



MOYAONE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Note: The Speed of Progress

— Michael Leventhal MoyaonePresident@gmail.com

In providing another progress report on a variety of projects affecting the Moyaone, it is good to know that the movement is not always at a glacial pace, despite seeming so. The progress is steady but requires patience to monitor the action, which sometimes has a life of its own. That said, here is where we are on the following projects:

New septic system. The new septic system is now installed. There are a few minor aspects that need to be attended to in the coming weeks, but the system is functional and operational. According to the State, the County, the manufacturers of the various system components, and the contractor, the new septic system (the four tanks and the drain field) CANNOT be driven on. The drain field needs to be ringed off to prevent vehicles from driving or parking on it. The drain field can only have grass growing on it - no plants or trees that have a deep root system. There are most likely a variety of grasses and shallow root plants/flowers that can be considered as well as some type of plants to go between the bollards that have already been set along the north and west perimeter of the septic drain field. I encourage all of our plant and grass experts to contact John Hollyfield (Chair/ Building and Grounds) with possible recommendations.

This project would never have gotten to this point had it not been for Nan Fremont taking it on from the beginning. She led the effort to get the bids; talked to the contractors; dealt with the County and the State through numerous phone calls and meetings; helped secure the grant to pay for part of the system; worked to get the contractor to set dates to begin; and dealt with all of my nagging, and perhaps pointless, questions ... many of which were rhetorical. For all of this work, and much more, Nan deserves a community-wide

thank you and congratulations for a job well done. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to John Hollyfield, who also worked on this project from the beginning. He made himself always available to help the contractor in any way that was needed. John also deserves a community-wide thank you.

I don't know if in the spring we should have a celebration for the new septic system. Perhaps a ceremonial flush for all of our past issues with the old system. We are certainly now number 1 in the number 2 department with our advanced environmental septic tanks. The new "do's and don'ts" for the new system will be posted throughout both bathrooms to help users with what can and cannot go into the system.

Charles County Scenic Easement Tax Credits. The next step is meeting with Commissioner Thomasina Coates, representing District 2 (which includes the Charles County portion of the Moyaone Reserve), now scheduled for April 22. Commissioner Coates has been busy lobbying for Charles County in Annapolis while the General Assembly has been in session. Hopefully after meeting with her, she will be supportive of an ordinance allowing for a tax credit off those property bills for having a scenic easement to protect the viewshed of Mt. Vernon. Commission President Reuben Collins has indicated his support, as has the Charles County Chief of Treasury.

Prince George's County tax assessments for Moyaone Association—owned property. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service toured the Moyaone Association—owned property to determine if a forest plan could be developed. The initial assessment following the tour was that a forest plan would be suitable for these properties. Having such a plan registered with the State and County would allow for a lower tax assessment on these properties. This new forest plan

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should be developed and sent to us in the coming months. More updates to follow.

Proposed Royal Farms project. The ongoing Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) meeting continues without any decision or resolution to date. A central issue for the Moyaone Reserve is the traffic safety problems that could develop at the 210/Indian Head Highway and Livingston Road intersection. Royal Farms has not directly given any information as to the number of vehicles it expects to visit this proposed location on any given day. They have indicated that they expect to deliver 30,000 gallons of gas every day or two. If the mean gas fill-up is 20 gallons, that would equate to 1,500 cars. The entry into the proposed Royal Farms site is about 150 feet west of the 210/ Livingston Road intersection. The B&J's entry is about 75 feet from this intersection. There is not enough space (lanes and distance) to have this many new vehicles at this point without back-ups onto Indian Head Highway. At press time, ZHE had scheduled another hearing on March 5. More updates to follow.

Board Nominating Committee Formed

According to the By-Laws of the Moyaone Association, each year a Nominating Committee is to be created in February to develop a slate of names for the 5 officer positions that make up the Board of Directors. This year's newly formed Nominating Committee will be made up of Mary Lee Phelps (mlgp42@msn.com), Ben Kirkup (bckirkup@post.harvard.edu), and Tina Shotwell (clnienaber@gmail.com).

Of the 5 Board officers, two positions are for 2 years (Comptroller and Secretary), while the other 3 are for 1 year (President, Vice-President, and At-Large). The current Comptroller, Paola Addamiano-Carts, has 1 year left to serve. Two of the current Board (Samantha Katz/Secretary and Karen Hoagberg/At-Large) will be rotating off the Board this May. The other two current Board members (Rose Kim/Vice-President and myself/President) are hoping to continue to serve on the Board, but in different positions.

