia Department of Forestry

To understand our current oak forests, we need to look back at what has changed over the last few centuries. Prior to the 1900s, central hardwood forests were subjected to frequent burning, either natural or human-induced. Since oaks have traits that make them more resilient to fire, they were able to out-compete other tree species less well adapted to fire. Then, at the turn of the 20th century, many cultural practices changed and fire suppression policies significantly reduced forest fires. Open woodlands that had been maintained by fire, livestock grazing, and harvesting became more closed as oaks in the understory were able to reach canopy positions in the absence of these frequent disturbances. Our forests today contain these mature 80- to 100-year-old oaks with dense woody understories where more shade-tolerant and fire-sensitive tree species are favored. When cohorts of aging oaks die in high numbers it's alarming, but this trend has actually been happening for many decades. As reported in the USDA's 1971 *Diseases of Forest and Shade Trees of the United States* agriculture handbook, "The 'sturdy oak' in certain decades and certain areas has revealed a marked tendency to decline and die in situations and on a scale that has caused much bafflement and concern."

A review by Millers et al. (1989) reports 57 episodes in the eastern U.S. between 1856 and 1986 where oak mortality was higher than expected. So while it may seem like oaks in the mid-Atlantic are suddenly dying in significant numbers, oak decline has been a trend for some time. Oak decline is the gradual failure in the health of a tree that results from the interaction between multiple stress factors.

Abiotic factors such as poor soil, topography, advanced tree age, and prolonged or recurring periods of drought are common factors that can stress a tree and reduce its ability to fight off insect and disease pests and make it more susceptible to future disturbances.

Biotic factors such as fungi, bacteria, and insects are short-term stressors that would rarely kill a tree outright, but can contribute to decline in an already stressed tree by reducing growth, depleting the tree's stored food reserves, or causing

dieback. Long-term studies show that drought events are key tree stressors. Oak response to drought can last up to 10 years.

Finally, contributing factors are secondary insects or diseases that ultimately lead to tree mortality. These are the agents that finally "do the tree in" and are often blamed for the death of the tree when in fact they are just the last nail in the coffin. Common contributing factors in Virginia are Armillaria root rot and the two-lined chestnut borer, a fungus and wood borer, respectively, that only attack trees already in an advanced state of decline. Oak decline is composed of many factors. A given dead oak may be infected with Armillaria root rot, but that's not what killed the tree; it was just a contributing factor. An oak may have been defoliated by gypsy moth, but that was just an inciting factor that initiated decline. Old age and prolonged drought many years ago may have actually started the decline, which in combination with defoliation and Armillaria root rot, eventually killed the tree. Oak decline is a complex disease with no single causal agent.

*Millers, Imants; Shriner, David S.; Rizzo, David. 1989. History of hardwood decline in the Eastern United States. Gen. Tech. Rep. NE-126. Broomall, PA: U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station. 75 p.*

## Recommendations for Homeowners

(summarized from conversations with Vincent Verweij, Arlington County Urban Forester and Jim McGlone, Virginia Department of Forestry)

- Continue to monitor trees for signs of decline.
- Water trees during periods of drought (any week without substantial rainfall). Casey Trees recommends 1½ inches of water per week for young trees.
- Water trees using a slow trickle from the hose at the trunk that is rotated around the tree once per hour.
- Consult a certified arborist to assess the trees.
- If a treatable pest of disease is identified, consider treatment.
- Do not make rash decisions on removal of trees when the cause is not clear, unless risk of failure and impact is high. Trees may defoliate in response to micro drought conditions, and may leaf out again in the spring.
- Do not use fertilizer, as it promotes leaf growth, the opposite of what you want when the roots are having trouble supporting existing canopy.
- Do use shredded wood mulch up to 3 inches thick – start a few inches away from the trunk and distribute to the drip line if possible. Do not use bark mulch, as bark can contain water-repellant compounds.
- A professional arborist can apply biochar to the soil surrounding trees. There are also plant growth regulators that will encourage fine root growth and help the tree absorb more water. A certified arborist will need to apply PGRs and Biochar.
- Subscribe to Casey Trees watering alert: <https://caseytrees.org/take-action/water/>

# Homegrown Coffeehouse Opens Its Season on Jan. 11

The first Homegrown Coffeehouse of 2020 is set for Sat., Jan. 11 at the National Colonial Farm, featuring the music of Phil Wiggins as well as Memphis Gold.



Phil Wiggins (*at left*) was recently awarded the NEA National Heritage Fellowship, which puts him in the company of some of the greatest luminaries in traditional blues and folk music. Phil is a versatile traditional harmonica player, continuing the Piedmont blues tradition, a gentle and melodic blues style of the mid-Atlantic region. His sound is not shaped by the gear, the microphone, or amplifier when performing on stage, but

instead by his complex syncopated patterns, breath-control and rhythm, stylistic virtuosity, and fiery solo runs. Within the past year he has performed in Sweden, Australia, and throughout the US, so it is a rare opportunity to see him in the intimate setting of the Homegrown Coffeehouse.

This special concert will also feature the music of Memphis Gold (*below, with bassist Steve Wolf*) who has graced the cover of numerous blues and music publications, and has



shared this uniquely American art form with audiences around the world. In this time of musical fads and gimmicks, his music is real and heartfelt. Here's how the British publication *Blues & Rhythm* describes him: "Memphis Gold stands with one foot in the past and one foot in the present ... [he] could be one

of the youngest (and one of the last) to have picked cotton on the Dockery and Stovall plantations. Appreciative of his roots, yet too young to be completely anchored in the past, his original music moves forward with funky rhythms, odd chord changes and structures, and his own idiosyncratic view of life."

The musicians will be accompanied by bassist extraordinaire Steve Wolf, who has backed many of the finest R&B artists in the mid-Atlantic, plus a range of national artists such as Chuck Barry, Bo Diddly, The Marvettes, and Dr. John. Steve was recently described by blues writer Tommy Lofgren in the Swedish blues magazine, *Jefferson*, as "Very likely the best blues bassist I have ever seen; versatile with innovative solos."

Coffeehouse doors open at 6 pm; Opening Act, 7:15–7:45 pm; Main Act, 8–9:15 pm. Admission: \$12. Lite fare: homemade soups, bread, and cheese (served 6–7:30 pm); desserts, tea and coffee (all evening). More info: 240-305-0876. Adult Education Building, National Colonial Farm, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.



## Coffee Hour

and Informational meeting on the  
**National Register Nomination  
for the Moyaone Reserve**

WHERE: Wagner Community Center  
2311 Bryan Point Road

WHEN: Sat., Jan. 25, 2020  
9:30–11:30 am

(Presentation and discussion for the  
National Register Nomination  
will start at 10:30 am)

## New Book Tells the Story of the Alice Ferguson Foundation

*After Alice: Building a  
Foundation to Preserve  
the Land*, by Kay Gardner  
Powell

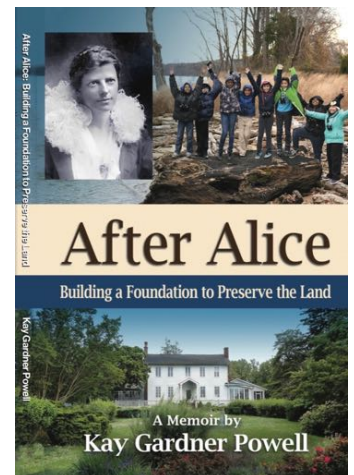
What happened to Hard  
Bargain Farm after Alice  
Ferguson's death in 1951?  
This memoir recounts Kay  
Gardner Powell's experience

as the second Executive Director of the Alice Ferguson  
Foundation. Kay shares the inside stories of bringing  
together community, staff, and board of directors to create  
an environmental education center at Hard Bargain.

You'll be enchanted by Alice's adventures, the good times  
at Hard Bargain, and what followed. With wisdom and  
heart, Kay tells the tale of the foundation's infancy, its  
rocky childhood, and its transformation into the Alice  
Ferguson Foundation.