It is unreasonable to think that the Nominating Committee could know everyone in the Moyaone. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors, please contact one of the individuals serving on the Nominating Committee. While doing community service is rewarding, do note that all of the Board positions involve time and generally a project responsibility. The Board meets once a month, with several additional meetings when developing the annual budget and when there is an issue that requires an additional gathering. All officers must be members in good standing of the Moyaone Association.



National Historic Register Application Approved

Rita Bergman

Great news! On Feb. 18, the Moyaone's application for the National Register was unanimously approved by the Governor's Consulting Committee. Furthermore, they were very complimentary on the application itself. Kudos to our consultants, Daria Gasparini and Mike Mitchell of Robinson and Associates, for preparing a superb, high-quality application. The final nomination is on track for submission to the National Park Service in mid-March. NPS then has 45 days to review and act, and we should receive a notice regarding the disposition a few weeks thereafter. If any questions should arise during the NPS review, the nomination is held until those are addressed, and so technically that might extend the review time. A copy of the overview presentation given by Daria Gasparini at the Moyaone Community meeting on Jan. 25 will be available on the newly designed Moyaone website once it is up and running.

Thanks to the Alice Ferguson Foundation, Accokeek Foundation, and the Mount Vernon Ladies Association for providing letters of support for our application. While these letters are not part of the application per se, they are incorporated into the official file.

A minor correction was noted by two residents (Herb Savage and Stan Fetter) to the legal notice that listed the boundaries for the Moyaone, and it was reported to the Maryland Historical Trust. It should have read: "roughly bounded by Bryan Point Road [previously incorrectly stated as "Bryant Road"] and Piscataway Park on the North; Overlook Drive/Old Landing Road on the West; the southern boundary of Piscataway Park on the South; and Farmington Road W. on the East."

In thinking about next steps, we would like to order a historic plaque to be posted at the Moyaone Association's Wagner Community Center. Bronze plaques cost roughly between \$500 and \$600, so we are seeking contributions to defray the cost. Please send contributions to the Moyaone Comptroller (see contact information on page 3) indicating that donations are designated for the Fundraising Committee's plaque fund. Thanks in advance.

Saturday, April 18
Moyaone Homes' Tour, Midcentury Modern Lectures,
and Art Exhibition and Sale

see page 4 for details on each event

Money in the Bank!

 Paola Addamiano-Carts, Moyaone Comptroller

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has paid or set up an installment

plan for their 2020 consolidated fees to the Moyaone Association, and to those who have made contributions. Below is the list, by family last name, of all who paid their fees or made monetary contributors as of Feb. 26, 2020.

If you've paid your fees on or before Feb. 26 and your name isn't on the list, please contact the Moyaone Comptroller at once: moyaonecomptroller@gmail.com. For those whose payments were received at press time, an updated list will appear in the April *Smoke Signals*.

If you haven't yet had a chance to pay your fees, you can do so by mailing a check [\$770 for improved lots; \$150 for unimproved lots; \$920 for an improved lot + unimproved lot] to: Moyaone Association, PO Box 113, Accokeek, MD 20607.

If you'd like to set up a payment plan, please contact your local bank about its online bill pay services. Or, if you'd prefer to set up a one-time or regular Automated Clearing House (ACH) withdrawal, please contact the Moyaone Comptroller.

Thanks to all contributors for helping the Moyaone Association be able to pay for road maintenance, upkeep of our communal properties (Wagner Community Center, playground, pavilion, pool ...), property taxes on same, administrative tasks, etc.

Aills, Bonnie/Chris

Barrera, Josue/Gloria

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Canavan, Kelly

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Jones, Sue

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Leventhal, Michael/Allen-Leventhal, Judy

Lilly, Sara

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Livingston, Eric/Sylvia

Livingston, Paul/Barbara

Luedtke, Ed/Nagy, Rita

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Plesniak, Michael/Hoagberg, Karen

Pollack, Ron/Becky

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Reichard, David/Peggy

Russell, Phillip/Hsin-I

Silhol, Karen/Bell, Matt

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Thompson, Jim

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2020 Moyaone Homes' Tour

Fabulous 2020 Homes' Tour featuring rarely seen homes in a beautiful wooded setting.

Saturday, April 18 · 1–5 pm

\$25 per person in advance and \$30 at the door.

Tickets include the tour followed by
a wine social, art show, and silent auction.