Learn how the foundation worked in partnership with the  
National Park Service, local school systems, and a  
dedicated community to promote environmental  
education across the region. You'll enjoy the stories of  
how individuals in our Moyaone community helped  
support the foundation, the staff that envisioned Hard  
Bargain's education program, partnerships that created  
Piscataway Park, the Oktoberfest, the Amphitheater, and  
more.

This 122-page book is due to be released before  
Christmas. For more information send an email to  
[kgardnerpowell@gmail.com](mailto:kgardnerpowell@gmail.com)





## Seeking Local Authors of Maryland Family History and Genealogy for Genealogy Conference in 2020

*Saturday, June 27, 2020, 8 am–5 pm  
Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park  
11000 Crain Hwy. (Rte. 301), Newburg, Md.*

The Southern Maryland Family History Study Group, a local genealogy group, is trying to find local authors of Maryland family history who may be interested in participating in next year's event. The Study Group is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Southern Maryland Genealogy & History Conference on Sat., June 27, 2020. The event will be held at the Maryland Veteran's Museum at Patriot Park in Newburg, Md. (tentative location).

Attendees will be able to visit vendors from genealogical and historical groups from the five different counties in Southern Maryland. They can also tour the Veterans' Museum, listen to speakers, see videos, or work with professional genealogists. There will be opportunities to meet with others who share your genealogical history.

Registration is required.

For more information contact fair coordinator Wanda Simmons (phone 301-752-5298; email: [cbs6395@comcast.net](mailto:cbs6395@comcast.net))

## CSM Has Genealogical Resources

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has archival resources available in its Southern Maryland Studies Center (SMSC), located on the La Plata campus (8730 Mitchell Rd.). The Center is an archival repository and research center that seeks to collect and provide access to material that documents the history and culture of Southern Maryland. The SMSC was founded by CSM in 1976 in order to provide a central location for research on this historically rich region. It is open to all members of the public. Archival materials are non-circulating and must be viewed on site.

The collections include genealogical research and oral history collections. See the CSM website for more information on what resources are available: <https://www.csmd.edu/community/southern-maryland-studies-center/resources/>

## PG County Police Dept. Response Times May Affect Residential Development

A Prince George's County Planning Dept. bulletin from Nov. 25 reported that PG County Police Dept. response times in two county districts may not meet current standards, potentially affecting new residential developments.

The bulletin reported that police response times in the first nine months of 2019 in Districts V (Clinton) and VII (including Accokeek, Fort Washington, and Brandywine) have priority/emergency times that exceed the 10-minute emergency benchmark in every month. Eight months in District V and five months in District VII have exceeded the 10-minute benchmark by more than 20%.

If the current trend continues through the end of 2019, the emergency/priority response times in the two districts will result in a 12-month rolling average that exceeds the 10-minute benchmark time. This will result in a finding that development in these police districts will not meet the police adequacy standards, and would affect the review of subdivision applications for residential developments within those districts.

In accordance with the PG County Subdivision Ordinance, there is a maximum of 25 minutes for non-emergency and 10 minutes for emergency calls for service. Council Resolution CR-078-2005 established new guidelines for mitigation of adequate public facilities for public safety infrastructure. "The Planning Board may not approve a preliminary plan of subdivision if it finds that adequate public facilities do not exist or are not programmed for the area within which the proposed subdivision is located."

For complete details, see the bulletin at: <https://www.mnccppc.org/DocumentCenter/View/13198/Bulletin-7-2019--PPS-Police-Response>



Art by Sheila Cox.

## December at the Accokeek Foundation

— Casey Lowe Harlow  
Marketing Manager, Accokeek Foundation



### 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 (3400 Bryan Point Rd.) 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 (members receive a free, collectible Sir Nigel mug), and stop by the Visitor Center to shop for National Colonial Farm souvenirs and gifts from local artists.