Wine Social and Silent Auction 5–7 pm Tour starts at the Moyaone Association's Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by sending a check to:

Moyaone Homes' Tour, 2524 Colonial Road Accokeek, MD 20607

or online at:

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4544035

Tickets are nonrefundable. Tickets are required to enter all properties and reception. Must be 21 or older to participate in wine tasting. Cash, check, or major credit cards accepted for auction purchases.

Lectures on Mid-Century Modern Offered on April 18

Mid-Century Modern architecture and furnishings have been the rage in the United States for the last two decades. Forbes magazine, The New York Times, and The Washington Post have all speculated why interest in this minimalist style of architecture endures. In a society of fast-fashion culture, disposable design, and social media influence, why has it endured and what is its future?

Join lovers of history and architecture throughout the DC area on April 18 for "Mid-Century Modern Consciousness," a series of three, one-hour architecture talks about the beginnings, positioning, and value of mid-century modernism in the United States. James Eckler, Director of Architecture Studies at Marywood University in Scranton, PA will present three engaging topics. Talks begin at 9 am at the Accokeek Foundation Education Center (3400 Bryan Point Rd.) and run up to the start of the Moyaone Homes' Tour.

Visit mcmpiscatawaypark.eventbrite.com for more information and tickets. The event is sponsored by Moyaone Modern, Sheryl Romeo Real Estate, and Robinson and Associates, Inc. Questions about tickets should be directed to Sara Lilly at moyaonemodern@gmail.com.



Accokeek Artists Alliance Meets in March and April

- 1) If you are an Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA or A3) member, you can mark Sunday, March 15 on your calendar. We're having an in-house gathering that will feature "show and tell," good food, drinks, and presentations by our neighbors Steven Turner and Dave Cremer. The presentations will relate to the Smithsonian Institution. All registered AAA members will receive evites to this auspicious event. If you have been procrastinating in joining, now's the time! Request an application by sending an email to accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com.
- 2) We are also pleased to be taking part in the Accokeek Foundation's "Lattes with Lambs," Sat., April 4. This annual event celebrates Spring at the National Colonial Farm with local vendors, activities for all ages, farm demonstrations, an incredible local coffee truck serving up fantastic concoctions, and everyone's favorite, baby lambs. Look for the A3 booth for information on how to become a member, a display and sale of original works by our AAA artists, and take part in a raffle to help support our neighbor and host, the Accokeek Foundation. For more information, contact the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek; (301) 965-9574; accokeekfoundation.org.
- 3) And finally, AAA artists will host an exhibition and sale during the Moyaone Homes' Tour, Sat., April 18, 1–5 pm. Our art will be on display in the barn studio of the owners hosting the wine social. The Homes' Tour is 1–5 pm and the wine social is 5–7 pm. The barn studio will be open continuously from 1 to 7 pm, so participants can stop by at any time during these hours.

Inquiries? Email us at accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com. Be sure to check out our Instagram (@accokeekartistsalliance) and Facebook pages.

New Neighbors in the Moyaone

— Sheryl Romeo sheryl@sherylromeo.com

Long-term residents Jim Turner and Anita Stephens have passed their family Moyaone house on to a new family. Kelly and Bobby Gheen along with their three sons are the new owners. But they are not new to Accokeek as Kelly grew up in Accokeek and her family has lived here for generations. Give them a big welcome if you see them.



Join the Fun at Ever-popular "Lattes with Lambs" April 4 at the Accokeek Foundation

 Casey Lowe Harlow Marketing Manager, Accokeek Foundation

Sat., April 4, 10 am–2 pm. Lattes with Lambs. Our baby lambs are excited to meet you! Join the Accokeek Foundation for this annual celebration of sheep, cows, pigs, and poultry. Meet rare breeds of your favorite barnyard animals, enjoy live music, and try your hand at making butter, all while sipping on delicious coffee and lattes from Wee Bean Coffee Roasters. Proceeds from "Lattes with Lambs" supports the Accokeek Foundation's Heritage Breed Livestock Conservation program. Tickets are \$8 online and \$10 (cash only) at the gate (children under 3 are free):

https://accokeekfoundation.org/events/lattes-with-lambs-4/

*For the health and safety of our new baby animals and their mothers, please leave your pets at home for this event.

Other events at the farm include:

Sat., March 21. The Visitor Center and Gift Shop reopens for the 2020 season. From March to December the Visitor Center will be open Tuesday–Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. Stop by to pick up a self-guided adventure guide to explore the park and unique gifts from local artists and makers.