The Fairy Houses are back for one night only! During Winter's Eve, you'll be able to explore the Piscataway Park Fairy Trail AFTER DARK. The Fairies have really lit things up and the trail looks even more magical than usual. For 3 tickets, receive entrance to the Fairy Grove, a Fairy Trail activity booklet, and the chance to earn your official "Fairyologist" badge and certificate.

The Winter's Eve event is free to attend, but some activities are ticketed. Tickets cost \$1/each, OR you can purchase tickets in bundles to save. Tickets can be purchased online ([accokeekfoundation.org](http://accokeekfoundation.org)) or at the door.

### Guided Nature Hike: Who's Hibernating?

**Dec. 14 & 15, 1 pm & 3 pm.** Learn about how the animals of Piscataway Park are preparing for winter during the last guided nature hike of the season. The tour is about an hour long and departs from the Visitor Center on Saturday and Sunday at 1 pm and 3 pm. Tickets are \$5/person or free if you're an Accokeek Foundation member.

### Hands-On History: Holiday Traditions

**Dec. 14 & 15, 1–4 pm.** Visit the National Colonial Farm to learn more about historic holiday traditions. Warm yourself by the fire, enjoy a glass of wassail, and take home a candle you hand-dipped. This program is free to attend.

### Site closing for the season!

**Dec. 14–15** will be the last days that the National Colonial Farm historic buildings, Visitor Center, and gift shop are open in 2019. That weekend is your last chance to grab the perfect holiday gift from the Visitor Center. The shop has prints and greeting cards from local artists, historic tees from Oliver Pluff & Co., locally sourced bath and beauty items, soy candles in your favorite holiday scents, children's books (including a Christmas book featuring the farm's very own Hog Island sheep), souvenir ornaments, items hand-knit from the farm's wool, and 18th-century toys and games. Shop at the Visitor Center this holiday season and support small business owners in the community as well as the Accokeek Foundation!

*The park will remain open dawn to dusk through the winter.*

## AFF Holiday Party and More

—Tori Avvenire  
Marketing & Communications Coordinator  
Alice Ferguson Foundation

**Holiday Party.** The Alice Ferguson Foundation holiday party is coming up on Sunday, December 8. Be sure to renew your membership and be a part of the party!

**Rent a Space.** Need a space to rent for your next private event or company retreat? Want to hold regular craft nights or yoga sessions in a unique setting? We've recently updated our rental packages! Learn more about our facilities at [fergusonfoundation.org/the-farm/facilities](http://fergusonfoundation.org/the-farm/facilities)

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

*Alice Ferguson Foundation  
2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek  
fergusonfoundation.org*

### Davies Concert Series Presents Brian Ganz on Piano

**Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 pm**

*Davies Unitarian  
Universalist Congregation,  
7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp  
Springs, Md.*

Award-winning pianist Brian Ganz will play a program that explores and reveals connections of various kinds, beginning with preludes and fugues from the Well-Tempered Clavier by J.S. Bach along with several of the preludes that they inspired by Frederic Chopin. Mr. Ganz will move on to demonstrate connections between rarely heard early works of Chopin and more mature works in the same genres. Among the featured works will be Four Mazurkas, the rarely heard Polonaise in B-flat major, and the masterful Polonaise-Fantaisie.

The concert will begin at 2:00 pm and will be preceded by a short performance by student artists from the Charles County Youth Orchestra/Prelude Strings members, who will present Christmas carol selections.

Following the concert will be a meet-the-artist reception.

Tickets available through: <https://daviesuu.org/connecting/davies-concert-series/>. For more information, contact Artistic Director Osman Kivrak (301-375-7109; [daviesconcertseries@gmail.com](mailto:daviesconcertseries@gmail.com)).



## Moyaone Public Affairs, Partner Organizations, and Books

— Kent L. Hibben, Roads Chair  
and Acting Public Affairs Chair

*Dear Neighbors,*

Please join me in thanking Sarah Carts Kase for her proactive role in helping get out the good word on behalf of the Moyaone Association, during her appreciated tenure as its Public Affairs Chair. Many are the forest's threads and connections she continued the weave of, civilly and faithfully. Hats off!