Sat., **March 28**, **1 pm. Colonial Cooking Demonstration.**Learn about the culinary stylings of the 18th century during this colonial cooking demonstration over an open hearth fire.

For more information, contact the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek; (301) 965-9574, accokeekfoundation.org

Next Homegrown Coffeehouse Concert Set for March 21



-Lynn Hollyfield

Another great show is scheduled for Sat., March 21 when the Homegrown Coffeehouse welcomes Luna, and Michelle Swan.

Opening Act 7:15–7:45 pm, Michelle Swan Main Act, 8–9:15 pm, Luna. Meet and Greet at the end of the evening.

The Homegrown Coffeehouse is at the National Colonial Farm's Adult Education Building (3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek). Lite fare is served at cafe tables: homemade soups, bread and cheese (served 6–7:30); desserts, tea and coffee (all evening). Doors open at 6:00 pm; admission \$12. More info: 240-305-0876.

Luna is the acoustic duo of Valeria Stewart (The Stewart Sisters, Another Place and Time) and Kathleen Huber (The Northbrooks, Yes, Yes and Song Garden, Bluebird Dragonfly). They say: "Our passion for songwriting is fundamentally an extension of our desire to connect with others. Songwriting, and performing compositions for others, is our way to communicate our deeply held belief that we ARE all connected, that our actions DO matter, that when the muse arrives, she INTENDS to be heard by everyone, not just those who are listening for her thinly veiled whisper. Our music is quiet and thoughtful, accessible, welcoming, gentle, and healing. Come join us as we share what we've been given!"

2019 MASC Songwriting Award Winners https://www.luna-cool.com

Michelle Swan. Introduced to the guitar at age nine by her father, himself a former singer/songwriter, Michelle Swan has pursued a musical path ever since. After studying classical musical and clarinet performance at Towson State University, Michelle entered the Baltimore—Washington music scene in 1990, performing at local open-mics and coffeehouses. Self-reflective and acutely observant, Michelle deftly weaves lyric and note together to create intensely personal songs that tell of sentiments and circumstances nonetheless familiar to everyone. www.MichelleSwan.net



Children enjoy meeting the animals at the AFF annual Spring Farm Festival. This year's event is on Sat., May 2. Photo: Alice Ferguson Foundation

AFF Looks Ahead to Farm Festival, Pinot on the Potomac, Summer Camps

32nd Annual Potomac River Cleanup. Sat., April 18. Join us on the shoreline for the cleanup. We are also opening the Farmhouse and will be part of the Moyaone Homes' Tour.

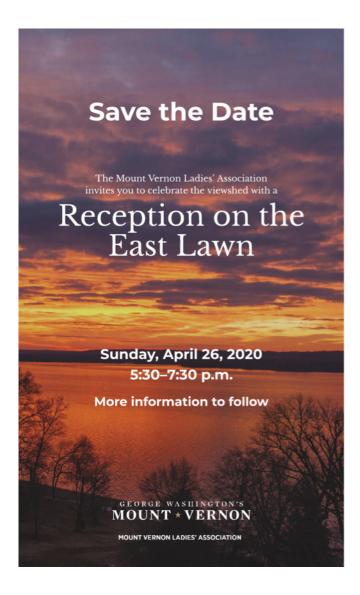
AFF Spring Farm Festival. Sat., May 2. Come enjoy our newly refurbished blue barn and the rest of our beautiful 330-acre property. The Spring Farm Festival will feature a plant sale, local craft vendors, wagon rides to the Potomac River, barnyard adventures, and much more! Admission prices have changed. Instead of the original \$10/car, we've made prices cheaper! \$5 per adult. Kids ages 12 and younger free. Purchase tickets on Eventbrite.

Pinot on the Potomac. Sat., June 6. As we celebrate our 66th year, we'd like to extend a very special invitation to you to raise a glass with us at Pinot on the Potomac this June, and help us continue to change lives. Purchase your Early Bird tickets today. This year's Pinot on the Potomac will also feature more wines and breweries, great food, exciting auction prizes, photo opportunities, and more, with all proceeds supporting the Foundation's life-changing environmental education programs.

Summer Camps. June–July (six, week-long sessions). During the summer, campers will experience the fun and adventure of the Hard Bargain Farm during our week-long residential camp. Kids will participate in a <u>variety of exciting hands-on activities</u> that will promote the adventurer in all. Open to ALL young explorers going into 4th through 8th grade. Cost: Register by April 1 to take advantage of \$550/camper early bird pricing. Learn more and register here.

Have questions? Email specialevents@ fergusonfoundation.org or call (301) 292-5665

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2201 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. Learn more at: www.fergusonfoundation.org.
For a complete list of 2020 events, visit Eventbrite:
alicefergusonfoundation.eventbrite.com



Registration Now Open for 10 Mile/5K 2020 George Washington Patriot Run

Join in the 5th annual race on the George Washington Memorial Parkway! Choose from the popular 5k race or new 10-mile course. You'll cross the finish line in front of George Washington's Mansion. The run takes place on Sunday, Sept. 13. Register by March 9 to save up to \$20.

Kids Fun Run and Activities. Kids 12 and under are invited to participate in out and back runs on the 12-acre field, as well as inflatable obstacle courses for all ages.

For more information and to register, see: https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=87422

The George Washington Patriot Run is presented by: Lockheed Martin.



Davies Concert Series Presents Washington Revels Gallery Voices on March 29

Osman Kivrak, DMA, Artistic Director,
 Davies Concert Series

Sun., March 29, 2020 at 2 pm. Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7400 Temple Hill Road, Camp Springs, MD

Davies Concert Series, now in its 48th season, on Sun., March 29, will feature the Washington Revels Gallery Voices, directed by Elizabeth Fulford. Formed in 2002, the Washington Revels Gallery Voices is a select group of vocalists performing a tapestry of styles drawn from Medieval and Renaissance music, Early American hymns and folk songs, 19th- and 20th-century part-songs, and more.

The Voices have appeared at venues throughout the DC area, including the National Arboretum, the Harman Center for the Arts, Glen Echo Park, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and Washington National Cathedral. Gallery Voices can be heard on the Washington Revels recordings *Hard Times Come Again No More* (2011) and *Sing & Rejoice* (2013).

As an interlude appearance, the artistic director of the concert series Osman Kivrak, viola, and his wife Teri Lazar, violin, will play two pieces from an instrumental collection called Masters of the 16th and 17th centuries – Pieces in Two Parts at a Fifth.

The concert will begin at 2 pm and will be preceded by a short performance by student artist Madeline Sullivan, viola, from the Charles County Youth Orchestra, who will perform a work by Ralph Vaughan Williams: "Christmas Dance."

The concert will be followed by a meet-the-artist reception. Tickets available through: https://daviesuu.org/connecting/davies-concert-series/

For more information: tel. 301 375-7109; email: DAVIESCONCERTSERIES@gmail.com. See also Facebook: "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.

Davies Concert Series is supported in part by grants from the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) and the Cynipid Fund, a recently established donor advised fund that provides modest levels of grant support to nonprofit organizations, including colleges and universities, that focus on food, hunger, and agriculture in the U.S. and around the world as well as to nonprofit organizations that promote poetry.

Phil Jones

A Celebration of Life

Sunday, March 22, 2-4 pm

Please join the Jones family in celebrating the life of Phil Jones on Sunday, March 22 from 2 to 4 pm at the Education Center at the Accokeek Foundation's National Colonial Farm (3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek).

All are welcome.

Spring 2020 SKYWARN® Classes

Wed, April 8, 6:30-9:00 pm

Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management, 7915 Anchor Street, Landover, MD

Do you have an interest in weather; specifically, heavy rain and flooding? Would you like to be able to help your local National Weather Service office by providing the ground truth on the atmosphere that we observe from radar, satellites, and various reporting stations? Then consider attending the SKYWARN® program Flood course.

This SKYWARN® Spotter Class is offered free of charge from the combined efforts of your local National Weather Service Forecast Office and the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management.

Registration required at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skywarn-flooding-prince-georges-county-md-tickets-94027086547

For more information, contact Roland Berg: rdberg@co.pg.md.us,

Accokeek Library to Host Book Discussion on Antiracism

Mon., March 9, 7-8 pm

Accokeek Branch Library, Large Meeting Room

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System's Foundation Lectures and Discussions invite teens and adults to a book discussion at the Accokeek Branch Library (15773 Livingston Rd.) on *How to Be an Antiracist* by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi from American University. Dr. Kendi is one of America's foremost historians and leading antiracist voices. He is a *New York Times* bestselling author and the 2016 winner of the National Book Award for nonfiction. For more information, call 301) 292-2880. (*Note that the author will not be present.*)