To keep the pulse of our partners (*more on that below*) ongoing, others interested in joining the Public Affairs Committee are encouraged to reach out to me ([KentLHibben@gmail.com](mailto:KentLHibben@gmail.com)). I am glad to help, as ongoing PA Committee member and, at the moment, its Acting Chair, guiding her successor into the role.

The gift of reaching out to our Moyaone Association partners strengthens their hand to assist us: cross-memberships are the warp and woof of a community quilt, colorfully and continuously covering us head to toe!

I hear that Sankt Niklaus encourages gift memberships rolled up into your favorite neighbor's/ co-members' stockings ;-)

Since the Moyaone Association's (MA) partner memberships in these organizations don't convey to MA members individually, your gift can help grow good relations — weaving ever more connections between us and our partners, including:

Accokeek Foundation: [AccokeekFoundation.org](http://AccokeekFoundation.org)

Alice Ferguson Foundation:  
<https://fergusonfoundation.org/>

Amp Creeks Council: <http://s525533305.onlinehome.us>

Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department #24:  
[Accokeekvfd@yahoo.com](mailto:Accokeekvfd@yahoo.com); 301 283-2730

Conservancy for Charles County: [Conservecharles.org](http://Conservecharles.org)

Friends of the Accokeek Library: [https://b-m.facebook.com/friendsofaccokeeklibrary/?ref=page\\_internal&mt\\_nav=0](https://b-m.facebook.com/friendsofaccokeeklibrary/?ref=page_internal&mt_nav=0)

Greater Accokeek Civic Association:  
<https://accokeekcivic.wixsite.com/website>

Indian Head Highway Area Action Council:  
<https://ihhaac.org/membership/>

Mattawoman Watershed Society: <http://www.mattawomanwatershedsociety.org>

Mount Vernon Ladies Association: <https://www.mountvernon.org/preservation/mount-vernon-ladies-association>

... Stocking already full? Under the tree you can still fit one or more local history books, gift-wrapped for curious minds. See the list in the box at right, and also Kay Powell's new book, described on page 5 of this issue.

## Zoning Hearing for Royal Farms Set for December 17–18

The Prince George's County Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) has scheduled a hearing on the proposed Royal Farms development for December 17 and 18 at 9 am.

The Royal Farms proposal is for a 4,649-sq. ft. convenience store and gas station with 16 pumps and 60 parking spaces on the property across Livingston Road from B&J's in Accokeek. A zoning change is required for this plan.

The hearing will be held at the PG County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Odeon Bowie Dr., Upper Marlboro, Md.

For more information about zoning hearings, see the PG County Council website: <https://pgccouncil.us/178/Hearing-Procedures-Representation>

## Moyaone Resident Featured in Georgetown Blog

Ellen Reiben, a long-time resident of Cactus Hill and owner of Jewelers' Work Galerie in Georgetown, was featured recently in a Georgetown blog. by George: Stories of Georgetown is a weekly blog produced by the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) that profiles the unique and diverse business owners, employees, office workers, residents, students, locals and tourists who shape DC's oldest neighborhood.

The article tells how Ellen Reiben couldn't get into a ceramics class her junior year at the University of Wisconsin–Madison so she took a class on an introduction to jewelry instead. One week later, she almost dropped every other class. Now she says that one class changed her whole life.

After several more classes, she moved to DC and opened a studio at the Watergate. See the website for the entire article:

<https://www.georgetowndcblog.com/blog/ellenreiben>

*The Possible Dream*, by Robert Ware Straus, about saving George Washington's view (Accokeek Foundation)

*The Moyaone Reserve*, by George Hanssen, about the history of our neighborhood ([KentLHibben@Gmail.com](mailto:KentLHibben@Gmail.com))

*Images of America – Accokeek*, by Kenneth Bryson ([Arcadiapublishing.com](http://Arcadiapublishing.com))

*Hard Bargain Adventures*, and *Adventures in Southern Maryland*, by Henry Ferguson and Alice Ferguson (Alice Ferguson Foundation)